

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

June 2026



From President Debra

It is official, Memorial Day is over so its Summer!!!

- This month's program is our very own Sharon Holiday. Sharon will talk to us about our quilt backs and how to make them more interesting. Sharon gives a wonderful informative presentation; I hope to see all of you at our June 18th meeting.
- In May, the librarian from Mary Evans Elementary contacted me as she found some boxes in storage that said, 'Property of Allen Quilters Guild.' They were from the Storybook Quilt project the Guild did about 20 years ago. Lorraine provided us with the history of the program and we showed the quilts. I am happy to say we have a home for the boxes and quilts. The Pediatric Chaplin at Dallas Children's Hospital was delighted with the opportunity to receive them. Thank you for Betty M for arranging this.
- We have met our goal for pillowcases for the Embrace summer campout. We needed 40 and received 54! Thank you everyone for helping us meet this goal. Now on to pillowcases for lone Star Santa. Pillowcases provide a sense of accomplishment that doesn't take a lot of time. Thank you all!
- Thank you for all that have volunteered for 2027 Board positions. Open positions include secretary and some standing committee positions. And according to the by-laws, we still need a nominating committee.
- Don't forget our Retreat on June 12 and 13th at Ready Set Quilts! It should be a nice time for all.
- Our Raffle Quilt 'Fireworks' has been entered into the Plano Quilt Show for August 14th. The Plano Guild needs volunteers for jobs at the quilt show. If you are interested in helping, go to <https://qgplano.org/quilt-show/>. If you volunteer, you get free admision to the show. It's kind of fun to be there in all the excitement.



Have a great month! 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.	

Beautiful things come together - one stitch at a time.

Minutes of the May 21, 2026
General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild

Date & Time: Thursday, May 21, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order, at 6:33 p.m. by Debra MR, President.

The Frisco Quilt Guild is at tonight's meeting with that guild's raffle quilt.

Before tonight's business meeting, Erin with Sewcial Creatives spoke in detail to the guild about the various products and services provided by her shop.

The Allen Arts Alliance held the 2026 Allen Arts Festival on Friday May 8th and Saturday May 9th. Sunday was cancelled due to weather. Thank you to everyone that volunteered for positions with both the Allen Arts Festival and/or the guild's raffle quilt booth.

The Minutes of the Guild's April 16, 2026 General Membership Meeting were published in the Guild's May newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as published.

The Treasurer's April report was published in the Guild's May newsletter. There was a question about the Go-Daddy Domain Name renewal charge, and until the question is resolved, the report is conditionally filed for audit.

A sympathy card for the family of Ellen Rock is at the sign-in table for any wishing to extend their sympathies.

Guild members who are long-armers and wish to have their services listed in the newsletter are asked to complete the information sheet being passed around at tonight's meeting.

Lorriane presented an overview of an educational program for children conducted by the guild from 2008 to 2013 involving books and quilts. Memorabilia had been recently re-discovered.

Nominating Committee / 2027 Executive Board:

- This month, Colleen described what is involved in the position of Secretary.
- Debra reviewed positions already filled for next year's board:
 - Deborah Pankey has volunteered for Treasurer
 - Teresa will remain as VP for Community Service
 - Deb Smith has volunteered for Programs
 - Pam has volunteered for Membership
 - Spring has tentatively agreed to be President if there is someone to co-chair the position with her

1st VP Programs – Pam H. & Cheryl O.:

- 2026 Programs: Pam and Cheryl briefly reviewed the schedule of remaining programs for the year. A "picnic" is planned for the Quilt College program.
- Retreat: June 12th & 13th (Friday & Saturday) at Ready Set Quilt. Tonight is the last day to pay to reserve a spot.
- Block of the Month: Janice displayed the blocks for this year's BOM, from "A Quilting Life" by Sherri McConnell. All patterns are available on McConnell's website.
- Quilts of Valor:
 - The quilt tops completed at the Sew Day held on April 23 at the Allen Senior Recreation Center were displayed at the meeting.
 - More backing fabrics are needed as the current supply is exhausted. See Elaine for a list of fabrics available at Michaels if you wish to purchase and donate fabrics to the QOV Committee that are suitable for use as backings.

- QOV committee members will be hanging quilts at the Allen Senior Recreation Center in preparation for the Memorial Day Remembrance Concert (to be held on Friday, May 22, 2026 from 11am to 12pm).

2nd VP Membership – Spring W.:

- There are 33 members present at this meeting.
- Door Prizes were distributed.
- Members are reminded to check their directory information at the sign-in desk.

3rd VP Communication – Jana M.:

- Roxy will need help in getting out the July newsletter.

4th VP Community Service – Teresa A.:

- The goal for Western-themed pillowcases for Embrace Texas has been met.
- Kits are available for Community Service Projects.
- Teresa has devised a display of pictures of donated quilts and a display of numbers of donated items.

