

# Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

March 2025



## Presidents Message



### *From President Debra*

*The quilts we saw last month from Linda Neal were amazing! I am in awe of hand applique work and hers is beautiful!*

*Make sure to join us in March as the 'Mystery Project' will be unveiled. Thank you to all that have participated, your work is very much appreciated.*

*This week feels like spring and with spring comes the desire (for me) to spring clean/organize. We are in luck this month as Christina Fagen will provide lots of ideas to get our sewing rooms organized.*

*Since we are talking about organization this month, I have a tip to share. When purchasing fabric, such as during the "All Texas Shop Hop", that you are not sure when you will use it, take a sample of the fabric and tape it to the back of the receipt. Then when you need more, you know where you purchased it, the brand, and fabric number. If the receipt does not show this information, cut a piece of the selvedge that shows the information. This practice has saved me many times as I can usually remember where I purchased it, just not the brand etc.*

*I hope you are all enjoying the "All Texas Shop Hop". The stores we visited were delightful, anxious to see us, and extremely helpful. Remember, this "shop" hop will carry many of our small stores through the entire year. If you can, try to purchase something while you are hopping. It doesn't have to be much, even a fat quarter adds to their bottom line.*

*Is anyone going to the Dallas Quilt show March 14-16, 2025? Stop by and talk up our Raffle Quilt. It has been entered into the competition!*

*Do you have a Spring quilt you can share this month for Show and Tell? If not, bring something to show, I find show n' tell so much fun. It is great to see everyone's work.*

*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.

## March Meeting with Christina Fagen!

*Please join us!*

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

Blue House Too

Watters Creek Shopping Center

980 Watters Creek Blvd., Allen Texas



### March Speaker, Christina Fagan



Christina has been quilting for 10 years. She loves detailed and unique patterns with bright modern fabric. Christina prefers Scrappy quilting combining different fabrics for a one-of-a-kind project. Her favorite technique is foundation paper piecing with perfect points and angles. Christina is a “master quilter”, winning two ribbons and works for Not Your Momma’s Quilt store.

Christine will discuss the steps to organize your sewing space. The end goal of her presentation is to motivate and bring back joy to your sewing room.

## Mark your calendars for all our upcoming 2025 Meetings

You won’t want to miss any of them.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>** Quilt of Valor Reception

(4:30-6:30 pm Allen Senior Recreation Center)

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



### Don’t forget the Texas Shop Hop is NOW!

March 1 – April 30<sup>th</sup>

The book with all the shops listed, patterns, and fabric offerings are available at the shops.

For more information go to

<https://alltexasshophop.com/>



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

Date & Time: Thursday, February 20, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Blue House Too (Gallery)  
970 Watters Creek Blvd., Allen, Texas 75013

### **President** – Debra MR

1. The business meeting was called to order by Debra, President, at 6:27 p.m.
2. There were 21 members and 2 guests in attendance.
3. Meeting minutes from January Membership Meeting were approved.
4. Tonight's meeting is in the Blue House Too Gallery; a class was being held in the Art Space.
5. Mystery blocks can be put on the table in the back. Volunteers can sign up for various activities on the clipboards which are also on the table in the back.
6. A summary of the survey was in the February newsletter. Email Debra if you want details.

### **New Business** - None

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

1. Programs:
  - a. 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.
  - b. Bookmarks are now available, and members are asked to take some and distribute them to their favorite quilt store this month.
2. QOV: Betty gave an update from the QOV committee.
  - a. QOV Committee met and created guidelines for 2025.
  - b. Forms are available to nominate a Service Member or Living Veteran for an award.
  - c. The QOV Award Ceremony is November 6, 2025 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Allen Senior Recreation Center. Other awards may be made throughout the year depending on the recipient's situation.
  - d. Kits for making quilt tops (log cabin or 9-patch) are available or you may choose your own fabrics and pattern (minimum size is 60” x 80”). The guild's goal is 24 quilts.
  - e. 2 QOV Sew Days have been set to sew finished blocks into quilt tops:
    - i. QOV Sew Day #1 - April 29, 2025 at the Best Little Retreat Center, 9a-9p
    - ii. QOV Sew Day #2 - August 14, 2025 at the Allen Senior Recreation Center, 1p-7p.
  - f. The deadline for quilts to be completed by the longarm quilters is September 18, 2025.
  - g. Volunteers to make quilts, blocks and/or to participate in Sew Day are asked to sign up on the circulating clipboard.
3. Block of the Month: Spring displayed blocks currently available from this year's BOM program which is the 2025 Riley Blake Block Challenge.

### **2nd VP Membership – Spring W**

1. Door Prizes were distributed.
2. A volunteer is needed to help solicit and distribute door prizes.
3. Janice is working on forming small groups. Sign up on the clipboard in the back of the room.

### **3rd VP Communication – Jana MB (via Debra)**

1. Debra asked if everyone was receiving the newsletter.
2. Jana is working on the website and asks if anyone spots something that needs attention to let her know.
3. Roxy requested newsletter submissions be sent to her as soon as you have them, even before the deadline.

