



Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter



MARCH 2024

2024 AQG Officers & Committee Chairs

President: Spring W.
1st VP Programs: **Needed**
2nd VP Membership: Alice G. & Paula Z.
3rd VP Communications: Elaine R.
4th VP Community Service: Megan T. & Debra MR
5th VP Ways & Means: Janice S.
Secretary: Shelly V.
Treasurer: Colleen C
Newsletter: Elaine R.
Raffle Quilt Road trip: Lorraine M.
BOM: Roxy G.
QOV – Elaine R.

What to Bring to the next Meeting ...

- ✓ **Sewing Machine**
- ✓ **Membership Dues**
- ✓ Show & Tell
- ✓ A friend

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

No minutes from the February Luncheon

From the President...



Happy March my quilting friends! I'd like to first thank everyone who attended the February joint Friendship Luncheon with the McKinney guild. We had a great time with lots of food, fellowship, and laughs. Our speaker was fantastically funny. I enjoyed it very much and I hope you did too!

March is upon us and it feels like SPRING (well, at least some days it does)! This is such a busy month with the Dallas Quilt Show and Easter. I hope you still find time to stitch something beautiful.

Don't forget, we have our first Community Sew In of the year at Fabric Fanatics from 10am-5pm on Thursday, March 21st, in lieu of our evening meeting. Come for the day or just a little while, whatever works for you. I promise you will have a great time and I'm looking forward to sewing with you!

Happy Quilting!

Spring Weeks
President



AQG March Community Sew-In

Thursday, March 21st

10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fabric Fanatics

910 W. Parker Rd, Suite 325

Plano, Texas



Our March General Meeting is our first Community Sew-In. This takes the place of our nighttime meeting. Come and stay all day or come for a few hours. We always have so much fun. Kits will be available to sew. Just bring your sewing machine and basic supplies. Business meeting will be at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday Sew Days
Dates are coming soon!



Jana McBroom - March 17

Aliee Gorz - March 30

2024 Programs, Events & Workshops

January 18th – Denise Kendrick – Embrace & Santa Gary – Convoy of Toys

February 20th – McKinney Friendship Luncheon

March 21st – Community Sew-In at Fabric Fanatics from 10-5

Event: April 13th – DeStash Blast – Not Your Mama’s 9 - 1

April 18th - Ellyn Zinsmeister – Improve Quilting

Event: May 10, 11, 12 - Allen Arts Festival– Watter’s Creek – Raffle Quilt

May 16th – Sharon Holliday – Scrappy Quilting

June 20th - Debra MR – clutch purses

Workshop: TBD

July 18th – Picnic and games – It’s going to be fun! Get to know each other!

August 15th – Community Sew-in (QOV) at Not Your Mama’s

September 19th – Leo Ransom “Journey of an Art Quilter”

Workshop: TBD



Event: October 12th - Allen Crafters Market

October 17th – Kathy Tolbert – Modern Quilting

Event: October 19th - QOV Ceremony at 1:00 at Allen Memorial Park

November 21st – Gretchen Carroll - Fabric Ornaments

Workshop: Saturday, November 23rd at TBD (no sewing required)

December 14th - Christmas Brunch/Raffle Quilt Drawing

All meetings will be held at Rodenbaugh’s Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Workshops are as noted. Signups will be available for workshops & events at each monthly meeting. Updates will be on our website at www.allenquilters.com

IF you have questions, please email Elaine R. at bebrice54@gmail.com.

Allen Quilters' Guild - Membership



We don't want YOU to miss out on our planned line-up of programs, speakers, and demonstrations where we'll share ideas, learn new techniques, discover the latest products and take-home patterns.



- **Membership – 25 members**
- **To ensure your name is listed in the 2024 Membership Directory, dues must be received no later than March 31st.**
- **You may pay by check, cash, debit or credit card**

PLEASE DON'T DELAY AS YOUR TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Contact Alice G. at 972-979-2235 or Paula Rzomp at 801-920-0819 if you have questions.

