

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

April 2025



Presidents Message



From President Debra

Spring is in the air, beautiful flowers, blossoming trees, lots of pollen, and all just in time for Easter. I hope everyone can take time to celebrate Spring and Easter.

I don't know about you, but I really enjoyed Christina's presentation on organization. She inspired me to organize my small fabrics by size and color. There were great ideas shared that can help all of us. If anyone would like to start the organization process but is too overwhelmed, reach out to your fellow Guild members for assistance. I will be happy to come spend some time assisting anyone in their organization efforts.



This month's presentation is about fabric dying with Sherry Worley. She was at the Dallas Quilt show, some of us were able to get a sneak peek at her items. They are quite lovely.

The Quilt of Valor sew in on April 29th is a great way to get to know each other. There will be many Quilt of Valor blocks and quilts to be assembled. Grab your sewing machine and supplies and join us for stitching and gabbing. It will be an enjoyable day, come and go as you please from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. If Quilt of Valor is not your thing, we have many, many activities that you can be involved in if you wish. Our Community Service items always need sewists to make pillowcases, bibs, shower bags, and quilts.

We have a new Treasurer, Laura Grumbles, who has agreed to finish out the year for us. Laura would like an assistant, if anyone would like to share the role, please let the Board know. Laura, welcome to the Board!

Letter from a thankful instructor:

My name is Tina, and I am a K through 12 volunteer instructor for Centerline Arts Group. This has been a meaningful way for me to make a positive impact on the lives of children and help them ignite a lifelong passion for the arts. Most recently, I have started teaching our sewing classes. We are working on a community memory quilt!

In my lesson planning I came across the Allen Quilters' Guild "Quilty Links" page: allenquilters.org/quilty-links/ and just wanted to say thank you for putting this together. The blog on how to sew clothing has been super helpful and has inspired us to plan a clothing project after the quilt is finished!

I found an article I wanted to share with you "Pins: Guide to Sewing Safety" <https://wizardpins.com/blogs/blog/pins-and-needles-with-no-worries-a-guide-to-sewing-safety>. I thought it might be a great inclusion to your "How to Sew..." section and could be beneficial to your quilting audience. This article covers sewing safety tips and stresses the importance of starting slow as a beginner.

I love, love, love hearing stories of teaching our next generation the art of quilting!

Thank you for your support and I look forward to a great April meeting! Debra

April Meeting with Sherry Worley!

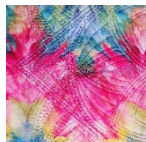
Please join us!

April 17th 6 to 8 pm

Blue House Too

Watters Creek Shopping Center
980 Watters Creek Blvd., Allen Texas

April Speaker, Sherry Worley



Have you ever wanted a fabric color for your quilt project, but couldn't find it? Our April speaker has just the answer! Sherry Worley has been hand dying her fabric for her quilts for over 30 years. She has expressed there is something very Satisfying about taking plain white fabric and creating color(s) on it. Sherry will be discussing different ways to apply dye to fabric, the process and then turning this into beautiful quilts. She recently added ice dying to her multiple techniques she uses. These different methods will be shared with our guild on April 17th.

If you are someone who enjoys seeing pictures in the clouds, you will love learning about this dyeing process for your next quilts!

Sign up for the June Workshop with Jill Issacson! June 20th 12-4 pm.

Build Your Own Medallion Quilt

Have you ever dreamed of taking one of your blocks and building a quilt around it? Jill Issacson is going to teach us exactly how to do this with ease. We will learn how to determine the correct block size to make and add various styles of borders and to build our quilt from the center out. She will teach us how to fix issues when the math doesn't quite work, and the block needs altered.



Jill is an award-winning quilter and studied under Linda Neal and Robert Larson. She has won many ribbons: Dallas Quilt Show, Plano Quilt Show, Sulphur Springs Quilt Show, Paris Quilt Show and last but not least, Paducah Quilt Show!



