

# Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

February 2025



## Presidents Message



### *From President Debra*

*Happy February! Ground Hog Day is behind us, and it looks like 6 more weeks of winter; however, in Texas you never know what you are going to get!*

*It was great fun learning about all our members last month. If you add up all the years our Guild members have been sewing and quilting, it would be in thousands of years. We have a wide diverse group of quilters, and I learn something with each show and tell. Please continue to bring your show and tell items. As February is heart month, bring your heart quilt, if you have one, to share. We would love to see what you are working on, even if it is not finished. If you have something you are having problems with, bring it, I'm confident we have the resources to assist you in solving the problem. If you are participating in the Block of the Month, remember to bring your blocks to show your progress and last but not least, if you are participating in Debra's mystery project, please bring your 12 1/2" (unfinished) block to the February meeting. Ideally the mystery project will be completed in March for everyone to see.*

*This month we have a wonderful presentation from Linda Neal, winner of the Plano Quilt Show best of show 2014, 2023 and 2024. She will be sharing her Baltimore in Blue Quilt with us and her path to becoming an award-winning quilter. I look forward to her story.*

*We unveiled our Raffle Quilt in January, and it is beautiful! Remember to pick up your tickets to sell or purchase. Feel free to sell more than the \$20 worth as this is our major fund-raiser for the year. Our quilt, Sparkle, has been entered into the Dallas Quilt Show competition, March 14-16<sup>th</sup>. If you go to the show, stop by our quilt and talk it up. Take some of our bookmarks to pass out to share our quilt and programs for the year.*

*Thank you for your support and I look forward to a great February meeting, Debra*

#### **2025 Officers**

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

#### **2025 Committee Chairs**

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

## February Meeting with Linda Neal!

*Please join us!*

February 20<sup>th</sup> 6 to 8 pm

Blue House Too

Watters Creek Shopping Center

980 Watters Creek Blvd., Allen Texas

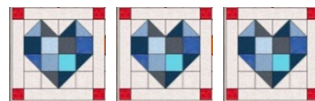
We are excited to start off the Allen Quilt Guild with our first speaker of the year: Linda Neal!

Linda is an award-winning quilter. She won the best-of-show in the Plano Quilt Shows 2014, 2023 and 2024. Linda began quilting 17 years ago after retiring from pediatric / neo-natal nursing. She has won awards from: AQS Paducah, Houston IQA, Pacific International Quilt Festival, Shipshewana Quilt Festival, Quilt Odyssey, Quilt Plano and the Dallas Quilt Show. Linda quilts are primarily applique with added embellishment. She often makes changes to the pattern to add personalization and visual impact.



She likes to say, her goal with each quilt is to make each block her favorite! Linda enjoys applique and will be sharing her applique knowledge with a wonderful talk at our February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Linda's website is: [www.lindanealquilts.com](http://www.lindanealquilts.com). Her website mentions a list of her awards and pictures of her quilts along with her current teaching schedule. This is going to be a great speaker to kick off a wonderful year and a great time to invite your quilting and even non quilting friends to see an award-winning quilt from Plano Show and hear first-hand Linda's story!!



## Mark your calendars for all our upcoming 2025 Meetings

You won't want to miss any of them.

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** Christina Fagen *How to Organize Your Quilt Room*

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** Sherry Worley *Hand Dyed Fabric for Quilting*

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** Debra Atchison *Legit Kits – Foundation Paper Piecing*

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** Jill Isakson *Happy Scrappy Quilts*

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** Allen Quilters Guild Picnic

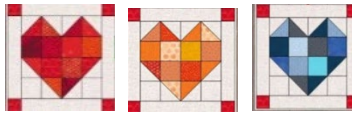
**August 21<sup>st</sup>** Quilt College

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** Anne Mosher *Trunk Show-Tamarack Quilted Jackets*

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** Annual Meeting

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** Quilt of Valor Reception

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Party & Raffle Quilt Drawing



## **Minutes of the Allen Quilters' Guild January General Membership Meeting**

By Colleen C

Date & Time: Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location: Blue House Too (Art Space),  
980 Watters Creek Blvd., Allen, Texas 75013

### **President – Debra MR**

The business meeting was called to order by Debra, President, at 6:38 p.m.

