



# Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

June 2020

## Letter from the President

Well, here we are another month flying by in our crazy world. I'm so sad at the lives lost to this pandemic but I've also realized that life continues for people and their existing problems. This pandemic has not made any of my health problems go away so I'm sure that's true for many people. Whether it's money problems, job problems, family problems...they still exist. So, it can be very overwhelming to deal with this COVID-19 virus on top of everything else. Let's keep everyone in our thoughts as we put one foot in front of the other during this time. We are a group of women that serve others through our Guild and I'm so proud to be a part of all that we do.

So what's next for our Guild? Well, we have many exciting activities still to come...

**September "Quarantine Show & Tell"**  
**October "Community Service Sew-In"**  
**November "QOV Ceremony & Reception"**  
**December "Christmas Party"**

September seems far away but it will be here before we know it. I do miss seeing everyone but I hope we stay strong and our guild survives this pandemic.

Our Guild has been so faithful with our service to our community and I want to see that continue. We are definitely behind in our projects so I talked with Dot F. and we have decided to offer...wait for it...**DELIVERY!** Yep, just like our restaurants, you can choose **CURBSIDE PICKUP or DELIVERY.** Dot & I will deliver whatever kits you want right to your door or we'll have a designated day that you can drive by and pickup your kits at the curb. We really need to continue offering these projects to our community, especially during these difficult times. So, watch for an email...coming soon...on what day we choose for **DELIVERY and CURBSIDE PICKUP.** The big plus for Dot & I is we'll get to see your face...**WOOHOO!**

**There will be more news in our July Newsletter for our next steps...**

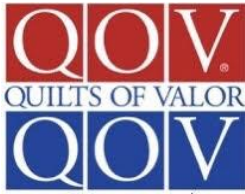
**Nomination Committee for Board Positions**

**Quilt of Valor Program Committee**

**I hope you are having a wonderful summer. Please stay safe and I'll see you either curbside or when we deliver your kits!**

**Love to you all,**

**Elaine**



## 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!

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

|                   |                 |              |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance |                 | \$ 10,337.71 |
| Income:           |                 |              |
| Membership Dues   | \$ 50.00        |              |
| Donation          | <u>\$ 25.00</u> |              |
|                   | \$ 75.00        |              |
|                   |                 | \$ 10,412.71 |
| Expenses:         |                 |              |
|                   | \$ -0-          |              |
| Ending Balance    |                 | \$ 10,412.71 |

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

No activity in May. Beginning and Ending Balance of \$10,412.71

Submitted by: Alice G.  
6-19-20

## From one of our Programs Co-VPs :

I hope you are all doing well.

Since this whole ordeal with COVID has begun, I have not seen my family (kids) once until Tuesday, when my daughter came over. I missed getting together for my birthday and Mother's Day (which we always do every other year). We had our first grandchild in October and am finally going to see him on Father's day for the first time since it had all begun. My husband and I decided (especially I) that we just cannot keep isolating ourselves. I wanted to see our grand baby before he entered college! LOL.

Anyway, my husband decided he wanted to take me on a trip to some quilt shops last week (just for the fun of it). We ended up going to Kaleidoscope Quilt Shop in Whitesboro and Quilt Asylum in Van Alstyne. I ended up buying way more than I needed but then again my husband was encouraging me to buy! It was a fun time and I came home with material to make a king size quilt for our bed and a queen size quilt kit.

Since I have been busy making masks, I have avoided finishing up my quilting. I have a quilting machine with a 5 foot quilting table and told my husband that I was tired of moving the quilt from side to side and up and down removing it each time I needed to change sections. I have only had that machine which is a Simply 16 by HandiQuilter since this past December. Sooo...ooo he told me to get a 12 foot table. So now I am waiting for my 12 foot table to come so I can quilt the largest king size quilts without having to sandwich it and removing it each time I have to change sections. I never thought I would ever have done this but I have been told that's what quilting does to a person. I've only been quilting for almost 3 years and, mainly because of my husband (shall I say his encouragement) I have more than I will ever need when it comes to quilting.

Stay Safe, Take Care, & Happy quilting!

Janice S.



