

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

January 2025

❄️ From President Debra ❄️

The holidays are behind us and a new year is upon us. 2024 went very fast and I think 2025 will be just as fast.

***Christmas Lunch.** Thank you to Kay S and Pam H for organizing an outstanding Christmas lunch and to Brenda B for the use of her lovely home. It was a festive setting and a great get-together.*



We drew the winner of our 2024 Raffle Quilt as well. The winning ticket for "Starburst" was sold by Leandra C and the winner was Isabel Pumilia.

***Quilt of Valor.** Our program received a \$350 donation from the Allen VFW. This will go a long way to cover our QOV expenses and shows how much our work is truly appreciated. We also received a thank you letter from Paul Reed, one of our recipients.*

***Programs.** Kay and Pam have done an outstanding job lining up programs for this year. They are giving us a wide variety of items; I'm looking forward to each program. Our January meeting is a chance to get to know each other a little bit better. We need those times to connect with our Guild friends. January is commitment month! Be prepared for lots of clipboards going around for you to volunteer - if you wish - to be included, and help this organization grow stronger. There is a list of opportunities below. Please give some thought about which ones you would like to help with. Thanks in advance.*

Show and Tell. Please bring items to show your fellow Guild members what you are working on or have done in the past. For January, please bring something that is special to you. I'm bringing the first 'real' quilt I made and the only one my late mother helped me make.

Membership Dues. Don't forget to bring your \$35.00 membership dues this month.

Looking forward to a great year!
Debra



Welcome 2025 Board and Chairs!

Many thanks to all our members for everything you did to help make 2024 another fantastic quilt year. A very special shoutout to those that have agreed to lead and organize us in 2025.

2025 AQG Officers

President: Debra M-R.,
1st VP Programs: Kay S. & Pam H.
2nd VP Membership: Spring W.,
3rd VP Communications: Jana M.
4th VP Community Service: Janice S.
5th VP Ways & Means: Deb M.
Secretary: Colleen C.
Treasurer: Yvonne B.



*Left to right: Spring W, Janice S, Jana M, Debra MR, Yvonne B, Pam H, Colleen C
Missing is Deb M and Kay S.*

2025 Committee Chairs:

BOM: Spring W., Newsletter: Roxy G., QOV: Elaine R., Raffle Quilt Road trip: Lorraine M., and Retreats & Road Trips: Elaine R.

Are you looking for ways to help the guild in 2025? Check out these opportunities!

The following clipboards will be going around the room for anyone interested in helping our Guild thrive:

- ❖ 2026 Raffle Quilt Committee: Help design and make the 2026 raffle quilt.
- ❖ Block of the Month: It is not too late to sign up and participate. Spring W is overseeing this program and doing a great job keeping us informed.
- ❖ Christmas lunch: We need to form a committee to have a 2025 Christmas luncheon. Without a committee, we will not have a luncheon.
- ❖ Community Service committee: Help Janice compile kits for us to sew.
- ❖ Door Prizes: We need someone to solicit door prizes for our meetings. Talk to Deb M and Spring W for more information about the position.
- ❖ July Picnic: A committee is needed to plan our July picnic.
- ❖ Quilt College August 21st meeting: (borrowing from the Rowlett Guild,) we need 3 – 4 members that would be willing to teach a quilting technique as members rotate from table to table. If you have something you would like to share, now is your time to shine.
- ❖ Quilt of Valor Committee and Quilt Production: Please sign up if you plan to make a quilt. This provides Elaine with the flow of inventory for the presentations. Elaine also needs a committee to assist her on all things QOV.
- ❖ 2025 Raffle Quilt Road Trip presentations: Members are needed to travel to other Guilds to show our beautiful Quilt and sell raffle tickets.
- ❖ Small Groups: sign up if you are interested in participating in a small group that meets regularly to sew and chat.
- ❖ Snacks: sign up to bring snacks to a regular membership meeting. The survey indicated this was the preferred method for meeting snacks.
- ❖ Ways and Means Committee: anyone that wants to help with a craft show or finding ways of making money.