There were 28 members and 5 guests and/or new members in attendance.

Debra explained that tonight's meeting is a social-friendship meeting to get to know each other. The board members will introduce themselves with a 30-second elevator speech, talk about their plans for the guild in 2025 and send any clip boards regarding requests for volunteers to help with respective committees. After the break, members will be invited to introduce themselves and give a 30-second elevator speech with a Show & Tell.

### **Old Business**

Meeting minutes from the November Membership Meeting were approved.

The Gallery is anticipated to be available for our meetings starting in April.

### **New Business**

Debra has a Mystery Project for anyone that would like to participate. Please bring a 12 ½" unfinished quilt block, any type, in bright colors, signed by the member to the February meeting.

Roxy G. reached out to the current president of the Camarillo Quilt Association ("CQA"), the guild she belonged to when she lived in California, to see if there was some way our guild could help the fire victims. CQA is working with the victims of last fall's Mountain Fire and currently has about 175 quilts out of a goal of 450 quilts to provide a quilt for every verified victim of the fire (adult and child). This activity will most likely be expanded to include the current fire victims and CQA plans to accept quilts at least through the summer and probably longer. Please contact Roxy if you wish to help in this effort.

The membership was polled as to the preference of continuing to use only first name and last initials in website postings and minutes, and was approved by a majority of the membership present by show of hands.

### **1st VP Programs – Pam H and Kay S**

Pam and Kay gave a brief synopsis of the February and March programs. The speaker for the February 20 meeting is Linda Neal and her topic is "Baltimore In Blue". The speaker for the March 20 meeting is Christina Fagen who will speak on the topic of "How to Organize Your Quilt Room". The complete list of programs for the year can be found in the newsletter.

Help is needed with planning the July picnic, the August Quilt College and the December Christmas lunch. Sign-up on the circulating clip boards.

Bookmarks are now available and members are asked to take some and distribute them to their favorite quilt store this month.

**QOV: Elaine R.** explained that a committee is needed to help with the awards ceremony. Sign-up on the circulating clip board.

**Retreats: Elaine R.** stated that the retreat at Sew Cool Retreat Center, Scurry, Texas on April 10 through 13 is full.

**Block of the Month: Spring W.** This year's BOM is the 2025 Riley Blake Block Challenge. Sign up with Spring and she will email you the pattern for the block as it becomes available. Distribution of the block patterns is on each Tuesday of the month (except for the last Tuesday) from January to May. Spring displayed the first block.

### **2nd VP Membership – Spring W**

Members to pay their dues for 2025 and to check their directory information at the sign-in desk.

January Birthdays were announced.

Door Prizes were distributed.

Sign-up on the circulating clipboard to help solicit for door prizes.

### **3rd VP Communication – Jana MB**

No Report

### **4th VP Community Service – Janice S**

Volunteers are needed to help cut fabrics into kits. Sign-up on the circulating clip board.

The 2025 Goals for projects were announced: Adult Bibs: 100; Placemats: 100; Shower Bags: 60; Pillowcases: 100; and Quilts: 30.

Available kits can be picked up on the tables at the back of the room.

### **5th VP Ways and Means – Deb M**

A clip board was sent around for volunteers to join a committee to work on the 2026 raffle quilt design and construction.

The guild's raffle quilt for 2025 was displayed. Ticket packets (24 tickets for \$20) are available. The quilt has been entered into the Dallas Guild's Quilt Show.

Lorraine M. spoke about the 2025 road show stops planned to date and sent a clip board around for volunteers to take the quilt to the various guild meetings.

A clip board was sent around for volunteers to join a committee to work on developing money-making ideas for 2025 as the crafter's market was not as successful in 2024 as was anticipated.

### **Treasurer – Yvonne B**

See newsletter for November and December reports.

