

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

May 2026



From President Debra

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in our group! I hope your day is wonderful.

- Our May program will feature Matthew Modesitt demonstrating how to embellish your quilt with machine embroidery.
- June Retreat - Our June retreat will be held June 12th and 13th. There is more information later in the newsletter.
- Allen Arts Festival –May 8-10th. Thank you to all that volunteered to help with our raffle quilt and the Allen Arts Alliance. Quilt sales results will be announced at the May meeting.
- DeStash – The DeStash at Not Your Mama's Quilt Shop was extremely successful. We priced items to go and they went. Thank you to Deb M and all the folks on her committee that labeled, priced, set up, worked at, and cleaned up at the actual event.
- Allen 150 – Thank you to all the participated at the Allen 150 event, not only was the raffle quilt successful, we received a donation for demonstrating quilting techniques.
- The May Board meeting will be held at 5 pm, prior to the membership meeting.



Looking forward to seeing everyone in May!

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

*A quilt is love made visible.
Every stitch tells a story.*

Minutes of the April 16, 2026 General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild

Date & Time: Thursday, April 16, 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. Members of the Rowlett Guild are present with raffle quilt and tickets.

The minutes of the March 19, 2026 General Membership meeting were published in the Guild's April newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as printed. The Treasurer's March report was published in the Guild's April newsletter. Hearing no questions regarding the report, the report is filed for audit.

Debra remarked on the many events in April for Guild members: DeStash (11th), Laura Heine Workshop (18th), QOV Sew Day (23rd), Allen 150 Celebration (25th) and Birthday Celebration for members with birthdays in February, March or April (27th).

Allen Arts Alliance/Arts Festival – Spring W.

Spring reviewed the benefits of our membership with the Allen Arts Alliance and emphasized the need for volunteers for both helping with our raffle quilt and with the AAA. The raffle quilt signup list is available on a table in the back. The Arts Festival Volunteer sign-up sheet (which will be on Sign-Up Genius) is still being finalized, and in the meantime, a paper "sign-up" sheet is being circulated to see who can assist on what days and at what times. 2026 Allen Arts Festival Dates: Friday May 8th 2-9pm, Saturday May 9th, 10am-9pm, and Sunday May 10th, 11am-6pm.

Nominating Committee 2027 Board

Debra announced that it was time to put together the Nominating Committee and if you wish to be on the committee, see her.

1st VP Programs – Pam H. & Cheryl O.

2026 Programs: Pam and Cheryl briefly reviewed the schedule of remaining programs for the year.

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. Pay in advance to reserve a spot. Bring a lunch. If you are retreating for 2 days, you may leave your machine overnight.

Quilts of Valor: Carol B. reminded all that QOV Sew Day #1 will be at the Allen Senior Recreation Center on Thursday, April 23rd. Bring your sewing machine to make tops from the blocks or blocks from the kits. Or help out at the ironing stations.

Block of the Month: Janice displayed the April block for this year's BOM, from "A Quilting Life" by Sherri McConnell. Pattern is available on McConnell's website.

2nd VP Membership – Spring W. There are 47 members and 2 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. Please return the western themed pillowcases for Embrace Texas at the next meeting. 5th

VP Ways and Means – Deb M.:

DeStash Blast: The Guild raised over \$1,200. What didn't sell is available for members to browse through on the side tables. It is anticipated that the success of the DeStash will allow the Guild to skip the Fall Craft Shows.

Raffle Quilt 2026: Please pick up your tickets for Fireworks, this year's raffle quilt.

Raffle Quilt 2027: A volunteer is needed to lead the effort for next year's raffle quilt (deciding on pattern and fabrics). A few members have already volunteered to help on its construction.

Treasurer – Laura G.: No report.

Secretary – Colleen C.: No report.

