

# Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

## December 2025



### *From President Debra*

*2025 has flown by for the Guild and it has been a great year!*

*Thank you to each of our members for joining us in 2025, your presence at our meetings, work on Community Service items, Quilt of Valor, Raffle Quilt Road Show and the 2026 quilt is what makes this organization the special group it is. A special thank you to the Board of Directors, Raffle Quilt Road Show (Lorraine), Newsletter (Roxy), Block of the Month (Spring), and Quilt of Valor program and Retreats (Elaine). Without the gift of time and energy these members have given, we would not be successful. We always have room for more help, if you are interested, let us know.*

*I look forward to 2026. Pam and Cheryl have put together another impressive year of programs. Quilt College is back and a new UFO program to provide help and inspiration for the projects we just can't get done. Janice has a new block of the month program that will start in February. Our Raffle Quilt will be revealed in January, and it is spectacular.*

*Our first 2026 event is the Stitchin Heaven New Year's Day Mystery sew-in. Tom DeMoss has offered his store for the event. – see more in the newsletter*

*Lastly, please join us to end the year and choose the Raffle Quilt winner on December 13<sup>th</sup>. See flyer on the next page.*

*Holidays can be tough for some; I encourage you to reach out with kindness to the people that are overwhelmed, grumpy, or just sad. Sometimes a smile and a kind word can change someone's entire day.*

*Merry Christmas, Debra*



A very special thanks to our 2025 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.

## Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

### 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.



### **2026 will be another fabulous Allen Quilters Guild Year!**

#### **Mark your calendars for Meeting Dates and Programs!**

- January 15: 2026 Kickoff Meet the Officers – Sign up for committees
- February 19: Earamichia Brown - *How Technology Is Revolutionizing Quilting*
- March 19: Allison Bayer - *Welcome to My Scrappy World* - Bonnie Hunter Quilts
- April 16: Debra Malone-Reeve - *Laura Heine and Workshop*
- April 18: *Collage Quilt Workshop*
- May 21: Dorene Joyce - *Joy in the Journey* - *Get Your Creative Hat On*
- June 18: Sharon Holliday - *Liven up Your Quilt Backs*
- July 18: *Allen Quilt Guild Picnic*
- August 20: *Quilt College*
- September 17: Ann Cardon - *Dating Quilts with Color*
- October 15: *Election of Officers. UFO's Help and Inspiration*
- November Date TBD: *Quilt of Valor Reception*
- December 12: *Christmas Party and Raffle Quilt Drawing*

## Membership Report by Spring Weeks



## Community Service News by Janice S

Thanks to all who contributed to making 2025 another fabulous community service year for the guild. With your help, we again exceeded most of our goals this year.

Have you recorded your community service hours for 2025? If no, please jot me a note with them.

	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%

## By Popular Request

### Cheryl's Snickerdoodle Cookie Recipe (from November's meeting) YUM!

*Snickerdoodle Cookies 350\* 8-10 min*

*1 cup unsalted butter*

*2 eggs*

*2 tsp. cream of tartar*

*1/2 tsp. salt*

*1-1/2 cups sugar*

*2-3/4 cups flour*

*1/2 tsp baking soda*

*Sugar/Cinnamon coating*

*Cream butter, sugar, and eggs. Sift and stir in the other dry ingredients. Chill dough. Roll into small balls into sugar/cinnamon mixture. Place about 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake about 8-10 minutes.*

*ENJOY, Cheryl*

**Minutes November 20, 2025**  
**General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild**

Date & Time: Thursday, November 20, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order, at 6:30 p.m. by Debra MR, President.

Welcome

Quilting-related items that have been donated to the guild are available tonight from which members may select and will be available at the mid-meeting break and for a few minutes after the close of the meeting. Remaining items will be donated to the All Community Outreach (ACO) and the Allen Public Library.

We have two members who will be speaking to us tonight. Elaine to give us information on QOV and Deb to help us learn what is needed to be a show winning quilter and how to prep your quilt for a long arm. We are going to break up the meeting and hear from Elaine before the business meeting.

Dues Reminder: It is the annual membership renewal time. Dues are \$35.

Survey: The board has prepared a survey for members to complete, and it was attached to the email sent with the November newsletter. Thanks to all who completed and returned the survey. This information will help the board to meet the needs of all our members. The results will be shared at a future guild meeting.

Debra announced that the Allen Senior Recreation Center is looking for someone to come teach a series of classes on "how to quilt" for the Allen Senior Center quilters. If you are interested, see Carol.

