



November 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.

What to Bring to the Meeting:

- ✓ A mask! COVID guidelines will be followed.
- ✓ A machine and basic sewing supplies. See list in newsletter.
- ✓ Quarantine Show and Tell projects (completed or in progress)
- ✓ Dues if you did not pay for 2020. Dues for 2020 will cover 2021 as well.
- ✓ Your friendly laugh and good cheer.

Letter from the President

Happy November to Everyone,

Can you believe we're almost to the end of 2020? It's been the most bizarre, crazy & unpredictable year. Not something I would ever have predicted.

As we close out this year, I want to thank each of you for your loyalty to our Guild. Some area guilds have lost a lot of members. If we do that, we'll cease to exist and that would make me very sad. I think with the help of technology we can make a few changes for 2021 and continue to thrive. I know that technology can be scary and "the unknown" but I hope we'll take on the challenge to learn and be a part of it. Our future meetings will be held in person and "live" through Facebook. For those of you not comfortable attending meetings in person, then this will allow you to be a part of our meetings from home. At our January meeting, you'll be introduced to the social platform called Facebook. It is an internet based application that will allow you to view our meetings "live". There will be guild members to assist you in setting up this application on your laptop, smart phone or other device. So, let's take on this challenge one step at a time. Those members that are comfortable with technology can definitely help those that are not. If you CAN NOT attend the meeting, then email me at bebrice54@gmail.com and I'll get someone to assist you. SMILE...We're in this together!

We have several things happening. Our board met this month and made some decisions for our upcoming meetings. I'll bullet those on the next page but you can read more about them in other parts of the newsletter.

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- **November Meeting** – We will meet at Fabric Fanatics on Thursday, November 19th from 3:00 – 8:00. We’ll be sewing quilted Christmas tree ornaments, making fat quarter stars and anything else you want to make. Kits will be available for you to take home. We have spots for 12 sewers. All Covid-19 guidelines will be followed. Sign up below through Signup Genius. It’s easy, peasy!
- **Exceptional Conditions Standing Rule** will be added to our guild By-laws. This rule will be sent out in a separate email so that you can vote on accepting this. It takes into account having to meet online and receive votes by email.
- **Raffle Quilt Coordinator** – Our guild is need of a coordinator for 2021. This is a very important standing committee position. It’s not difficult but requires some planning. Since the Raffle quilt brings in funds for our guild, it is imperative that we continue with this fund raiser. Please let me know if you can help with this need. You can call/message me at 936-465-8229.
- **Christmas Party** – Our Christmas party will be Saturday, December 12th from 1:00-2:00. It’s going to be so much fun. It’s a Drive-By Christmas Sock Exchange. Your invitation will be arriving in the mail shortly and details will follow. I hope you’ll make plans to “drive-by”.
- **Facebook Live Meetings** – All our upcoming meetings beginning in January will be live-streamed on Facebook for those that can’t attend in person. If you don’t have a Facebook account, someone will get you connected. You’ll just have to say “Help” and we’ll be there!
- **Christmas Party Committee** – We need about 3-4 ladies to help Ellen W. with the Christmas party. Please call/message her at 214-727-7644 or email her at jwilwert@gmail.com if you can help.

So, let’s try and keep our guild alive! We don’t want Covid-19 to take that away, too. I’m smiling today and hope you are too. May God bless you and keep you well.

Love to you all,
Elaine R.

October 2020 Allen Quilters’ Guild Treasurer’s Report

Beginning Balance		\$ 10,106.71
Income:		
Membership	\$ 50.00	
TAQG Donation	\$ 227.30	
Donation	<u>\$ 23.00</u>	
	\$ 300.30	
		\$ 10,407.01
Expenses:		
2021 Calendar	\$ 27.01	
Raffle Quilt Refund	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	
	\$ 37.01	
Ending Balance		\$ 10,370.00

Submitted by Alice G
11-10-2020

Meet your new AQG Board and Standing Committee Chairs

These Board members and Standing Committee Chairs were approved at the October meeting. We have several Standing Committee Chair vacancies! We need you! Please consider helping out.

2021 AQG Board Members

President – Maridale M.
VP Programs – Janice S.
VP Membership – Shelley V. and Shivani V.
VP Communication – Elaine R.
VP Community Service – Dot F.
VP Ways & Means – Laurie T.
Secretary – Tana B.
Treasurer – Alice G.

Standing Committees

Newsletter – Lorraine M.
Website – Elaine R.

Vacancies

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.

2. _____ 2. _____

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

1. _____ 2. _____



Membership

Happy Birthday!

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the ladies with November birthdays

Tana B. Brenda B. Virginia B. Liz B.

and to our December Santa Baby

Marge B.

Diana P., Membership VP

Look at all the B's!



Raffle Quilt Coordinator Needed!

This position is very important to our Guild as it's one of only two fundraisers that we do each year. It just takes a little time and planning. We normally show at other guild's meetings, but that's not really an option right now. So, Blue House, Too has agreed to let us show it during their business hours a couple time a month.

We need someone to coordinate this. I'm doing it for now but I really need help on this one. So, please message/call me at 936 465-8229 if you would like to do this.

Thanks, Elaine R.