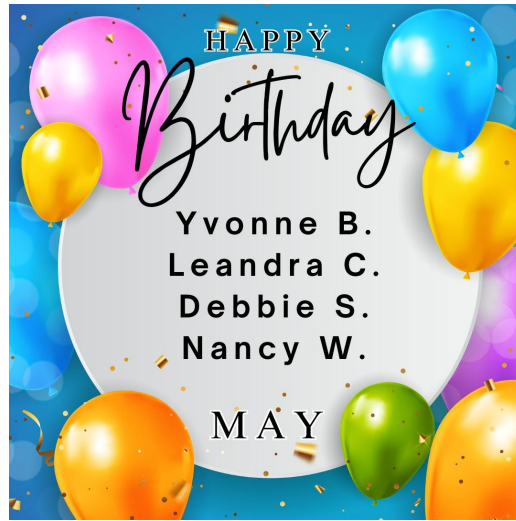
Show & Tell

Program: Laura Heine Quilts by Debra Malone-Reeve

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen C

Membership Report by Spring Weeks



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

Treasurer's Report by Laura Grumbles

| April 2026 Treasury Report | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Beginning Bank Balance | | | \$7,323.02 |
| Income | | | |
| | Membership 2026 | \$105.00 | |
| | Raffle Sales | \$142.00 | |
| | DeStash Sale | \$1,207.10 | |
| | Total Income | | \$1,454.10 |
| Expenses | | | |
| | CreditCard Usage Fee | \$ 5.38 | |
| | April Speaker Fee | \$ 50.00 | |
| | Go Daddy | \$ 46.38 | |
| | Total Expenses | | \$ 116.76 |
| Ending Bank Balance | | | \$8,660.36 |
| Cash Box | | | \$ 100.00 |
| Submitted: Laura Grumbles 5/01/2026 | | | |

Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

Matthew Modesitt is a data analytics professional by day and a dedicated quilter by night, where he brings together precision, creativity, and a love of detail through fabric and thread. With a career centered on uncovering patterns and insights from complex data, he naturally extends that analytical mindset into his quilting—designing pieces that are both technically thoughtful and visually compelling.



A distinctive element of Matthew's work is his use of machine embroidery to embellish quilt blocks. By layering stitched motifs, textures, and intricate designs onto traditional quilt structures, he creates pieces that add depth and narrative beyond piecing alone. His approach blends modern technology with time-honored quilting techniques, resulting in quilts that are richly detailed and uniquely expressive.

Matthew's quilts reflect a balance of structure and artistry, often inspired by geometry, data patterns, and contemporary design. Whether he's analyzing datasets or stitching late into the evening, he is driven by a passion for transforming complexity into something meaningful, tactile, and beautiful.

Quilt of Valor reminder: Please bring any quilt blocks that you have out to the May guild meeting. We're missing 5 blocks from Red, White & Cute.



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

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*

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*

Quilting with a friend will keep you in stitches.

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 and pick up a kit with everything ready to sew at the next meeting. We have committed to *40 western themed pillowcases by the May meeting* for Embrace. We've got a great start, but I need your help to meet our promised number.

Thanks to everyone for helping with our Community Service Projects!

| | Bibs | Pillowcases | Quilts | Place Mats | Special Pillowcases |
|-----------|------|-------------|--------|------------|---------------------|
| Received | 9 | 28 | 19 | 31 | 29 |
| Goal | 100 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 40 |
| % of goal | 9% | 28% | 30% | 31% | 73% |

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). Go

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

WOW! A huge thank you to all of you who donated to our de-stash sale or volunteered either by pricing or selling on the day of the sale. We sold \$1,207.10!! This was just from stuff you no longer wanted that someone else did. The saying goes something like this, "One quilter's trash is another quilter's treasure"! This revenue helps pay for our programs and guest speakers. Many, many thanks!

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 | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| May 12 6:30 | Farmersville Quilt Guild | Farmersville | 1. Spring W | 2 Deborah P. |
| 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. |

*To be creative is to let little pieces of your heart go,
And place them into each quilt you make.*



Allen Arts Festival - May 8-10th AAA Members:

The Festival Committee is expanding our social media outreach to promote the upcoming festival. To help make this year's new events a success, we need to spread the word!

We encourage you to share these posts with friends, family, and local community groups. We would also appreciate it if you could distribute this to members of your organizations as well.