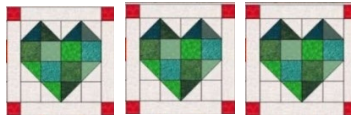
### **Secretary – Colleen C**

Besides keeping the minutes of the Board and Membership Meetings, the Secretary is also responsible for keeping track of the Guild's property. Colleen has an out-of-date list of items that the guild may or may no longer own, who may have the item and/or the location of the item. If you have anything that is property of the Guild, please let her know.

### **Break**

### **Member Introductions and Show & Tell**

Business meeting adjourned: 8:17 p.m. Submitted by Colleen C.



## Treasurer's Report

Treasury Report February 2025			
Beginning			\$5,667.53
Income	2025 Membership Dues	\$595.00	
	QOV Donation	\$350.00	
	Individual Donation	\$ 5.00	
	Total Income		\$950.00
Expenses	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 8.53	
	Raffle Tickets Printing	\$ 94.95	
	Bookmarks Printing	\$ 65.10	
	Total Expenses		\$168.58
Ending			\$6,448.95
Cash Box			\$ 100.00
Submitted: Yvonne Broach, February 3, 2025			



*AQG Members are the  
sweetest*

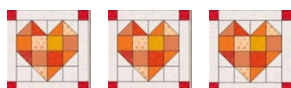


*Membership - 28 Paid Members*

*January attendance - 28 total, 5 first time guests*

*\*It's time to submit your membership dues (\$35)! Please see the membership table to pay your dues and to have your photo taken for the directory. \**

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**



## Community Service News By Janice S

### 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. We also have lots of fabric for backing so if you need some, please contact me and I can arrange for you to come see it or send photos to you.

### Community Service Hours

We need to keep a record of our Community Service hours for our 503C status. Please either email Janice ([janice@dfwair.net](mailto:janice@dfwair.net)) with your monthly service hours or record them at the next meeting.

### Small Groups

I am working on the Small Groups. I have 6 members interested so far in being in one. Anyone else interested, please sign up on the sheet at the meeting. We need a few more for weekends. The other popular day is Monday. Please email, text, or call me if you are interested in joining a small group and let me know your available days.

	<h3>2025 AQG Raffle Quilt Schedule</h3>
	<p><i>Sparkle</i>, our 2025 Raffle Quilt, is ready to hit the road and we need your help. The area quilt guilds, scheduled dates and time and volunteers are listed below. If you can fill in one or more of the open volunteer slots, please contact Lorraine M.</p>
<p>Thank you!</p>	
<p>Sparkle pattern by Michelle Renee Hiatt <a href="http://www.sewonthego.net">www.sewonthego.net</a></p>	

Quilt Guild	City	Visit	Volunteers
Cotton Patch Quilt Guild	Greenville	TBD **	1. Spring W 2.
Dallas Modern Quilt Guild	Dallas	February 27 6:30	1. Sharon H 2. Spring W
Farmersville Quilt Guild	Farmersville	March 11 6:30	1. Kay S 2. Cheryl O
Frisco Quilt Guild	Frisco	September 23 6:30	1. Roxy G 2.
Garland Quilt Guild	Garland	April 1 6:00	1. Debra MR 2. Alice G
Land O' Lakes Quilt Guild	Lewisville	October 13 6:00 set up	1. 2.
McKinney Modern Quilt Guild	McKinney	September 2 6:00	1. 2.
McKinney Quilters Guild	McKinney	March 18 12:30	1. Betty M 2. Brenda B
Quilters Guild of Dallas	Dallas	October 2 7:00 meeting	1. 2.
Quilters Guild of Plano	Plano	April 10 6:00	1. Lorraine M 2. Betty M
Rowlett Quilters' Guild	Rowlett	May 17 9:00	1. 2.

\*\*If you have a special contact with the Cotton Patch guild, please let Lorraine know. They have been contacted but she has not been able to schedule a visit.

# AQG Fall Retreat

**September 11-15, 2025**

Mark your calendar and sign up for our Fall Retreat. Just pay your \$50 deposit now and you will be billed for remainder 2 weeks before we go. Refunds are available 30 days before event.

We will be going to Sew Cool Retreat Center in Scurry, Texas. It's located 1 ½ hours from Allen. We'll carpool for those that don't want to drive. You can view the accommodations online at [www.sewcoolretreat.com](http://www.sewcoolretreat.com)

Below is the link to pay for your retreat.