Jill will be teaching a workshop to our guild members at Fabrics Fanatics on June 20th from 12 to 4 pm. Supplies to bring to class: sewing machine, a completed 12" finished (12 1/2" unfinished) block, and basic sewing supplies. You will receive a more detailed list of sewing supplies closer to the workshop.

Sign up at the April guild meeting as space is limited for this class. You will be glad you did!

Mark your calendars for all our upcoming 2025 Meetings

May 15th Debra Atchison Legit Kits – Foundation Paper Piecing

June 19th Jill Isakson *Happy Scrappy Quilts*

July 19th Allen Quilters Guild Picnic

August 21st Quilt College

September 18th Anne Mosher *Trunk Show-Tamarack Quilted Jackets*

October 16th Annual Meeting

November 6th Quilt of Valor Reception

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

December 13th Christmas Party & Raffle Quilt Drawing

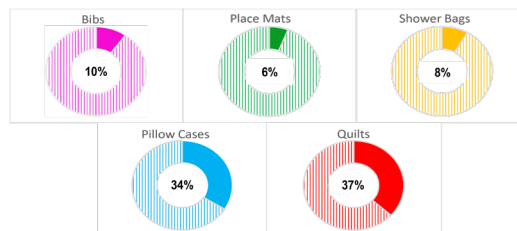


Community Service News by Janice S

We have quilt kits 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 fabric for backing and batting. If you need some, please contact me and I can arrange for you to come see it or send photos to you.

Thanks to all who have contributed so far to making quilts, pillowcases, shower bags, bibs, and placemats. Please continue with the good work making these items so we can reach our goals. Here is our progress so far:

	Bibs	Place Mats	Shower Bags	Pillow Cases	Quilts
Total	10	6	5	34	11
Goal	100	100	60	100	30
Need	90	94	55	66	19



Don't forget to keep track of your community service hours! We 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.

Minutes of the Allen Quilters' Guild March General Membership Meeting

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

President – Debra MR

The business meeting was called to order by Debra, President, at 6:30 p.m.

There are 25 members and 4 guests in attendance. Debra extended a welcome to members of the Dallas Modern Quilt Guild, in attendance, showing their guild's raffle quilt.

Minutes: The minutes of the February General Membership meeting were included in the guild's March newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report, dated March 4, 2025, was included in the guild's March newsletter. Hearing no questions regarding the report, the report is filed for audit.

Antique Quilt Tops: The guild has received 3 antique quilt tops. Members interested in having one of these items can see Debra at the break.

Annual Financial Audit: Lorraine has completed the annual audit of the guild's financial records. No issues were detected.

Mystery Project: A presentation was made to Elaine by Spring and Debra for her service as President for the years of 2020, 2022, and 2023. Elaine, a dedicated member of the Guild, puts in countless hours of her time. There is a Guild tradition to present the outgoing President with a "Presidents Quilt", however Elaine never received her President's Quilt, and that oversight is corrected tonight. The blocks of this friendship quilt were made by the members of the guild. The quilt was constructed by Lorraine and Debra, and quilted by Debra.

Treasurer: For personal reasons, Yvonne has requested to be replaced as Treasurer and Debra requested a volunteer. Yvonne and Colleen can provide information about the role.

1st VP Programs – Pam H and Kay S

Programs: The speaker for the next meeting, April 17, is Sherry Worley. She will speak on the topic of "Hand Dyed Fabric For Quilting". The complete list of programs for the year can be found in the newsletter.

Retreats & Road Trips: The Fall retreat, September 11-15, has 16 openings. Details in the newsletter. Elaine also reports that she is attempting to set up a set up a one-day excursion to the 2025 Houston Quilt show. More details to come.

Quilts of Valor: Elaine reports that kits for making quilt blocks are to be picked up this month or next to meet the timetable to finish the quilts before the November awards ceremony. There are 2 sewing days scheduled to sew the finished blocks into quilt tops. Dates, times and locations are in the newsletter. Elaine also reports that a roll of batting for the quilts has been donated by Stitchin Sisters Quilting.