2025 Programs

January 16th January Spectacular (lots of fun things planned)

This meeting is purely social! It is a chance to connect with our fellow members and to get to know each other. Our Board members and Committee Chairmen will introduce themselves, give their 30-second elevator speech and talk about their Board position. All members will have the opportunity to give their 30-second elevator speech about themselves. In addition, we encourage everyone to bring something for Show and Tell: a quilt that has a special meaning, something new or old, something you are currently working on. Anything. Show your work and be proud of it.

Ok, I can hear it now – What is an elevator speech? It is a 30-second summary of you. The things you want your fellow members to know about yourself.

Don't forget to put these dates and events on your calendar. You won't want to miss any of them.

February 20th Linda Neal "Baltimore In Blue"

March 20th Christina Fagen "How to Organize Your Quilt Room"

April 17th Sherry Worley "Hand Dyed Fabric for Quilting"

May 15th Debra Atchison "Legit Kits – Foundation Paper Piecing"

June 19th Jill Isakson "Traditional Paper Piecing"

July 17^t Allen Quilt Guild Annual Picnic

August 21st Quilt College

September 18th Anne Mosher Tamarack Quilted Jackets & Fashion Show

October 16th Election of Officers

November 20th Quilt of Valor Ceremony

December 13th Christmas Party & Raffle Drawing



Happiest of January birthdays to:

- 1 Paula R
- 18 Colleen C
- 21 Debra MR
- 22 Lisa Schultz
- 24 Pam H
- 25 Lorraine M



Treasurer's Report:

| Treasurer Report November 2024 | | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Beginning | | | \$5,918.60 |
| Income | 2025 Membership Dues | \$175.00 | |
| | 2024 Raffle Quilt | \$188.00 | |
| | Total Income | | \$363.00 |
| Expenses | Credit Card Usage Fee | \$14.55 | |
| | AAA Mtg Room Rent-Nov | \$50.00 | |
| | MOW - Secret Santa | \$100.00 | |
| | November Speaker Fee | \$200.00 | |
| | QOV Program - Rent | \$130.00 | |
| | QOV Program - bags/holders | \$51.96 | |
| | Total Expenses | | \$546.51 |
| Ending | | | \$5,735.09 |
| Cash Box | | | \$100.00 |
| Submitted: Colleen C, December 1, 2024 | | | |

| Treasurer Report December 2024 | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| Beginning | | | \$5,735.09 |
| Income | 2025 Membership Dues | \$105.00 | |
| | 2024 Raffle Quilt | \$40.00 | |
| | Total Income | | \$145.00 |
| Expenses | Credit Card Usage Fee | \$12.56 | |
| | Mail Box Rental | \$200.00 | |
| | Total Expenses | | \$212.56 |
| Ending | | | \$5,667.53 |
| Cash Box | | | \$100.00 |
| Submitted: Colleen C, January 2, 2025 | | | |

From the Secretary

Inventory Besides keeping the minutes of the Board and Membership Meetings, the Secretary is also responsible for keeping track of the Guild's possessions. I have a short and very incomplete list of items that the guild owns, who may have the item and the location of the item.

If you have anything that is property of the Guild (including any paper records from previous years), please let me know. Email me at Secretary@allenquilters.org

Thanks! Colleen

From Community Service:

We would like to continue serving our local Charities by making the following items.

| Item | 2025 Goal | 2024 Accomplishments | Organization Supported |
|-------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Adult Bibs | 100 | 127 | Various Nursing Homes |
| Placemats | 100 | 134 | Meals on Wheels |
| Shower Bags | 60 | 57 | Hopes Door |
| Pillowcases | 100 | 100 | Lone Star Santa |
| Quilts | 30 | 33 | Embrace |

Kits Ready to Stitch

We have quilt kits, some with patterns, and some yardage that you can use for your own pattern. Kits for Quilts, Pillowcases, Shower Bags, Placemats, and Bibs are available for anyone 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 of items. We also have fabric for backing. Volunteers are needed for cutting and preparing quilt kits. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with cutting and preparing kits.