**4th VP Community Service – Janice S (via Debra)**

- 1. Available kits (bibs, placemats, shower bags, pillowcases) can be picked up from the table at the back of the room. Volunteers are needed to help cut fabrics into kits.
- 2. Roxy spoke about the continuing effort to provide quilts to victims of the last 2 years of wildfires in California.

**5th VP Ways and Means – Deb M**

- 1. Ticket packets (24 tickets for \$20) for \*SPARKLE\*, the guild’s 2025 raffle quilt, are available for members to pick up.
- 2. Lorraine is organizing the 2025 road show stops; volunteers can sign up to take the quilt to the various stops.

**Treasurer – Yvonne B**

- 1. The current checking account balance is \$6,448.95

**Secretary – Colleen C**

- 1. No Report

**Member Show & Tell**

**Break (7:11 p.m. to 7:27 p.m.)**

**Speaker:**

The speaker for the meeting is Linda Neal. She spoke of her techniques in making her award- winning quilts and displayed her most recent quilt: “Baltimore in Blue”.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C.



**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasury Report March 2025			
<b>Beginning</b>			<b>\$6,448.95</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>2025 Membership Dues</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>	
	<b>Raffle Ticket Sales</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>	
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Credit Card Usage Fee</b>	<b>\$ 13.50</b>	
	<b>Raffle Quilt Entry Fee – Dallas Quilt Show</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 48.50</b>
<b>Ending</b>			<b>\$6,550.45</b>
<b>Cash Box</b>			<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Submitted: Yvonne Broach, March 4, 2025</b>			



### Community Service News by Janice S

#### Kits Ready to Stitch

We have quilt kits, some with patterns, and some yardage that you can use with your own pattern. Kits for quilts, pillowcases, shower bags, placemats, and bibs are available for anyone to stitch. Pick your favorite item 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. Thank you!

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

2025 RBD Block Challenge Update  
March holds blocks 7, 8, & 9

I hope everyone is having a great time with these blocks and learning some new skills in the process. Contact Spring W. if you have any questions or need assistance.

Program runs from  
Jan 14 th to May 27 th .  
It's never too late to get on the list.  
Email me to be added:  
[springsquiltythings@gmail.com](mailto:springsquiltythings@gmail.com)  
You can find the block patterns at:  
<https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/2025-rbd-block-challenge-patterns>




#### What to bring to the next meeting

- ✚ Snacks: Yvonne B, Cheryl O, Deb M
- ✚ A Spring-time quilt for Show 'n Tell
- ✚ Block of the Month blocks
- ✚ Quilts for California wildfire victims
- ✚ A quilting friend!





## 2025 AQG Raffle Quilt Schedule

*Sparkle*, our 2025 Raffle Quilt, is ready to hit the road.

The upcoming visits scheduled are:

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|-------------------|--|
| March 11 at 6:30  | Farmersville Quilt Guild (Kay S & Cheryl O)    |
| March 18 at 12:30 | McKinney Quilters Guild (Betty M & Brenda B)   |
| April 1 at 6 pm   | Garland Quilt Guild (Alice G & ???)            |
| April 10 at 6 pm  | Quilters Guild of Plano (Lorraine M & Betty M) |

Thank you for your support!

Sparkle pattern by Michelle Renee Hiatt [www.sewonthego.net](http://www.sewonthego.net)

## Retreat

**September 11-15, 2025**

Mark your calendar and sign up for our Fall Retreat. This is just for our guild. Of course, you can bring a friend. 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.

Cost: \$345.00 total

5 day/4 night retreat (You can choose your days to come)

Deposit to secure your spot - pay \$50 [HERE](#)

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

### Quilts for California Wildfire Victims

Thank you, thank you! I am overwhelmed and so appreciative for the quilt donations received to donate to the Southern California Quilt Association for their work in providing quilts for the verified victims of the wildfires. The need is great and continues to increase. Quilts are still needed for November's Mountain Fire victims and many more due to 6,011 homes lost in the Eaton fire. I have received 59 quilts from members of the McKinney, Plano & Allen guilds, with another 34 on their way to me. I will continue collecting quilts until the beginning of May to then drive them to CA for distribution.

My heartfelt thank you for all the support.

Roxy Gross



**WOOHOO!!! 18 members signed up to help make our quilts/quilt blocks this year!  
Thank YOU!**

Please return any quilt blocks you have finished and pick up some more at our March meeting. We will sew these together at our QOV Sew Day#1.

**2025 QOV  
Committee**

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

**QOV Sew Day #1  
Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Best Little Retreat Center  
7989 Belt Line Rd, Dallas, Texas  
9:00a.m.- 9:00 p.m. (Come and Go)**

Bring any finished blocks, your machine and basic sewing supplies. You can also bring your own quilt to work on. Invite your friends to come sew. We will also need cutters to make new kits. It's a fun time.

Contact Elaine at [bebrice54@gmail.com](mailto:bebrice54@gmail.com) for more info



**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 NEXT WEEKEND!**

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!**

# 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# \_\_\_\_\_