

# Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

May 2025



## *Presidents Message*



### *From President Debra*

They say April showers bring May flowers; it seems like we have had a lot of rain, we should have great May flowers. Spring always seems busy, I hope you are finding a few minutes for yourself to quilt or do something that pleases you.

The Quilt of Valor sew day was great fun. We got to know folks better and even got some sewing done. Our next Quilt of Valor sew day is in August, put it on your calendar and come visit and sew a bit.

This month we learn about Legit Kits and paper piecing. I'm excited to hear how these beautiful, abstract quilts are made. June brings the Medallion Quilt workshop. I did not know this is a quilting style from the 1800's. The workshop information is later in the newsletter, sign up and pay at the meeting. I love all the different programs we are having this year. Pam and Kay are doing a great job.

We will be showing the raffle quilt at the Allen Arts Festival May 9-11. If you are reading this prior to the Mother's Day weekend, come give us a hand. This is also the Grand Opening of the Blue House Too Art Gallery. The Guild, thanks to Colleen, has donated a quilt for their silent auction.

Thank you each and every one for your support of the Allen Quilters Guild!

*Debra*



### **May Meeting with Debra Atchison**

*Please join us!*

May 15<sup>th</sup> 6 to 8 pm

Blue House Too

Watters Creek Shopping Center

980 Watters Creek Blvd., Allen Texas



Our May 15th Speaker is Debra Atchison. Her program will be fun, interactive and packed with content. She will show the joy of Foundation Paper Piecing with Legit Kits as seen on Shark Tank. If you can sew a straight line on a piece of paper, you can make a beautiful Artistic quilt

Debra will spread her love of quilting and inspire you to embrace and unleash your potential.

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

Date & Time: Thursday, April 17, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Blue House Too Gallery  
970 Watters Creek Blvd., Allen, Texas 75013

### **President's Report: Debra M-R**

Welcome everyone, our program tonight is Sherry Worley. She "has been hand dying her fabric for over 30 years." and has some fabulous fabrics and techniques to share.

Minutes - The minutes were included in the newsletter, there were no additions or corrections. The minutes are approved as printed

Treasurer's report – The Treasurer's report was included in the newsletter. There were no questions about the Treasurer's report. The report will be filed for audit.

Laura G. is our new treasurer, Welcome Laura. She's doing a great job already!

### **No Old Business**

### **New Business**

#### **VP Reports:**

##### **Programs: Kay S and Pam H**

- Debra Atchison, Legit Kits- May 15, 2025
- June 19<sup>th</sup> is Jill Isakson – "Happy Scrappy Quilts"
- Sent around a signup sheet for the workshop on June 20, 2025, at Fabric Fanatics.

##### **Q O V: Elaine R.**

- QOV Sew Day on Tuesday April 29th at Best Little Retreat Center from 10-7. You can bring a machine or if not, there are plenty of jobs that we have that don't need a machine. Be sure to Thank Pam for letting us use the room.
- Elaine has kits for blocks.

**Guild Fall Retreat - Elaine R.** September 11-14 @ Sew Cool Retreat in Scurry, TX. The cost is \$345 per person with a \$50 deposit now to reserve a spot. You can reserve through a link in the newsletter. 15 students max

##### **Houston International Quilt Show Road Trip Possible**

Saturday Oct 11, 2025-Still finalizing - Signups to come. \$125 includes: Festival ticket, Light Breakfast, Snacks and Drinks, Box dinner on the way home, Tip for driver. Will leave at 5am and arrive at the Convention center around 10 am. Lunch on your own. Return to the bus at 5 pm and arrive home at 10 pm.

##### **Block of the Month – Spring W**

Contact Spring if you want to join. She will send you the past instructions. There is no cost .

##### **Membership –Spring W**

- Membership counts: 20 members and 5 visitors at the meeting
- Remind members to check their information in the directory that has been sent out in an email.
- We need someone to collect door prizes
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**Community Service – Janice S**

- We have lots of kits for pillowcases, shower bags, placemats, and quilts - all will be sent to various agencies.
- California wildfires quilts: A truck arrived in California with 62 quilts donated by Texas quilt guilds.

**Ways & Means - Deb M.**

- General update -We are looking for anyone interested in joining a committee for next year’s raffle quilt.
- **Quilt Roadshow-Lorraine M.** We need a volunteer to show the quilt on Sat 9:30am in Rowlett on May 17th. Also, At the Allen Arts Alliance Grand opening (on Mother’s Day weekend). The Allen Arts Alliance has also asked for a donation for a raffle.
- Submitted by Shelly Vatteroni



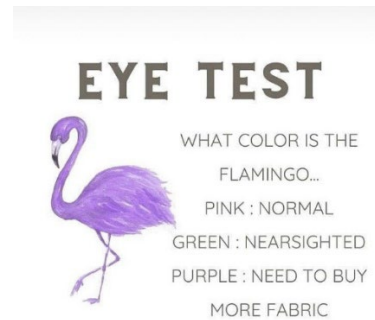
Many thanks to our officers and committee chairs for their time and contributions to the guild!