Community Service is changing! We are now offering

### **CURBSIDE PICKUP OR DELIVERY!**



Elaine & I will deliver your kits to your door or you can pick them up curbside. We might ever offer you a snack (like a restaurant) for coming by...Haha. We really need to pick-up the pace on our kits. We are way behind. Elaine will send out a message for dates that we will offer these services soon!

### **Masks Needed!**

We have received a request from Meals on Wheels for face masks to guard against COVID19 for their clients. There are several patterns out there or you can pick up a kit from me or Elaine. Completed masks can be turned in to Lorraine, Elaine or me. Thank you!

Dot F., Community Services VP



## Happy Birthday!

Wishing all our ladies with a June birthday a Happy Birthday.

Sherry B.    Kathy S.    Diana P. (me!)

*Membership*

Diana P., Membership VP

### From our Ways and Means VP:

My husband is supportive of my quilting hobby. However, he cannot understand purchasing fabric. "Why, you already have fabric! You need to follow your quilting budget!" However, anytime I take a class he is very supportive "Yes, it will increase your knowledge base".

I have missed going to classes and retreats. This month I attended a retreat at home. It was "Retreat from Home: Sew in Your Jammies 2020". Our hostess was Ebony Love. She used a new platform called Hop to it. It was fabulous! We had 5 instructors, Ebony Love, Jackie Kunkel, Tammy Silvers, Joanne Hilestad, and Kate Colleran.

I think about 200 people signed up. We were split into groups, example nightshirts, flannel gowns, onesies, birthday suit, etc. We had an agenda and we were assigned when we had our particular class sessions. The instructors were live and we were able to chat and ask questions. Each instructor had a project and we had the option of buying the kit ahead of time. I learned something from each one!

Games were fun. Prizes were awarded! My favorite part was the yoga teacher and the stretches we did. Oh, and between the classes we had open sessions. There were all sorts of groups that you could join or even start your own group. So much fun to see so many sewing rooms!

I just signed up for Lori Kennedy's quilt-along. Signing up is free but the book is encouraged. I purchased the kindle edition and it was only \$10.

I'm trying to walk early before it is so hot!

#### Meals on Wheels

I am a MOW driver. I am so proud of our Collin County Meals on Wheels organization. They thought outside the box during this pandemic. They had the facilities and started making frozen meals instead of fresh meals. We are delivering a week's worth of frozen meals and a shelf stable bag once a week instead of daily to our clients.. We follow a strict set of guidelines for safety.

I worried about the seniors and I'm glad that the meals are continuing.

Yesterday, I received a notice from the main office. The seniors are lonely! The office is requesting "thinking of you cards". Homemade cards are especially desired. If you have a grandchild or child needing an art project to do-then this is it!! You can drop them off at my porch (or I'll come pick them up) and then I'll deliver to the main office.

Laurie T.



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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

What attracts you to a particular pattern? How do you choose the colors you use? Maybe it is a kit. Maybe it is something you design from the get go.

Interior designers often will say to use a favorite picture or fabric print as a starting point. Perhaps as quilters, it is a particular fabric that says “buy me – and lots of it” that starts the journey on a new quilt. And perhaps it is a picture or a color in the room where the quilt will be used. Maybe it is for a special event – like those baby quilts, wedding quilts, etc. and when we ask for the color preferences and maybe design.

Inspiration can be found everywhere!

- ✚ A picture in a magazine we clipped out. What are the colors or shapes that caught our eyes?
- ✚ Nature is full of colors – look closely. The variety of green is a prime example. Take a picture with your cell phone.
- ✚ Have memories of things you saw during your travels like the seashore, the mountains, a tile floor, a sunset that tickled your creative juices?
- ✚ Is it a season?
- ✚ Is there a particular theme like Halloween or Valentine’s Day?
- ✚ Techniques, new and old, are there to be tried. Is it the challenge that grabs you?
- ✚ Of course, there are the quilting magazines, shop hops, and our favorite quilt store displays.
- ✚ And lucky for us as AQG members, it may be something shared during Show and Tell.

What fun it is to be a quilter! Enjoy!

Lorraine M.



*The dawn has a mysterious greatness of its own, made up of the traces of dreaming and the beginning of thought.*

Victor Hugo

**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
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- 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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