

# Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

September 2025



## *Presidents Message*



### *From President Debra*

Our Quilt College was a great success and so much fun! Thank you to our teachers, Lorraine, Jana, Tom, Cheryl, and Sharon. I enjoyed every station and learned something new at each one. Attached to the newsletter email is a download from the 'Fat Quarter Shop' showing the directions for 3 ways to make flying geese including the Elenor Burns method. I can't wait to try this method.

We have the opportunity to participate in the 'Crafts & Drafts' event at the Waters Creek Shopping Center, September 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> selling tickets for our raffle quilt and / or volunteering with the Allen Arts Alliance. Volunteers will be needed for 2-hour shifts for Friday afternoon & evening and all day Saturday. This will be discussed at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to determine interest and availability.

A motion will be made at the meeting to amend our by-laws to add the Allen Arts Alliance representative as a standing committee. The details are presented later in the newsletter.

There will be a Quilt of Valor workday, that is open to all members, on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 3 at Ready Set Quilt, 1101 Ohio Drive, Ste 108, Plano (Ohio and Plano Pwky.) Everyone is welcome to come to assist with sewing, binding, and getting the quilts ready for the presentations on November 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to get to know some of the Guild members come, join us!

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

Debra M-R



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

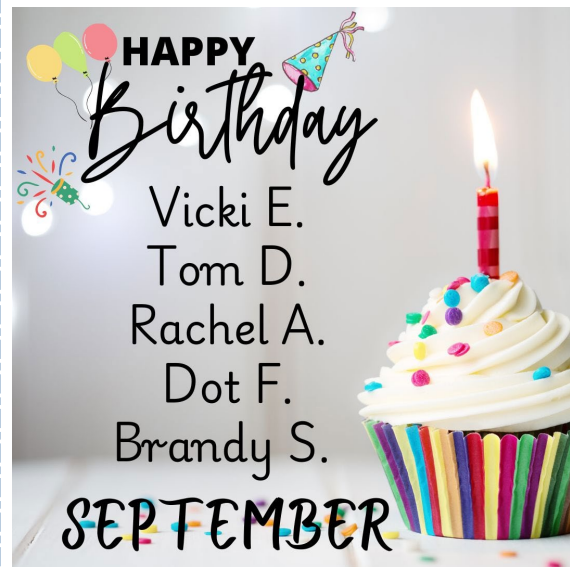
#### **2025 Officers**

President: Debra M-R.,  
1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs: Pam H., Cheryl O  
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: Laura G.

#### **2025 Committee Chairs**

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

## Membership Report by Spring Weeks



## Treasurer's Report by Laura Grumbles

| July 2025 Treasury Report (Actuals) |                       |           |            |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Beginning Bank Balance              |                       |           | \$7,160.64 |
| Income                              | Raffle Ticket Sales   | \$ 150.00 |            |
|                                     | Total Income          |           | \$ 150.00  |
| Expenses                            | Credit Card Usage Fee | \$ 5.38   |            |
|                                     | GoDaddy Renewal       | \$ 536.50 |            |
|                                     | Total Expenses        |           | \$ 541.88  |
| Ending Bank Balance                 |                       |           | \$6,788.76 |
| Cash Box                            |                       |           | \$ 100.00  |
| Submitted: Laura Grumbles 8/01/2025 |                       |           |            |

**Minutes of August 21, 2025**  
**General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild**

Date & Time: Thursday, August 21, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location: Blue House Too Gallery, 970 Watters Creek Blvd., Allen, Texas 75013

The business meeting was called to order by Debra, President, at 6:25 p.m.

Welcome: Debra welcomed all. Thanks were offered to Janice for hosting the guild's July picnic.

2025 Raffle Quilt: Debra displayed the ribbon that was won by the \*SPARKLE\* quilt at the Quilt Plano 2025 show. She also read the general comments from the judges.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 19, 2025 General Membership meeting were included in the Guild's August newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as printed.

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

Programs: Kay has resigned as co-VP of Programs for personal reasons and Cheryl has volunteered to step in for the remainder of the term.

Elections: Debra requested 3 volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2026 Elections to the Executive Board. A sign-up sheet was passed around listing those positions not yet filled.

Bylaws Amendment: Since the guild is obligated to have a representative at the monthly meetings of the Allen Arts Alliance board of directors, the Executive Board determined that the position needs to be formalized as a non-board elected position and the bylaws amended to include the position. The amendment was proposed to the membership.

