

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

February 2026



From President Debra

I hope everyone survived our winter storm and got lots of sewing time in. I sure did. Living in Ohio for many years, I learned one just doesn't go out when it's icy; there is nothing you can do to be safe on ice. Now that February is here, we have one more month of possible dodgy weather. Be safe!

Our speaker this month, Earamichia Brown, will discuss "How technology is Revolutionizing Quilting." While attending the Houston Quilt Show, we saw many AI generated quilt tops. It will be fascinating to hear the progression of quilting through technology.



There are several things happening in February, the Quilt of Valor National sew day on February 7th. If you want to sign up contact Elaine at bebrice54@gmail.com quilters can join in person at Ready Set Quilt, or quilt at home remoting and still be part of the day.

On February 28th we will have a new member coffee at Panera Bread in Watters Creek, 10:00am. This is a great time to meet the board and other members of the Guild outside of the meeting. This is open to all members, but especially anyone that joined in 2025.

We unveiled our 2026 Raffle quilt "Fireworks" in January. Our quilt this year honors the 250th anniversary of our great country. Please promote our quilt and sell tickets wherever you can. Lorraine is organizing the road show and will need volunteers to attend other Guild meetings to sell tickets. This is a great way to see what other Guilds are doing.

Happy Quilting,
Debra

Special thanks to our officers and committee chairs for
their time and contributions to the guild!

2026 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: Teresa A.
5th VP Ways & Means: Deb M.
Secretary: Colleen C.
Treasurer: Laura G.

2026 Committee Chairs

BOM: Janice S.
Newsletter: Roxy G.
QOV: Elaine R.
Raffle Quilt Road trip: Lorraine M.
Retreats & Road Trips: Pam H & Cheryl O
Allen Arts Alliance: Spring W & Colleen C

Minutes of the January 15, 2026
General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild

Date & Time: Thursday, January 15, 2026 @ 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. There are 2 speakers that will precede the guild's business meeting.

Embrace Texas – Mary Hendrix from Embrace Texas, one of the recipients of the guild's community service projects, spoke about the work that the organization does and how the guild can assist them. Ms. Hendrix estimates that they will need 35 quilts this year, for infants to 3 years old. Quilts would be tied to specific events that Embrace holds and would get the quilts just ahead of the event. She also spoke of the need for pillowcases in Cowboy/Western theme for the kids in summer camp. There is a Facebook group, The Loop, regarding donations for foster families. See Debra for the link and more information.

Quilts of Valor – Elaine reported on the QOV Committee's plans for 2026. There are 2 spots available on the committee. Members of the QOV Committee make block kits, participate in the award ceremony and prepare quilts for presentation at award ceremonies. Guild members can participate by being the QOV Volunteer Army and by (1) picking up block kits to stitch at home, (2) longarm quilt the tops, and/or (3) bind the quilts. The QOV 2026 National Sew Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, starting at 10 a.m. and will be held at Ready Set Quilt. See other dates and times in the newsletter.

Business Meeting

The minutes of the November 20, 2025 General Membership meeting were published in the Guild's December newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as printed.

The Treasurer's November and December reports were published in the Guild's December and January newsletters, respectively. Hearing no questions regarding the report, the report is filed for audit.

A New Member Coffee is scheduled for February 28 at 10 a.m. and will meet at the Panera Bread in Watters Creek.

Debra reminded everyone that there are several volunteer opportunities for guild members and the sign-up clip boards are at the table in the front.

1st VP Programs – Pam H. & Cheryl O.

2026 Programs: The list of 2026 programs and workshops was presented by Pam and Cheryl:

January 15	2026 Kickoff; Meet the Officers; Embrace
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 & Workshop
May 21	OPEN
June 18	Sharon Holiday: Liven Up Your Quilt
July 18	Allen Quilt Guild Picnic
August 20	Quilt College
September 17	Ann Cardon: Dating Quilts with Color
October 15	Election of Officers; Dorene Joyce: Joy in the Journey - Get Your Creative Hat On & Workshop
November 19	Help in Finishing UFOs
December 12	Christmas Party & Raffle Quilt Drawing

2nd VP Membership – Spring W. – There are 29 members present at this meeting. Door Prizes were distributed. It is time for annual membership renewal and dues are \$35.

3rd VP Communication – Jana M. – No report.

4th VP Community Service – Teresa A. – Kits are available for Bibs, Placemats, Quilts and Pillowcases.

5th VP Ways and Means – Deb M. – The 2026 raffle quilt, Fireworks, was revealed and Deb has raffle quilt tickets available. This is the guild's largest source of income. The guild will also have a booth at the April De-Stash Blast and at the Craft Vendor Fair (TBD). Deb is taking donations for the De-Stash Blast and ask that the donor price the donations.

Treasurer – Laura G. – No report.

Secretary – Colleen C. – No report.