Community Service Hours

We are a 503C service organization and need to keep a record of our Community Service hours. Please either email Janice (janice@dfwair.net) with your hours or record them at the next meeting.

Thanks, Janice

From Retreat Chair:



Our 2025 Spring Retreat is full.

Please let me know if you signed up so plans can be made for driving, cooking, etc.

Another retreat will be planned for the Fall.

Contact: Elaine at bebrice54@gmail.com

From Membership

2024 Year end Membership Report
Beginning membership- 31 members
Ending membership – 36 members.

If you haven't already, it is time to renew your membership. The annual dues of \$35 are due now. Please bring your cash, check, or credit card to the next meeting.

The January Meeting!
*Please join us and
help kick off the 2025 excitement!*
January 16th 6 to 8 pm
Blue House Too
Watters Creek Shopping Center
980 Watters Creek Blvd., Allen Texas

From Block of the Month

This year we are following the Riley Blake Block of the month program. If you would like to sign up to receive the instructions from Spring, email her at springweeks@Gmail.com.

To begin go online to: <https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/2025-rbd-block-challenge> and click on the center block: "Fabric Requirements". You can choose fabrics from your stash to meet the requirements or here are some sites to purchase fabrics, one with different color options:

<https://www.ankastreasures.com/product/rbd-block-challenge-2025-kit-in-in-from-the-cold>

<https://www.kellysquirts.net/shop/c/p/RBD-2025-Block-Challenge-Quilt-Kit-655-x-655-Featuring-the-Confetti-Cotton-Basics-x86610930.htm>

<https://catscuts.com/products/2025-riley-blake-designs-block-challenge-quilt-kits?srsItd=AfmBOoq3IrsITInc4hSdsE-r4NuO5EVpYJ7tAhYUITByo08ZhVtA6426>

<https://www.rustymoonquilts.com/shop/Fabric/Kits/p/RBD-Block-Challenge-2025-Fabric-Kit.htm>

Yours, Spring

From the Newsletter Editor

Hey everybody! Here's to a wonder 2025! It looks like there will be plenty of quilt activities to keep us busy. As the new editor of your newsletter, I hope to include all the news you need to keep you informed about Allen Quilters Guild happenings. If you have something you would like to include in an issue, please send it to me by the 1st Tuesday of the Month (Board meeting day). Hopefully the newsletter will hit the streets a few days later.

Many thanks and kudos to Elaine for all her time and efforts to keep us in the know over the last few years. Her creative and informative newsletters were fantastic!



NEWS

Our 2025 QOV Committee needs you. This year I will need help with several tasks that keep our program running. You can sign up at our January meeting.

- Putting kits together.
- Printing certificates.
- Printing quilt labels.
- Awarding quilts.

Our committee this year will develop some guidelines to help us be more organized. So, please sign up at the January meeting. Contact Elaine at bebrice54@gmail.com for more information.

We also received a "Thank You" from the Allen VFW Post 2195. Along with the note was a generous donation of \$350. This will help fund our QOV program for this year.



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Armistice Memorial Post 2195
P.O. BOX 284
Allen, Texas 75013

Allen Quilter's Guild / Elaine Rice
PO Box 526
Allen, Texas 75013

December 18, 2024

Dear Elaine,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all the hard work you've put into awarding Quilt of Honor quilts to our wartime veterans. It truly means a great deal to both me and to them. As a token of my appreciation for your time and dedication, I am donating \$350.00. Additionally, as I mentioned earlier, you are more than welcome to schedule your events during our social hour at Matt's Rancho Martinez restaurant, which takes place on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Bollinger'.

Robert Bollinger
Post Commander
Armistice Memorial Post 2195
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Allen, 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. Via email
- 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 Spring W. **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# _____