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

**Treasurer’s Report by Laura Grumbles**

April 2025 Treasury Report (Actuals)			
Beginning Bank Balance			\$6681.73
Income	2025 Membership Dues	\$ 90.00	
	Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 20.00	
	Total Income		\$110.00
Expenses	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 6.64	
	Programs: Speaker Fees	\$200.00	
	Total Expenses		\$206.64
Ending Bank Balance			\$6,585.09
Cash Box			\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 5/5/2025			

## Membership Report by Spring Weeks



## 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 you to stitch. Pick your favorite kit at a meeting. We also have fabric for backing and batting for your charity quilts. 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 charity items. I could use some help with cutting kits from the fabric we have. See me at the meeting or give me a call and I'll arrange to get it to you. 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	Pillowcases	Quilts
Total	14	6	7	49	11
Goal	100	100	60	100	30

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](mailto:janice@dfwair.net)) with your hours or record them at the next meeting.

## 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	Spring W & Jeff B
Cotton Patch Quilt Guild	June 26	6:00 pm	Spring W & Colleen
McKinney Modern Quilt Guild	Sept 2	6:00 pm	Lorraine & Rachell A
Frisco Quilt Guild	Sept 23	6:00 pm	Roxy G & Debra MR
Quilters Guild of Dallas	Oct 2	7:00 pm	Tom D
Land O'Lakes Quilt Guild	Oct 13	6:00 pm	Debra MR & Lorraine M

Thank you for your support!

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

## 17th Annual Allen Arts Festival Watters Creek Village, Allen TX

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. It's a great way to showcase our stunning quilt and our guild. The event is this weekend, May 9, 10 & 11.

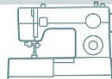

**We need some help!** If you can lend a hand in our booth on Saturday afternoon or on Sunday, please contact Deb Merrill with your availability at [deb.merrill@ymail.com](mailto:deb.merrill@ymail.com).

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

2025 RBD Block Challenge Update  
**We are down to the last month!**  
May brings blocks 14, 15, 16, and Finishing Instructions!

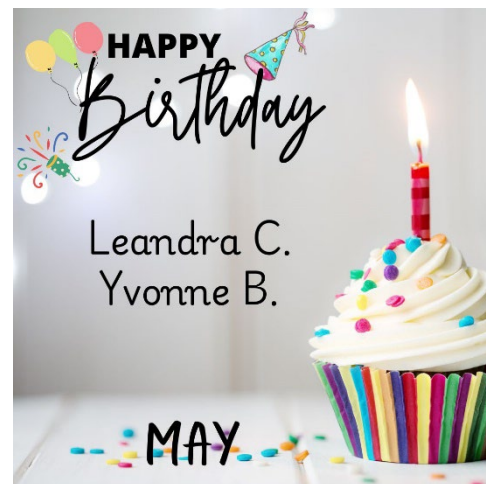
If you are in need of any help completing any of the blocks, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Remember, you do not have to go about this quilt exactly as they have it. It is yours and you can make it what you want. Go check out other ideas on the [#RBDblockchallenge | 2025](https://www.facebook.com/RBDblockchallenge) FaceBook page

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
- ✚ A quilt for Show 'n Tell
- ✚ Your Block of the Month blocks
- ✚ Quilts for California wildfire victims
- ✚ A quilting friend!



### Mark your calendars for all our upcoming 2025 Meetings

- 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)
- November 20<sup>th</sup>** Elaine Rice *Quilt of Valor Program*
- December 13<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Party & Raffle Quilt Drawing

## Looking ahead to the June Meeting and Workshop: Jill Isakson



The Allen Quilt Guild has been so fortunate to attract some of the best speakers and teachers. Each one inspires us to be more creative in our piecing, sewing and design of our quilts. Our June 19<sup>th</sup> guild speaker is Jill Isakson who will be speaking to us on her quilting journey. Jill has studied under Linda Neal and Robert Larson. With her expertise in quilting, she has won many awards locally and nationally.

Jill will be our June 19<sup>th</sup> speaker at our Guild Meeting. On the following day, June 20<sup>th</sup> she will be teaching a workshop "Build Your own Medallion Quilt" It is in the workshop where you will learn how to work not only without a pattern but be creating your own design. The workshop is being held at Fabric Fanatics from 12 -4. The cost of the workshop is \$30.00

If you're interested sign up soon at the guild meetings. You won't be disappointed!!!



### June Workshop with Jill Isakson: Make your own Medallion Quilt Workshop

When: Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4pm

Where: Fabric Fanatics

Cost: \$30.00 *Please pay before the workshop at the May meeting.*

What is a Medallion Quilt?

