

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

August 2025



President's Message



From President Debra

Thank you, Janice, for a lovely picnic at her home. She gave a tour of her sewing studio, longarm room, and all her lovely quilts. It is always enjoyable to see how others organize their sewing studios; it provides inspiration and ideas. It was a great time, thank you to all that attended.

I'm looking forward to our 'Quilt College' this month. I love learning new techniques and this is our chance to learn from the best – Our Members!

Board Positions: It's that time of year again, we need to solidify the board for 2026 and think about 2027. The Board positions that are open as of now are for Community Service and potentially Ways and Means. Community Service works great as a two-person position with a committee to help assemble the kits. Ways and Means oversees fundraising and the raffle quilt. The 2027 Board will have the most positions as many on the current board will have served for two years. A Board position is a great way to become involved and get to know the inner workings of the Guild as well as the members. If there is a position that you are interested in for 2027 and would like to shadow the current board member let that member know.

De-Stash! We are on the waiting list for the October De-Stash at Not Your Mama's Quilt Store, so start going through your stuff to see what you would like to de-stash. See Deb M's article and list of guidelines for your destash items.

Discounted Subscription: Would you like a discounted subscription to Love of Quilting magazine? Click the link below and subscribe. An email was sent directly to you regarding this from Jana. It is real and legitimate. Click on the banner below.

Thank you for all you do to make this Guild a success!
Debra MRDebra



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Membership Report by Spring Weeks



Treasurer's Report by Laura Grumbles

July 2025 Treasury Report (Actuals)			
Beginning Bank Balance			\$7,199.66
Income	Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 69.00	
	Total Income		\$ 69.00
Expenses	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 8.02	
	June Workshop	\$100.00	
	Total Expenses		\$108.02
Ending Bank Balance			\$7,160.64
Cash Box			\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 8/01/2025			

2025 AQG Raffle Quilt Schedule



The upcoming visits scheduled are:

Frisco Quilt Guild	Sept 23	6:00 pm	Roxy G & Spring W
Quilters Guild of Dallas	Oct 2	7:00 pm	Tom D
First Christian Church, Allen	Oct 11	9-1 pm	???
Land O'Lakes Quilt Guild	Oct 13	6:00 pm	Debra MR & Lorraine M
McKinney Modern Quilt Guild	Nov 4	6:00 pm	Lorraine & Rachell A

Thank you for your support!

Sparkle pattern by Michelle Renee Hiatt www.sewonthego.net

**Minutes of July 19, 2025
General Membership Meeting
Allen Quilters' Guild**

Date & Time: Saturday, July 19, 2025 @ 12:00 p.m.

Location: Janice Residence

The business meeting was called to order by Debra, President, at 12:25 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report, dated July 1, 2025, was included in the Guild's July newsletter. Hearing no questions regarding the report, the report is filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Debra reminded all that several members of the Allen Quilters' Guild are also members of the Quilters' Guild of Plano and have entered quilts in the Plano Quilt Show (August 8 & 9, 2025).

Spring asked all to consider taking a position on the 2026 Board.

VP REPORTS:

1st VP Programs – Pam H:

1. 2025 Programs: Pam spoke on the program for the next meeting on August 21 which is "Quilt College", 4 instructors with 15-minute teaching segments.
2. Quilts of Valor: The next Sew-Day is set for August 14, 2025 from 1pm to 7pm at the Allen Senior Recreation Center.
3. Fall Retreat: September 11-15, 2025: signup deadline is July 19, 2025. Details in the newsletter.

2nd VP Membership – Spring W: There are 42 members and 17 members in attendance at this meeting. Door Prizes (tickets to the Plano Quilt Show donated by Tom DeMoss) were distributed.

3rd VP Communication – Jana MB: Submissions to the August Newsletter are due as soon as possible.

4th VP Community Service – Janice S:

1. Community Service Projects: Kits for quilts, bibs, placemats, shower bags, and pillowcases are available.
2. Quilts for California Wildfire Victims: Roxy is finished collecting quilts. She has a package of 60 more quilts to be sent, bringing the number sent to over 130. Thank you everyone.