Show & Tell

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C

Treasurer's Report by Laura Grumbles

Beginning Bank Balance		\$7,313.13
Income		
	Raffle Ticket Sales	\$180.00
	Membership 2026	\$490.00
	Total Income	<u>\$670.00</u>
Expenses		
	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 5.38
	QOV Fabric	257.56
	Ck 3224 NYM Destash	30.00
	Ck 3226 Raffle Fabric	116.24
	Tickets	44.95
	CK 3228 2026 Tickets	134.95
	CK 3225 P O Box	210.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$816.85</u>
Ending Bank Balance		\$ 7181.28
Cash Box		\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 2/1/2026		

Community Service by Teresa Allen

We have quilt kits with patterns already cut and ready to sew. Also feel free to make a quilt using your own favorite pattern and material. Following January's meeting with Embrace, let's show our love for these children in foster, adoptive and kinship care. Kits are also available to make Bibs, Place Mats and Pillowcases.

Thanks to all who have contributed! Let's reach our year end goals!

	Bibs	Pillowcases	Quilts	Place Mats
Received	2	3	5	2
Goal	100	100	50	100
% of goal	2%	3%	10%	2%

Don't forget to keep track of your community service hours!

If I can be of any assistance please feel free to text or email me.

Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

We have some really exciting programs and activities for you in 2026. Join us as we expand our quilting knowledge, learn new techniques, support community service activities, and make new quilting friendships.

At the February meeting, Earamichia Brown will be sharing an exciting exploration of how technology is transforming the art of quilting. From tools and computerized sewing machines to laser-cut templates and smart fabrics. Modern innovations are opening up new creative possibilities for quilters of all skills.

Mark your calendars for Meeting Dates and Programs!

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 Quilts*
April 18: *Workshop – Laura Heine Collage Sewing Machine*
May 21: Matthew Modesitt – *Embellishing Quilt Blocks with Embroidery*
June 18: Sharon Holliday - *Liven up Your Quilt Backs*
July 18: *Allen Quilt Guild Picnic*
August 20: *Allen Guild Quilt College*
September 17: Ann Cardon - *Dating Quilts with Color*
October 15: Dorene Joyce - *Joy in the Journey; Get Your Creative Hat On*
Election of Officers
October 17: *Workshop – Stained Glass Floral*
November 12: *Quilt of Valor Reception*
November 19: Help! UFO's
December 12: *Christmas Party and Raffle Quilt Drawing*

Looking ahead to the April Workshop

You can sign up for the Laura Heine workshop, presented by Debra, at the monthly meeting or by contacting either Pam H or Cheryl O. Debra can make kits for any of the items in the pattern and the concepts is the same.

Laura Heine Workshop – April 18, 2026 **Dressmaker, tomato Pincushion or Sewing Machine:**



Location – Ready Set Quilt – 1101 Ohio Dr. Ste106, Plano

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cost \$65.00

The kit includes:

- Pattern
- Fabric
- Steam A Seam2
- Collage Foundation Fabric

The supplies needed by the participants are: (These Items can be purchased directly from Debra)

- Silicone Applique Mat (17 x 24) \$35.00 (normally \$50)
- Collage Scissors – Karen K Buckley or Laura Heine fine point scissors, they are serrated and keep the fabric from fraying. \$30.00 (normally \$40)
- A Stiletto to help with fabric placement \$9.00 (normally \$12)
- Nice to have are: Sew Tite magnets to hold the pattern to the Silicone mat as we build the project on the mat. \$25.00 (normally \$36)

Sign up and payment deadline is March 12, 2026

Make checks payable to Allen Quilters Guild and give them to Pam H or Cheryl O

Make sure to select the project you wish to make.

Please join us at our monthly meeting

The third Thursday of each month

Blue House Too Gallery

970 Watters Creek Blvd., Allen Texas

Social time 6-6:30; Meeting and program 6:30-8:30

Membership Report by Spring Weeks



New Member Coffee

We have had a lot of new members in 2025. The board would like to invite anyone new to the Guild (and anyone that would like to spend some time and get to know members) to a Coffee. This is just a chance for the new members to meet the board and any other members that would like to attend.

Date: February 28th

Time: 10:AM

Place: Panera Bread

Watters Creek

951 Bethany Dr., Allen, TX

Don't forget to pay your dues!



Ways & Means by Deb Merrill

Hey quilters... we need YOU!!

Keep (or start) cleaning out and decluttering. I know there is stuff that you are wondering where it came from or why you bought it. Our de-stash fundraiser is just 2 months away and we need lots more fabric and quilting notions (no books or magazines) to make this fundraiser a success. Please see the guidelines below for suggested pricing. Our committee appreciates your help in pricing your items: but if you prefer that we do it, please give us plenty of time.

All money made at the AQG De-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.

Allen Quilters' Guild Recommended Price List 2026

- 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 them 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 sellable! 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, and any unsold items will be donated at the end of the sale.

2026 AQG Raffle Quilt Schedule by Lorraine Mattis

Our beautiful Raffle quilt, Fireworks is ready to hit the road to other quilt guilds. If you can help take the quilt to one of the following guilds, please give Lorraine a call and volunteer. This is a major fund raiser to help support all the programs and activities of our guild. We really appreciate your time and support.