5 day/4 night retreat or 4 day/3 night retreat  
Deposit to secure your spot - pay \$50 [HERE](#)

Contact Elaine R. at [bebrice54@gmail.com](mailto:bebrice54@gmail.com)

## Block of the Month

### Block of the Month 2025 ...well, sorta

HELLO ALLEN QUILTERS!

For 2025 we are participating in the Riley Blake Design (RBD) Block Challenge as our "Block of the Month" activity.

There will be a block released every Tuesday with a break at the end of the month.

I will be emailing the block instructions AND the link to the YouTube video every week to those signed up to participate in the BOM activity.

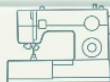
The program will run from Jan 14 th to May 27 th .

It's never too late to get on the list!

Just email me and I'll add you:  
[springsquiltythings@gmail.com](mailto:springsquiltythings@gmail.com).

You can also find the designs at:  
[www.rbdblog.com](http://www.rbdblog.com).

Come, join the fun!



## What to bring to the next meeting

- ✚ Your colorful 12 ½" mystery block
- ✚ Your \$35 dues if you haven't yet paid your 2025 AQG membership dues
- ✚ Snacks if you signed up to share
- ✚ Your Block of the Month block
- ✚ A Valentines heart quilt for Show 'n Tell
- ✚ Quilts for California fire victims
- ✚ A quilting friend!





**2025 QOV Committee**

- Elaine R – Chairman
- Debra M-R
- Cheryl O
- Janice S
- Betty M
- Dot F
- Marge B

If you want to participate in our QOV program, you will be asked to make quilts or quilt blocks for the program. You can sign up at our meeting to let us know what you will make. Our goal this year is 24 quilts. The deadline for our Longarm Quilters is September 18<sup>th</sup>. It will cost \$20 per quilt for batting . If you can pay that, then please do.

- You can choose your own fabric & pattern or pick up block kits to make.
- Blocks will be returned and then put together on QOV Sew Days.
- We are using the 2025 QOV National block called *Log Cabin*.
- Kits will be made to hand out to members, including fabric & patterns.
- All blocks should measure 12 1/2 inches square.
- Directions & patterns are also available on our website.

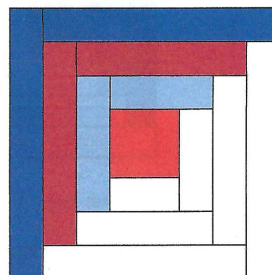
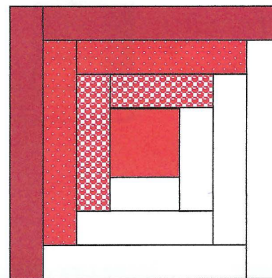
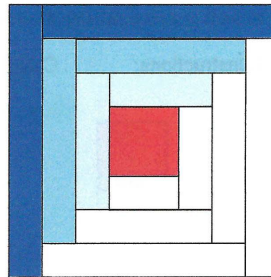
**Welcome to Quilts of Valor Foundation 2025 Quilt Block Drive**

**Cutting**

- 1) 3 1/2" X 3 1/2" red
- 2) 2" X 3 1/2" white/cream
- 3) 2" X 5" white/cream
- 4) 2" X 5" light blue/ soft red
- 5) 2" X 6 1/2" light blue/soft red
- 6) 2" X 6 1/2" white/cream
- 7) 2" X 8" white/cream
- 8) 2" X 8" medium blue/medium red
- 9) 2" X 9 1/2" medium blue/medium red
- 10) 2" X 9 1/2" white/cream
- 11) 2" X 11" white/cream
- 12) 2" X 11" dark blue/dark red
- 13) 2" X 12 1/2" dark blue/dark red

**2025 Annual Block – 12 1/2" Log Cabin**

(made with 2" wide strips)



Mail blocks to:

Nancy Cann  
 2025 QOVF Block Drive  
 709 Lukie Drive  
 Nicholasville, KY 40356

If you want to receive notification that your quilt block donation has been received, please include a note in your package with your name, email address, and /or cell phone number.