2nd VP Membership – Spring W

Membership: There are 25 members (including 3 new members) and 4 guests (including 2 guests from the Dallas Modern Quilt Guild) in attendance.

Door Prizes: Spring requested a volunteer to help solicit and distribute door prizes. Door Prizes were distributed.

Allen Arts Alliance: Spring attended the AAA monthly board meeting and reported there are several Arts Organizations associated with it, including Blue House Too Art Gallery, the Allen Heritage Guild, and the Allen Train Depot. She also listed some of the upcoming Allen Arts Events:

- First Annual Paint the Ice Night - Saturday, April 12, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
- 2025 Allen Arts Festival: May 9-10-11; the guild will have a booth, no charge, to display the guild's raffle quilt.
- Blue House Too Art Gallery Grand Opening: May 9, 2025

AAA monthly board meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00p.m., usually in the ArtSpace. Contact Spring if you wish to attend.

Small Groups: No report

3rd VP Communication – Jana MB

No report.

4th VP Community Service – Janice S

Kits for quilts (including batting and backing) are available. Also available are kits for bibs, placemats, shower bags, pillowcases. Please remember to record time spent on community service projects to maintain our non-profit status.

Debra spoke of Roxy's work in assisting her California guild's continuing effort to provide quilts to victims of the last 2 years of wildfires in California. Gently used quilts may be donated. Please label donated quilts.

5th VP Ways and Means – Deb M

2025 RQRS: Lorraine is organizing the 2025 Raffle Quilt Road Show stops. Volunteers can sign up on the green clipboard to take the guild's raffle quilt, *SPARKLE*, to the various guild meetings.

2026 Semiquincentennial: The 250th anniversary of the signing of the 1776 United States Declaration of Independence, the Semiquincentennial, will be celebrated on Independence Day, July 4, 2026. Members of the Farmersville Guild would like to meet with representatives of the McKinney and Allen guilds to discuss what the 3 guilds can do to celebrate the event. See Deb M. for more information.

Break (7:04 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.)

Show & Tell

Program

Tonight's program is "How To Organize Our Quilt Room" by Christina Fagen from Not Your Mama's Quilt Store.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C.

2025 Officers	2025 Committee Chairs
President: Debra M-R.,	BOM: Spring W.
1 st VP Programs: Kay S. & Pam H.	Newsletter: Roxy G.
2 nd VP Membership: Spring W.	QOV: Elaine R.
3 rd VP Communications: Jana M.	Raffle Quilt Road trip: Lorraine M.
4 th VP Community Service: Janice S.	Retreats & Road Trips: Elaine R.
5 th VP Ways & Means: Deb M.	
Secretary: Colleen C.	
Treasurer: Laura G.	

Treasurer's Report

March 2025 Treasury Report (Actuals)			
Beginning Bank Balance			\$6,550.45
Income	2025 Membership Dues	\$235.00	
	Raffle Ticket Sales	\$558.00	
	Total Income		\$793.00
Expenses	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 11.72	
	Programs: Speaker Fees	\$500.00	
	Allen Arts Alliance Annual Membership Fee	\$150.00	
	Total Expenses		\$661.72
Ending Bank Balance			\$6,681.73
Cash Box			\$ 100.00
Submitted: Yvonne Broach, April 1, 2025			

Block of the Month 2025

...well, sorta

2025 RBD Block Challenge Update
April holds blocks 10, 11, 12, & 13

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
You can find the block patterns at:
<https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/2025-rbd-block-challenge-patterns>




What to bring to the next meeting

- ✚ Snacks:
- ✚ 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:

Rowlett Quilters Guild	May 17	9:00 am	???
Cotton Patch Quilt Guild	June 26	6:00 pm	Spring W & Colleen
McKinney Modern Quilt Guild	Sept 2	6:00 pm	Lorraine
Frisco Quilt Guild	Sept 23	6:00 pm	Roxy G & Debra MR
Quilters Guild of Dallas	Oct 2	7:00 pm	???
Land O'Lakes Quilt Guild	Oct 13	6:00 pm	Debra MR

Thank you for your support!

