

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

August 2022

2022 AQG Officers & Committee Chairs

President: Elaine R.
1st VP Programs: Brenda B. & Lynda L.
2nd VP Membership: Dot F & Maridale G..
3rd VP Communications:
4th VP Community Service: Janice S.
5th VP Ways & Means: Diana P. & Bill P.
Secretary: Tana B.
Treasurer: Alice G.
Newsletter: Lorraine M.

What to Bring to the Meeting

- ✓ Block of the Month \$5
- ✓ Community Service Items
- ✓ Show and Tell items
- ✓ A guest
- ✓ Sewing Supplies

Community Service Request

Hope's Door – School supplies: pens, pencils, notebook paper, folder with pockets, Kleenex, dividers, etc. Check supply lists in stores.

From the President

Hello Everyone,

Well, here we are in mid-August and we as a guild can look forward to some busy, fun months ahead. Our charity work is what our guild is all about. That makes me “sew” happy!

At our August meeting, we are finishing up our Quilts of Valor quilts for our September Award Ceremony. Then September brings the ceremony where we will award about 12 veterans with their quilts. Thank you to all that have sewn quilts for this occasion. If you visit the Allen Public Library, you will see a beautiful quilt display by our own, Lorraine M.

“THANK YOU” LORRAINE! I went by to look at it and it's beautiful. {Photo below}

Another **NEW** charity that we are participating with is **Lone Star Santas**. Gary came and talked about his organization in June. We will be making pillowcases for them to use for kids to collect toys in throughout the year. There's more below about what they do. If you come to our Sew-In this month, Lynda L. will be demonstrating the “burrito” method of making a pillowcase. I'll be posting a video on our website that you can view. It will be on the Community Service page.

Quilts of Valor, **Lone Star Santas**, **Meals on Wheels**, **Hope's Door**, etc. are just a few charities that we make things for. Again, it's what we are all about. I'm so proud of that. Thank you!

Our meetings the next two months will be held off-site (not at Blue House, Too). We'll meet at Fabric Fanatics next week and then in September we'll have our QOV Award Ceremony on September 22nd. Our website will have all the correct days and times that we are meeting. You can check it out at www.allenquilters.org.

Our board met this week and we have decided to do our **Fabric Sale** on Saturday, **October 22** instead of November 10th. **Not Your Mommas Quilt Store** is having a **DeStash Blast** and we've decided to sale our fabric that day. So, mark your calendar and start getting your fabric stash ready to sale. We'll also need volunteers to work our booths that day. I'll be sending an email with all the details. Let's make some money for our guild.

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From the President, continued

So many great things are happening in our Guild. Again, I'm so proud of what we do. **We are small but mighty!** Thank you for contributing your time and talent for all our charities. Come sew with us next Thursday at Fabric Fanatics! We have so much fun.

Elaine R.
President



Thank you to Betty M. for her help during installation. It is now a two person task.
Lorraine



August Community Sew-In

Thursday, August 18th
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Fabric Fanatics

910 West Parker Road, Plano, Texas



We will be working on our patriotic quilts for our September QOV Award Ceremony. Bring any finished or unfinished quilts so that we can help complete them. We'll be adding a label to each quilt. If you don't have a patriotic quilt, you can help with blocks and labels.

Bring your sewing machine, favorite ruler and rotary cutter, and basic sewing supplies. This is a "come and go" event. You can stay all day or sew for a few hours. It's up to you. Signup at July meeting. It's so much fun. I hope you'll join us.



Our August birthday quilters are

Joellen B.

Lynda L.

Shelly V.

Allen Quilters' Guild Treasurer's Report July 2022

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| Beginning Balance | | \$ 7,711.04 |
| Income: | | |
| Membership Fees | \$ 25.00 | |
| Raffle Tickets | \$ 30.00 | |
| Workshop Class | <u>\$ 140.00</u> | |
| | \$ 195.00 | |
| | | \$ 7,906.04 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Against the Grain Notions | \$ 40.00 | |
| Allen Arts Alliance – July Rent | \$ 50.00 | |
| Book – Quilt Through the Seasons | \$ 32.38 | |
| DBT CRD Zoom 1 year fee | \$ 89.94 | |
| Quilt Ideas – July Program | \$ 308.60 | |
| Quilt Ideas Workshop Class | \$ 247.50 | |
| Staples – Raffle Tickets | <u>\$ 26.20</u> | |
| | \$ 794.62 | |
| Ending Balance | | \$ 7,111.42 |
| Submitted by Alice G. 8-13-2022 | | |

Block of the Month...Quilted Kitchen Blocks



Since it is so hot outside, why don't you join us and make a kitchen block? This month we're making the cookies and milk block. All fabrics need for the block, is included in the kit, and it's only \$5.00 per kit. See you at the next meeting.

Diana and Bill P
Ways and Means Co VP

Community Service



Each month the Allen Quilt Guild donates items to various charities.

For August we are requesting school supplies for Hope's Door: pens, pencils, notebook paper, folder with pockets, Kleenex, dividers, etc. Check supply lists in stores.

I will have a jar for cash donations so we can purchase some items to donate, if you are unable to bring an item.

Check out the kits available at the Community Service table.

Janice S., VP Community Service

The Bag Ladies Workshop



presented by Cathy & Collen

Saturday, September 24th

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fabric Fanatics

Cost: \$30.00 plus kit



Sign up at July guild meeting or SignupGenius. Purchase your pattern at Joanne's or Hobby Lobby. The kit is by June Taylor and is called "Alexandra Tote". It costs around \$12. You will also provide your own fabric. Lunch will be on your own. Bring your sewing machine, pattern, fabric & basic supplies.

