

# Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

## November 2025



### *From President Debra*

Fall is upon us! I hope everyone managed the time change ok; it always takes me a few weeks to get back to normal. With fall comes Veterans Day and our annual Quilt of Valor awards presentation. If you weren't able to attend the November 4<sup>th</sup> reception, you missed a wonderful presentation. Quilts were awarded to seven very grateful and deserving Veterans. If you have never witnessed a QOV awards ceremony, I strongly encourage you to attend next year's ceremony as it is a very moving experience. I look forward to Elaine's presentation about the Quilt of Valor Program at the November meeting.



December is a heartbeat away and that means our annual Christmas Lunch and Raffle Quilt drawing. Bring any outstanding ticket sales to the November meeting. *Please*, plan on attending the potluck lunch on December 13<sup>th</sup>. It's a fun event and great opportunity to get to know our members, especially our new members. Brenda has offered her lovely home again and Pam and Cheryl are working to make this a spectacular event. I wouldn't be surprised if they had a special treat for us. The sign up for lunch will be available at our November meeting or reach out to Pam or Cheryl. (Contact information is available in the directory.) See you there!

January is our annual renewal time. The membership dues of \$35 are due by January 1<sup>st</sup> and will be accepted at the November meeting and December lunch.

'Shop the Stash' - There will be tables set up at the November meeting with some items we obtained from vendors at the October Not Your Mama's Quilt Store(NYMQS) DeStash. There is fabric that is not applicable to our mission, a variety of quilting tools, patterns, and books. The Board is offering the Guild members a chance to 'Shop the Stash' and take any products they need or will use. These will be available during the social time from 6:00 – 6:30 and during the break. The remaining items will be added to our table at the April DeStash at NYMQS. We could use more items to sell so please continue looking through your stash to find quilt-related items: fabric, tools, bags of squares, scraps etc. If you have quilt batting scraps, consider donating them to our Community Service so they can be used for our quilt projects.

Check out our upcoming programs later in this newsletter or online. Look forward to seeing you there. 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.,  
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.

### Treasurer's Report by Laura Grumbles

October 2025 Treasury Report				
Beginning Bank Balance				\$6,649.58
Income	Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 479.00		
	Membership	17.50		
	Total Income		\$ 496.50	
Expenses	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 5.38		
	QOV Fabric #3218	\$ 286.33		
	Total Expenses		\$ 291.71	
Ending Bank Balance				\$6,854.37
Cash Box				\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 11/01/2025				

### Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

#### November 20th Meeting: Deb Merrill & Elaine Rice

Deb Merrill, one of our own Allen Quilters Guild members, will present a program entitled "*From Flimsy to Fabulous*" - A journey from Prepping your quilt to an Award-winning Showpiece. Deb has entered her quilts in shows with great success. She will share some tips as well as show some of her award-winning quilts.

Elaine Rice will talk about the Quilt of Valor program and the quilts we presented this year to Veterans as part of our QOV service program.

#### Looking ahead to our Holiday party on December 13th

I hope everyone is planning to attend our Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the home of Brenda B. (address is on the Members' Directory). We will be asking you to please sign up for Appetizers, Main Dishes, Sides, or Desserts at the meeting or give Pam H or Cheryl O a call. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange game, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20.

## Mark your calendars for all our upcoming Meetings

**November 20** Elaine Rice *Quilt of Valor Program*  
Deb Merrill *"From Flimsy to Fabulous – A Journey from Prepping to an Award-Winning Showpiece"*

**December 13** Holiday Party & Raffle Quilt Drawing

**January 15 2026** Kickoff – Meet the Officers

**February 19** Earamichia Brown *How technology is Revolutionizing Quilting*

**March 19** Allison Bayer *Welcome to My Scrappy World*  
Bonnie Hunter *Quits*

**April 16** Debra Malone-Reeve *Laura Heine Collage Quilts & Workshop*

**May 21** *Joy in the Journey- Get your Creative Hat On*





## Membership Report by Spring Weeks



## 2025 Survey

The 2025 survey is attached to the newsletter email and will be available at the November meeting. Please take time to answer the survey and bring it to the meeting. Copies will be available at the meeting as well. While surveys are not anyone's favorite thing to do, they provide valuable information to the Board for planning upcoming meetings and Guild activities.

