



**April 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:**

- ☆ Sewing machine and supplies
- ☆ Raffle Ticket money
- ☆ Your projects for Show and Tell
- ☆ Other Community Service items
- ☆ A sense of curiosity
- ☆ Your wonderful self!

**Community Service Requests**

Shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene products, wash cloths.

Please bring them to the meeting or 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 Quilters!

Elaine - Thank you so much for leading the March meeting! It truly was March madness for me. The balls I try to juggle just nearly hit the ground.

April is my favorite month. Even if my Indian Hawthornes are just a freeze-dried memory, my iris show promise. I have 4 blooms now and more to come. The annual rebirth inspires and encourages me. And, my garden is like a mystery quilt. I can't remember what I planted, and anything that survives will delight me!

Sewing machines will be humming and hands will be busy at our April 15<sup>th</sup> Community Sew-in. I hope you join us.

We also have our Quilt "retreat" at The Best Little Retreat Center" in Texas starting on April 23rd. I miss my quilting friends and the fun we always have. This gathering will be a blessing.

See you Thursday!

Maridale M  
President



## March 2021 Allen Quilters' Guild Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$10,185.05
Income:		
Membership	\$ 25.00	
Block of the Month	\$ 50.00	
Raffle Tickets 2021	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	
	\$ 135.00	
		\$10,320.05
Expenses:		
Rent	\$ 50.00	
ACH Debit	<u>\$ 1.25</u>	
	\$ 51.25	
Ending Balance		\$10,268.80

Submitted by Alice G.  
4-8-2021



On March 18th, we had our first in person meeting since last year! We all wore masks and sat at least 6 feet apart. We had 9 members attending including 1 new member, Bill P. (Diana's husband). At the same time we were streaming Kathy S's Presentation on Facebook where at least 6 members were watching. How great is that for our first try. We did have some technical difficulties during the meeting but to date we have had 106 views of our meeting. Very exciting!!

### *Membership*

We're looking forward to seeing more members at our April Community Sew-In. Don't forget your mask!

Our April Birthday Members are Daisy S., Janice S., and Karen T.

If you see or know any of these lovely Birthday Ladies be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!

Membership Co-VPs, Shelly V. and Shivani V

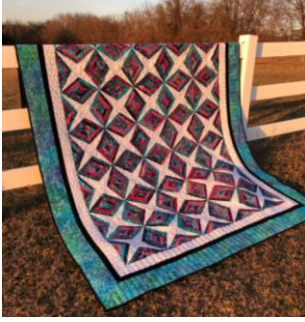


Quilters have known for a long time how important it is to have the backing of other quilters. Quilting bees in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries provided the isolated homemaker with the excuse to socialize. Fabric scraps and patterns were swapped along with neighborhood gossip. The gatherings also served as support groups.

The term *bee* was not intended to illustrate how busy the women were. *Bee* comes from *ben*, an Old English word meaning "help given by neighbors." *Ben* can also mean prayer, indicating spiritual thought and neighborly deeds.

From *Zen and the Art of Quilting* by Sandra Detrixhe

## 2021 Raffle Quilt “Kaleidoscope”



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. throughout the year as you sell the tickets.

We are also selling tickets through our website at [www.allenquilters.org](http://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.

If you need more paper tickets, please contact Alice G. at [abgore@att.net](mailto:abgore@att.net)

Come join us as we sew projects for our Allen community. Plus we get to see each other and visit! We'll order takeout around 6:00. Bring your favorite drink and your mask. So excited to see everyone!



Allen Quilters Guild

### April AQG Community Sew-In

Please RSVP to reserve your spot. We'll meet at Fabric Fanatics to sew projects to donate to area shelters. Kits will be available or bring your own project. You'll need your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. Come relax and enjoy sewing with other guild members.

**Date:** 04/15/2021 (Thu.)

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

**Location:** Fabric Fanatics

**Fabric Fanatics**  
910 West Parker Road, Ste 325  
Plano, TX 75075  
972 881-7750

To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A4AA22A2F94-aqgcommunity>

# AQG Spring Day Retreat

*Friday & Saturday*  
*April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>*

**\$40.00 per person**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Daily**

The Best Little Retreat Center in Texas

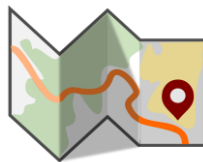
7989 Beltline Rd, Suite 168

Dallas, Texas 75248

*Click this link to register!*

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/catalog.php?owner=13010695&action=addCart&id=1033535&clear=1>

## Road Trip by Laurie T.



My husband and I took a scenic drive to Tyler one day in March. We stopped at Stitchin Heaven in Quitman. I haven't been to the shop for over a year. They have moved from Mineola to Quitman. There are over 15,000 bolts of fabric. It is bright and cheery. They are building a brand new retreat center next door.

We took the scenic country backroads to get there. So beautiful. If you haven't been to see Stitchin Heaven since they moved to their new location, try and go. It is a wonderful quilt shop! It has everything!!!

## Block of the Month

I have asked my husband for help. Now I have a colored picture on the instructions.



I have all 12 blocks ready to go in individual packets. Let me know if you want a block. \$5 a packet. This is our fundraiser for the guild. We will not have a mini-quilt auction this year. My email is [zest4life4ever@aol.com](mailto:zest4life4ever@aol.com). Thanks for your support for our guild.

Oh, and a bonus. Before Blueprint changed names, I asked them if they could donate an item. They sent me a big box. I have a list of those who purchased Jan & Feb (before the Covid shut down delayed things). I will continue to put your name in a drawing for each packet you buy. Someone will get this box!!!!

Thank you, Laurie T.

## Tid Bits



The President's challenge is to make projects using the churn dash block.

The block uses 4 half square triangles (HST). One of the easiest and fastest methods is to make two at a time. It is perfect for continuous sewing. The benefit of this method is you're working with the grain of the fabric, and therefore less chance of stretching when sewing the units together.

To determine what size squares you need to cut, all you need to know is what *finished* size you need and add  $\frac{7}{8}$ " to that measurement. Example, you want a 3" finished half square triangle. Cut the fabric  $3\frac{7}{8}$ ". For more accuracy and easier initial cutting, I recommend adding that  $\frac{1}{8}$ " to your determined fabric and then trimming to size. For the 3" finished block, cut 4" fabric squares instead of the  $3\frac{7}{8}$ ". There are charts online if you need help.

Step 1: Place two squares of fabric right side together. . On the lighter fabric, draw a line diagonally from one corner to the opposite corner. A trick is to place your fabric on a piece of sandpaper that has been glued to a base – I use a file folder – and your fabric will stay still while you draw the line.

Step 2: Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the drawn line. This is when you can save time by continuously sewing block after block.

Step 3: Cut along the drawn line. Press without stretching. Trim to your desired size. If you are making a large number of HST's you might think about investing in one of the specialty rulers like Bloc Loc to make your trimming easier. Any ruler you use to square blocks up will work fine but just remember to pay attention to the diagonal line to create even HSTs.

You can find instructions online for making 4 HST at a time (or more) or you can use commercial products such as Thangles.

Happy HST's!

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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