



**May 2020**

**2020 AQG OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- President: Elaine R.
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- 2nd VP Membership: Diana P
- 3rd VP Communications: Shivani V.
- 4th VP Community Service: Dot F.
- 5th VP Ways & Means: Laurie T.
- Secretary: Tana B.
- Treasurer: Alice G.
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- Website: Shivani V.
- Retreats: Maridale M.
- TAQG Representative: Shelly V.
- Raffle Quilt Promotion: Brenda B.
- Mini Quilt Auction: Janice S.
- Christmas Party: Sheri B. & Ellen W.
- Door Prizes & Birthdays: Nancy W.

**Letter from the President**

Hello *Quarantined* Ladies,

What a crazy time we are living in. I do hope this message finds you ALL healthy. I haven't heard of anyone in our group getting the virus. I hope this continues. During this time, I'm sure you have been able to finish many projects. I really have not had a problem with the "stay at home" order. It's been a little frustrating trying to get sewing supplies but other than that, I have enjoyed my sewing time! I was actually "stuck" in Montana for several weeks when all this exploded. It was a little scary flying home but all is good.

I need to fill you in on several things that will affect our Guild.

The board met last week via Zoom and discussed and voted on several things.

1. **Guild Meetings** – We will not meet again until our September meeting. We are following the actions of the Plano & McKinney Quilt Guilds. Plano has also canceled their August Quilt Show.
2. **Silent Auction** – We are canceling our Silent Auction that was scheduled for September. This would require a committee working closely together to put this on. We feel it would be challenging to try and organize this event in our present status. Please save any "auction" projects for 2021.
3. **2020 Raffle Quilt** – Our Raffle Quilt will be held and raffled for the following year 2021. Tickets already sold will be refunded or kept for the next year. Alice G. will be contacting ticket holders and giving them a choice.

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In September we will hopefully have a list ready for you of "What To Bring To the Meeting" because we will actually be able to have our meeting. Until then,

- Share your quilting skills with others. They may need a new hobby!
- Contribute the special items we usually collect at our meeting to a nonprofit of your choice.
- Thank you for all you are doing for your family, friends and community. Stay safe.

Letter from the President continued

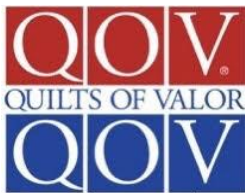
4. **President's Challenge** – Please continue making your QOV and Patriotic Quilts. I still hope that each member will meet the CHALLENGE! We still plan on presenting these quilts to veterans at our November Meeting. More information will follow regarding how we choose the recipients. Please be thinking of someone you would like to award your quilt to.
5. **Block of the Month** – Our BOM program will resume in September and continue through 2021.
6. **Guild Meetings...**
  - a. September – Quarantine Show & Tell
  - b. October – Community Service Sew-In at Blue House, Too.
  - c. November – QOV Ceremony & Reception at Blue House, Too.
  - d. December – Christmas Party

If you have any questions about anything, please let me know. Our newsletter will continue and keep you updated on what is happening and any changes. Who knows where all this will lead. Our website will be updated and you can also view current information there.

Please stay safe and well. Keep working on ALL those projects and please send in a picture of them to me at [bebrice54@gmail.com](mailto:bebrice54@gmail.com), Lorraine at [lmattis@starplus.com](mailto:lmattis@starplus.com) or Shivani at [shiv6785@gmail.com](mailto:shiv6785@gmail.com). We'll get them posted to our website and Facebook page.

Love to you ALL,

Elaine R.



## *President's Challenge*

My challenge to you this year was to make a QOV or Patriotic Quilt that would be awarded to a veteran at our November Guild Meeting. I do hope that you are working on yours or maybe even completed it. I chose a pattern off the QOV website. Their website is [www.qovf.org/quilters-questions/quilt-patterns/](http://www.qovf.org/quilters-questions/quilt-patterns/). Mine is cut out and now ready to piece together. I know several of you have completed more than one. I think Betty has turned in a whopping 4 quilts! Woohoo!

Once you have it pieced, you have two options to get it quilted. You can quilt it yourself or have someone else do it for you. Diana P. will quilt it at the special price of \$40.00 which includes the batting. Diana will quilt 10 at this price. You can contact Diana P. at [sewingmama50@aol.com](mailto:sewingmama50@aol.com) if you need her to quilt it.

