

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

January 2026



From President Debra

Time is flying, I thought when you retired things were supposed to slow down, that did not happen! Wow, 2026, the 250th birthday of our United States and my son turns 50 this year, whoa!

Thank you to Brenda B for hosting our Holiday Party and to Pam and Cheryl for organizing a wonderful day. I always enjoy our Christmas lunch, lots of time to visit.

We have a great year of programs thanks to Pam and Cheryl's hard work. At our January meeting, everyone will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell us a bit about yourself. Don't forget to bring something for Show and Tell so we can see what you are working on. Also in January, the Embrace Organization will come share their mission and how we can be of assistance.

We will have sign-up sheets for all kinds of things at the meeting. Make sure to stop and volunteer for things if you would like to be more involved this year.

Looking forward to a great year!

Debra



Many thanks to our members who have volunteered
as officers and committee chairs
Your time and contributions to the guild are appreciated!

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

**If you haven't already,
don't forget to renew your membership!
(The membership form is on page 6)**

Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

The programs for 2026 are all set and we are excited to offer a wide variety of fun speakers and activities. Come! Join us as we expand our quilting knowledge, learn new techniques, support community service activities, and make new quilting friendships.

We kick off the new year with a Meet and Greet session. This is a great time to get to know more about your guild's activities, missions, and members.

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*

Treasurer's Report by Laura Grumbles

December 2025 Treasury Report		
Beginning Bank Balance		\$7,180.99
Income		
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$121.00	
Membership 2026	\$140.00	
	Total Income	\$261.00
Expenses		
Credit Card Usage Fee	\$13.14	
QOV Membership 3222	\$75.00	
Christmas Supplies	\$40.72	
	Total Expenses	\$128.86
Ending Bank Balance		\$7313.13
Cash Box		\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 1/1/2026		

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 Waters Creek
951 Bethany Dr., Allen, TX**



Secretary's Report by Colleen C

The 2025 Annual Guild Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at the home of Brenda B. A potluck spread of appetizers, main dishes, sides, and desserts was provided by the attending members, followed by a gift exchange game with a wrapped gift valued at \$20. We drew the winner of our 2025 Raffle Quilt “*SPARKLE*” and the winner was Lorelle Chambers.



Ways & Means by Deb Merrill

We have reserved spaces for the April 11th De-Stash at Not Your Mama's and are accepting your donations. If you would like to serve on the committee, please let me know. We will be organizing donations as they come in and preparing for the sale and we need lots of help. It is very helpful if you would please prepare and price your items. Please see recommendations below.

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.

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.com if you have any questions.

Block of the Month by Janice S

We are starting a new Block of the Month for 2026. It's 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 2026 Fabric Requirements

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 below. The online sample uses red and navy in each block, but the color choice is totally up to your choosing and creativity.

12" Blocks (Finished quilt will be 57 1/2" x 72 1/2")

24 Fat Eighths (or at least 12 different Fat Quarters) Colored Print
2 1/2 yards White Background, tone on tone for blocks & inner border
1/2 yard Sashing
1/8-yard Cornerstones
1 1/4 yard Outer Border
1/2 yard Binding
4 yards Backing

January Block
2 Color options



Guild Officers – President role demystified!

I realize this is January and we are just starting the year so it may seem a bit early to talk about Board members for 2027, however, the entire board turns this year, and we need your help. Each month a different office will be highlighted and explained to take some of the mystery away from the position. This month we will discuss the role of President.

We cannot have a board without a President. I realize the title 'President' brings fear of the amount of work it takes, the fear of talking to people and just the intimidating title of 'President.'

The duties of this position are not that demanding; this is what I do:

- Prepare the board agenda
- Attend and run the board meeting
- Prepare the general meeting agenda
- Attend and run the general meeting
- Be a signatory on the Guild checking account
- Write a newsletter article – write as if you're talking to your friends

It would be great if someone would like to shadow me 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 for the role.

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# _____