



# Allen Quilters' Guild

Promoting the Heritage, Education, Art & Friendship of Quilting

## Minutes of the April 20, 2023 General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild

Date and Time: Thursday, April 20, 2023 @ 12:30 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, President, at 12:35 p.m.

Elaine welcome everyone to the meeting. The business meeting is being held during the all-day Community Sew-In at *Not Your Mama's Quilt Store*. The project currently being worked on is the production of Fidget Mats for Bristol Hospice, one of the charities supported by the guild.

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### *Old Business*

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#### Programs

Last month's program and workshop with Judy Steward were a success. There were 17 members and 1 guest in attendance at the presentation, and 5 people participated in making appliqued bunnies at the workshop held on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at *Stitched With Love*.

#### Mother's Day Retreat

Mother's Day Retreat was cancelled due to lack of participants. Ellen will send a survey to determine the members preferences for upcoming retreats.

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### *New Business*

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#### De-Stash Blast

The guild had a booth at this year's De-Stash Blast at *Not Your Mama's Quilt Store* on last Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and this year the guild only displayed the raffle quilt. A total of \$61 of tickets was sold.

### Patriotic Quilt Requests

1. Laurie Thode with the Allen Senior Recreation Center has requested that the guild display patriotic quilts at its Memorial Day Remembrance scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Allen Civic Auditorium at the Allen Public Library. The plan is to hang 6 patriotic-themed quilts. Diane has offered the use of poles and stands to help in the display. There will be no Quilts of Valor awarded and the raffle quilt will not be displayed. All are welcomed to attend the Remembrance.
2. Laurie Thode with the Allen Senior Recreation Center has requested that the guild donate a patriotic quilt for the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Military Reunion to be held the first weekend in September. Additional information is forthcoming.

### Raffle Quilt Road Show

The Allen Arts Festival (“AAF”) at Watters Creek is scheduled for Mother’s Day Weekend, May 12-14, 2023. The guild would have a booth (no charge for the booth, a 10x10 canopy, Elaine to acquire) outside of the Blue House Too Art House to display the raffle quilt and sell raffle quilt tickets.

Additionally, the guild would like to set up patriotic quilts and promote the guild and its QOV program as well. Elaine will investigate further on this and also find out if the guild has to be set up all 3 days or just set up on just Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Currently, the guild has 1,500 unsold raffle tickets and additional raffle tickets will be printed. Last year the AAF reported that there was a total of 62,000 in attendance for the event. Volunteers (3 per shift) would be needed to staff the booth:

Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

As there is no additional meeting before the AAF event, Elaine will send out emails with information and for Sign-Up Genius for the Saturday shifts.

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

- Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.: Frisco Quilt Guild (Roxy & Debra)
- Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.: Garland Quilt Guild (Alice & Colleen)

Please contact Elaine or Lorraine to help display the quilt at these guild meetings. Lorraine is working to line up a few more visits to area guild meetings.

### Mini-Quilt Auction Alternatives

Since the Mini-Quilt Auction has become an event where members selling to members, Elaine has begun to investigate four (4) venues for the guild to sell quilts, fabric and quilted items at various fall and/or Christmas festivals. Options so far:

1. McKinney ISD Holiday Bazaar  
Saturday, October 21, 2023 (?); 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
McKinney High School, 1400 Wilson Creek Parkway, McKinney

2. Allen Fall Festival  
Date: to be determined  
Allen Senior Recreation Center, 451 St Mary Drive, Allen

3. Wylie Arts Festival  
Saturday, December 2, 2023; 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
The Cross Church Event Center, 200 N. Ballard Ave., Wylie

4. St. Jude Catholic Church Craft Fair  
Friday November 3, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday November 4, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
St. Jude Catholic Church, 1515 N. Greenville Ave., Allen

Elaine explained that booths are given first come first serve with preference given to returning vendors.

Debra suggested that to ensure a sufficient quantity as well as a variety of items to offer for sale, an inventory or itemization of things would be a good idea. Elaine will post on the guild's web site items for members to produce.

Roxy suggested that a variety of items can be displayed by hanging the items from coat racks.

Elaine noted that if the McKinney event is selected, that instead of the October meeting, the guild members be able to participate in staffing the event.

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### *VP Reports*

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#### ***Programs***

The speaker for the May 18, 2023 program is Terry Mosher. His topic is "The Journey of a Male Quilter". There will be a trunk show.

The June 15, 2023 program is Sewing Olympics, where members demonstrate various tips, tricks and techniques. If this is not feasible, other options are being considered (possibly a salad supper with games).

#### ***Treasurer***

Colleen reported the March 1<sup>st</sup> checking account balance was \$6,507.49 and the March 31<sup>st</sup> ending balance is \$6,097.86. Income came from Raffle Quilt Ticket sales and membership dues. Expenses were related to the March program.

### **Community Service**

At the all-day Community Service sew-in, the guild is putting together various 4-inch blocks with different fidget items. The plan going forward is to make kits from these blocks for members to put into mats and to complete with backing and batting.

The next mini-Community Service sew-in will be Thursday, May 11, 2023, location is to be announced. Participants are requested to bring a sewing machine and basic supplies. RSVP for attendance to Janice. The proposed project will be making shower bags for Hope's Door.

Janice also reported that she has kits for shower bags, placemats and pillowcases for pick-up. Also, a sign-up sheet is available to log community service hours.

### **Membership**

There are 23 new/renewing members and 12 members from last year that have not renewed. There are 13 members in attendance at this meeting.

### **Block of the Month**

Roxy reports that 4 quilt tops can be constructed from the number of blocks that have been turned in to her.

### **Other**

Roxy reports that the McKinney Guild is holding its De-Stash Your Stash Sale on May 16<sup>th</sup> following the 12:30 Social meeting and Salad & Dessert Luncheon.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. CDT.

Submitted by Colleen.