## What to bring to the November meeting

-  A quilt for Show 'n Tell
-  Your Block of the Month blocks
-  Items for the De-Stash Sale
-  Raffle tickets and money

## 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	71	152	45	135	40
Goal	100	100	60	100	30
% of goal	71%	152%	75%	135%	133%

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.

## Ways & Means by Deb M



The drawing for the raffle quilt, "Sparkle", will be at the Holiday party on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all who supported Sparkle with their time, talents, and buying raffle tickets. A special thank you from Lorraine to all the members who helped raise funds by traveling to other guilds and selling tickets. If you still have raffle tickets or money, please bring it to the November meeting. Best of Luck to all that bought tickets!

We have been given lots of books, magazines and quilting tools. Before we include these items in our spring de-stash sale, we want to give our Guild Members a chance to choose what they want and can use (for free) as a way of giving back for all you do for our community. We will have these items available for you to peruse during our social time before the meeting.

Don't forget to bring any of your de-stash items when you are cleaning out and organizing. The sooner we get your donations the more time our committee has to price and organize them. You can bring your donations to any of our meetings or contact Deb M.

## 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)

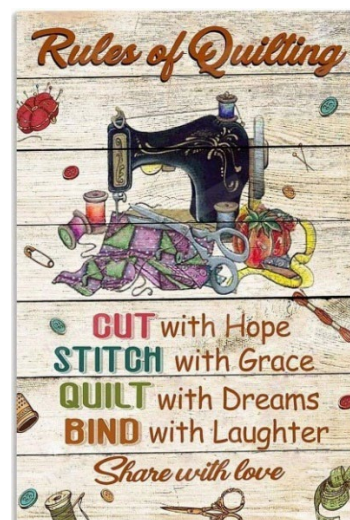
Visit Moda Blockheads 6 here:  
<https://my.modafabrics.com/blockheads6>

*To quilt or not to quilt?  
What a silly question.*

*A messy house is the sign  
of a happy quilter.*

*Behind every quilter is a big  
stash of fabric.*

*Happiness is a full bobbin.*





## Quilt of Valor by Elaine R



### 2025 QOV Committee

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

### Quilt of Valor Reception

AQG awarded 7 quilts on Tuesday night to deserving veterans. It was a wonderful ceremony. Thank you to all who came. Thank you also for the beautiful quilts that you created. The veterans loved each and every one of them. If yours was not awarded, then it will be in 2026.

Quilts were awarded to...

Misael A.- U.S. Navy  
Brenda B. – U.S. Air Force  
Enrique B. – U.S. Navy  
Cristian P. – U.S. Navy  
James F. – U.S. Army & Vietnam Veteran  
Matt P. – U.S. Army  
Chris W. – U.S. Air Force & Vietnam Veteran

Here are a couple of photos from Tuesday night. The rest will be available on our website and Facebook page in a few days. Enjoy!

Our guild made a total of 20 quilts this year! That is a record for our small guild. You all really cranked out the block kits. We still have 6 at the Longarmers. Again, those will be awarded in 2026.



Thank you to our quilters and sponsors this year that helped create the beautiful quilts and honor our veterans.