Quilt Guild	City	Visit	Volunteers	
Cotton Patch Quilt Guild	Greenville	September 24 6:00	1.	2.
Dallas Modern Quilt Guild	Dallas	May 22 6:30	1.	2.
Farmersville Quilt Guild	Farmersville	March 10 6:30	1. Deborah P	2.
Frisco Quilt Guild	Frisco	February 17 6:30	1. Tom	2. Lorraine
Garland Quilt Guild	Garland	October 6 6:30	1	2.
Land O' Lakes Quilt Guild	Lewisville	September 14 6:30	1.	2.
McKinney Modern Q G	McKinney	September 1 6:00	1.	2.
McKinney Quilters Guild	McKinney	April 21 12:30-3:00	1	2.
Quilters Guild of Dallas	Dallas	March 5 6:30	1.	2.
Quilters Guild of Plano	Plano	April 9 6:00	1	2.
Rowlett Quilters' Guild	Rowlett	April 18 (Sat) 9:30	1. Jeff	2.

Guild Officers – Programs - demystified!

Continuing with explaining our Board positions, this month the focus is on Programs. Keep in mind any of the Board positions can be shared with another person.

Do you like to find new ways of doing things or hearing from different people about the quilting industry? Are you a planner, do you like to organize events? The Program Vice President

The duties of this position are not that demanding. This is what Program VP does:

- Coordinate the speakers for the upcoming year April through March
- Provide the Program updates for the newsletter
- Collect program fees and pay speakers
- Coordinate the workshops – arrange for a workshop location, get the information from the presenter, publish in the newsletter, take the payment, pay the presenter
- Oversee:
 - Block of the Month (find someone to run the program)
 - Christmas Brunch and summer picnic– Organize a committee to assist
 - Retreats – oversee this sub committee
 - Quilt of Valor – Oversee the program – Elaine and Carol run it

It would be great if someone would like to shadow Pam and Cheryl this year or for the last few months of the year to get a feel for the position. If you are remotely interested, attend one of the board meetings and get a feel the role.

Block of the Month by Janice S

The Block of the Month for 2026 is a mystery quilt with a different block each month.

Most blocks are in the “confident beginner” range. I’ll share video tips and tutorials for anything that might be a little more challenging. All the blocks are machine-pieced (no applique’). There will be a setting for the quilt provided in early December 2026. I will also have some fun bonus projects to share with you along the way. I hope you’ll join in the fun. Can’t wait to see your blocks at Show ‘n Tell.

A Quilting Life Mystery Block of the Month - February

From the website: www.aquiltinglife.com

Sew along with the free patterns released on site on the first Monday of each month. Total suggested fabric requirements are listed on the site. The online sample uses red and navy in each block, but the color choice is totally up to your choosing and creativity. Sign onto the website and join in the fun.



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:

Spring into Quilting in Shiner TX, March 6 - 7

Shiner Methodist Church Activity Center

Quilters Guild of East Texas Quilt Show, April 24 - 25

W T Brookshires Conference Center, Tyler TX

See information about entering or attending below

Quiltfest Show in New Braunfels TX, July 24 - 25

New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 S Castell Ave, New Braunfels TX

Quilt Plano 2025, August 14 - 15

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

Go to their website for more information on entering quilts, volunteering, tickets.

Website: www.qgplano.org/quilt-show

Please email me if you have others to add. Thanks.



The Quilters Guild of East Texas warmly invites you and your members to attend and participate in our **2026 Quilt Show, *Stitched in the Stars: Celebrating 250 Years of American Quilting & Creativity***. April 24–25, 2026 W. T. Brookshires Center | Tyler, Texas Our show is a **judged exhibition** featuring quilts from across the region, special exhibits, vendors, demonstrations, and a welcoming community of quilters. We are currently accepting quilt entries in a

wide range of categories, including traditional, modern, art quilts, and a new youth category!

Entry forms and ticket information are available on our website:

<https://www.qgetx.org/Quilt-Show-2026-Tyler-TX>

QOV AMERICA'S QUILTS OF VALOR 250TH QOV BIRTHDAY

2026 QOV Committee

Elaine R & Carol B,
Co Chairs

Dot F
Betty M
Cheryl O
Debbie P
Janice S
Patti F
Deborah P
Paula R

Thank you for being on the
committee!

National Sew Day

Saturday, Feb. 7
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come & Go

Ready Set Quilt Store

1101 Ohio Drive, Plano, TX

Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing
supplies. Red, white & blue thread.

Contact: Elaine R

@ bebrice54@gmail.com



1st QOV Presentation for 2026

We presented husband and wife, Jennifer & Robert Padillo, their quilts Sunday afternoon at their home. Rob served in the Marine Corp from 1989-1993. Jennifer served in the Air Force from 2001 to present. She retired as of Feb. 1st. After a mix-up at Thanksgiving, they now have their quilts. Robert has since been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He starts chemo this week. They were both thrilled to receive them. Rob plans on taking his to treatment.

Quilts were presented by Dot F and Elaine R. Elaine's daughter; Sarah was taking pictures.



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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Google Groups _____ New _____ Name Tag _____ Bylaws _____
B-day _____ Small Group _____ Newsletter _____ Check# _____