

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

March 2023

2023 AQG Officers & Committee Chairs

President: Elaine R.
1st VP Programs: Brenda B. & Maridale M.
2nd VP Membership: Diana P. & Ginger M.
3rd VP Communications: Gretchen
4th VP Community Service: Janice S.
5th VP Ways & Means: **OPEN**
Secretary: **OPEN**
Treasurer: Colleen C
Newsletter: Gretchen P.

What to Bring to the next Meeting ...

- ✓ Membership Dues
- ✓ Show & Tell
- ✓ A Friend

AQG General Meeting Minutes will be posted each month on our website.

www.allenquilters.org

From the President

Hello Everyone,



March Madness...

I'm not talking about basketball...haha! I'm talking about how "crazy" it is that it's already March! I can't believe it. March brings **"MADNESSS"** when you move that clock forward and lose that hour. It's especially maddening when you have grandchildren that don't adjust well. I have trouble but I don't have to wake up and go to work or school. Ugh!

But it's also a lovely time of year when everything turns green, and the flowers start to bloom. I start thinking about all the new quilt projects I want to start or maybe finish... haha. (I always have projects to finish.) Which brings me to our upcoming **Mother's Day Retreat**. I know, I know...it's Mother's Day Weekend BUT you can choose to come Thursday and Friday night and leave Saturday evening. Or you can leave early Sunday morning which is what I plan on doing. My family will celebrate Mother's Day at Sunday lunch. So, please think about coming. Again, you can pay for 2 or 3 nights. Ellen R. has door prizes and games to play. She has worked very hard in planning this. And you'll get to start or finish your projects with your wonderful friends. Details are below. I do hope you'll plan on coming.

Our speaker this month is **Judy Steward**. I love her technique of taking a photo and turning into a quilt. She'll also show you how to make a photo "scrappy". She'll have her trunk show as well. You don't want to miss her.

Also, LAST CALL for **Membership Dues**. We want to try and wrap this up in March. Membership will be printing new guild directories this year.

See you all on Thursday!

Elaine R.



2023 Membership Dues

We hope everyone is ready for Spring! We sure are! We had 21 members at the last meeting. It was good to see everyone again.

Just a reminder that if you have not paid you dues for 2023, please bring check or money to the meeting on the 16th. We will be working on the directory in the next couple of weeks. If you are not current on your dues, you will not be included in the directory.



March Birthdays

Alice G.

Refreshments are BACK for 2023!

We're changing up our routine for refreshments. For your birthday month, you will be asked to bring refreshments. These members are responsible for bringing refreshments for March:

Alice G



Allen Quilt Guild makes and donates items to various charities throughout the year.

Meals on Wheels – Placemats
Lone Star Santa's – Pillowcases
Hope's Door – Shower Tote Bags
Quilts of Valor – Quilts
Fidget Mats – Bristol Hospice

There are plenty of kits available...

- ✓ Pillowcases
- ✓ Shower Bags
- ✓ Placemats
- ✓ Fidget Mats

Volunteers Hours...

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours. Volunteer forms are available at the Community Service table.

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

Janice S., VP Community Service

Treasurers Report - February 2023

Beginning Income			\$6,259.15
	Membership	\$275.00	
	Other	\$75.00	
	Raffle Quilt	\$276.80	
	Total		\$626.80
Expenses	Programs	\$328.48	
	Raffle Quilt	\$49.98	
	Total		\$378.46
Ending Cash Box			\$6,507.49
			\$50.00
Submitted: Colleen C., March 1, 2023			

March Presenter...Judy Steward

Photo to Quilt!



How do you take a photo or a picture that you like and make it into a quilt? How do you make it the size you want? How do you make it into a pattern? Does it need to be cropped to make a better composition? Are there things in the photo that are a distraction, or does it need some little thing added? These are some of the questions that Judy will answer and show you how she makes her quilts from her photos. Her art quilts will be part of the lecture so that you can see the techniques she used to give the effect the quilt needed to come to life!



Judy Steward Workshop



Scrappy Applique/Photo Workshop

by Judy Steward

Saturday, April 1st

10:00 – 3:00 p.m.

\$40.00 (pattern included)

Stitched With Love

500 N. Custer Road McKinney, Texas

You can choose to bring a photo to make into a quilt if you so desire.

Supply lists will be sent before the workshop.

Register by clicking [HERE](#)



Sew Days

Mark your calendars for 2nd Thursdays of the Month. We will meet at various homes to sew on our Community Projects.

NO Monthly Sew Day in March!

We have our Community Sew Day for our general meeting on Thursday, April 20th at Not Your Mommas Quilt Store from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Janice S., VP Community Service

AQG MOTHER'S DAY RETREAT

May 11, 12, 13 & 14TH, 2023

(Thursday through Sunday)

SUNSET RETREAT CENTER AND QUILT SHOP

410 Echo Rd.

Sunset, TX 76270

Phone Number: 940-845-2090

Website: info@sunsetretreat.com



\$90.00 per person per night (\$270.00 plus tax)

Half payment (\$135.00) due at March meeting

Balance due at the April meeting

3 nights, 4 days

Working Members: Friday & Saturday night (\$180.00 plus tax)

12 person minimum required

Includes dinner Thursday night dinner, continental breakfast,
lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday, and Sunday brunch

A masseuse will be available at an additional cost.