5th VP Ways and Means – Deb M:

Fund Raisers:

1. The St. Jude's Craft Fair: Application has been withdrawn due to lack of membership interest. A refund is pending.
2. Not Your Mama's Quilt Store De-Stash Blast: The guild is on the waiting list for table space at the October NYMQS De-Stash Blast. Deb will provide guidelines for submissions. Even if the guild is unable to secure a table space, the guild will still be able to display the raffle quilt, *SPARKLE* and sell raffle tickets.

Treasurer – Laura G: No report.

Secretary – Colleen C: No report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Program

Picnic! Shop the Stash!

Submitted by Colleen C.



Programs by Pam H

The August 21st guild meeting is our Quilt College. It is a great opportunity to learn quilting techniques from our fellow members. Thank you to the following members for sharing their skills:

Lorraine: Disappearing Hour glass

Cheryl: Quilt as you go Hexi

Sharon: Flying Geese with Bloc-Loc ruler

Jana: Hand Quilting

Tom: Prepping for Longarm & Batting options

As you move around the room, you will have the chance to hear all 5 speakers.

Looking forward to seeing everyone! Pam

Looking ahead to the September 18th meeting: Quilter Anne Mosher will present a runway show of Tamarack jackets. She will demonstrate how you can achieve a variety of looks with a few adaptations of the same pattern. Anne has turned her quilting background into creating unique garments. In 1988, she published her first pattern and has thirty-five garment patterns published in her company, Quilter's Wardrobe.

Mark your calendars for all our upcoming 2025 Meetings

August 13th QOV Individual Awards

VFW Post 2195 Matt's Mexican Restaurant 6 pm

Please let Elaine know if you wish to attend

August 14th QOV Sew Day

1-7 pm at the Allen Senior Center

Please let Elaine know if you are planning to attend

August 21st Quilt College

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

October 16th Annual Meeting

November 4th Quilt of Valor Reception

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

November 20th Elaine Rice *Quilt of Valor Program*

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 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.

	Bibs	Place Mats	Shower Bags	Pillowcases	Quilts
Received	34	60	32	83	28
Goal	100	100	60	100	30
% of goal	34%	60%	53%	83%	93%

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.

Quilt of Valor by Elaine R



2025 QOV Committee

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

Please return any quilt blocks you have finished. We will sew these together at our QOV Sew Day #2.

QOV Sew Day
Thursday, August 14th
Allen Senior Recreation Center
451 E. St. Mary Drive, Allen, Texas
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Come and Go)

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.

A very special thanks to our officers and committee chairs for their time and contributions to the guild!

<p>2025 Officers</p> <p>President: Debra M-R., 1st VP Programs: 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: Laura G.</p>	<p>2025 Committee Chairs</p> <p>BOM: Spring W. Newsletter: Roxy G. QOV: Elaine R. Raffle Quilt Road trip: Lorraine M. Retreats & Road Trips: Elaine R.</p>
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Block of the Month by Spring W

Block of the Month 2025

HELLO ALLEN QUILTERS!

Moda Blockheads 6 is well underway and there are some great blocks in this year's installment! If you are on the list, an email reminder is sent out with the link to the Moda Blockheads 6 website weekly as the blocks come out. If you would like to be added to this list, shoot me an email and I'll get you added to the list.

springsquiltythings@gmail.com

Visit Moda Blockheads 6 here:
<https://my.modafabrics.com/blockheads6>



What to bring to the August meeting

- ✚ Snacks: Brenda
- ✚ A quilt for Show 'n Tell
- ✚ Your Block of the Month blocks
- ✚ A quilting friend!

Soft quilt, wonky quilt,
still the quilt I love.
happy quilt, off-center quilt,
wow it's a work of art!



*August 21 is
last chance
to register!*

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

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 August 21st GUILD MEETING

Six have signed up. Hoping for a couple more!

Text Elaine R. at 936.465.8229 if you need help

Destash Fund Raiser by Deb M

Okay, quilters... I know we have all been putting it off to do more fun stuff (like quilting), but it's time to clean out and de-stash your sewing room! As you have already heard, we will not be participating in the vendor fair as originally planned but will be participating in the De-Stash at Not Your Mama's on October 18th. We are accepting any quilting related items between now and the October 16th meeting. You can either bring your donations to the meetings or drop them off at Deb M's house. Unfortunately, we have found that books and magazines do not sell, so please do not bring those. Also, we are accepting quilting goods, no fabric other than quilting cotton (no upholstery or costume fabrics), and no clothing patterns.