To help us maximize our reach, please help us by completing each of the following three steps:

- **Share Social Media Content:** There will be ongoing posts, so this won't be our only email! Here are the Dropbox links to the files for you to share:

[Student Artists Call](#)

[Become a Local Donor](#)

[Performing Artists Call](#)

[Save the Date!](#)

- **Engage on Facebook:** Please respond to the Facebook event to help increase the event's visibility.
- **Register on Eventbrite:** Please reserve a spot on Eventbrite, as increased registrations prompt the platform to promote it to a wider audience.

[Facebook Event Link](#)

[Eventbrite Link](#)

Thanks so much for your support, Festive Committee

Area Quilt Shows

May 23-24: Historic Quilt Show

10 am -4 pm First Methodist Church, 306 N Church St, McKinney

Website: www.chestnutsquare.org/events-tours/crazy-quilt-show

Explore one of the nation's largest collections of historic Craze quilts; many dating back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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

Website: www.qgplano.org/quilt-show

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

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

Labeling Quilts

Information from the www.quiltingconnection.com

Why Label a Quilt

When you label your quilt, it adds value, it honors the maker, and if it is a gift, it honors the recipient. It establishes the quilt as part of a story, providing context for its creation and its place in history.

Quilt labels:

- **Preserve the basic facts.** Quilts often outlive their makers. And even when they don't, names, dates, the purpose, etc. are easily forgotten. Plus, information like dates and places anchor the quilt in history.
- **Add emotional meaning.** When gifting or donating a quilt to a specific cause, a label elevates the quilt to a keepsake. It adds a personal connection as well as a polished finishing touch.
- **Provide practical information.** Adding information like fiber content, care instructions, and batting specifics ensures that the quilt's owner will know how to care for it. In some cases, that can be you reminding yourself of this information months or years from now!
- **Document your legacy as a quilter.** Give yourself some recognition! This isn't about bragging. It's about sharing your belief and participation in the art of quilting. It can also document your quilting journey over time.
- **What to add to your label.** Remember, this documents the history of your quilt. We recommend that you include: the name of the Quilter(s), longarm's name/company, dates (if a gap in time, list both), location (where it was made), Special Message (i.e. wedding, baby, birthday, graduation), pattern (if using a specific pattern list the name and the pattern maker), care instructions and anything else that is important to you. Show quilts have very specific requirements

Next month – **Ways to Label your Quilt**

Quilt of Valor Remembrances

Merle C Award Ceremony
at his 100th Birthday Party



Marques U. Award Ceremony
on Saturday, May 2nd



Quilt of Valor Sew Day on Thursday, April 23rd



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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2026 QOV Awarded | 8 |
| QOV Quilts Ready | 2 |
| Need Quilting | 7 |
| Need Binding | 7 |
| QOV Blocks Ready for Sew Day | 140 (7 quilts) |
| QOV Block Kits Ready to Sew | 3 |

Contact Elaine R. or Carol B. if you can help with any of these items.



Thanks to all that came and sewed at our QOV Sew Day! We got 7 quilts ready for our
Longarmer Army!

2026 Veterans Awarded

1. Jennifer D - **Awarded**
2. Robert P - **Awarded**
3. Lonny V – **Awarded**
4. Jim S – **Awarded**
5. Carmine E – **Awarded**
6. Ken T - **Awarded**
7. Merle C – **Awarded**
8. Joe F – **Awarded**
9. Justin - **Quilt Ready**
10. Beverly Sharp- **Quilt Ready**
11. Matt Raley – **Quilt Ready**
12. Calvin Young Sr. –
13. Kirk Maticiw
14. Tashia Hunt
15. Gerald Lewis –
16. Wilfred Banchs –
17. Albert Silveri –
18. Queenie Graham –
19. Juan Vidal, Jr. –
20. Howard Graham –
21. Matt Preston –

Carol B. will be calling you to see if you can take one home at our next guild meeting. Thank you for doing this. We can't do this without you.

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. – Home Quilter
8. Dot F. – 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.



“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

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# _____