1st VP Programs: – Pam & Cheryl

Tonight's program: Quilt College: There are 5 instructors, each with 15-minute teaching segments. To facilitate equalizing the size of the groups at each table, members were given a group number when they signed in. Each group will rotate every 15 minutes to the next table. A chime / or bell will sound when it is time to move to the next table.

- Lorraine: Disappearing Hour Glass
- Cheryl: Quilt-As-You-Go Hexi
- Sharon: Flying Geese w/ Bloc-Loc Ruler
- Jana: Hand Quilting
- Tom: Prep for Longarm & Batting Options

Quilts of Valor: Results of the QOV Sew Day #2: The guild now has several quilts completed or ready for quilting to meet the needs for the awards anticipated for the remainder of this year.

Fall Retreat: September 11-15, 2025. Participants are asked to meet with Elaine after the meeting.

Block of the Month: We are finishing the year with the Moda Block Heads. If you want to join in, let Spring know and she will send you the emails about the blocks.

### 2nd VP Membership – Spring

Attendance: There are 24 members and 6 guests in attendance at this meeting. Door Prizes were distributed.

Small Groups: Anyone interested in signing up for a small group is asked to sign up on the circulating clip board.

### 3rd VP Communication – Jana

Our Google Groups for distribution of emails is not working as it should. If you have a message to send to the entire Guild membership, please send it to Jana, and ask her to distribute it. She has the most up to date list of emails.

### 4th VP Community Service – Janice

Kits for quilts, bibs, placemats, shower bags, pillowcases are available. To maintain the guild's non-profit status, Janice asked members to record time spent on community service projects or to email her with the information.

### 5th VP Ways and Means – Deb

2026 Raffle Quilt: The pattern is Fireworks by Tara Faughnan. Sew Day is August 25, 2025 at 10 am at Deb's house. Bring a lunch, sewing machine and sewing tools.

Fund Raisers: Not Your Mama's Quilt Shop De-Stash Blast (October 18, 2025): Still on the waitlist.

Treasurer – Laura: No report.

Secretary – Colleen: No report.

Show & Tell

Break

Program

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C.

**Bylaws Amendment:** Since the guild is obligated to have a representative at the monthly meetings of the Allen Arts Alliance board of directors, the board determined that the position needs to be formalized as a non-board elected position and the bylaws amended to include the position. A vote by the membership will be taken at the September General Membership Meeting to approve this amendment.

Proposed addition to Article VIII - Appointed Position(s):

B. Allen Arts Alliance Member Organization Representative ("Liaison"): Attend each monthly Allen Arts Alliance Board of Directors Meeting ("AAA BOD Mtg") and report the results of that proceeding to the following meeting of the Executive Board. If unable to attend the AAA BOD Mtg, the Liaison will contact the President who shall then (1) appoint a proxy to assume the position of the Liaison for that meeting; and (2) notify the Allen Arts Alliance in advance of the meeting as to the identity of the proxy.

## Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

September Speaker is Quilter Anner Mosher

Anne Mosher will present a Trunk show of Tamarack Quilted Jackets from one pattern. Anne began sewing at an early age and over time advanced to making her clothes. After she married and had 2 children, she turned her focus to making quilts. Eventually she turned her quilting skills to create unique garments. Anne founded her company, A Quilter's Wardrobe, and has published over 35 garment patterns. She has won prizes in local and national quilted garment competitions.



## Mark your calendars for all our upcoming 2025 Meetings

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

Mid Cities Modern Guild: What is Modern Quilting?

**November 4<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

## 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 are available for you to stitch. Pick your favorite kit at a meeting. or contact me to make other arrangements.

Thanks to all who have contributed so far to making charity items.

Please continue with the good work making these items so we can reach our goals.

|           | Bibs | Place Mats | Shower Bags | Pillowcases | Quilts |
|-----------|------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Received  | 61   | 132        | 32          | 118         | 32     |
| Goal      | 100  | 100        | 60          | 100         | 30     |
| % of goal | 61%  | 132%       | 53%         | 118%        | 106%   |

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



The upcoming visits scheduled are:

|                               |         |         |                      |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| Frisco Quilt Guild            | Sept 23 | 6:00 pm | Tom D & 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 | Roxy G & 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](http://www.sewonthego.net)

## Block of the Month by Spring W

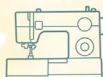
### *Block of the Month* **2025**

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](mailto:springsquiltythings@gmail.com)

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



### What to bring to the September meeting

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



## Quilt of Valor by Elaine R



### 2025 QOV Committee

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

We'll be completing a couple of quilt tops and assigning finished quilts to veterans. Some quilts still need binding.  
Please drop bring/off any blocks that you have completed.

