

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

August 2020

2020 AQG OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Elaine R.
1st VP Programs: Kathy S. & Janice S.
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.
Newsletter & Email Coordinator:
Lorraine M.
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.

In October 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



Hello Ladies, Well we have survived another month. I hope you are all well. I haven't heard of any of us getting sick. I hope that's true. As my 5 year old granddaughter starts physically attending school on September 3rd, I hope that the numbers don't rise. It's a wait and see game we play now...not very much fun.

Our board met last week and we discussed the success of our sweet, small guild and hope that we can survive COVID. We want so desperately to meet in person but don't want to put anyone's health at risk. So, we voted to change several things...

1. **To delay September meeting until October.** I know that makes you sad, me too! But we feel like once school starts meeting again in person, that the cases will rise again. So with that decision made,
2. **Our October Meeting will be our Quarantine Show & Tell.** If you can hold on to your projects just a little longer, we can get to enjoy them then.
3. **Our November meeting will be a Community Sew-In held at Blue House, Too.** We'll send more details out as the time draws nearer. We have the space there to spread out and be safe.
4. **Our last meeting of the year will be our Christmas Party.** That will be decided based on the virus. If we can do it safely, then we'll have one. So, details to follow.
5. **Our Quilt of Valor/Patriotic Quilt** ceremony & reception has been rescheduled for February 2021. So, hang on to your quilts till then. It's gonna happen!

I really miss getting to see everyone. Maybe we can schedule a Zoom meeting just so everyone can say "HI". That would be fun! The technically challenged can maybe meet with another member to join in...masks on of course!

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Letter from the President continued

Please don't forget about our Community Service Projects. Meals on Wheels has requested masks and adult bibs. Dot F. has kits available. If you have masks already made, just give Lorraine or Janice a call and they will arrange pickup and get them delivered.



Love to you ALL and stay safe!

Elaine R

AQG Board Nominations for 2021

Our biggest thing coming up is the election of new officers and standing committee members for 2021. The election will take place at our October Meeting. We only have a few officers not returning and those positions have already been filled but we have quite a few standing committee positions that need to be filled. Please think about joining our board. We are a fun and easy group to get along with. Having a strong board makes our whole guild strong. So, please let me know if you would like to serve in one of the following positions. You can email me at bebrice54@gmail.com or call/text at 936-465-8229.

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Standing Committees...

Newsletter – Lorraine M.
Website – Shivani V.

Retreats – Coordinate 1-2 retreats per year for our guild members.

1. _____ 2. _____

Raffle Quilt Promotion – Coordinate ways to advertise our Raffle Quilt. Get members to sign up to show our quilt to other guilds.

1. _____

Mini Quilt Auction – Need 2 people to organize & plan our annual quilt auction. Recruit guild members to form a committee to help setup & organize this event held in September.

1. _____ 2. _____

Christmas Party – Recruit guild members to form a committee to plan our annual Christmas Party held in December.

1. _____ 2. _____

Door Prizes & Birthdays – Collect gifts, vendor & shop gift cards to give as birthday presents and door prizes.

1. _____

From our Ways and Means VP, Laurie T.

Whew! It is hot. Thank goodness we have our UFO's to work on with the air conditioning on.

In a previous newsletter I mentioned that I had participated in Ebony Love's "Quilting in your Jammies" Home retreat. I just signed up for her 2nd Home Retreat. This one is called "Fall Into Sewing 2020" and will take place September 18-20. 5 Fabulous instructors. Discount if you sign up before August 22nd. You have the option to buy patterns & kits for each of the projects that the instructors will have. The patterns & kits are completely optional as everyone gets to view the classes. I really enjoyed the home retreat. I made a list and got a lot done! I enjoyed the instructors and the format was great! Oh, and we had fun games!!

July 2020 Allen Quilters' Guild Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$ 10,412.71
Income:		
Block of the Month	\$ 45.00	
Community Service	<u>\$ 20.00</u>	
	\$ 65.00	
		\$ 10,477.71
Expenses:		
Against the Grain Notions (8 total Quilts of Valor Quilting)	\$ 320.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 10,157.71

Submitted by Alice G
8-19-20

Kid Friendly Printed Fleece or Flannel Needed

Tana Brown is looking for kid friendly printed fleece or flannel. Around 27 inches by 38 inches a little smaller is fine or of course bigger too! Her Mom is crocheting the edges of this material for blankets for babies and she can't keep up with how fast she is whipping these out. Blankets are going to hospitals in the Killeen/Copperas Cove area.

Tana will come by and pick up donations. Her number is 972-849-1916. Call or text! Thanks!





Happy Birthday!

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the ladies with August birthday.

Lynda L.

Patty C.

Shelly V.

Joellen B.

Membership

Hope your having a good month.

Diana P., Membership 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.

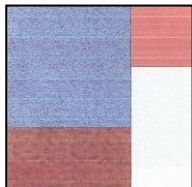
✓ Mark your calendars for the AQG meetings beginning in September.

New Fabric Store in McKinney!

Right downtown across from Rick's Chop House and as a continuation of McKinney Knitting is the new **Downtown Dry Goods** at 117 W. Louisiana. 469 714-4002 <https://www.downtowndrygoods.com/>

Tid Bits

If you are thinking about making a Patriotic Quilt and want something easy, try this block. As you lay it out you won't have any seams to match! Great stash buster! It would be great with other larger prints you might have that you don't want to cut up too much.

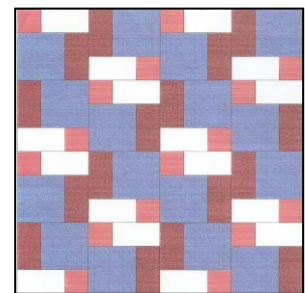


12" finished

Cutting Instructions for a 60"x72" quilt

- 30 8 ½" squares of a variety of fabrics
- 60 4 ½" x 8 ½" rectangles of a variety of fabrics
- 30 4 ½" squares all the same or a variety

I designed the block and I used a variety of fat quarters and stash fabric so exact fabric requirements are not available.



5 blocks across
6 blocks down



If I stitch fast enough, does it count as aerobic exercise?

**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)

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.

Yahoo Group _____ New _____ Name Tag _____ Bylaws _____

Birthday _____ Small Group _____ Newsletter _____ Check# _____

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