5th VP Ways and Means – Deb M.:

- Fireworks Raffle Quilt 2026: Please pick up your tickets for Fireworks, this year's raffle quilt. Watch the newsletter for the Road Show schedule.
- Raffle Quilt 2027: Jana has volunteered to provide a pattern and fabric and will head up the raffle quilt production committee. She would like to start working on the quilt in July.
- The Allen Arts Alliance held the 2026 Allen Arts Festival on Friday May 8th and Saturday May 9th. Sunday was cancelled due to weather. Thank you to everyone that volunteered for the Allen Arts Festival and for the Raffle Quilt booth. The raffle quilt ticket sales produced \$149.

Treasurer – Laura G.: No report.

Secretary – Colleen C.: No report.

Show & Tell

Program: Due to a scheduling issue, the speaker and program for tonight, *Machine Embroidery for Embellishing Quilts* by Matthew Modesitt, has been cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C

Membership Report by Spring Weeks



Treasurer's Report by Laura Grumbles

May 2026 Treasury Report			
Beginning Bank Balance			\$7,323.02
Income			
	Membership 2026	\$ 35.00	
	Raffle Sales	\$ 80.00	
	Total Income		\$115.10
Expenses			
	CreditCard Usage Fee	\$ 5.38	
	Total Expenses		\$ 5.38
Ending Bank Balance			\$8,769.98
Cash Box			\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 5/31/2026			

Community Service by Teresa Allen

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, pick up a kit with everything ready to sew at the next meeting. We had committed to *40 western themed pillowcases* for Embrace's summer event and surpassed our goal with **54!** Thank you! Thank you! You are special!

Thanks to everyone for helping with our Community Service Projects!

	Bibs	Pillowcases	Quilts	Place Mats	Special Pillowcases
Received	9	29	23	34	54
Goal	100	100	50	100	40
% of goal	9%	29%	46%	34%	135%

Block of the Month by Janice S

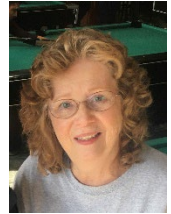
The Block of the Month for 2026 is a mystery quilt with a different block each month. You can find the blocks online on the first Monday of each month at: A Quilting Life Mystery Block of the Month (www.aquiltinglife.com). If you miss a month, all the past blocks are available too.

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.

"Anyone who works on a quilt, who devotes her time, energy, creativity, and passion to that art, learns to value the work of her hands. And as any quilter will tell you, a quilter's quilting friends are some of the dearest, most generous, and most supportive people she knows." Jennifer Chiaverni

Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

Sharon Holliday is our June speaker. Her program will be Liven Up Your Quilt Backs. Sharon has been a quilter for over 30 years and has made over 400 quilts during that time. She was a longarm quilter for 10 years and she taught quilting classes and workshops on beginning piecing, applique, bag making, and binding. She also taught her "Sourdough Quilt" method and precision piecing techniques. We are excited to have her as this month's speaker.



June Retreat:

Our June Retreat is a 2-day local retreat. Bring anything you would like to work on and come for one day or both days. This is a great time to sit and sew without any interruptions. You can leave everything in place on Friday night ready to start fresh on Saturday morning.

When: June 12th & 13th. Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Ready Set Quilt, 1101 Ohio Dr, Plano, TX 75093

Cost: \$10.00 per day \$20.00 for both days

Deadline to sign up and pay is May 21 st (our May meeting)

Who to Pay: Give your money to Pam or Cheryl, cash or check payable to the Allen Quilters Guild

Looking forward to our July Program

We are going to celebrate some of our members' talents with a Quilt Guild College. And what better way to celebrate the 4 of the July Holiday than hot dogs, chips, drinks for snacks.

Mark your calendars - Meeting and Activity Dates

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*

Fourth of July hot dogs & chips dinner

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*

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

"Friendship is sewn with love and measured by kindness."

Ways & Means by Deb Merrill

Thanks for all the support for this year's fundraisers. This revenue helps pay for our programs and guest speakers. Many, many thanks! Don't forget to sign up for a raffle quilt visit. There are still some openings for this fall.

2026 AQG Raffle Quilt Schedule by Lorraine Mattis

Our beautiful Raffle quilt, Fireworks, has been a big at 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	
August 15 (Sat) 9 am	Rowlett Quilters' Guild	Rowlett		
September 1 6:00	McKinney Modern Q G	McKinney	1. Patti F	2.
September 14 6:30	Land O' Lakes Quilt Guild	Lewisville	1. Roxy G	2.
September 24 6:00	Cotton Patch Quilt Guild	Greenville	1.	2.
October 6 6:30	Garland Quilt Guild	Garland	1	2.

How to Label a Quilt

Information from the www.quiltingconnection.com

Ways to Label Your Quilt

There are many ways to label a quilt, below are a few options.