## From the Newsletter Editor

I hope to include all the news you need to keep you informed about Allen Quilters Guild and area happenings. If you have something you would like to include in an issue, please send it to me by the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month (Board meeting day).

### All Texas Shop Hop



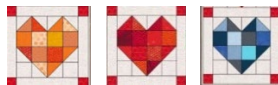
The All Texas Shop Hop is March 1 – April 30<sup>th</sup> the books are available at your local quilt shop listing the participating stores, patterns, fabric offerings and more. Check it out at <https://alltexasshophop.com/>. If you would like to visit some of the stores, check with your fellow members. I'm sure you can find a shopping buddy. This is a great way to show support to our local quilt stores. It is also an opportunity to promote the Allen Quilters Guild by asking if the store would display some of our bookmarks.

### Community Service Meals on Wheels

A thank you note from one of the ladies that received some of the placemats y'all made and contributed to our community service program.

Thank you!

Dear Quilters,  
I hope you had a wonderful holiday season!  
I'm writing to thank you once again for providing your beautiful placemats for the MOW Seniors. They are works of art, and they make a really nice addition to the remembrances we send to new clients. Please enjoy a happy & healthy 2025.  
Teresa



### Area Quilt Shows

If you are interested in attending area quilt shows, there is a wonderful online site that lists show with all the particulars you need to know ([www.quiltinghub.com](http://www.quiltinghub.com)). Here are some of the local shows listed:

#### Dallas Quilt Show, March 14-16

Dallas Market Hall, 2200 N Stemmons Fwy, Dallas TX

Friday and Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 11-4

Entrance tickets are \$15 at the door or you can purchase them on their website

[www.quiltersguildofdallas.org](http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org).

There will be 400 quilts competing for over \$15,000 in prize money.

This year's theme is "Quilting is my super power"

#### Quilters Guild of East Texas Quilt Show, March 21-22

W T Brookshires Conference Center, Tyler TX

#### Highland Lakes Quilt Festival, April 25-26

Burnet Community Center, 401 East Jackson Street, Burnet TX

#### Quilt Plano 2025, August 8-9

Plano Event Center, 2000 East Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano TX

Please let me know of others to add next time!

**2024 Survey Recap**

The survey, although very informative, did not provide any surprises for the board. Some interesting items, 33% have been members for over 10 years, while 48% have been members for less than 5 years. Our member quilting levels are 56% intermediate and 26% advanced. The topics of interest we surveyed are covered in the 2025 program line up, great job Pam and Kay. Our Community Service items will remain unchanged from 2024. There is some interest in renewing ‘Small Groups’ and ‘Door Prizes’, hence the sign-up lists that were distributed in January. You can always add yourself to one of the lists at any meeting. There is an interest in Door Prizes, to make that a reality, we need someone to solicit door prizes from local quilting stores. We are returning to a snack/water sign up for 2025. Our members indicate 93% will renew their membership and overall satisfaction with the Allen Quilters Guild is 89%. Thank you for your participation in the survey.

A complete recap is attached to the newsletter and if you would like to view the raw data, contact Debra MR

**The survey indicated that members would like to return to signing up for meeting snacks**

**Would you like to help?**

Month	Name	Water	Snack
<b>February</b>	Lorraine		x
	Liz B		x
	Vicki E	x	
<b>March</b>	Roxy		x
	Cheryl		x
<b>April</b>			
<b>May</b>			
<b>June</b>	Brandy S	x	
<b>August</b>	Brenda		

# Allen Quilters' Guild Membership Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month and day only): \_\_\_\_\_

Small groups 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

You can download the guild bylaws at <http://allenquilters.org/contact/> .

You will be receiving the Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter in your email and you may also download directly from our website [www.allenquilters.org](http://www.allenquilters.org) .

Is it ok to publish your information in the Quilt Guild Directory. Yes or No

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 our current VP of Membership.

Membership dues are \$35.00 for adults and ½ price for juniors (children 10 to 17 accompanied by an adult member) and paid annually in January.

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Google Groups \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Bylaws \_\_\_\_\_  
B-day \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_