

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

March 2026



From President Debra

Spring is here in Texas! My garden has been calling and I've been listening. My two happy places: my quilt studio and my garden. There is quite a bit to bring to your attention this month.

- **Our March program** is Allison Bayer – “Welcome to my Scrappy World – Bonnie Hunter Quilts.” I love making Bonnie Hunter quilts and am looking forward to this presentation to learn more.
- **New Member Coffee** - Our New Member Coffee was a great success! We had 8 new members and 4 long-term members attend. Panera even gave us free cookies! It was a great time to get to know each other.
- **February, March and April Birthdays** - The Board discussed celebrating birthdays on a regular basis so the next birthday lunch, covering February, March, and April will be at noon on April 27th, at Mi Cocina in Waters Creek. January was a lot of fun, and we would like to keep the birthday party going. Lunch is open to anyone that would like to join and celebrate birthdays.
- **Member Sign Ups** -Member sign up for activities, committees, and workshops will be available at the back table. If you have not signed up and would like to, now is your chance.
- **April Workshop**-The sign-up deadline for the April workshop is March 19th. Remember to select the pattern you would like to make and what additional supplies you need to purchase.
- **All Texas Shop Hop** – This started March 1st and will run through April. This is a great opportunity to visit our local and not so local stores to show our support to the quilting community.
- **DeStash Sale** – The DeStash at Not Your Mama's Quilt Shop is April 11th. WE NEED YOUR DESTASH ITEMS. This is a money-making event for the Guild to enable us to enhance our programs. Clean out your closet and bring your items to the next meeting.
- **Allen 150** – If you would like to participate in the 150-year celebration of the City of Allen, please see Marge B.



Happy Quilting,
Debra

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

2026 Officers	2026 Committee Chairs
President: Debra M-R.,	BOM: Janice S.
1 st VP Programs: Pam H., Cheryl O	Newsletter: Roxy G.
2 nd VP Membership: Spring W.	QOV: Elaine R.
3 rd VP Communications: Jana M.	Raffle Quilt Road trip: Lorraine M.
4 th VP Community Service: Teresa A.	Retreats & Road Trips: Pam H & Cheryl O
5 th VP Ways & Means: Deb M.	Allen Arts Alliance: Spring W & Colleen C
Secretary: Colleen C.	
Treasurer: Laura G.	

Minutes of the February 19, 2026
General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild

Date & Time: Thursday, February 19, 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.

Candi from Hoops and Needles spoke briefly about her new quilt shop.

The minutes of the January 15, 2026 General Membership meeting were published in the Guild's February newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as printed.

The Treasurer's January report was published in the Guild's February newsletter. 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 Village. February Birthdays will also be celebrated.

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

Allen Arts Alliance:

Grant: The grant application has been submitted to the Allen Arts Alliance. The maximum grant amount is 25% of the guild's previous year's budget.

2026 Allen Arts Festival: The AAA Festival Committee is looking for sponsors for the Arts Festival in May (8th-10th). The guild will receive 5% of the total of fee receipts if it provides a sponsor. The guild received \$375 from the AAA for the participation by Spring on behalf of the guild at the 2025 Crafts & Drafts Fall Festival.

Monthly Board Meetings: If anyone is interested in attending the monthly AAA Board Meetings with Spring, please sign up on the list. Meetings (every 2nd Tuesday @ 6pm) last about an hour and are held in the Blue House Too ArtSpace.

Allen 150: Marge Bryan spoke on behalf of the Allen Heritage Guild about the City of Allen's plans to celebrate the 150th birthday of Allen this year (April 25th) with events, displays and demonstrations with the theme: "Frontier Foundations". The guild has been invited to join in by demonstrating a "Quilting Bee" activity. Please let her know if you are able to join this committee.

Nominating Committee 2027 Board: The majority of the people on the current Board have served 2 years in their position and are not eligible for re-election in their positions for the 2027 Board. We need people to fill the board positions. This month, Pam and Cheryl described what is involved in the position of 1st VP of Programs.

Small Groups: Members indicated on the survey that there is an interest in belonging to a small group. We need a volunteer to take the lead and organize small groups within the guild.

1st VP Programs – Pam H. & Cheryl O.

2026 Programs: Pam and Cheryl briefly reviewed the next 3 upcoming programs for the year.

Bookmarks: The bookmarks are back from the printer. Members are encouraged to take and deliver some to their favorite quilt store this month.

