

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

April 2026



From President Debra

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter and are enjoying this wonderful Spring weather.

April will be a busy month:

- April 11th we have the DeStash and raffle quilt ticket sale. We need your stash and we need your help. Contact Deb M to volunteer for an hour or so to work the booth or sell raffle tickets. While yes, this means you need to get out and get moving on a Saturday morning, it is a great time to do something with your Guild Girls and let your hair down and relax.
- April 18th is the Collage Workshop. I am so excited to be teaching this wonderful new obsession of mine. It is a creative release to make something that does not have perfect corners.
- April 23rd is the Quilt of Valor sew day. Details are on page 7.
- April 25th is the 150 year Allen celebration. Come support our raffle quilt, the city and our quilting booth. Marge B is heading up this project, please reach out to her to see how you can help.
- April 27th is our February, March, and April birthday lunch at Mi Cocina. Please let me know if you are coming so we can reserve enough seats. This is for anyone that either has a birthday or would like to celebrate with our birthday members.



So, as you can see, we have lots of ways to become involved with the Guild. I hope, especially if you are newer to the Guild, that you join us. I always have a lot of fun with our members.

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 March General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild

Date & Time: Thursday, March 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.

The minutes of the February 19, 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 February report was published in the Guild's February newsletter. Hearing no questions regarding the report, the report is filed for audit.

The celebrations for birthdays in February, March and April will be held at Mi Cocina in Watters Creek Village on Monday, April 27, 2026 at Noon.

Debra reminded all that there are several volunteer opportunities for guild members.

Allen Arts Alliance: Colleen reports that the grant application is currently under review.

Allen 150: Marge B. provided updates on the Allen Heritage Guild's plans with the City of Allen's 150th birthday celebration on April 25th from 3-5pm at the Depot. 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. At this month's meeting, Spring described what is involved in the position of Second Vice President of Membership and Jana described responsibilities and activities of Third Vice President of Communications.

1st VP Programs – Pam H. & Cheryl O.

- **2026 Programs:** Pam and Cheryl briefly reviewed the schedule of upcoming programs for the year. Instead of the Guild's Picnic on Saturday July 18th, it was decided to move the Quilt College from August to Thursday July 16th and have Gwen Schroth speak at the August meeting on the topic of Unique Necktie Quilts.
- **Retreats:** Availability for a Friday-Saturday weekend retreat on June 12th and 13th at Ready Set Quilt. Fee: \$10 per person per day per person.
- **Quilts of Valor:** Quilt block kits are available and are to be returned at next month's meeting in time for the QOV Sew Day #1 to be held at the Allen Senior Recreation Center on Thursday, April 23rd. Members of the QOV Committee make block kits, participate in the award ceremony and prepare quilts for presentation at award ceremonies. There are 4 positions open on the committee. Please contact Elaine if you are interested.
- **Block of the Month:** Janice displayed the March block for this year's BOM, from "A Quilting Life" by Sherri McConnell. Contact Janice to get on the email distribution list. The patterns are also available on McConnell's website.

2nd VP Membership – Spring W.: There are at least 31 members and at least 5 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 community service projects, including kits of western themed pillowcases for Embrace Texas. The goal is to make 40 pillowcases by the May membership meeting.

5th VP Ways and Means – Deb M.

- **DeStash Blast:** Deb is taking donations for the De-Stash Blast and the meeting to help to price the donations will be at noon on Friday, March 27th at her house. Volunteers are also needed to help out on the day of the sale for both the sale and raffle quilt.
- **Raffle Quilt 2027:** Volunteers are needed for next year’s raffle quilt and help on its construction.

Treasurer – Laura G.: No report.

Secretary – Colleen C.: No report.

Show & Tell

Program: *Welcome to My Scrappy World - Bonnie Hunter Quilts* by Allison Bayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C

Treasurer’s Report by Laura G.

March 2026 Treasury Report			
Beginning Bank Balance			\$7,088.23
Income			
	Membership 2026	\$320.00	
	Allen Arts Grant	\$370.00	
	Raffle sales	\$215.00	
	Total Income		\$905.00
Expenses			
	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$10.40	
	February Speaker fee	\$250.00	
	March Speaker Fee	\$250.00	
	Member Overcharge/Refund	\$15.00	
	Community Service Fabric	\$144.81	
	Total Expenses		\$670.21
Ending Bank Balance			\$7,323.02
Cash Box			\$100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 4/2/2026			

Membership Report by Spring W.



Community Service by Teresa A.

Community service projects are an important part of the Allen guild. Feel free to make an item below using your favorite pattern and material or make it easy and pick up a kit with everything ready to sew at the next meeting. We have committed to *40 western themed pillowcases by the beginning of June* for Embrace. We’ve got a great start, but I need your help to meet our promised number.

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	5	21	15	27	12
Goal	100	100	50	100	40
% of goal	5%	21%	30%	27%	30%

Allen’s 150th Birthday Celebration by Marge B.

The City of Allen is making plans to celebrate the 150th birthday of Allen this year with a big event in downtown Allen on April 25th. The Depot (Allen Heritage Center, 100 E. Main Street) will be the site of displays and demonstrations highlighting the Theme: “Frontier Foundations”. Betty M. and Colleen C. will be participating in this activity by demonstrating a “Quilting Bee” activity like the early settlers used to make their quilts. Vintage quilts will be displayed thanks to Linda L.

Our raffle quilt will be exhibited for people to see and purchase tickets for this year’s Quilt Raffle Fundraiser by Lorraine M. and Debbie S. I think this is a great opportunity for us to highlight our organization and to possibly attract new members to our Guild.