AQG Programs for 2024

January – 2024 Kick-off

February – Friendship Luncheon

March – Community Sew-In – Fabric Fanatics

April – Improv Quilting - Ellyn Zinsmeister

May – Scrappy Quilting – Sharon Holliday

June – Clutch Purses & Cork – Debra MR

July – Picnic & Games

August – QOV Community Sew-in – Not Your Mama's Quilt Store

September – Leo Ransom – Journey of an Art Quilter

October – Break Free & Create - Kathy Tolbert

November – Fabric Ornaments – Gretchen Carroll

December – Christmas Party & Raffle Quilt Drawing

**Program VP is needed
to finish out the
programs for 2024. See
Spring or Elaine if you
can help.**



2024 Raffle Quilt "Starburst"

Our 2024 raffle quilt this year will be unveiled at the February Luncheon. It was pieced by Virginia B. & Nancy W. The border was done by Debra MR. and the quilting was done by Spring W. Binding is being done by Paula, Alice, Shelly & Colleen. It is absolutely beautiful. Thank you to these members for donating their time to create this quilt.

Ticket prices will remain the same as last year. \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. You can pick up your tickets at the February luncheon. Colleen & Janice will have your packet ready for you. Contact Janice S. for more information.

Allen Quilters' Guild 2024 Raffle Quilt Showings

Date	Quilt Guild	City	Volunteers
Feb 20	McKinney Quilt Guild	McKinney	1. Colleen 2. Janice
March 28	Cotton Patch Quilt Guild	Greenville	1. Elaine 2.
April 11	Quilters Guild of Plano	Plano	1. Spring 2. Jana
April 26	Dallas Modern Quilt Guild	Dallas	1. Spring 2.
May 2nd	Quilters Guild of Dallas	Dallas	1. 2.
May 28	Frisco Quilt Guild	Frisco	1. Deb M. 2.
June 4	Garland Quilt Guild	Garland	1. Debra MR 2.
Oct 14	Land O Lakes Quilt Guild	Lewisville	1. 2.
Nov 5	McKinney Modern Quilt Guild	McKinney	1. 2.
TBD	The Colony Quilt Guild	The Colony	1. 2.
TBD	Farmersville Quilt Guild	Farmersville	1. 2.



Community Service News...

By Debra & Megan



Kits Ready to Stitch

Megan, Dot, and I have created over 25 quilt kits, some with patterns, and some with yardage that you can use for your pattern. Kits for Quilts, Pillowcases, Shower Bags, Placemats, and Bibs are available for everyone to stitch. Pick your favorite item, pick up a kit at a meeting, and let us know what you are taking so we can track items.

Community Service Hours

Please either email Debra (debra.malonereeve@gmail.com) with your hours or record them at the next meeting.

Charity Items Survey

The Charity Items Survey results have been analyzed. The data was shared in February. The rankings Are from most popular to least popular to make:

1. Pillowcases
2. Baby Quilts
3. Shower Bags
4. Placemats
5. Bibs
6. Twin Size Quilts
7. Fidget Mats



We are a small Guild supporting multiple organizations. The Board has decided to Not start the Twin Quilts, and stop the Fidget Mats, finish the Bibs that we have started, not make any new kits. If you would like to make Fidget Mats, we have the supplies, contact Debra to get the supplies. So, pick your favorite item to sew and pick up a kit!

Debra and Megan

2024 Membership Dues

Dues are paid in January. They haven't changed and are \$25.00 for the year. You can pay by check, debit or credit card.

See Paula Z and Alice G. at the membership table.

If you have any change of information like address or cell number, please fill out a new form. There is a form on the last page of the newsletter that you can print out.

Refreshments for February

Jana McBroom - March 17

Alice Gore - March 30



Block of the Month **MADNESS** by Roxy...

The Block of the Month for 2024 will be a **Mystery Quilt**. It is designed to be a patriotic quilt using red, white, and blue but feel free to choose your own color palette. The fabric needed specifications are if you follow the instructions given each month. You can alter the fabric colors, make it scrappy or change any of the designs to ones you prefer. This will, of course, affect the fabric needed.