Block of the Month: Janice displayed the 1st 2 blocks for this year's BOM, from "A Quilting Life" by Sherri McConnell. Contact Janice to get on the email distribution list.

2nd VP Membership – Spring W. – There are 27 members and 3 guests present at this meeting. Door Prizes were distributed.

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

4th VP Community Service – Teresa A. – Kits are available for Bibs, Placemats, Quilts and Pillowcases. A committee is needed to make kits of western themed pillowcases for Embrace Texas. If you see any western-themed fabric, one yard is required for each pillowcase. The goal is to make 40 pillowcases by the May membership meeting.

5th VP Ways and Means – Deb M.

Fireworks 2026 Raffle Quilt Road Show: Pick up your raffle quilt ticket packets from Deb. In addition to taking the raffle quilt to area guild meetings (see Lorraine to sign up), the guild needs volunteers to display the raffle quilt at the April De-Stash Blast (April 11th), the Allen 150 Celebration (April 25th), and the Fall Craft Vendor Fair (TBD).

De-Stash Blast: Deb is taking donations for the De-Stash Blast and needs help to price the donations. Volunteers are also needed to help out on the day of the sale.

Raffle Quilt 2027: Volunteers are needed for next year's raffle quilt design and construction.

Craft Show: Volunteers are needed to plan and organize for the Fall Craft Show.

Treasurer – Laura G. – No report.

Secretary – Colleen C. – No report.

Program: Earamichia Brown: How Technology Is Revolutionizing Quilting

Show & Tell

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Submitted by: Colleen C.

Membership Report by Spring Weeks



Treasurer's Report by Laura Grumbles

February 2026 Treasury Report			
Beginning Bank Balance			\$7,181.28
Income			
	Membership 2026	\$105.00	
	Membership 2027	\$ 35.00	
	Total Income		\$140.00
Expenses			
	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 13.36	
	Allen Arts Alliance	150.00	
	Bookmark Purchase	69.99	
	Total Expenses		\$233.05
Ending Bank Balance			\$7,088.13
Cash Box			\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 3/2/2026			

Community Service by Teresa Allen

We are doing a special project for Embrace. We have committed to 40 western themed pillowcases by the beginning of June. Let's show our love for these children in foster, adoptive and kinship care.

Feel free to make a quilt using your own favorite pattern and material. However, make it easy and pick up a kit with everything ready to sew at the next meeting.

Thanks to all who have contributed! Don't forget to keep track of your community service hours! Let's reach our year end goals!

	Bibs	Pillowcases	Quilts	Place Mats	Special Pillowcases
Received	2	10	11	15	3
Goal	100	100	50	100	40
% of goal	2%	10%	22%	15%	7%

National Quilting Month!

March is celebrated as National Quilting Month, a dedicated time to honor the artistry, skill, and tradition of quilt making. Established in 1991, this month-long event highlights the creativity of makers, encourages new projects, and features community events like workshops, shows, and "sew-ins". National Quilting Day is specifically celebrated on the third Saturday of March.

Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

Allison Bayer is our March speaker. The title of her program is "Welcome to My Scrappy World". She will be sharing her love of scrappy quilts. Her presentation will help us learn how to become better quilt piecers to make our quilts sparkle!

She is a Professional Longarm Quilter in our area for many years. Allison also cleans and repairs sewing machines, specializing in vintage sewing machine repair/restoration of machine heads (not the wood cabinets), sales of Singer Featherweights (221), and vintage hand crank and treadle sewing machines.

She teaches private lessons for sewing/piecing of quilts or machine quilting as well.



Looking ahead to April, our own Debra Malone-Reeve will be talking about Laura Heine Collage quilts and offering a workshop on April 18th. 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 are 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 19, 2026.

Make checks payable to Debra Malone-Reeve. If you have already given your check to Pam that is fine.

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

Mark your calendars - Meeting and Activity Dates

April 11: DeStash Sale at Not Your Mama's Quilt Store (8 am to noon)
April 16: Debra Malone-Reeve - *Laura Heine Quilts*
April 18: *Workshop – Laura Heine Collage Sewing Machine*
April 25: *Allen 150 Celebration*
May 21: Matthew Modesitt – *Embellishing Quilt Blocks with Embroidery*
June 12 & 13: 2-day local Quilt Retreat at Redy Set Quilt Store (10 am – 4 pm)
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*

Block of the Month by Janice S

The Block of the Month for 2026 is a mystery quilt with a different block each month. You can find the blocks online each month at: A Quilting Life Mystery Block of the Month (www.aquiltinglife.com).

