



Allen Quilters' Guild

Promoting the Heritage, Education, Art & Friendship of Quilting

Minutes of the March 23, 2023 Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild General Membership

Date and Time: Thursday, March 23, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.
Location: Not Your Mama's Quilt Store
2963 West 15th St., #3055
Plano, Texas 75075

The meeting was called to order by Elaine, presiding, at 6:10 p.m.

Elaine welcome everyone to the meeting. This meeting, originally scheduled for March 16, 2023, was rescheduled to March 23, 2023 due to stormy weather conditions. Blue House Too was booked for the rescheduled meeting date and time, so the meeting location was changed to *Not Your Mama's Quilt Store*.

Old Business

Elaine reported that two board positions remain unfilled:

- Ways & Means: this position is in charge of all fund-raising activity for the guild.
- Secretary: Elaine thanked Colleen for handling some of the tasks of the Secretary until the position can be filled.

Judy Steward's workshop, a choice of "Photo to Quilt" or the "Scrappy Collage Bunny", has been re-scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2023 at *Stitched With Love* (The Shops at Custer Plaza, 500 North Custer Road, Suite 110, McKinney, Texas 75071) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. The supply list was distributed at the meeting.

New Business

Elaine announced that Gretchen will take charge of updating the guild's Facebook and website pages while Elaine will take over the newsletter.

This year's De-Stash Blast being held at *Not Your Mama's Quilt Store* will be on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This year the guild will only

display its raffle quilt and sell raffle tickets. The plan is to have 2-hour shifts of volunteers. Please sign up at Signup Genius ([Signup Genius - De-Stash](#)) or contact Elaine to volunteer.

The April program on April 20, 2023 is a Community Sew In and will be held at *Not Your Mama's Quilt Store* from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the project being worked on will be Fidget Mats for Bristol Hospice. Materials will be provided and will be ready to sew. Elaine reminded everyone that the guild provides items to several organizations throughout the year:

1. Meals on Wheels: Placemats
2. Lone Star Santas: Pillowcases
3. Hope's Door: Shower Tote Bags
4. Quilts of Valor: Quilts
5. Bristol Hospice: Fidget Mats

Elaine emphasized the need for members to record their volunteer hours. This includes time spent on making the blocks of the month for the Quilts of Valor. Also included are service hours performed outside of the guild on behalf of the community.

A mini-Community Service sew-in will be held on the second Thursday of each month from 12 noon to 4 p.m. with the exception of the months of April and July as the all-day Community Service Sew-In is being held those months. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 11, 2023 and the location is to be announced. Participants are requested to bring a sewing machine and basic supplies. RSVP for attendance to Janice.

The AQG Mother's Day Retreat at Sunset Retreat is scheduled from Thursday May 11 through Sunday May 14, 2023. You can choose to stay 2 or 3 nights. The cost is \$90 per person per night. The price includes dinner on Thursday night, a continental breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday, and brunch on Sunday. The deadline for sign up and payment is due by the April 2023 meeting. A minimum of 12 is required. A show of hands indicated that only 4 attendees have plans to attend. If the minimum is not met, then the retreat will be opened up to others outside of the guild. If you are planning to attend, please email Ellen at rockpilequilter@gmail.com. Signup through Signup Genius: [Signup Genius-Retreat](#)

The next steps on the AQG Raffle Quilt Road Show are:

- Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.: Frisco Quilt Guild
- Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.: Garland Quilt Guild

Please contact Elaine or Lorraine to help display the quilt at these guild meetings. Lorraine explained that the "black" quilt display frame has been fixed. Consequently, the "old" quilt display frame has been officially decommissioned and is available for anyone who wants it.

The April General Meeting will be a Community Sew-In at *Not Your Mama's Quilt Store*. We'll be completing project kits for our different charities. Please signup so we'll know for how many to prepare sewing space. [Signup Genius-April Sew-In](#)

The speaker for the May program on May 18, 2023 is Terry Mosher. His topic is "The Journey of a Male Quilter".

Roxy has a total of nine (9) star blocks planned for this year's Block of the Month program. Blocks will be put together at the July All-Day Community Service Sew-In. The blocks will be assembled into quilts in October for distribution at the November program.

Elaine reports that the guild has acquired a significant amount of 108" wide backing fabric for the quilts for Quilts of Valor. *Against the Grain*, Diane's longarm service, has agreed to quilt up to 10 quilts for \$40 each, only charging the guild for batting and thread. Spring volunteered to quilt on her longarm.

Elaine thanked Alice for providing refreshments for the meeting. The members whose birthday is in the month of the meeting are to bring refreshments.

The minutes to the February 16, 2023 General Guild Meeting are posted on the website and a link is provided in the newsletter.

Elaine pointed out that there are bookmarks for members to take and give away. The bookmarks have the Guild meeting information and also the list of programs for 2023.

Door prizes and Birthday prizes were distributed

The business meeting concluded at 7:00 p.m.

Show & Tell was presented.

Judy Steward gave her program "Photo to Quilt".

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C