Allen Quilters' Guild Recommended Price List 2025

Yardage: Measure your fabric, then roll it and tie with yarn or curly ribbon or use masking tape (do not use packing tape or any other tape that leaves a residue). Write the yardage, or the measurements if it is an odd size, and the price on tape or a piece of paper attached with a pin. Price is \$2.00 to \$4.00 per yard based on the age and quality of the fabric.

Fat Quarters: No need to price Fat Quarters, they will all be in a bin for \$1 - \$1.50 each. However, please inspect your fat quarter to make sure it is a complete fat quarter!

Scraps: Please donate only usable scraps. Sort them by color, theme, etc. and put in gallon zipper bags. They will be displayed and priced between \$1 and \$3.

Layer Cakes and Jelly Rolls: \$10 to \$15 each, depending on age and size.

Patterns and Kits: Bag patterns - 50 cents, Embroidery/cross stitch patterns - 50 cents to \$1.50, Old Quilt patterns - \$1, Current Quilt Patterns - \$2 to \$10 (higher prices for popular designers), Patterns with templates - \$5 to \$10. For Kits that include fabric and/ or thread double the price of the pattern by itself. Use your judgement on how much you think people would pay. (No clothing patterns.)

Sewing Notions:

Quilt Rulers: \$2 to \$15, depending on size and condition.

Small packages of lace, store-bought binding, etc.: \$1 to \$4, depending on quantity and age.

Put it in a baggie and mark the yardage and price.

Small notions: seam rippers, scissors, tape measures, pins, needles, etc. 50 cents to \$3. Put in baggie and mark the price.

Batting: \$1 to \$5. Bundle pieces large enough to be sewn together, put in a 2-gallon zipper bag and mark the price. Larger full quilt sizes should be priced higher.

Hand Quilting Frames: \$5 to \$15

Quilt Tops: \$3 to \$25, depending on the size, age, and quality.

Quilt Blocks: \$1 to \$20, Put in a 1 or 2-gallon zipper bag. Label the number and size of blocks, the price should reflect the number of blocks. Please press them in advance.

NO BOOKS OR MAGAZINES ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.

Your donated items must be clean and saleable! Please, no dirt, pet hair, etc. AQG reserves the right to change prices on the items you donate if we don't think the price is appropriate. We reserve the right to dispose of any inappropriate items. Any unsold items will be donated at the end of the sale.

All money made at the AQG Stash Sale goes to our Guild to pay for our programs and guest speakers. Please bring your donations to our guild meetings or drop them off at Deb M's house. Please email Deb at deb.merrill@ymail if you have any questions.

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:

Quilt Plano 2025, August 8-9 This weekend!!!

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

Please support the quilts entered by our members!

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

Blue Bonnet Quilt Guild Show, September 12-13

Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Dr., Bryan TX

Registration for entering quilt is open, deadline July 10, 2025

www.bbquiltguild.org

International Quilt Festival Houston TX

October 9 – 12, 2025

George R Brown Convention Center, Houston TX

1001 Avenida De las Americas, Houston TX

Deadline for 2025 quilt entries has passed.

Piecemakers' Quilt Guild of Corsicana TX

October 6-30, 2025

www.corsicanaquiltguild.com/2025-quilt-show

Letter from Piecemakers' Quilt Guild, Corsicana TX

The Piecemakers' Quilt Guild of Corsicana would like to invite your members to enter quilts in our 2025 show. Our show is unique because our quilts hang for the month of October. The quilts are displayed in The Warehouse of Living Arts located at 199 W 6th Ave, Corsicana, Texas 75110. We would love to add your quilts to our show.

The Take-in Day is Wednesday, October 1st between 12:30 and 4 pm at the above address. If you are unable to bring your quilt on that day, arrangements may be made depending on ladies' availability. Contact Kathy Green 254-722-6475, Jeanie Harding 214-3344664, or Susan Copeland 214-783-2721.

The end of our quilt show is October 30th at noon. Quilts can be picked up that day between 12:30pm. If you cannot pick up your quilt on that day, you will need to contact Kathy Green. We have free classes and Sit & Sews during the month. There will be a calendar of what is offered on our website in September. You can print out the entry form on our website.

We love making new friends. We hope to see your quilts and you at our show.

Susan Copeland

214-783-2721

<https://www.corsicanaquiltguild.com>

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.



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