

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

February 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.

What to Bring to the next Meeting ...

- ✓ **Soup!!!**
- ✓ **Membership Dues**
- ✓ Show & Tell
- ✓ A friend

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

[January Meeting Minutes](#)

From the President...

HAPPY FEBRUARY!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day! Love is in the air, and we are loving what is planned for this month's meeting. Remember, we are having our 2nd annual Friendship Luncheon together with the McKinney Quilt Guild. The luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 20th, from 1pm-3pm at First Christian Church, 1800 Hunt Street, McKinney, TX. I hope everyone can attend because we have a fabulous guest speaker coming to entertain us! I can't wait to see everyone there. Allen is providing the soups for this luncheon, so if you would like to make and bring a soup, please let us know. There should be space to plug in crock pots to keep the soups warm.

On another note, it's time to make sure you have renewed your membership to the guild by paying your dues. There will be a membership table set up at the meeting for you to check and see if you have paid. We can accept cash, check, or card. You can also mail in your dues to the guild PO Box if you are not going to be able to attend the February joint meeting.

We are also excited to continue with our community service projects and will share the results of the survey taken in January with you all. Please pick up some packets of your choosing to help in this endeavor and log your community service hours. In March we will be sewing together! It is always a lot of fun sewing with one another, and I don't know about you, but I always pick up a great tip or two when we get together to sew.

See you soon, and Happy Quilting!

Spring Weeks
President





Allen & McKinney Quilt Guild's
2nd annual Friendship Luncheon.

“Joy for the Journey”



Guest Speaker, Tammy Whitehurst

Tuesday, February 20th
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

First Christian Church
1800 Hunt Street, McKinney, Texas
Soup, Salad & Dessert for lunch!

Door Prizes

*Bring a quilt that reminds you of a
wonderful friend for Show & Tell*



Click on this link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A4AA22A2F94-47072371-allen>

Contacts: Suzan at 469-964-4566, Kathy at 214-395-2154 or Elaine at 936-465-8229

Our Friendship Luncheon is next week. I hope you are coming. You'll laugh more than you have in a long time. Tammy has a wonderful personality and will entertain you.

We are providing the soups this year. Below are those that have signed up to bring a Crock Pot **FULL** of your favorite soup. We are feeding 70 people. You are also welcome to bring the recipe to share.

Elaine R. – Beef Tortilla Soup

Lynda L -

Alice G.

Marge B.

Shelly V.

Colleen C.

Spring W.

Sandra C.

Paula Z.

Lisa S.

Please bring your soup (with ladel), heated in a crock pot by 12:30 to the church. We will plug them in to keep them heated. If your soup requires chips, crackers, cornbread, etc. Please bring that also. Mckinney is providing the salads & desserts.

Allen Quilters' Guild - Membership

The 2024 Executive Board Members would like to thank YOU for your participation in making 2023 another successful year in our guild's wonderful history. This year marks the 37th year of our Allen Quilters' Guild!!

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.

- **As stated in our by-laws, the \$25.00 membership fee must be paid by January 1st of each year to remain as a current member (see form below)**
- **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 – Break Free & Create - Kathy Tolbert

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 – In the works!

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

Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels organization has sent us a beautiful thank-you letter for the placemats provided in December 2023. The Letter is attached.

Gifted Fabric

The Guild has been gifted with about \$3000.00 (250 yards), including 10 Fat Quarter packs, 109 Individual Fat Quarters, 16 Jelly Rolls, 4 layer cakes, and various yardage amounts of very nice fabric. Big thank you to Donna Bell and her friend, Jane for the donation.

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 chart is attached.
The rankings are most popular to least popular:

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 and not make any new kits. If you would like to make Fidget Mats, we have the supplies just contact Debra. So, we will concentrate on making items 1 – 4 this year.

Debra Malone-Reeve

Debra.malonereeve@gmail.com

901-237-7637



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

No

Refreshments

In

February



Tuesday Sew Days

Dates are coming
soon!

Janice's House
612 Fairbrook Drive
Lucas, Texas



Elaine R.



AQG Bylaws Revision #2

Allen Quilters' Bylaws have been revised. The committee included Lorraine M., Colleen C., & Elaine R. The committee was led by Roxy G. They have spent many hours updating them so please take time to read them. They are attached to the newsletter email. We will discuss at the March meeting and make changes. So, if you see anything that needs additional verbiage, or you have questions on something that has been deleted, please make a note of it.

There will be 2 readings of the bylaws.... January & February. Then after all revisions are made, we will vote on accepting them in April. HAPPY READING!!!!

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. It is dedicated for our Veterans program.



dedicated

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 February: Hearts

February is the month of hearts, valentines, and friendship. It only makes sense for the Block of the Month in February to be hearts. You will need one heart block for each quilt top you are making. Remember, the color palette is your choice, but it looks great in red, white & blue for our Veterans.

Fabric Needed:

Red: cut four 3 ½" x 6 ½" red rectangles.

Blue: cut four 3 ½" x 6 ½" blue rectangles.

Background: cut sixteen 2" x 2" rectangles, eight 3 ½" x 3 ½" squares. One 2 ½" x 12 ½" rectangle

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each background square.

You will be making 4 hearts: two red and 2 blue (or you can make them all one color or scrappy.)

Left side of the heart:

Align a 2" x 2" background square right-side-down on the upper left corner of a colored rectangle with the marked line oriented as shown. Sew on the marked line, trim excess fabric, and press.

Sew a 3 ½" background square to the bottom of the left-side rectangle, position its marked line as shown. Sew on diagonal line, trim the excess fabric and press.

Right side of the heart:

Align a 2" x 2" background square right-side-down on upper right corner of the rectangle and sew on the diagonal line. Trim excess fabric and press.

Sew a 3 ½" background square on the bottom right side, trim, press the seam allowance in the opposite direction you pressed in the left block half for less bulk.

Sew the two heart block halves together vertically to complete the block.

Press. The heart quilt block should measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2."



Repeat to make four heart blocks.

Sew together as shown (or all four up) to form a 12 ½" x 12 ½" heart block.

Sew a background strip (2 ½" x 12 ½") to the top of the heart block.

Treasurer Report January 1-31, 2024	
Beginning	\$6,127.47
Income	
Membership Dues	\$325.00
Total	\$325.00
Expenses	
Card Reader Fee (N	\$5.38
2024 Raffle Quilt	\$40.50
Total	\$45.88
Ending	\$6,406.59
Cash Box	\$100.00
Submitted: Colleen C, February 1, 2024	

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

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# _____