

# Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

April 2023

## 2023 AQG Officers & Committee Chairs

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

## What to Bring to the next Meeting ...

- ✓ Sewing Machine &  
basic supplies
- ✓ Finished kits
- ✓ BOM blocks to share
- ✓ Show & Tell
- ✓ A friend

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

<http://allenquilters.org/news/general-meeting-minutes/>

## From the President



Hey Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful time celebrating Easter. It was all about the hunting of eggs at our house. And of course, what's inside the egg. It's fun to see the joy on their faces. Spring is one of my favorite seasons. Just to watch the emergence of all the beautiful trees and flowers. I'm still wanting to take a trip to Ennis to see their fields of bluebonnets. Texas did that one thing right naming it our State Flower.

Our rescheduled March meeting was great with Judy Steward. We had a great attendance and even the workshop proved successful. I've included a few photos in the newsletter.

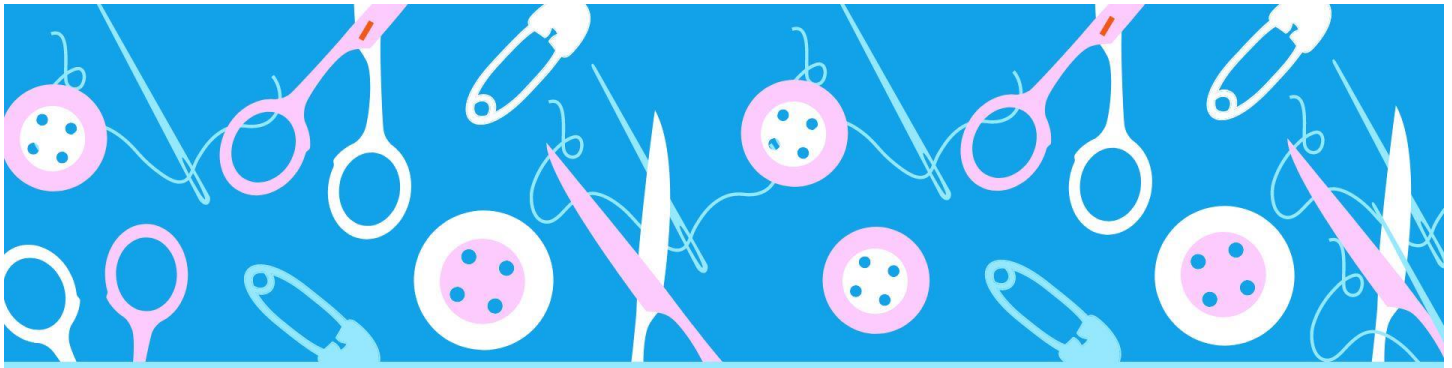
We have a new adventure that the board will vote on Wednesday. But I still wanted to share it with you as we'll need your help to pull it off. We are looking at being a part of the Allen Arts Festival at Watters Creek the weekend of May 12-14<sup>th</sup>. We will sell raffle tickets at this event. So, we'll need as many of you as possible to volunteer to man the booth. The festival has over 62,000 visitors on that weekend. This could bring in major funding for our guild. That means funds that will go towards speakers as well as our community projects. I will let you know if this is approved by the board through an email. You'll sign up to help through Signup Genius. So, mark your calendars so that you can plan on helping.

Our April meeting is one of our 2 Community Sew-ins for the year. We will be sewing at Not Your Mama's Quilt Store In Plano from 10 – 5. Come sew a few hours or all day. It's up to you. We'll be making Fidget Mats (new to all of us) and then sewing on other projects. Our business meeting will be from 12:00-12:30 that day. Bring your machine and basic supplies and come have fun!

May brings us Terry Mosher. He will present "Journey of the Male Quilter". He'll also have a trunk show of his quilts. His wife Anne will also be joining him. What fun!

Elaine R., President





Not Your Mama's Quilt Store

**NEW!**



Food by Edmond's  
Burgers & More

# DeStash Blast!



more info.

Saturday, April 15 at 9:00a

We will be showing our Raffle Quilt at the DeStash Blast.