**QOV Sew Day**  
**Monday, September 24**  
**Ready, Set Quilt Store**  
**1101 Ohio Drive, Suite 108, Plano**  
**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Come and Go)**

Bring your machine and basic sewing supplies.  
Irons, cutting boards and ironing tables are provided.

Thank you

Thank you to Tom DeMoss for volunteering your classroom for the  
Quilt of Valor Sew Day!

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

## **Quilt of Valor Happenings by Elaine Rice**

### **QOV Quilt Labeling Party**

Wednesday, October 29

Place: TBA

We'll be attaching labels to our veterans' quilts and assembling certificates.

### **QOV Award Ceremony/Reception**

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Allen Senior Center 4:30 – 6:30

We will be awarding 10 quilts to area veterans. Please mark your calendars and come support our veterans. They LOVE to see the members that made their quilts.

**Thank you to Laurie Thode** at the Allen Senior Center for allowing us to have our Quilt of Valor Sew Day at the center. It was a huge success. We had a total of 14 sewers "come and go" as well as 6 ladies from the Senior Center Sewing Group. Several quilt tops were finished as well as many strips cut for future blocks.

### **New Sewers!!!!**

The ladies at the Allen Senior Center have agreed to help us cut and sew blocks for Quilts of Valor. They meet every Wednesday at the center from 12:30-4:30. The first Wednesday of every month will be designated for QOV. You are welcome to join them. If you are a member, it's free. If not, then there's a \$5 charge. But you can join for a yearly fee. No need to sign up, just show up with your machine and basic supplies. Our QOV Committee will be supplying the blocks to sew!!!

## **Destash Fund Raiser by Deb M**

We are number 10 on the waitlist for the October 18<sup>th</sup> De-stash Sale at Not your Mama's Quilt Store. It doesn't look like we will make it this time for a sale booth. However, we will have a spot to display and sell tickets for our beautiful raffle quilt, Sparkle. I will be looking for people to help man that booth.

We will try to secure a sale booth at the spring sale. Please continue to keep the guild in mind as you clean out or de-stash your sewing room. If you can hold onto them for a few months that would be great. Or 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.

Your donated items must be clean and saleable! Please, no dirt, pet hair, etc. I put some suggested pricing in the last newsletter. 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](mailto:deb.merrill@ymail) if you have any questions.

## Nominating Committee by Lorraine M

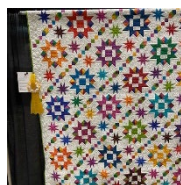
The Nominating Committee of Lorraine M, Leandra C and Colleen C are pleased to announce the nominating slate for the 2026 Board and Support positions. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to continue the important mission and good works of the Allen Quilters' Guild.

### Board and Support Positions for 2026

| Board Positions                      |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| President                            | Debra Malone-Reeve           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> VP Programs          | Pam Hallman & Cheryl Olsen   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP Membership        | Spring Weeks                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> VP Communications    | Jana McBroom                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> VP Community Service | Teresa Allen                 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> VP Ways and Means    | Deb Merrill                  |
|                                      |                              |
| Standing Committee Positions         |                              |
| Allen Arts Representative            | Spring Weeks                 |
| Block of the Month                   | Janice Stebbene              |
| Christmas Brunch 2026                |                              |
| Door Prizes                          | Stacey Jarrett               |
| Quilt of Valor                       | Paula Rzomp & Deborah Pankey |
| 2026 Raffle Quilt Promotion          | Lorraine Mattis              |
| 2027 Raffle Quilt Production         |                              |
| Road Trips                           | Pam Hallman a& Cheryl Olsen  |

### *Plano Quilt Show Ribbon Winners*

Many thanks to all those who entered quilts in the Plano Quilt Show in August. Your participation helped make it a wonderful quilt show and another great success. Special congratulations to First Place winner, Cheryl O, for her gorgeous Baltimore Bunny Quilt.



And a big round of applause to Colleen and Spring and everyone that worked on this year's raffle quilt, *Sparkle*. It was a big hit with people attending the show and won an honorable mention yellow ribbon. Great job all!

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