

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

October 2025



From President Debra

It's hard to believe it is that time of year.

October is our annual meeting as per our by-laws. We will have Forest Bell, the new owner of Quilt Country as our guest speaker. He will bring us an update from the Houston Market and tell us a bit about his plans for Quilt Country. The Mid-Cities Modern Guild will present a slide show on "What is a modern quilt?" Last, by not least, we will have our elections. The slate of candidates is listed in the meeting minutes on page 5. We need as many members as possible to attend for the vote.



We still need a few volunteers for positions needing help in 2026.

1. We need someone to assist with Ways and Means on the Production of the 2027 raffle quilt. This person will spearhead the pattern selection and solicit quilters to produce the raffle quilt. This person is not required to do it themselves, but to find members to assist.
2. Community Service is a large job and works well with two people. Community Service manages the Guilds' fabric stash, puts together kits for our community service items, and distributes items when they are completed. If you like to play with fabric and make kits, this is the job for you!

November is a busy month as well with the Quilt of Valor presentation to Veterans and our normal membership meeting. We would like as many members to attend the QOV presentation to the Veterans as possible. Details are on Page 6.

Have a great week!

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.,
1st VP Programs: Pam H., Cheryl O
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.

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

September 2025 Treasury Report (Actuals)			
Beginning Bank Balance			\$6,768.766
Income	Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 227.50	
	Total Income	\$ 227.50	
Expenses	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 5.38	
	Speaker Fee	\$ 341.68	
	Total Expenses	\$ 346.68	
Ending Bank Balance			\$6,649.58
Cash Box			\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 10/01/2025			

What to bring to the October meeting

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

Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

October 16, 2025 meeting: We are excited to have Forest Bell, the President and new owner of Quilt Country, come and share an After Market update. He will just be returning from the Houston International market and share all the new fabrics, tools, and techniques. This will be exciting to know the latest trends.

Next, we are hosting the Mid-Cities Modern Quilt Guild's President, Kristen Gallup and Glenna Connelly Walker, Vice-President. They will be presenting a slide show on what is a Modern Quilt. And last but not least, we will have our business meeting that will include the election of 2026 officers.

Mark your calendars for all our upcoming 2025 Meetings

<p>November 4th Quilt of Valor Reception (4:30-6:30 pm Allen Senior Recreation Center)</p> <p>November 20th Elaine Rice <i>Quilt of Valor Program</i> Deb Merrill "<i>From Flimsy to Fabulous – A Journey from Prepping to an Award-Winning Showpiece</i>"</p> <p>December 13th Holiday Party & Raffle Quilt Drawing</p>
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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	65	136	32	121	33
Goal	100	100	60	100	30
% of goal	65%	136%	53%	121%	110%

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.

Ways & Means by Deb M

Raffle Quilt Update: Please remember to turn in your raffle tickets & money. We will be selling tickets at NYMQS De-Stash Blast Dec. 18 from 8-12. We still have some tickets; let me know if you want more! The drawing for the gorgeous Sparkle quilt will be at our Holiday party Dec. 13.

2025 AQG Raffle Quilt Schedule

	The upcoming visits scheduled are:			
	First Christian Church, Allen	Oct 11	9-1 pm	Patti F & Collen C
	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!				
<i>Sparkle pattern by Michelle Renee Hiatt www.sewonthego.net</i>				

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>



QUILTER'S CODE:

- WIP : Work in Progress
- UFO : Unfinished Object
- PHD : Projects Half Done
- PIG : Projects in Grocery Bags
- WOMBAT : Waste of Money, Batting and Time
- NESTY : Not Even Started Yet
- PFC : Professional Fabric Collector
- STABLE : Stash Accumulation
Beyond Life Expectancy
- WITHWIT : What In The Heck Was I Thinking
- TIH : There Is Hope

Quilt of Valor by Elaine R

QOV Committee (Members only)

Thursday, October 23, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Ready Set Quilt Store

1101 Ohio Dr #106, Plano, TX 75093

Bring machine to sew on labels.

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

QOV Award Ceremony/Reception

We will be awarding 10 quilts to area veterans. Please mark your calendars and come support our veterans. Quilts will be on display at our guild meeting to make sure your name is on the correct quilt. There's a place for piecer, binder and quilter.