Allen Arts Alliance: As a member of the Allen Arts Alliance, the guild is not charged a fee for the use of the Blue House Too Gallery for our monthly membership meetings. Guild members have 2 significant opportunities to provide assistance at AAA events in the spring and fall which typically involves volunteers to sit at the information-volunteer sign-in table (located inside the Blue House Too Gallery), deliver water bottles to vendors and provide vendor relief. Also, the guild can have a free booth for selling raffle quilt tickets at these events. More information on sign-ups to come as the events draw near.

Spring is also requesting help in coverage of the monthly Allen Arts Alliance board meetings.

**Elaine R: Quilts of Valor 2022-2025:** Elaine presented a general overview of the Quilts of Valor Foundation: its mission and history, quilt specifications, and the nomination process plus the number of quilts that the guild has awarded over the years.

**Business Meeting**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the October 16, 2025 General membership meeting were published in the Guild's November newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as printed.

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

**1st VP Programs – Pam H. & Cheryl O.**

Upcoming Program: December 13: Christmas Party & Quilt Raffle – Location: Brenda's home. Sign-up sheet for potluck dish is at the sign-in desk. Bring a \$20 gift for the exchange if you wish to participate.

**2nd VP Membership – Spring W.** – There are 28 members resented and 1 guest in attendance at this meeting. Door Prizes were distributed.

**3rd VP Communication – Jana M.** – Jana indicated that the newsletter email delivery issues may be finally resolved.

**4th VP Community Service – Janice S.** – Information on community service projects is in the November Newsletter.

**5th VP Ways and Means – Deb M.** – Deb is continuing to take donations and storing them in her home for the Spring De-Stash Blast. Members are encouraged to continue to look for items to donate. Raffle tickets are due at the Christmas Party for the \*SPARKLE\* raffle quilt. The 2026 raffle quilt is in the finishing stages with borders being added.

**Treasurer – Laura G.** – No report.

**Secretary – Colleen C.** – Inventory has been updated and the 4-ft. portable table has been located.

### **Show & Tell**

**Program – Deb M:** "From Flimsy to Fabulous – A Journey to an Award-Winning Showpiece"

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C

## **Treasurer's Report by Laura Grumbles**

November 2025 Treasury Report				
Beginning Bank Balance				\$6,854.37
Income	Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 235.00		
	Membership	437.50		
	Total Income		\$ 672.50	
Expenses	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 6.20		
	QOV Fabric #3218	\$ 49.78		
	Speaker Fee #3220	\$ 50.00		
	2026 Raffle Fabric	\$ 239.90		
	Total Expenses		\$ 345.88	
Ending Bank Balance				\$7180.99
Cash Box				\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 12/01/2025				





Stitchin' Heaven has a New Years Day Mystery Sew Along every year. It is fun to sew along and feel like you are part of a bigger group even when you are at home alone. This year Tom DeMoss is opening his shop, Ready Set Quilt, for us to come sew along as a group. Tom has room for 10 people.

If you would like to join us:

- ❓ Email Debra and Tom to let us know you wish to join:  
[debra.malonereeve@gmail.com](mailto:debra.malonereeve@gmail.com) and [readyssetquiltllc@gmail.com](mailto:readyssetquiltllc@gmail.com) .
- Go to the Stitchin Heaven Website and register:  
<https://stitchinheaven.com/pages/new-years-quilt-along>  
 Stitchin Heaven website – Experiences – Local Experiences and scroll down to find the 2026 New Year's Mystery Sew Along
- Join the Facebook group 'Stitchin Heaven New Year's Day Mystery Quilt Along.'  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3797858437199833/files/files>
- The Facebook group is where information about the day is shared. Don't worry if you do not have a Facebook account, one of us can get the information to you.

It is too late to order a kit, but the fabric requirements are available on Facebook group under files and attached to the newsletter. The previous year's information is available as well. It is a mystery, so the pattern is not released until New Year's Day. This is a You Tube event. Register even if you cannot attend to have access to YouTube at a later date.

Every year a soup recipe is shared, so we can make the soup of the year and share it for lunch. More details after signups.

#### **Time – Place – Date**

**Date - January 1, 2026**

**Time – 9:00- 4:00**

**Place – Ready Set Quilt – 1101 Ohio Dr, Suite 108, Plano (Ohio and Plano Parkway)**

#### **Fabric Requirements**

If you wish to participate in Stitchin Heaven a New Years Day Mystery Sew Along project, please see the fabric requirement document attached to this newsletter email. The charts will give you the fabrics used by Rob and Tiffany. You can buy the same fabrics or use them for inspiration to select your own creation.

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