



**January 2021**

**2021 AQG OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

President: Maridale M.  
1st VP Programs: Janice S.  
2nd VP Membership: Shelly V & Shivani V.  
3rd VP Communications: Elaine R.  
4th VP Community Service: Dot F.  
5th VP Ways & Means: Laurie T.  
Secretary: Tana B.  
Treasurer: Alice G.  
Newsletter: Lorraine M.  
Website: Elaine R.  
Raffle Quilt Promotion: Elaine R.  
Door Prizes & Birthdays: Nancy W.

**What to Bring to the Meeting:**

Your ability to Zoom!

**Community Service Requests**

Donations for the Allen Food Pantry for January include the following...

- Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese

Please drop them off to Dot F. You can leave them in the box on her front porch at 1540 Brandywine Drive, Allen, Texas.

**Letter from the President**

Welcome to 2021!

Somehow it feels like Groundhog Day - We still carry some of the burdens of 2020 with us.

And, I'm writing to you, again!

For 2021, I am again blessed to be your President. And my job is to encourage and support you as we move forward to this New Year. I have always been passionate about quilting and embroidery.

Quilting began out of necessity and has also evolved as an art form. Quilting communicates the love we have for color, fabric, pattern, and creativity. It also allows us to share our work as volunteers.

For me, the loveliest of benefits is spending time with our intelligent, creative members. You inspire me, you make me laugh, and you always teach me something.

We will meet on January 21st virtually. More information will follow. January's program will be our kick-off and I'll have a challenge for you!

Here is the link to our website: <http://allenquilters.org/>  
The programs planned for 2021 are available there as well as newsletters, and board members. We have a few open positions. Please consider volunteering for one these. Elaine and others have worked hard to make this the source for all of our current information. Give it a review, and let us know what thoughts you have about it.

Maridale M.

## November 19th Meeting Minutes

Fabric Fanatics Community Service Night  
No minutes were taken.

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

Beginning Balance		\$ 10,370.00
Income:		
Donations	<u>\$ 38.00</u>	
	\$ 38.00	
		\$ 10,408.00
Expenses:		
Rent for October Meeting	\$ 50.00	
Staples Raffle Tickets 2021	\$ 47.39	
Walgreens – Quilt photos, Christmas invite	\$ 29.41	
Walmart - Tripod	\$ 20.43	
Raffle Quilt Refund - Check # 3074	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	
	\$ 152.23	
Ending Balance		\$ 10,255.77

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

Beginning Balance		\$ 10,255.77
Income:		
Membership	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
		\$ 10,280.77
Expenses:		
Post Office Box Rent	\$ 118.00	
CCD Leaders ACH Debit	<u>\$ 48.71</u>	
	\$ 166.71	
Ending Balance		\$10,114.06

Submitted by Alice G. 1-14-2021



### Membership

We now have 29 members in our Guild. I've always thought of our Guild as small but mighty. Here's the good news – if you paid your dues last year for 2020, the board has decided to extend the current membership to 2021. That's right- **if you are a current member your 2021 membership is FREE!!! THAT'S RIGHT 2021 IS FREE!!!** And I heard from a birdie- there are some fun things happening in 2021!!

If you didn't get a chance last year to renew or join, please fill out the membership form and send it along with a check to Shelly V. If you have any questions, feel free to call Shelly or Shivani. Looking forward to a great year!

Don't forget to wish these ladies a HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Marge B. was in December. Lorraine M, Colleen C, and Jeanette M. are this month.

Shelly V. and Shivani V., Membership Co-VPs

## 2021 Raffle Quilt “Kaleidoscope”



We will be launching our fundraiser for our 2021 raffle quilt at our January meeting. You can pick up your packet of tickets at the January meeting or we can mail them to you. If you would like them mailed to you, please request them by emailing Alice G. at [abgore@att.net](mailto:abgore@att.net).

In lieu of paper tickets, you and your friends can purchase them through **Signup Genius** on our website. We are going to heavily promote our quilt online this year due to all the Covid-19 restrictions. Just visit our [website](#) and choose the package you want. Our quilt is also being promoted on our [Facebook](#) page after our January meeting. So, please share that post with all your friends and encourage them to support our guild.

## Google Groups...

We have a few changes for 2021 for communicating with each other. Yahoo shut down their “groups” which was what we used to send out our newsletter and other important messages. You will now receive the same information but from Google Groups. Our Google Group can be accessed at the following address...

[allen-quilters-guild@googlegroups.com](mailto:allen-quilters-guild@googlegroups.com)

You as a member of the guild and this group can also send messages to the entire group. Just add this address to your contacts. We would love for you to send anything interesting that you find to the group...retreats, quilt links, member news, etc. So, please feel free to communicate with us!



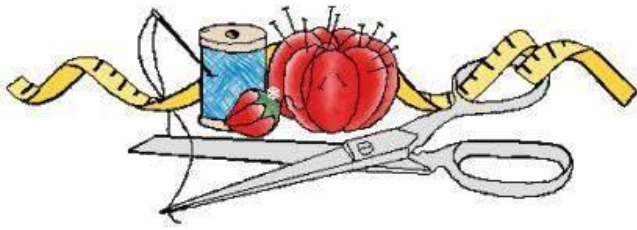
Thank you to everyone that donated fleece and flannel for my mother to crochet the edges and donate to Project Linus! She crocheted 17 blankets and we took them to the Central Texas Project Linus manager in Kempner right before Thanksgiving. Please keep me in mind if you have fleece you would like to donate. I need pieces of fleece that are at least around 36 inches x 29 inches (or close). Thanks again!

Tana B



*Thank you!*

Thank you to our Board and others for our goody bags as we drove by to say Merry Christmas! What fun!



## *In My Sewing Room*

*Thou shalt not...*

- ...ask when I will be finished*
- ...cut anything with my fabric scissors*
- ...request that I hem your pants*
- ...speak to me when I have a seam ripper in hand*
- ...tell me I have too much fabric*
- ...push buttons on my sewing machine*
- ...bring me your clothes to iron*
- ...pull on any loose threads*
- ...wonder about why I'm still in my pajamas*
- ...come looking for food - this is not the kitchen*

Louanna Mary quilt Design, 11-9-2020

Do you recognize these blocks?



Pineapple



Swamp Angel  
(You can make up your own story how this name came about!)

## Tid Bits

Because you have been home more because of COVID19, your sewing supplies and fabric must be fabulously organized. Right?

Whenever I toss a plastic container from spinach, raspberries or other food item, I wonder if it could be reused in my sewing room. How many 3 1/2" squares could be stored in a raspberry container? Blueberry containers are even bigger. How many fat quarters destined for a particular quilt can fit in a box used for mixed greens or spinach? A quick piece of masking tape will identify your thoughts on its future use – which of course can always change.

Keeping materials in a bigger container can safeguard those fabrics for a specific quilt so you are not tempted to take a little piece for something else and then wish you hadn't. It is also an easy way to "grab and go" for small group meetings or retreats. The two-gallon zip lock bags are great too. Both are reusable.

As we utilize small pieces of fabric, perhaps utilizing "free" plastic containers is an idea too.

P. S. We donated **104** placemats to Meals on Wheels. Thank you!

Lorraine M.

**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

Please circle your preferred method for receiving the Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter:

- 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 Shelly V. or Shivani V.**

**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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Google Group \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Bylaws \_\_\_\_\_

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

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