November Guild Meeting

Fabric Fanatic Community Sew-In

Thursday, November 19

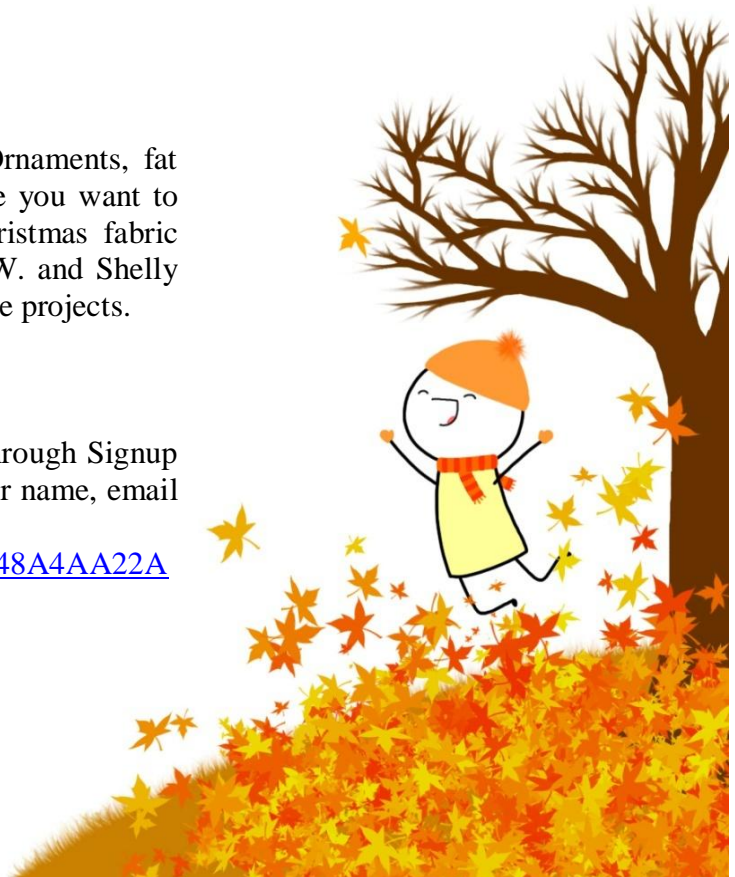
3:00-8:00pm

We will make quilted Christmas Tree Ornaments, fat quarter Christmas Stars and anything else you want to bring. Bring your sewing machine, Christmas fabric scraps and pinking shears/cutter. Ellen W. and Shelly V. will have instructions for completing the projects.

Space is limited to 12.

You will need to sign up to participate through Signup Genius. Just click on the link and add your name, email and phone number. You are all set.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A4AA22A2F94-allen>



You're invited to our
"Drive By Parade"
Christmas Sock Exchange
 Saturday, December 12th
 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
 Dot's House
 1540 Brandywine Drive
 Allen, Texas

Bring a pair of Christmas socks to exchange as you join the parade. You'll get to exchange up to three times during our parade. Just keep driving the circle around the ponds to exchange again!

Allen Quilters' Guild

Tid Bits



All People Quilt just posted "Sew Thankful" in their recent newsletter.
https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/holiday-quilts/fall/sew-thankful?did=578975-20201110&utm_campaign=weekly-quilting_newsletter&utm_source=allpeoplequilt.com&utm_medium=email&utm_content=111020&cid=578975&mid=44492004890

When thinking of my quilting world, I'm thankful for

- ✚ Allen Quilters' Guild and the knowledge and friendships I have gained as a member.
- ✚ The people who make up AQG and the work they continue to do to make it all happen.
- ✚ The variety of quilt shops in our area and their great fabric and classes.
- ✚ My sewing machines and supplies that make my quilting easier.
- ✚ The time, space and money that help me enjoy quilting more.
- ✚ My small group who is always there for me.
- ✚ And so much more.

What is on your "Sew Thankful" list?

Be safe, healthy and Quilt On!
 Lorraine M.

Laurie T. brought these to the October meeting – yum!

GLAZED PUMPKIN COOKIE RECIPE

2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder AND 1 tsp baking soda
2 tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp ground nutmeg, ½ tsp ground cloves, and ½ tsp salt
½ cup butter, softened
1 ½ cups white sugar
1 cup canned pumpkin puree
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla extract

GLAZE:

1 tsp vanilla extract
2 cups confectioners' sugar
3 TBS milk
1 TBS melted butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and salt; set aside.

In a medium bowl, cream together the ½ cup of butter & white sugar. Add pumpkin, egg and 1 tsp vanilla to butter mixture, and beat until creamy.

Mix in dry ingredients. Drop on cookie sheet by tablespoonful's.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes (ovens vary) in the preheated oven. Cool cookies, then drizzle glaze with fork.

To make the glaze:

Combine confectioners' sugar, milk and 1 TBS melted butter, and 1 tsp vanilla. Add milk as needed, to achieve drizzling consistency.

Store them in an air-tight container to prevent them from drying out. They will be GONE, GONE, GONE.

Note: Recipe courtesy of Bonnie Hunter of Quiltville. I enjoy reading Bonnie's daily blog. Her free mystery starts soon. I can't wait.

Bonnie Hunter Mystery 'Grassy Creek'

Anyone follow Bonnie? Do you read her daily blog on Quiltville? <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/>

Suggested color scheme was announced on October 31st.

First clue comes out November 27th. The day after Thanksgiving! I can't wait!!!

I am wondering if anyone else is participating in this mystery? Let me know if you are, maybe we can have a zoom.

If you've never done a Bonnie Mystery- it's free!! She has excellent instructions!!

Laurie T.

Laurie T's other favorite blogs:

Jo's Country Junction <https://www.joscountryjunction.com/>

Just Get It Done Quilts <https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/>

Cindy Needham <https://www.cindyneedham.com/>

Sew Can She <https://www.sewcanhe.com/>