This type of quilt has been around since the 1800's and is made of a central motif surrounded by multiple borders.

In this workshop you will explore ideas for creating your own medallion style quilt. Since you will be designing your own quilt the fabric requirements below are just to get you started.

Materials needed:

- ½ yard background fabric
- ½ yard of medium fabric that coordinates with the center block
- ½ yard of fabric that contrasts with the medium fabric
- 6-8 fat quarters
- *All fabrics should coordinate*

Equipment needed:

- Sewing machine
- Thread, Scissors, Pins
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler – Fabric Fanatics has large cutting mats, a small one to use at your station may be helpful
- Optional - Easy Angle ruler or Creative Grids Folded Corner Clipper ruler

Pre-Work:

- Make one 12 ½" unfinished block that is set straight, not on point, to use as the central focus of the quilt. Star blocks work great.
- Make 20 – 3 ½" unfinished blocks that are all the same, such as 4 patch, Half Square Triangles, etc.




**AQG Fall Retreat**  
**September 11-14, 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 the remainder 2 weeks before we go. Refunds are available 30 days before the 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 deposit.  
Cost: \$345.00 total (4 days, 3 nights)  
Or \$295.00 total (3 days, 2 nights)  
4 days or 3 days retreat (You can choose your days to come)  
Deposit to secure your spot - pay \$50 **HERE**

**DEADLINE IS JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> GUILD MEETING.**  
Contact Elaine R. at [bebrice54@gmail.com](mailto:bebrice54@gmail.com)

 <p><b>2025 QOV Committee</b></p> <p>Elaine R – Chairman Debra M-R Cheryl O Janice S Betty M Dot F Marge B</p>	<p>Please return any quilt blocks you have finished and pick up some more at our May meeting. We will sew these together at our QOV Sew Day #2.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>QOV Sew Day #2</b> <b>Thursday, August 14th</b> <b>Allen Senior Recreation Center</b> <b>451 E. St. Mary Drive, Allen, Texas</b> <b>1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Come and Go)</b></p> <p>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 <a href="mailto:bebrice54@gmail.com">bebrice54@gmail.com</a> for more info.</p>
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## Quilts for California Wildfire Victims

62 lovely quilts from the Allen, Dallas, McKinney, Plano, Red River and Waco quilt guilds were delivered



to the Camarillo Quilters Association for their Pop-Up events. Victims from the November and January wildfires are invited to come and select a quilt to keep. Event chair, Patrice, wrote *“the visible physical transformation of the fire survivors when they enter the event is uplifting and amazing, from quiet and downtrodden lining up outside to upright and excited to choose a quilt from the assortment of colors and sizes. On behalf of the fire survivors, thank you very much. Patrice”*

I am collecting for a second donation to go to California in June. If you have a quilt (any size, any color, any theme), you would like to donate, please bring it to the May or June guild meeting or give me a call and we'll arrange pickup.

My deepest appreciation and gratitude for your kindness and generosity. Roxy Gross

Photo: Kathryn B (Dallas Guild) and I packing up quilts for shipment to California

## 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:

### Red River Quilt Guild May 9-10 This weekend!!

2025 S Collegiate Dr, Paris TX

### All Roads Lead to TX Quilt Show July 11-12

Frank W Mayborn Convention Center  
3033 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Temple TX

### Quilt Plano 2025, August 8-9

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

Registration for entering a quilt is now open online.

Sign up to volunteer for a shift at the Show and receive free entry.

<https://www.qgplano.org/quilt-show/>

## Easy Reference Charts

Generations QUILT PATTERNS				
-Standard Quilt/Bedding Sizes-				
Standard US Mattress Type	Mattress Size	Commercial Comforter* (short drop)	Commercial Coverlet	Commercial Bedspread* (long drop)
Crib	27" x 52"	---	---	---
Youth	32" x 66"	58" x 79"	64" x 92"	74" x 98"
Twin/Single	39" x 75"	65" x 88"	71" x 101"	81" x 107"
Twin, X-Long	39" x 80"	65" x 93"	71" x 106"	81" x 112"
Double/Full	54" x 75"	80" x 88"	86" x 101"	96" x 107"
Double, XL	54" x 80"	80" x 93"	86" x 106"	96" x 112"
Queen	60" x 80"	86" x 93"	92" x 106"	102" x 112"
King	78" x 80"	104" x 93"	110" x 106"	120" x 112"
California King	72" x 84"	98" x 97"	104" x 110"	114" x 116"
Add to mattress width		26"	32"	42"
Add to mattress length		13"	26"	32"

The Only Half Square Triangle Chart You Will EVER Need!

Includes diagrams for HST Two of a Time Method, HST Four of a Time Method, and HST Eight of a Time Method, along with corresponding charts for each.

# 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.



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