Let Ellen know if you are interested.

Register by clicking [HERE](#).

For additional information, email Ellen at

rockpilequilter@gmail.com

AQG
2023
Raffle
Quilt
Road
Trip
Show

We need volunteers to show our raffle quilt at area guilds. You can sign up at our monthly meetings.

Here's the schedule for the next few months...

- ✓ March 15th – The Colony Quilt Guild – Dot & Elaine
- ✓ April 25th - Frisco Quilt Guild at 6:30
 - Volunteers:
 - 1. Roxie G.
 - 2.
- ✓ May 2nd - Garland Quilt Guild at 7:00
 - Volunteers
 - 1.
 - 2.

Contact Lorraine M. at lmattis@jacklor.com or lmattis789@gmail.com or call 214 432-5846 to volunteer.



2023 Open Positions

We need you! Our guild **CAN NOT** exist without your help. It's really a lot of fun. Please help us fill these positions. Get a quilting friend to do it with you.

Board Position

(Meets once a month).

- VP Ways and Means - **NEEDED**
- Secretary - **NEEDED**
- Treasurer – Colleen C.

Standing Committees

(You do not attend board meetings)

- 2024 Board Nominations - **NEEDED**

Please contact me if you are interested in a position. Our guild cannot exist without your help!

Contact Elaine R. at bebrice54@gmail.com

April General Meeting Community Sew-In

NOT YOUR MOMMAS QUILT STORE
2063 W. 15TH ST., PLANO, TEXAS 75075
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. We'll have kits available to sew.

2023 Presenters & Workshops

March 16th

Judy Steward
Photo/Collage Quilts
Workshop – April 1st

April 1st

Judy Steward Workshop
Stitched With Love
10 – 3:00
\$40.00

April 20th

Community Sew-In
Not Your Momma's Quilt Store
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

May 18th

Terry Mosher
"Journey of a Male Quilter"

July 20th

QOV Community Sew-In
Fabric Fanatics

August 17th

Dot & Janice (Our Own)
Stained Glass Windows

September 21st

Quilt Auction & Boutique

October 19th

Gratchen Carroll (Our Own)
Fabric Ornaments
Workshop – October 21st

November 10th

Quilt of Valor Ceremony

December 9th

Christmas Party
Raffle Quilt Drawing

Block of the Month **MADNESS**

by Roxy...

Unfinished Block size: 12 ½" X 12 ½" (12" finished)

The March Block of the Month is basically the same as February's BOM with placement changes. Turning the outside Half Square Triangles (HST) gives the Night Time Star block a different look from February's LeMoyne Star.



The basic building squares in this pattern are HST. A good resource for making HST can be found at:

www.blog.treasure.com/half-square-triangles/

Fabric needed:

Background: Twelve 3 ½" squares to make four corner squares & eight HST

Star color 1: eight 3 ½" squares for HST

Star color 2: eight 3 ½" squares for HST

Make the following HST combinations:

Four HST color 1 & background

Four HST color 2 & background

Four HST color 1 and color 2

Hint: make sure your HST's measure an accurate 3 ½" square for easier piecing.

Arrange your squares as shown and sew together.

All BOM patterns can be found on our website at www.allenquilters.org

Upcoming Quilt Events...

- March 15th - AQG Raffle Quilt Road Trip – The Colony Quilt Guild
- March 16th – AQG General Meeting – Judy Steward, Presenter
- March 24-25 – Tyler Quilt Show – Details below
- March 25th – Denton Quilt Guild Surplus Sale – Details below
- April 1st – Judy Steward Scrappy Collage/Photo Workshop – Stitched With Love – 10 – 3:00 p.m.
- April 15th – DeStash Blast – Not Your Mommas Quilt Store – Plano, Tx
- April 20th – AQG Community Sew-in – Not Your Mommas Quilt Store – Plano, Tx – 10 – 5:00 p.m.
- April 25th – AQG Raffle Quilt Road Trip – Frisco Quilt Guild
- May 2nd – AQG Raffle Quilt Road Trip - Garland Quilt Guild
- May 18th – AQG General Meeting – Terry Mosher, Presenter



41st Annual Tyler Quilt Show

Bits to Beautiful

March 24-25, 2023

10:00-4:30

First Christian Church

Christian Life Center

4202 South Broadway

Tyler, TX

Admission \$10 Children under 6-Free



DENTON QUILT GUILD Surplus Sale

Tuesday March 21, 2023 - 4-9 pm for DQG members

Wednesday March 22, 2023 - 11 am-4 pm open to public

Location: Patterson Appleton Arts Center
400 E Hickory, Denton, Texas 76201

Pricing: All fabrics (yardage, panels and FQs), thread and notions, embellishments and trims are \$6/pound. (Approx 4 yards fabric or 20 FQs per pound)

Books: hardback \$1; soft bound \$.50; magazines 5/\$1

Some items may be individually priced: whole BOM kits, storage furniture, lights, used sewing machines, etc.

Bring your own totes to carry stuff away.
Cash, check or charge accepted.



**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 Diana P. or Ginger M.

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# _____