Handwritten labels

Probably the easiest and fastest way to label your quilts.

This method is simple in that you use a permanent, fabric-safe pen/marker and hand write your label information onto a separate piece of fabric which you'll then attach to your quilt. Done!

Sewing or embroidery machine created labels

Many domestic sewing machines have built in alphabet stitches which you can use to create a label. And for those of you who own embroidery machines, use your creativity to combine information and images that complement the quilt and its purpose!

Printed fabric labels

Create quilt labels using your computer, printer and printable fabric.

Using your computer to create quilt labels allows you to design a label that you can easily save and then replicate or modify to fit your next quilt. Using ink-jet ready fabric sheets, you can create multiple labels at once. And because you're working from the computer, your print size is small enough to be legible while including detailed information and images.

Pre-made or custom-purchased labels

Let someone else make your quilt labels!

On-demand print technology gives you a variety of options for ordering your quilt labels pre-made by someone else. Etsy offers many sellers who will work with you to create personalized labels meeting your specifications. You can search for quilt label companies online as well.

Decorative or themed labels

Labeling your quilt with a complementing piece of artwork.

Consider creating a label that looks like part of the quilt! You can use leftover fabric or blocks from the top. Or maybe you have some extra pieces of applique to work into a label. Another option is drawing or finding illustrations that match the theme of your quilt.

Area Quilt Shows

Quiltfest Show in New Braunfels TX, July 24 - 25

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

North Texas Quilt Festival, Fort Worth TX, July 30-Aug 1

Irving Convention Center, 500 W Las Colinas Blvd, Irving TX

Quilt Plano 2025, August 14 – 15

Quilt Entries and Volunteers needed!

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

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

Enter your quilts today! Deadline is June 11th

Check out the open volunteer job and times.

Website: www.qgplano.org/quilt-show

Red River Quilt Show in Wichita Falls, September 11-12

<https://www.redriverquilters.com/quilt-show-folder>



Summer Camps and workshops

Summer Art Camps at Blue House Too Gallery & Artspace

Spark creativity all summer long with our engaging Summer Art Camps! Young artists ages 8+ will explore a variety of mediums, techniques, and exciting themes designed to inspire imagination & self-expression. More information about all our summer offerings in ballet, theater Allen Heritage and art are available at:

<https://allenartsalliance.org/classes/>.

Quilt of Valor Ceremony

Our Guild awarded 2 Quilts of Valor on Friday, June 5 at The Allen Senior Recreation Center. Howard Graham, U.S. Air Force and Albert Silveri, U.S. Navy received their quilts. Thank you for your service to our country.

Betty Matthews pieced Graham's quilt and helped wrap him along with his wife. Allen Senior Center quilters pieced Silveri's quilt. He was wrapped by Carol B. and Betty M.

Howard Graham, U.S. Air Force



Albert Silveri, U. S. Navy



QOV AMERICA'S
 QUILTS OF VALOR 250TH
QOV BIRTHDAY

QOV Team Meeting
 Thursday, June 17th
 10:00 – Noon
 Ready Set Quilt Shop

2026 QOV Awarded	10
QOV Quilts Ready	6
Need Quilting	7 in progress
Need Binding	7
QOV Blocks Ready for Sew Day #2	Please take a couple home to sew
QOV Block Kits Ready to Sew	48
Contact Elaine R. or Carol B. if you can help with any of these items.	



Mark Your Calendar!!!!

QOV Sew Day #2
Thursday, Sept. 10th
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
“Come & Go”
Best Little Retreat Center
7989 Belt Line Rd
Dallas, Texas

Patriotic Quilts Needed

Our Guild will be represented by displaying Patriotic Quilts at several America 250 events in June and July. We have a few quilts, but more are needed to “WOW” everyone. If you have a personal Patriotic Quilt, please label it and bring to our June Guild Meeting. It will be returned to you after July 2nd.

Also, any long armers that have any of our quilts, if they could be ready by our June meeting, we can use those as well.

Events include:

- June 11th – America 250 Celebration #1
- June 25th – America 250 Celebration #2
- July 2nd – America 250 Celebration #3

All events are sponsored by the City of Allen. Our Guild is also listed as a sponsor on all promotional material.

AQG QOV Long Army

1. Debra M. – Stitchin Sisters Quilting
2. Spring W. – Spring’s Quilty Things
3. Tom D. – Ready Set Quilt
4. Patty P. – Bluebonnet Quilting
5. Diana P. – Against the Grain Quilting
6. Deb M. – Queen Bee’s Quilts
7. Cheryl O. – Home Quilter
8. Liz B. – Home Quilter
9. Janice S. – Home Quilter
10. Dot F. – Home Quilter
11. Alexis W. – Home Quilter

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.

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

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# _____