



February 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:

February is Community Service Sew at Fabric Fanatics. The information has been emailed by Elaine R. and is also listed later in the newsletter.

Community Service Requests

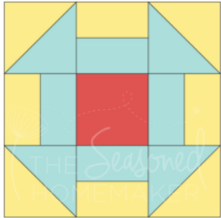
Baby items: diapers, wipes, washcloths, formula, gowns, onesies, jars of baby food, socks, t-shirts, blankets, shampoo

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

Hello, Valentines!

The President's Challenge for 2021 is to make a quilt with the Churn dash pattern. It can be a mini quilt, lap quilt - Anything!



Seasoned Homemaker website writes:

“The Churn Dash Quilt Block is a very basic block that has stood the test of time. This popular quilt block is a very old 9-Patch quilt block pattern, originating sometime between 1800 and 1850. Its name is a result of the resemblance of the block’s triangle and rectangle perimeter to a butter churn and the center square to the stick (or “dash”) of the butter churn.”

Here is the link:

<https://www.seasonedhomemaker.com/how-to-make-a-perfect-churn-dash-quilt-block/>

The February program has changed! We will be sewing at Community Sew. Details are in the newsletter. We had to shift some things around - I appreciate your patience!

Keep warm! Looking forward to meeting in person soon!

Maridale M.
President

January 2021 Allen Quilters' Guild Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$ 10,114.06
Income:	\$ -0-	
Expenses:		
Sign-up Genius Annual Fee	\$ 107.89	
1 year subscription Am. Patchwork Allen Library	\$ 14.99	
ACH Debit	<u>\$ 1.25</u>	
	\$ 124.13	
Ending Balance		\$ 9,989.93

Submitted by Alice G.
2-13-2021



Last month's virtual meeting on Facebook live was a rousing success! We had 20 members and guests either attend or create the meeting. Kudos to Maridale M., Elaine R. and Alice G. for their entertaining "performance". We all learned so much! Looking forward to the next meeting on February 18!!

Membership

The month of February has just one Birthday girl: Elaine R. So on February 15th, don't forget to wish her Many Happy Returns! She deserves a great year in 2021!

Quilt Pattern

Nature sewed the winter through,
Leftovers of gold and blue
From the sky... cerise and red
Stitched with white and silver thread.

Patiently she stitched along
To the north wind's lusty song...
Back and forth her needle flew
While the boisterous March winds blew.

April dawned... the thing was done!
So she laid it in the sun.
Hills and gardens then were gay
With the patchwork quilt that lay...

Bright and tufted deep with green,
Bordered with a brooklet's sheen...
Summer coverlet of scraps
Garnered from autumn's leafy wraps!

Crystal Hastings, Needlecraft and Home Arts
Magazine March 1927

Tid Bits

Ready to try your hand at making heart blocks?



For instructions visit:
<https://cluckclucksew.com/2015/01/making-heart-blocks-in-multiple-sizes.html>

Allen Quilters' Guild Proposed 2021 Budget

	2021 Income - Estimated	2020 Income - Actuals
Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
BOM	\$ 650.00	\$ -
Mini Quilt Auction	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Other Donations	\$ -	
Total	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,800.00

	2021 Expenses Estimated	2020 Expenses Actuals
Meeting Space Rental	\$ 300.00	\$ 550.00
PO Box Rental	\$ 118.00	\$ 96.00
Programs	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,000.00
TAQG	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Membership Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Community Service	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Meals-On-Wheels	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Raffle Quilt Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Treasurer	\$ -	\$ -
Newsletter	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Library Subscriptions	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Website Domain	\$ -	\$ -
Door Prizes and Birthday	\$ -	\$ -
Workshop Rental Space	\$ -	\$ -
Public Relations	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Mini Quilt Auction	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,373.00	\$ 3,826.00
Income less Expenses	\$ (23.00)	\$ (1,026.00)

2021 Raffle Quilt “Kaleidoscope”



Our 2021 Raffle Quilt “Kaleidoscope” offers our guild a way to fund our speakers and presenters each year. We decided to mail everyone their packet of 24 tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You should be receiving those in the next few days. Please invite your friends, relatives, coworkers, etc. to buy tickets. You can turn in money to Alice G. in March and throughout the year as you sell the tickets.

We are also selling tickets through our website at www.allenquilters.org. Click on the Raffle Quilt tab and then SignUpGenius button. Select the package of tickets you want and enter your payment information. Your name will be entered for the raffle for as many tickets as you purchase.