- All of you (Guild Members)
- Allen Senior Quilters (helping sew our quilts)
- Allen Senior Activity Center (donated sewing/ceremony room)
- Ready Set Quilt (donated sewing space & quilting)
- VFW Post 2195 ( Donated \$350)
- Stitchin Sisters (Donated roll of batting & quilting)
- Cinnamon Spice Quilting
- Spring's Quilty Things
- Janice Stebenne (quilting)

Our Quilt of Valor program would not be successful without YOU and all these supporters. Our guild has awarded over 50 quilts since we started in 2022. We have awarded 18 this year. I hope you'll come to the guild meeting in November as I'll give an overview of the mission of QOV as well as share pictures of all the veterans we wrapped this year. Thank you again, Elaine

**Minutes October 16, 2025**  
**General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild**

Date & Time: Thursday, October 16, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Debra MR, President, at 6:30 p.m. Debra welcomed all to the annual meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild. For tonight's meeting, the business portion of the meeting will follow the program.

**Program:**

- Forest Bell, the new owner of Quilt Country quilt shop, discussed his plans and vision for the quilt shop.
- Mid-Cities Modern Quilt Guild's Kristen Gallup and Glenna Connelly Walker presented "What is Modern Quilting?"

Minutes: The minutes of the September 18, 2025 General Membership meeting were published in the Guild's October newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as printed.

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

Elections:

Betty presented the slate for the 2026 Executive Board. Motion made and seconded to accept the slate of new board by vote of show of hands. Motion approved. By vote by show of hands, the members of the AQG executive Board for 2026:

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

Wendy with the Allen Arts Alliance is requesting quilts for display at Blue House Too.

Members of the Mid-Cities Modern Quilt Guild are here with their guild's raffle quilt.

1st VP Programs – Pam & Cheryl

Upcoming programs:

- November 20:
  - Deb Merrill: "From Flimsy to Fabulous – A Journey to an Award-Winning Showpiece"
  - Elaine Rice: Quilt of Valor presentation
- December 13: Christmas Party & Quilt Raffle – potluck dish sign-up sheet was passed around

Quilts of Valor (Elaine): The Quilt of Valor Awards Ceremony and Reception is scheduled for November 4 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Allen Senior Recreation Center. It is anticipated that 12 quilts will be awarded and volunteers are needed. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

2nd VP Membership – Spring

Total Guild Membership: 49; there are 26 members and 4 guests/speakers in attendance at this meeting. Door Prizes were distributed.

3rd VP Communication – Jana - No report.

4th VP Community Service – Janice - No report.

### 5th VP Ways and Means – Deb

Deb reports that 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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C.

## **Allen Arts Alliance**

Do you enjoy the lovely room where we meet? This space belongs to the Allen Arts Alliance (AAA), a not-for-profit organization that supports the arts in the Allen area. We belong to this organization.

The benefits of membership include:

- 2 hours of free meeting space each month
- A discount rate if any of our members wish to rent either the Gallery or Art Space area
- The possibility of a grant of up to 25% of our operating budget

There are a few caveats to our membership.

- 1) We need to attend the AAA monthly Board meeting. Spring has been attending in 2025, but we need a volunteer for 2026. Would you like to become more involved in your Allen Community? If so, consider representing the Allen Quilters Guild at these meetings.
- 2) We need to provide volunteers for the Spring and Fall events at Waters Creek. These volunteer positions include sitting in the Blue House Too Gallery and answering questions (a script is given), walking around to give water to the vendors, or providing vendor relief periods so the vendors can grab food or take a bio break.
- 3) We receive a free booth to sell raffle tickets for our raffle quilt. We did quite well in May not only with raffle tickets but publicity for the Guild and some new members.

Please consider volunteering in Allen Community.

### **Need Ideas for Quick Christmas Gifts?**

Check out these easy gifts to make with fabric on the internet. There are lots of sites that have free instructions and most can be produced with leftover fabric from your quilt projects.

Hair Ties



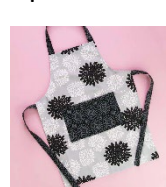
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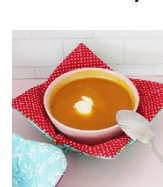
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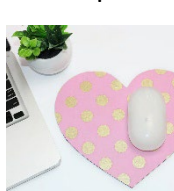
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Christmas Coasters



Mousepad



Travel Tissue cover



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