You can also sign up at our October guild meeting to help wrap veterans in a quilt at the presentation. They LOVE to see the members that made their quilts. Thank you to those that contributed to our program this year.



Allen Quilters' Guild
2025 Quilts of Valor
Award Ceremony & Reception
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Allen Senior Activity Center
451 St. Mary Drive
Allen, Texas

 
Contact: Elaine Rice
bebrice54@gmail.com

Minutes of September 18, 2025
General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild

Date & Time: Thursday, September 18, 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 Spring, Acting President, at 6:31 p.m.

Welcome: Spring welcomed all.

Members of the Cotton Patch Quilt Guild are here with their guild's raffle quilt.

- Volunteer Opportunities: Signup sheets at the sign-in desk. Crafts and Drafts Art Festival: The Watters Creek Village and the Allen Arts Alliance are holding a Crafts and Drafts Art Festival (September 26-28). Each member organization of the Allen Arts Alliance is requested to provide volunteers for the event. Also, the guild can have a free booth to sell tickets for the raffle quilt.
- 2025 Raffle Quilt Road Show: *SPARKLE* will be displayed at the Allen Christian Church in conjunction with the Happy Fall Fest on October 11; 9a-1pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 21, 2025, General Membership meeting were included in the Guild's September newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as printed.

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

Elections: Leandra announced the slate of candidates for 2026

Board positions:

President: Debra

1st Vice President-Programs: Pam & Cheryl

2nd Vice President-Membership: Spring

3rd Vice President-Communication: Jana

4th Vice President-Community Service: Teresa

5th Vice President-Ways and Means: Deb

Treasurer: Laura

Secretary: Colleen

Spring announced the chairs for the 2026 non-board positions:

Allen Arts Alliance Representative: Spring

Newsletter: Roxy

Block of the Month: Janice

Door Prizes: Debbie & Stacy

Retreats / Road Trips: Pam & Cheryl

Quilt of Valor: Elaine

2026 Raffle Quilt Promotion: Lorraine

Bylaws Amendment: The guild's membership in the Allen Arts Alliance requires it to have a representative at the monthly meetings of the board of directors. The Board has determined that the position should be formalized as a non-board position and the bylaws amended to include the position. The amendment was posted in the September newsletter. Motion made (Pam) and seconded (Cheryl) to accept the bylaws amendment and passed by a majority vote by the assembled membership based on the show of hands.

1st VP Program: Pam & Cheryl

Tonight's program: Ann Mosher: Tamarack Quilted Jackets

Upcoming programs:

- October 16: (1) Election of Officers; (2) Mid-Cities Modern Guild presents "What is Modern Quilting?" and (3) Forest of Quilt Country.
- November 20: (1) Deb: How to Get Your Quilt Ready for the Longarm; and (2) Elaine: Quilt of Valor presentation.
- December 13: Christmas Party & Allen Quilt Raffle.

Quilts of Valor (Elaine): The next Sew-Day is Wednesday, September 24 at Ready Set Quilt. The Quilt of Valor Awards Ceremony and Reception scheduled for November 4 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Allen Senior Recreation Center.

Fall Retreat (Elaine): September 11-15. Elaine announced that 6 people have signed up.

2nd VP Membership – Spring:

Attendance: Total Guild Membership: 47; 27 members and 6 guests are in attendance at this meeting. Door Prizes were distributed.

Small Groups (Janice): Janice is looking for someone to host the initial meeting of the formation of a small group.

3rd VP Communication – Jana - No report.

4th VP Community Service – Janice

Kits for quilts, bibs, placemats, shower bags, and pillowcases are available. Remember to give Janice the amount of time spent on community service projects.

5th VP Ways and Means – Deb

2026 Raffle Quilt: The pattern is Fireworks by Tara Faughnan and is a patriotic theme in keeping with the country's Semi-Quincentennial (250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence). Blocks are done and top is being assembled.

Fund Raisers: Deb reports that we will not be in the upcoming Not Your Mama's Quilt Shop De-Stash Blast. She is still taking donations and storing them in her home for the Spring De-Stash Blast. Members are encouraged to continue to look for items to donate.

Treasurer – Laura - No report.

Secretary – Colleen: No report.

Show & Tell

Break

Program

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C.

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# _____