Tid Bits

My sewing area is bulging at the seams and I can't find anything!

1. Recycle. Utilize plastic containers that you bought salad greens, fruit etc. in to store threads, fat quarters, etc. Smaller containers such as those used for raspberries can be used for block pieces to keep them together and flat.
2. 2 -gallon plastic recloseable bags are perfect project size. They will hold enough fabric for most quilts. If the fabric is put together, you are less likely to grab a piece for something else and end up in a pickle.
3. Larger plastic containers with lids take care of the bigger projects. Add the quilt directions, all of the fabrics, specialty rulers if needed, thread and other supplies like freezer paper, stabilizer, etc. It creates your own grab-and-go kit. They also stack nicely in the closet.
4. Visit an office supply store. Magazine organizers, pencil holders (some fit the rotary cutters with room for extra blades), and desk organizers can be used in the sewing area.
5. Hang a bulletin board in the closet to hold a myriad of items such as measuring tapes. Just pin things on. If it is in the closet no one will see if it is neat and tidy.
6. Use pant hangers to hold completed blocks or pressed quilt tops.
7. Group small remnants together. Someday you might actually cut them into strips or squares for a scrap quilt.
8. Purge. Swap fabric you don't think you will use with a friend or use it for a donation quilt for community service.



Allen Quilters' Guild Annual Fabric Sale

Saturday, October 22, 2022

9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Not Your Mama's Quilt Store
Plano, Texas

We will have 2 spaces at the upcoming DeStash Blast at Not Your Mama's Quilt Store on Saturday, October 22nd. This will take the place of our fabric sale in November. We are going to do it in October instead. I've included a link to the guidelines for getting your fabric/stash ready for the sale. <http://allenquilters.org/mini-quilt-auction/> Please print it and start getting your donated fabric ready. This is a great fundraiser for our guild.

We'll also need volunteers that day to man the booths. You can sign up through SignupGenius for a 2-hour block of time. You are welcome to stay as long as you like. We'll be setting up at 8:30 a.m. and taking everything down at 1:00 p.m.

You can bring your fabric items that day or to the October guild meeting. If you have questions, please contact Elaine at bebrice54@gmail.com



Allen Quilters' Guild
cordially invites you to our annual
QUILT OF VALOR
AWARD CEREMONY

Thursday, September 22, 2022

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Allen Senior Recreation Center

451 E. St. Mary Drive

Allen, Texas

RSVP by August 1st

Elaine Rice – bebrice54@gmail.com

Our Quilt of Valor Award Ceremony this year will be as stated above. We are recruiting veterans to award the quilts. If you or someone you know...relative, neighbor, friend, etc. has served in war, please talk with them about receiving a quilt. We want to honor them. I have uploaded the QOV nomination form as well as directions for filling it out to our website. Just click on the QOV tab and print off the forms. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Rice at bebrice54@gmail.com. Deadline for nominations is August 1st for this ceremony. Any nominations after that date will receive a quilt at our next award ceremony.

We also need QOV quilts. Janice S. has blocks cutout for you to take home. Just see her at the Community Service table before our meeting. Of course, you can make your own. There are free patterns on the QOV website at www.qovf.org. Diana P. will quilt these for \$40 each. You must provide the top & backing. But she can't do them all at one time so get them to her as soon as you finish them. She will return to you for binding. There is also a form for label information about the quilt that QOV requires. That is also on our website. Contact Elaine R at bebrice54@gmail.com.



* Pillowcase Drive for Lone Star Santos *

Goal is 100!

Join us in a Pillowcase Drive benefiting disaster-stricken children and families. Lone Star Santos provide love, hope, joy, toys, and hugs in the Convoy of Toys. We have a free pillowcase video on our website to show you how to do the “burrito” style of pillowcase. I think there are 3 seams total. Lynda L will be demonstrating this technique at our Sew-In next Thursday. Please use new fabrics in a variety of colors and styles as they will be distributed throughout the year. Bring them to our guild meetings when finished. For more information about Lone Star Santos, visit their website at www.lonestarsantas.org. Deadline is the end of 2022!

[Click here](#) for pillowcase video by Riley Blake Design.



August 18-20 Trinity Valley Quilters Guild, North Texas Quilt Festival, Irving, <https://www.tvqg.org/north-texas-quilt-festival-2022/>

August 26-27 Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild, Killeen, <http://cttquiltguild.org/2022-quilt-show/>

Sept. 1-Dec. 17 Texas Quilt Museum, La Grange, <http://texasquiltmuseum.org/>

Sept. 2-3 Vereins Quilt Guild of Fredericksburg, “Quilted Fields of Dreams”

<http://www.verainsquiltguild.org/quiltshow.html>

Sept. 9-10 Wichita Falls Quilt Guild “Quilting in the “Falls”, <https://wichitafallsquiltguild.org/quilt-show/>

Sept. 23-24 Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild Annual Show, “Rockin Round the Stars”, Sulphur Springs,

<https://www.sulphurspringstxquilts.com/>

Sept. 23-25 Austin Area Quilt Guild, <https://aaqg.org/QuiltFest>

Oct. 3-28 Piecemakers Quilt Guild Annual Show, Corsicana, <https://www.corsicanaquiltguild.com/>

Oct. 29 McKinney Quilt Show, 10-3, Heard Craig Center for the Arts, <https://www.heardcraig.org/>

**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# _____