Please sign up [HERE](#) to help sell raffle tickets.

April AQG General Meeting  
Not Your Mama's Quilt Store  
2963 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Plano, Texas



Allen Quilters Guild

## AQG Community Sew-In

We will sew on Community Projects including Fidget Mats for Bristol Hospice, Pillow Cases for Lone Star Santas, Tote Bags for Hope's Door and Placemats for Meals on Wheels. Bring your sewing machine and basic supplies. Come and sew all door or choose your hours. We'll be there from open to close.

**Date:** 04/20/2023 (Thu.)

**Time:** 10:00am - 5:00pm CDT

**Location:** Not Your Mama's Quilt Store

2963 W. 15th Street, #3055, Plano, Texas 75075

Sign up [HERE](#) so we'll know how many to expect. We have room for 20, so plan to come!

Business meeting at 12:30 p.m.





## 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 them in April.

(Not Your Mama's Quilt Store)

Daisy S.  
Janice S.  
Karen T.



## 2023 Membership

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter. We had 16 members at the March meeting and added a new member. Welcome to the guild Deb M. Just a reminder that dues were due in March. Bring them to the April community sew in or mail them to:|

Allen Quilt Guild  
P.O. Box 526  
Allen, Texas 75013-0010

Thank you  
Ginger and Diana  
Co-chairman

# \* Thursday Sew Day

Mark your calendars for 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. We will meet at various homes to sew on our Community Projects.

**No Month Sew Day in April!**

There'll be no sew day since we have our Community Sew-In at Fabric Fanatics in Plano.

Next Thursday Sew Days are below...

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - Shower Bags**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. Please RSVP to Janice if you are coming at 214-549-4602 or email her at [janice@dfwair.net](mailto:janice@dfwair.net)

Janice S., VP Community Service



## April Birthdays

Daisy S.  
Janice S.  
Karen T.



Lone Star  
Santas



\* Pillowcase Drive for Lone Star Santos \*

Don't forget to pick  
up your kits.

Block of the Month  
**MADNESS** By ROXY...

This year's Block of the Month project is a 9-block star sample quilt called "Stars for Service". Each month a new star pattern will be presented and by Veterans Day we should be ready to sew them into a top that can be given to our Quilts of Valor program. Each block will be in our newsletter, on our website and shown at the monthly meeting. January's block will be due in February, February's in March and so on. I'm hoping you will make 2 blocks: one for you to keep and one to donate to the BOM project.

Fabric: The block you make to donate should be red, white, and blue. It can be scrappy, or you can elect to use the same fabric throughout the months.

Size: All blocks will be 12 ½" unfinished (12" finished). We will add borders to make a QOV quilt.

### April Block of the Month: Joy Star

The history of the star quilts is shrouded in myth and legend. Some say the star quilt is a representation of the heavenly north, while others say it is a symbol of hope and good luck. Regardless of its origin, the star is a popular quilt block that is easy to sew and looks amazing. Unfinished Block size 12 ½" X 12 ½" (12" finished)

The basic building squares in this pattern are HST. A good resource for making HST can be found at: [www.blog.treasurie.com/half-square-triangles/](http://www.blog.treasurie.com/half-square-triangles/)

- Fabric needed:
- Background: Eight 2 ½" squares for HST
- Eight 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles for corners (or use sixteen 2 ½" squares)
- Star color 1: Six 2 ½" squares for center and four 2 ½" squares for HST
- Star color 2: Eight 2 ½" squares for center and four 2 ½" for HST
- Make the following HST combinations:
  - Four HST color 1 & background
  - Four HST color 2 & background



Hint: If you choose directional fabrics, pay close attention to the orientation of the fabrics during cutting and assembly to add to the realism of woven ribbons. If you want an extra challenge, you can adjust your cuts so that the pattern matches in adjacent pieces, making those seams all but disappear! But we'll leave that to your patience level.