All other long-arm quilters, please let me know if you are willing to quilt some.

Please let me know if you need help or have questions. You can text me at 936-465-8229 or email me at [bebrice54@gmail.com](mailto:bebrice54@gmail.com).

The Quilt of Valor Ceremony will be one that none of us will forget. Suzanne DeCarlo from the QOV foundation will be our guest speaker and presenter at our November meeting. What a beautiful way to end our 2020 year! I do hope you'll accept my challenge and complete a quilt!

## March 2020 Allen Quilters' Guild Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$ 10,378.02
Income:		
Membership Dues	\$ 50.00	
Raffle Quilt	\$ 119.00	
Donation	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	
	\$ 460.00	\$ 10,597.02
Expenses:		
Community Service Fabric	\$ 104.45	
Hotel for Speaker (rescheduled November	<u>\$ 104.86</u>	
	\$ 209.31	
Ending Balance		\$ 10,387.71
	Cash Box	<u>-\$ 50.00</u>
		\$ 10,337.71

Submitted by: Alice G.  
3-10-20

Note: the February 2020 beginning balance was amended by the Treasurer to be \$10,322.69. The ending balance then became \$10,378.02.



Applause to Colleen Carter for picking up kits when all this Covid %#\$@ started. She also dropped off finished quilts! Many of you used your sewing talent to make face masks for your families and others. Thank you!

Please continue to create items for Community Service. Small items include tote bags, pillowcases, children's quilts and placemats. All of the kits were made up before the Covid outbreak, so they are "Covid free." If anyone has a concern, they can let me know when they want to pick up the kits and I can have them on my back porch waiting.

After finishing some of my own projects, I hauled out some pillowcase kits and started sewing on the trims and cuffs. Got bored with that and will start seaming up some of the totes. Now that Hobby Lobby has opened its doors, one can find Hobbs batting. Yea, 'cause I'm about to use my last roll.

Dot F.  
Community Service VP



## Happy Birthday!

Wishing all our ladies with a spring Birthday a Happy Birthday.

April: Janice S., Karen T., Daisy S.

### *Membership*

May: Yvonne B., Ginger M., Blanche W. Laurie T., Nancy W.

Outside of making trips to the dump after doing a lot of cleaning of garage, closets and yard clean-up. (I think about 50% of the people in Allen did the same thing).....

We took a couple of classes on the virtual quilt show with Page Johnson. I liked doing the videos that way, you can watch them several times, and pickup what you missed the first two times. I would like to see them do the classes like that next year.

I have been sewing on face masks, baby blankets, banners, placemats, and my quilts of valor. None have been quilted yet. I've been pretty good about staying home, but going to have a make a trip to the fabric store SOON. Stay safe.  
Diana P., Membership VP



### From Programs Co-VP

I have been making masks, finishing up a quilt of valor and quilting another quilt . Janice S.



#### LIFE'S A PATCHWORK

Stitch a little bit of lovin'  
Add a lot of tender care;  
Sew together with some kindness.  
Let the sun shine everywhere.  
Choose a pattern for your life's work,  
Add some fun along the way.  
Life is like a valued patchwork.  
Keep it precious day by day.

Anonymous

## From the Secretary

Because we weren't able to have our March meeting – therefore no minutes, here is what I've been up to instead:

Road Trip on 5/9/2020

Saturday my husband and I (Glenn) drove to Dennison to visit the Farmers Market. Our trip was to visit the stand for Gentle Soll Farm (Bells, TX) which is an Aquaponic farm that sometimes has fresh Wagyu beef. They were already sold out by the time we got to their stand so..... we went into the downtown area where I visited a quilt store called Home a la Mode.

This shops "claim to fame" is using The Quilters Grid. No pins! Home a la Mode has already printed word panels to use on the grids or can print up YOUR sayings.

The store also offers some gift items and classes. There are other fun shops in downtown Dennison too!

<https://www.homealamode.com/>

Tana B., Secretary

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Well, the Block of the Month is taking a hiatus. We will begin again when our meetings startup. Since it's a strange year, I will just carry over the BOM for 2021. The box I requested from Blueprint as an incentive to participate in the monthly blocks will be drawn at the December 2021 meeting instead of the 2020.

Every time a block is picked up your name will go in the drawing for the prize. No, you do not need to show me your finished block. Don't worry, it will all work out!