I happen to have a Wilmington patriotic layer cake and used about half of it, along with some fabric in my stash, to complete the quilt. One caution, you will need a 2 ½" x WOF in both red and white. The finished quilt will measure 46.5" x 48". You can alter the last row to larger blocks if you wish to make a bigger quilt. Just remember to include those blocks in the fabric requirements. QOV is minimum 60" x 80".

You will be making the blocks and then putting them together to make the quilt top. We will have a Mystery Quilt "Show & Tell" in September!

Fabrics Needed:

Background (light) 1-2/3 yd

Red 3/4 yd

Blue 1/2-yard

Dark Blue FQ

White 1/4 yard

Green FQ

Yellow FQ

Brown FQ

Scraps will work for these colors.

I hope you enjoy making this quilt. Your quilt is dedicated for our Veterans program.

Happy Sewing, Roxy



ALERT! The fabric needed shown is WITHOUT borders or if you add another row to make the quilt large enough for QOV standard size of 60" x 80". You will need to calculate extra fabric.

Block of the Month March: Spring Flowers

It's not too early to think about Spring flowers. They brighten our world after the cold of winter. This block contains three flowers in a vertical block pattern.

Fabric needed for **each** flower:

Background: Three $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares; two $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares; $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Green: one $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square (leaves).

Red: one $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Yellow: one $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



Make two HST for leaf blocks.

Align one green square and one white square right-sides together.

Draw a diagonal line and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides Cut on diagonal line, trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", press.

Make two HST for tulip petals.

Align one red square and one white square right-sides together.

Draw a diagonal line and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides Cut on diagonal line, trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", press.

You will need the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square to complete the flower (see below).

Make tulip center block.

Sew two white $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square together. Sew one yellow and one white $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square together.

Sew white unit above yellow/white unit as shown below.

Sew the squares together as shown below to make one $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " flower block.

Make two more flower blocks: the same colors or vary the colors.

Sew three flowers together vertically. The block should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $18\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Sew a $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{4}$ " background strip to the top and bottom of the block.

Sew a 2 " x $20\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the left side of the block.

Sew a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $20\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the right side of the block.

Also, there is a correction for the February BOM:

Apologies from Roxy. These instructions were left off the printout last month.

Before you sew the two halves of the hearts together:

Sew a 2 " x 2 " square to the top right corner of the left side of the heart. Trim and press.

Sew a 2 " x 2 " square to the top left corner of the right side of the heart. Trim and press.

Now sew the two sides together vertically to form the heart.

QOV News...

This year we will be awarding quilts individually as well as a group. I have two individual awards scheduled for the following dates.

March 23 at 3:30 p.m. to Steve Harmon Family, Fairview, Texas – 3 quilts

April 13th at noon at VFW Mesquite – 3 quilts

Our group award ceremony will be October 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen War Memorial, Allen, Texas. We have 6 veterans signed up so far. I'm sure we'll have more by then.

Our quilt inventory will need more quilts by September. If you choose to do the BOM then that will add to our numbers. We have 8 finished ready to award. Six of those will be awarded in March & April. I have 2 more ready to quilt. That gives us 4 once the 2 are quilted.

Diana, Spring & Debra have volunteered to quilt them. They are paid \$40 per quilt.

If you have questions, let me know.

Elaine R. – bebrice54@gmail.com

Treasurer Report February 2024

Beginning		\$6,406.59
Income		
Programs	\$300.75	
2024 Raffle Quilt	\$120.00	
Membership Dues	\$275.00	
	Total	\$695.75
Expenses		
Card Reader Fee	\$5.38	
De-Stash Blast	\$10.00	
Programs	\$601.50	
2024 Raffle Quilt	\$306.65	
	Total	\$923.53
Ending		\$6,178.81
Cash Box		\$100.00
Submitted: Colleen C, March 1, 2024		



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) Via e-mail

B) 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 Alice G. or Paula Z. **Credit & Debit cards accepted.**

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# _____