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

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!

2021 Block of the Month



Our BOM is back for 2021!. Some of you started last year and then Covid hit and everything stopped. Well, we are starting again for those that want to participate.

Our theme remains Patriotic. We hope you’ll finish your blocks and then we can collectively put them together at the next Sew-In to be announced. As we finish a quilt, we’ll add it to our collection and continue presenting them to area veterans.

Since we don’t know where you started/stopped, then you’ll have to tell us. So, please go to our website www.allenquilters.org and choose the BOM tab. Then click on the SignUpGenius button and order the months you want to complete. Just tell us in the “Comments” what months you need. Laurie T. will mail these to you or you can do a porch pickup.

Allen Quilters' Guild January General Meeting Minutes

1/21/2021 Facebook Live Meeting – Virtual only

Come to order: 6:33 pm CST

Maridale opens the meeting:

Opening comments:

- Showing the raffle quilt
- Will meet at Blue House too when we are all vaccinated

Shelly's comments:

- 29 members in guild
- Membership dues are extended to 2021 – pay your dues if you did not pay them in 2020
- Birthdays in January: Lorraine, Colleen C. and Jeanette

Communications: Elaine

- Meetings will be virtual until further notice
- E-mails, text, Facebook page and website will be communication methods
- Sign up Genius – program that allows you to set up an online format to sign up for events, sell tickets and pay for block of the month (\$5 monthly or pay by year)
- Block of the month – can be picked up on porch, mailed to you or delivered to you
- Google Groups will be the e-mail vendor – it's a closed group (guild members only)

Raffle Quilt: Elaine

- Selling tickets online thru sign up genius
- Tickets are 6 tickets for \$5.00, 24 tickets for \$20 or \$1 per ticket
- Elaine will print out a report for the treasurer and they will put your tickets in the basket.
- Tickets can be mailed to you if you would rather have the paper tickets (contact Alice if you want your tickets mailed)
- Old tickets need to be thrown away. We are using brand new tickets
- Link to Sign Up Genius is on the website under raffle quilt

Elaine is presented with a quilt:

- Diane Lutz made Elaine a quilt

Membership Directory:

- Let Elaine R. know if you need a membership directory

Community Service: Dot (Elaine presented this)

- January is the Allen Food Pantry month
- Newsletter has the address for Dot's house. She has a basket on her front porch to drop off items: Soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, Mac & cheese
- Next month is : baby items....wipes, diapers, baby shampoo (website has more details)

Presidents Challenge: Maridale

- Anything with a "Churn Dash" – finished by August
- It can be a quilt, throw, table runner, etc..
- Maridale will supply the pattern to post on the website and next newsletter

Quilts of Valor:

- Will decide if we will still do this in February or postpone
- Continue to do Quilts of Valor in 2021 – Give them to Betty Matthews
- Look for veterans! – Friends, family...age does NOT matter
- Suzanne DeCarlo will do the presentations at the Allen War Memorial (on Bethany). Presentation will be around 4:00 pm in the afternoon. *More details to come!*

Fat Quarter Frenzy: Elaine

- Will do this next time we meet in person. TAG gave back the fat quarter bundles our guild gave them.

Show and Tell:

- Maridale 1
- Elaine – 3 quilts
- Alice - 2

Meeting Adjourned at 7:16 pm CST

Submitted by Tana B., Secretary

February Guild Meeting

We will meet at Fabric Fanatics in Plano for our Community Sew-In on Thursday, February 18th from 4:00-8:00p.m. Kits will be available. Sign up through SignUpGenius by clicking on the link below. There are 12 spots available.



Allen Quilters Guild

Allen Quilt Guild February Sew-In

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

Date: 02/18/2021 (Thu.)

Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm CST

Location: Fabric Fanatics

Created by:  Elaine Rice 

Please sign up through the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A4AA22A2F94-allen1>

2021 President's Challenge... CHURN DASH

Our president, Maridale M., has issued her challenge for 2021! She has challenged each of you to complete a quilt using a Churn Dash pattern. You may choose the color, size and pattern. These quilts will be showcased at our Mini Quilt Auction in September. You can view more examples of churn dash quilts on our website at www.allenquilters.org Click on the President's Challenge tab. Enjoy!



**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)

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.

Google Group _____ New _____ Name Tag _____ Bylaws _____

Birthday _____ Small Group _____ Newsletter _____ Check# _____

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