Come and join us if you can. Thanks everyone for volunteering for this event. If you have any questions, contact Marge B.

Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O.

Our April program is a special treat. Laura Heine has designed over 50 beautiful collage quilts! Her technique is taught by certified teachers across the nation, and our own Debra Malone-Reeve is one of them. Debra will be showing and talking about the Laura Heine collage quilt design and technique. She is also offering a workshop on April 18th but please check with Pam or Debra to see if there are still openings.



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
from 10 am – 4 pm \$10/day
- June 18: Sharon Holliday - *Liven up Your Quilt Backs*
- July 16: Allen Guild *Quilt College*
- August 20: Gwen Schroth – *Unique Necktie Quilt-Reverse Applique*
- September 17: Christina West & Kacey Crutchfield
The Quilting Book – Step by Step Guide to Quilting
- October 15: Dorene Joyce - *Joy in the Journey; Get Your Creative Hat On
Election of Officers*
- October 17: *Workshop – Stained Glass Floral Workshop*
- 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).

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 M.

Hey Allen Quilters... we need YOU!!

Volunteers are needed to man the DeStash booth at Not Your Mama’s Quilt Store parking lot on Saturday, April 11th. We will be setting up at 6:30 am and the sale goes until noon. In addition to our Destash items, we will also be selling raffle tickets for our gorgeous *Fireworks*” raffle quilt. Whatever time you can give us is most appreciated. Give Deb M a call and let her know when you can come.



Also, if you have any last-minute fabric contributions, please let Deb know. The more we can make during this fundraiser, the better. All money made goes to our Guild to pay for our programs and guest speakers.

2026 AQG Raffle Quilt Schedule by Lorraine M.

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
April 9 6:00	Quilters Guild of Plano	Plano	1 Carol B 2. Judi E 3. Tom D
April 11 8:30-12:30	Not Your Mama-DeStash sale	Plano	1. Lorraine M
April 21 12:30-3:00	McKinney Quilters Guild	McKinney	1. Mary Ann H 2. Carol B
April 25 3:00-6:00	Allen Historical Depot	Allen	1. Jana M 2. Debbie S 3. Lorraine M
May 12 6:30	Farmersville Quilt Guild	Farmersville	1. Spring W 2.
May 22 6:30	Dallas Modern Quilt Guild	Dallas	1. Tom 2. Spring W
September 1 6:00	McKinney Modern Q G	McKinney	1. Patti F 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 March Allen Arts Alliance Board Meeting



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

AAA Finances: Increased booking of the Gallery and ArtSpace (for weddings, baby showers, etc.) produced increased revenue.

Survey: Responses from member organizations are due by the end of the month.

Grants: Committee to review grant applications will meet next week.

Arts Festival: Volunteer sign-up list will be distributed by the end of March, giving member organizations more time to fill the volunteer slots for the 3-day festival (Sign-Up Genius). This is a good way for each member organization to meet its hours.

QOV AMERICA'S QUILTS OF VALOR 250TH QOV BIRTHDAY

2026 QOV Awarded	2
QOV Quilts Ready	8
Need Quilting	4
Need Binding	2
QOV Blocks Ready for Sew Day	60 (3 quilts)
QOV Block Kits Ready to Sew	12
Contact Elaine R. or Carol B. if you can help with any of these items.	



QOV Sew Day #1
Thurs, April 23rd
10:00 – 4:00
Come & Go

Allen Senior Recreation Center
 451 St. Mary Drive, Allen, Tx

We will be sewing and piecing blocks together, adding borders and binding to finish the quilt tops.

Bring your sewing machine, cutting mat, rulers and irons and basic sewing supplies. We'll have two ironing stations and one cutting station setup.

Remember, it is "Come & Go". Several of us will be there all day! The Senior Center Quilters will also be joining us. It's so much fun!

Snacks provided. Bring your own lunch.

- 2026 Veterans to be Awarded**
1. Lonny V – Allen Senior Center – Fri. April 3rd – 11:00 a.m.
 2. Jim S – Wed. April 8th – Spring Creek BBQ Mckinney – 2:00
 3. Carmine E – Wed. April 8th – Spring Creek BBQ Mckinney – 2:00
 4. Ken T - Wed. April 8th – Spring Creek BBQ Mckinney – 2:00
 5. Merle C – Sunday, April 26th (100th Birthday)
 6. Joe F – Denison
 7. John B
 8. Mickey D
 9. Beverly S
 10. Kirk M
 11. Gerald Lewi
- You are welcome to come and help award at any of the scheduled events above. Just show up!*

- AQG QOV LongArmy**
1. Cheryl O. – Cinnamon Spice Quilting
 2. Debra M. – Stitchin Sisters Quilting
 3. Spring W. – Spring's Quilty Things
 4. Tom D. – Ready Set Quilt
 5. Patty P. – Bluebonnet Quilting
 6. Liz B. -
 7. Janice S.
 8. Dot F.
- Be sure and thank these people for volunteering their time to longarm our quilts! Those that have a business would love to finish your quilts for you.***



"I Quilt for Heros"
T-shirt available at
www.threadsmuse.com

- 2026 QOV Committee**
- Elaine R & Carol B: Co Chairs
 Dot F, Betty M, Cheryl O, Debbie S.
 Janice S, Patti F, Deborah P, Debra M

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, 2000 East Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano TX
Go to their website for more information on entering quilts, volunteering, tickets.
Quilt entry forms are now available.
Website: www.ggplano.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# _____