The instruction sheet for this month is attached to this newsletter email. I hope you'll join in the fun. Can't wait to see your blocks at Show 'n Tell. 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.



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 *barely a month 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.



Visit	Quilt Guild	City	Volunteers
March 10 6:30	Farmersville Quilt Guild	Farmersville	1. Deborah P 2.Spring W
April 9 6:00	Quilters Guild of Plano	Plano	1 Deborah P 2. Judi E 3. Tom D
April 18 (Sat) 9:30	Rowlett Quilters' Guild	Rowlett	1. Jeff 2.
April 21 12:30-3:00	McKinney Quilters Guild	McKinney	1 Mary Ann H 2. Carol B
April 24 3:00 – 6:00	Allen Historical Depot	Allen	1. Janice S 2. Lorraine M
May 22 6:30	Dallas Modern Quilt Guild	Dallas	1. Tom 2. Spring W
September 1 6:00	McKinney Modern Q G	McKinney	1. 2.
September 14 6:30	Land O' Lakes Quilt Guild	Lewisville	1. 2.
September 24 6:00	Cotton Patch Quilt Guild	Greenville	1. 2.
October 6 6:30	Garland Quilt Guild	Garland	1 2.

Report of the February
Allen Arts Alliance
Board Meeting

The monthly Allen Arts Alliance Board Meeting was held on February 10, 2026 and was attended by Spring W and Colleen C.

The AAA Board discussed the upcoming Arts Festival. The festival committee is looking for sponsors for the festival. A member organization will receive 5% of the total of fee receipts if it provides a sponsor. A volunteer sign-up list will be distributed at the end of March, giving member organizations more time to fill the volunteer slots for the 3-day festival.

The guild received \$375 for the participation by Spring W. on behalf of the guild at the 2025 Crafts & Drafts Fall Festival.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Kyle Jacobson, a member of the Allen Chamber of Commerce. He spoke on the importance of interactions of arts organizations, city entities and businesses working together to benefit all 3 groups within the community.



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!

Mark Your Calendars

QOV Sew Day #1
Thursday, April 23rd

**Allen Senior Recreation Center
Come & Go**

**We will be sewing the blocks together to
finish the tops and adding borders.**

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

Contact: Elaine R

You are invited!

Ken Taylor, President of the Vietnam Veterans of America Group Chapter 1122, has personally invited our guild to attend this National Vietnam War Veterans Day program. There is a luncheon and Vice Admiral David Brooks Robinson will be the guest speaker. Please consider attending, along with Elaine. You can sign up by contacting Elaine R at bebrice54@gmail.com.



NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY
HONOR THEIR LEGACY

Allen Senior Recreation Center
Friday, March 27 | 10AM-12PM

Guest Speaker:
Vice Admiral David Brooks Robinson, US Navy Retired,
Former Commander Patrol Gunboat USS Canon PG-90

In Partnership with:

 **ALLEN SENIOR RECREATION CENTER**
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Chapter 1122

Guild Officers – Membership and Communication - demystified!

This month the focus is on the Board positions: Membership and Communication. Keep in mind any of the Board positions can be shared with another person.

2nd Vice President Membership

The VP of Membership is a great way to meet everyone. They sit at the front desk and check people in each month, create the directory, and find someone to solicit Door Prizes.

In more detail from the by-laws they:

- Keep an up-to-date listing of all AQG members, name, address, phone and produce the directory. This is in an excel type program that populates the directory from the spreadsheet. So, the directory is pretty easy.
- Make sure Communication and newsletter have the up-to- date email list to send the newsletter and other communications.
- Record attendance and greet members at each meeting.
- Collect dues and forward funds to the treasurer.
- Encourage the formation of small groups.
- Attend board meetings.
- Coordinate Door Prizes i.e. find someone to go solicit for door prizes and hand out at the meetings.

3rd Vice President Communications

Don't let the sound of this overwhelm you. If you have social media skills and are interested in learning about managing a website this is for you. Yes, the Website portion sounds really scary. It's not that bad. Jana will help get you set up and on your way.

The duties of Communications are:

- Coordinate the newsletter – find someone to put the newsletter together and send it to the membership.
- Send any communications to the members via email.
- Manage/post on social media.
- Manage the website, keep the information up to date.
- Attend the board meeting.

Remember any position can be shared. If you are interested, please feel free to shadow Spring and Jana to learn more about these positions.

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:

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, 2000East Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano TX

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

Website: www.qgplano.org/quilt-show

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# _____