

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

February 2022

2022 AQG Officers & Committee Chairs

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Diana P. & Bill P.
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What to Bring to the Meeting

- ✓ Membership form and dues
- ✓ Block of the Month \$5
- ✓ Community Service Items
- ✓ Show and Tell items
- ✓ A guest
- ✓ Yourself - ready for a great year

Community Service Request

Baby items: diapers, wipes, washcloths, formula, gowns, onsies, etc.

From the President



It's February...The Month of Love! I hope you all receive lots of Valentines this month. And send to others as well. What better way to let someone know they are loved and special!!



Happy Valentine's Day!!

We didn't get to meet in person in January...stupid Covid! I hope you all weathered the latest surge. My son-in-law had it and freaked me out. I actually lived in my mask IN MY HOUSE! How crazy is that? Everyone is well now and I didn't catch it. Woohoo! I hope you were able to join me "LIVE" on Facebook. Yes, I know the camera was sideways. I'll fix that if we have to meet virtually in the future.

We have a BIG change for our February Meeting. We have NEW hours. We'll start a Meet & Greet at 6:00 for socializing. It seems we just don't have enough time to visit with each other. You can also "Table Hop" to sign up for Block of the Month or collect some kits to sew from Community Service and grab some Quilt of Valor blocks to make. We also need you to pay your membership for this year. Please fill out a new form with any NEW information. We are going to print new directories this year so we need correct information. At 6:30, our business meeting will begin. Then our program/presenter will begin at 7:00. Our ending time is staying the same.

I'm excited about our February presenter. Pam Wingate from The Best Little Retreat Center in Texas will be there to share information about her center as well as show some new quilting gadgets. She will also demonstrate a gridded fusible interfacing that will aide you in making perfect squares from ½ inch to 2 inches...NO cutting and sewing them back together. She will create a workshop where you can complete a project using this interfacing if we have enough people interested. I hope we do....I want to come!!!

We are back to wearing masks. So, please wear one and help stop the spread and keep us all safe. We'll also have the chairs spaced out.

Come join us for an exciting time with Pam!

Elaine R., President

Allen Quilters' Guild Treasurer's Report January 2022

Beginning Balance		\$ 9,324.19
Income:		
Stitchin' Heaven Retreat \$ 4 member	\$ 880.00	
		\$10,204.19
Expenses:		
Stitchin' Heaven Retreat \$ 8 members	\$2,079.20	
CCD Bankcard MTOT Disc	<u>\$ 41.20</u>	
	\$2,120.40	
Ending Balance		\$ 8,083.79

Submitted by Alice G. 2-11-2022



Block of the Month...Quilted Kitchen Blocks

We have January and February blocks of the month ready! Blocks of the Month are \$5 each

We have decided to make up a kitchen basket to be given away in December. Each time you buy a block of the month your name will be put in the drawing.

Stop by the table at the next meeting and check it out. See you then.

Diana P. Ways and Means Co-VP



Community Service



Each month the Allen Quilt Guild donates items to various charities. For February we are requesting baby items -- diapers, wipes, wash clothes, formula, gowns, onesies, etc. If you cannot bring a baby item, I will have a jar for a cash donation so we can purchase some items to donate.

Fabric with children's prints is always needed. What you have may be able to be combined with others for fun quilts. I'm happy to create the kits.

We have several additional quilt, bib, placemat, and pillowcase kits to be completed. Please pick these up or drop off completed items at the meeting. Also, you can text or call me for a drop off place if you cannot make the meeting.

Thank you so much!

Janice S.



Design Boards Are Definitely Handy!!

Our fearless leader displayed just one of her projects at the Winter Retreat at Stitchin' Heaven in Quitman the first weekend of February.

The retreat was very flexible so we were able to go one day early and were snug as bugs when the sleet and snow arrived. There was less snow than in Allen/McKinney. A beautiful retreat facility and a fun shop – we all shopped, of course. You will eventually see the results of our purchases.

I hope more of our members are able to attend our next Quitman adventure.

Lorraine M.

1500 Sq Ft of
Creative Space

AQG February Meeting
6:00 P.M.
Come meet Pam Wingate!

BEST LITTLE
RETREAT



CENTER
IN TEXAS

A day retreat center that offers various packages to fit your sewing needs. Pam will talk about her Membership Package that is only \$15 a day and you get one day a month to sew.
www.bestlittleretreatcenterintexas.com

7989 Belt Line Rd, Suite #168
Dallas, Texas 75248

March
Daytime
Meeting

Mark
your
calendars

QUILT OF VALOR COMMUNITY SEW-IN

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH

1:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

ALLEN SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

451 ST. MARY DRIVE

ALLEN, TEXAS



Allen Quilters' Guild
Allen, Texas



Love is a Quilt



Love is a Quilt, A Quilt is Love.
Both Love and a Quilt should be
Soft enough to comfort you,
Bright enough to cheer you,
Generous enough to enfold you,
Light enough to let you move,
Strong enough to face adversity,
Warm enough to keep you cozy,
Peaceful enough to induce sleep,
Secure enough to relieve stress,
Intimate enough to console you,
Durable enough to last a lifetime,
And given from the heart.



Author Unknown

Open Board Position

- **VP of Communications –**

- Create events in Facebook as needed to promote our activities.
- Use Word Press to edit and update our website. Communication is key to growing our guild. Training is available for Word Press.
- Send group emails as needed to keep the members updated with current information.

Standing Committees (You do not attend board meetings)

- **Raffle Quilt Coordinator –**

- schedule showings of the raffle quilt at local quilt stores and guilds once a month. Create a signup sheet for guild meetings to schedule volunteers.

- **Birthdays & Door Prizes –**

- Visit local quilt stores to collect door prizes that are gifted at each monthly meeting. Most quilt stores will already have a gift packet ready for you. Just present our business card.
- Create gift bags for monthly birthdays. These bags usually contain fat quarters or something of your choosing.

- **Retreats & Road trips**

- Coordinate retreats (day or away) for the guild members. We usually do one away and the rest day retreats at Best Little Retreat Center in Texas.
- Road trips can be anywhere that would interest quilters. This would be an additional activity usually on a Saturday that members can participate in.

- **Quilt Auction & Fabric Sale**

- Organize (with a committee) the auction which is usually held in the Fall. This is a major fund raiser for the guild.
- Coordinate the sale of guild member fabric donations to raise funds for the guild.

- **Christmas Party**

- Organize our annual Christmas Party in December. You can do this by yourself or with a committee. Anything goes!!!

Please consider volunteering for one of these committees. We really need you! Our guild is small so it means we ALL need to play a part. If not, then some much needed events will have to be canceled which affects our funding which then affects our programs. Presenters charge between \$250 - \$400. Find a friend that will do it with you. The board is here to support you and share any information needed for each position. Just contact a board member or email me at bebrice54@gmail.com or call/text 936-465-8229.



Feb. 17 AQG Meeting, Best Little Retreat Center in Texas, 6:00pm. See info above

Feb. 18-19 Along the Silk Road, Hill Country Guild Show. <https://hillcountryquiltguild.com/>

March 11-13 Dallas Quilt Show. <https://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org/dallas-quilt-show/>

** Please let me know of events you think our members would be interested in so I can list them**

Thank you! Lorraine

**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 Dot F.

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# _____