Happy sewing, Roxy





## AQG MOTHER'S DAY RETREAT

May 11, 12, 13 & 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

(Thursday through Sunday)

SUNSET RETREAT CENTER AND

410 Echo

Sunset

**Retreat has been  
CANCELLED. We will  
schedule a day retreat  
soon.**

ndamental breakfast,

ay, and Sunday brunch

If you a... Ellen R at [rockpilequilter@gmail.com](mailto:rockpilequilter@gmail.com).

We need to... on as possible if you want to go. Payment can be made at the... or April meeting. If we don't have the minimum of 12, then we'll open it up to other quilters.

This is a very affordable retreat as the price includes meals.

## AQG May Presenter... Terry Mosher

Terry Mosher will present a lecture called the History of Male Quilters, based on his touring exhibition of quilts by men. Terry has a 30-year history of quilting and other forays into fabric manipulation including teaching sashiko, the Japanese method of decorative surface stitching and his perfection of the millefiore method of English Paper Piecing.

Make plans now to hear Terry!

## AQG 2023 Raffle Quilt Road Show

We need members to show our raffle quilt at area guilds. You can sign-up at our monthly meetings or call Lorraine M.

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

- **April 25<sup>th</sup> – Frisco Quilt Guild at 6:30**

Volunteers:

1. Roxie G
2. Elaine R.

- **May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Garland Quilt Guild at 7:00 p.m.**

Volunteers:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Lorraine M. at [lmattis@jacklor.com](mailto:lmattis@jacklor.com) or [lmattis789@gmail.com](mailto: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 Mean - **NEEDED**
- Secretary - **NEEDED**

### 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](mailto:bebrice54@gmail.com)

## 2023 Presenters & Workshops

April 20<sup>th</sup>

Community Sew-In  
Not Your Mama's Quilt Store

May 18<sup>th</sup>

Terry Mosher  
"Journey of a Male Quilter"

June 15<sup>th</sup>

Sewing Olympics

July 20<sup>th</sup>

QOV Community Sew-In  
Fabric Fanatics

August 17<sup>th</sup>

Dot & Janice (Our Own)  
Stained Glass Windows

September 21<sup>st</sup>

Quilt Auction & Boutique

October 19<sup>th</sup>

Gretchen Carroll (Our Own)  
Fabric Ornaments  
Workshop – October 21<sup>st</sup>

November 10<sup>th</sup>

Quilt of Valor Ceremony

December 9<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Party  
Raffle Quilt Drawing

Treasurers Report - March 2023		
Beginning		\$6,097.86
Income	Raffle Quilt	
	Membership	
	Workshop	
	Total	\$0.00
Expenses	Programs	
	Workshop	
	Total	\$0.00
Ending		\$6,097.86
Cash Box		\$50.00
Submitted: Colleen C., April 3, 2023		





# Judy Steward Workshop

## Scrappy Applique Workshop



Diana thinks my bunny is funny!



Megan was working hard. (She was our visitor)



Elaine is working hard.



Roxy's hard at designing along with Diana's work.



Diana's Bunny



Elaine's Bunny



Megan's Bunny



Roxy's Bunny



Spring's Bunny

We're not finished. After designing the scrappy bunny, we will mount on background and then quilt. It was so much fun and easy to do. We'll bring our finished bunnies to Show and Tell.

## *Upcoming Quilt Events...*

- April 15<sup>th</sup> – DeStash Blast – Not Your Mama’s Quilt Store, Plano, Texas
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – AQG Community Sew-In at Not Your Mama’s Quilt Store, Plano, Texas
- April 21-22 – [Kaufman Quilt Show](#), Terrell, Texas
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – AQG Raffle Quilt Road Show – Frisco Quilt Guild
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – AQG Raffle Quilt Road Show – Garland Quilt Guild
- May 12 – 14 – [Allen Arts Festival at Watters Creek](#) – Show raffle quilt.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – AQG General Meeting – Terry Mosher, Presenter
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – AQG General Meeting – Sewing Olympics
- August 17-18 – [Original Sewing & Quilt Expo](#), Irving, Texas
- September 23-24 - [Lone Star Heritage Quilt Show](#), Sulphur Springs, Texas
- November 2-6 – [Houston Quilt Show](#), Houston, Texas



**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](http://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.

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Google Group \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Bylaws \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_