Sparkle pattern by Michelle Renee Hiatt www.sewonthego.net

"Sparkle" at Annual Allen Arts Festival: We will be displaying our "Sparkle" quilt and selling raffle tickets at the 17th Annual Allen Arts Festival. This is a celebration of culture, creativity and community and a great way to showcase our stunning quilt and our guild. The event is:

Friday, May 9th -- 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 10th -- 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sunday, May 11th -- noon - 6:00 pm

If you don't have plans for Mother's Day weekend, please contact Deb Merrill with your availability at deb.merrill@ymail.com

Allen Quilt Guild Retreats

Spring Retreat – April 11-14

5 Members are attending the retreat: Brenda, Dot, Elaine, Jana, and Sandra.

Fall Retreat – September 11-14

There is still availability. Cost for 4 days & 3 nights is \$345. Just \$50 deposit will hold your spot; with the balance due 2 weeks before the retreat.

Possible Road Trip to Houston Quilt Show – Saturday October 11, 2025

Looking into chartering a bus for a one day trip to the fabulous Houston Quilt Show. Stay tuned!

Quilts for California Wildfire Victims



60 quilts have been donated, washed, labeled and packaged for delivery to the Camarillo Quilt Guild for hands-on distribution to wildfire victims. Kathryn (Dallas guild) has them and will truck them over this month!

Absolutely Amazing!

My sincere thank you for your generosity and support. I will continue to gather quilts through the May meeting and will take them to CA when I go in June. You can bring them to a guild meeting or call me to arrange a pickup.

Thank you again, Roxy Gross



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

**QOV Sew Day #1
Tuesday, April 29th**

Best Little Retreat Center

7989 Belt Line Rd, Dallas, Texas

10:00a.m.- 7:00 p.m. (Come and Go)

2025 QOV Committee

Elaine Rice – Chairman

Debra Malone-Reeve

Cheryl Olsen

Janice Stebenne

Betty Matthews

Dot Fowler

Marge Bryan

Bring any finished blocks, your machine and basic sewing supplies. You can also bring your own QOV 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 for more info.

QUILT OF VALOR CEREMONY

Dot, Paula and I presented George Grimsley and Gerald (Jerry) Williams their Quilts of Valor on March 12 at the Allen VFW. We received "Thank You" notes from each one.

Dear Elaine,
I WAS deeply honored AND MOVED to have received the beautiful "Quilt of Valor" at the VFW Post 2195 Monthly Meeting. I will cherish this incredible gift.
I have the quilted valor draped over my couch and I have folded the corner so that everyone can see the award inscription and who "Pieced the Quilt" and who "Quilted the Quilt".
You did an outstanding job of "Piecing the Quilt". Please thank Debra for doing a very beautiful job of "Quilting the Quilt".
It was very nice to have met you. Again, thank you very much for this tremendous award from the Allen Quilters' Guild.
Sincerely yours,
[Signature]



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Sincerely yours,
George Grimsley

“Hello Elaine and good morning. I want to thank you and all of the members of Allen Quilters’ Guild and Debra Malone-Reeve especially for quilting and presenting me my Quilt of Valor at the Allen Post 2195 on March 12, 2025. I am overawed by the work and time and love put into the piecing by the members of the Allen Quilters Guild.



I personally thought that my quilt is the most beautifully designed quilt I've seen. I appreciate you and the others who were at the meeting taking the time to come and present the quilt. I'm not sure what it's called when you placed the quilt on my shoulders but it was a very special to me. I call it the “robing”. That's what they called it when they placed the robe on the king. I felt like a king!

Thanks again and God bless you all.”

Jerry

Gerald L. Williams

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). Here are some of the local shows listed:

Highland Lakes Quilt Festival, April 25-26

Burnet Community Center, 401 East Jackson Street, Burnet TX

Red River Quilt Guild May 9-10

2025 S Collegiate Dr, Paris TX

All Roads Lead to TX Quilt Show July 11-12

Frank W Mayborn Convention Center
3033 North 3rd Street, Temple 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.

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.



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