And then....

### Quilt-a-longs!

Gosh, one minute you are classified as a fabric hoarder and the next you are complimented for being prepared for mask-making! I have been quilting a lot! Helen Godden from Australia had a free Easter quiltalong. It is still available on her Helengodden.com. It was so much fun. She is a hoot. She is the HandiQuilter sweet sixteen ambassador. She has quite a few free you-tubes out. I think I learn something every time I watch her. I am almost finished with Angela Walter's Echos & Curves Quilting Along. It is free on her website. I started Bonnie Hunter's Unity quilt-a-long. But I have to confess it was too much work and I stopped on round 2. I do not feel guilty for stopping. Life is too short to spend time on something that you are not enjoying when there are too many things that are fun! I love quilting. So many types of quilting. So many instructors who are fabulous. Well, I have plenty of projects (UFO's) and fabric in my sewing room. However, I did need a few things. I have to share a shopping experience that happened. I ordered the steal of the day from Watafind in Mesquite. If you order 3 yards or more you get free shipping. As soon as I placed my order, I left to go pick up a prescription at a pharmacy and then picked up a pizza at Papa Murphy's. I drove straight home. My order was at my doorstep. Not only did I get the fabric quick but there was a lovely handwritten letter. I couldn't believe the wonderful customer service from them and our other local quilt shops.

I can't wait to see Show and Tell when we meet again!

Laurie T., Ways and Means VP





2020 – 2021

So many events are up in the air at this time. If you hear of shows etc. actually going forward, please contact Lorraine M. so I can include the information in our newsletter.

✓ Mark your calendars for the AQG meetings beginning in September.

## Tid Bits

### How Many Squares Can You Cut Out of a Fat Quarter?

99	2" squares
50	2 1/2" squares
42	3" squares
30	3 1/2" squares
20	4" squares
16	4 1/2" squares
12	5" squares
12	5 1/2" squares
9	6" squares
6	6 1/2" squares

Hopefully you have full-sized fat quarters – sometimes they are a little short. They should be 18"x22" at minimum. Know what you are working with.

If you are cutting strips and other shapes, it may be a good idea to plot out on paper how you will get the most out of your fat quarter. In some instances, it can make a big difference to the success of your project – especially if you have a limited amount of fabric. I learned it the hard way. Lorraine M.

## TAQG

TAQG Rally Day has been a fixture in the North Texas Area for 10 years. I don't know about you, but over the years I have been inspired and awed by the talent I've seen by the speakers, our fellow Guild Raffle quilts and the silent auction. I have met other quilty kindred spirits and have just enjoyed going to Rally Day. That is why I am so sad to announce that the 2020 Rally Day has been cancelled due to the CoVid-19 crisis. The 2020 Rally Day Committee felt that it was too big a risk to members' health to continue with the event. Also, the event relied on Guild involvement preparing for this event and with Guilds not meeting and quilt shops not being fully opened that it would be very hard to continue. If anyone signed up for a workshop, your money should be returned to you.

Additionally, the TAQG board and members have made the decision to disband the organization immediately. They felt that TAQG no longer had the Guild involvement which was needed to fulfill their mission statement to combine resources of area Guilds. A vote was taken and a decision was made to disband the organization.

I for one will miss TAQG, especially Rally Day!

If you have any questions about TAQG or Rally Day, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Shelly V., AQG TAQG Representative

**Allen Quilters' Guild  
Membership Application**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse's First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a NEW member?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If not, what year did you join AQG?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a returning member, would you like a new name badge?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like a copy of the AQG Bylaws?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday (month and day only):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Small group you belong to:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Meeting time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you do not presently belong to a small group, are you interested in joining a daytime small group? Y N or a nighttime small group? Y N**

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- A) Printed copy mailed via the U. S. Postal Service
- B) Via e-mail
- C) You download directly from our website ([www.allenquilters.org](http://www.allenquilters.org))

**When complete, please mail this form with a check made out to AQG to:**

**Allen Quilters' Guild  
P. O. Box 526  
Allen, TX 75013-0010**

**OR you may give your form and payment directly to Diana P.**

**Membership dues are \$25.00 for adults and \$15 for juniors (children 10 to 17 accompanied by an adult member) and paid annually in January.**

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Yahoo Group \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Bylaws \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

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