

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

August 2026



From President Debra

August, the dog days of summer. Thank goodness we have Air Conditioning. While we were in England, the temps were high and they do not have A/C.

Thank you to Spring for leading the meeting while I was gone. I heard the Quilt College was a great success. Thank you for the presentations - Colleen for Dimensional Patchwork, Yvonne for Quilt Scraps into Gifts, Spring for Skinny Lines, and Roxy for Rope Rugs, and Bowls/Potholders.

This month our speaker is Gwen Schroth with Unique Necktie Quilts. I'm looking forward to learning a new technique and seeing these unique quilts. While October feels far away, we have a workshop in October "Joy in the Journey – Stain Glass Flowers" quilt. See more information in the newsletter and mark you calendar and sign up as space is limited.

We have a busy August and September with lots of sew days to complete our 2027 Raffle Quilt, our in town retreat, and sew day to finish up the Quilts of Valor for our November presentation.

If you are interested in working on the 2027 Raffle quilt, see details in this newsletter and give Jana a call.

Please remember to support the Plano Guilds Quilt show on Augus 14th and 15th. Many of our members will have quilts displayed.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 20th!

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.	

"To me, the beauty of a quilts lies within the stitches and the thought of the person who made them. When you spend time making something with your two hands, you impart love in a way that buying never can."- Online Quote

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

Date & Time: Thursday, July 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 6:55 p.m. by Spring W.

The Minutes of the Guild's June 18, 2026 General Membership Meeting were published in the Guild's July newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as published.

Programs – Pam H. & Cheryl O.:

- Programs & Workshops: Pam and Cheryl briefly reviewed the list of programs for the remainder of the year.
- Retreat: September 18th & 19th at Ready Set Quilt. Fee is \$10 per day. Limited seating; reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet and pay the fee.
- Quilts of Valor: Carol reported on the status and inventory of quilts.
- Block of the Month: Janice displayed the 1st 6 blocks in the quilt.
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Membership – Spring W.:

- Membership: Spring welcomed all new members and guests.
- Door Prizes: Distributed.

Communication – Jana M.: No report.

Community Service – Teresa A.: Teresa provided updates on the status of pillowcases, quilts and other community service items.

Ways and Means – Deb M.:

- FIREWORKS Raffle Quilt: Please see Deb if you have raffle tickets and monies to turn in or need more tickets.
- 2027 Raffle Quilt Production: Jana is in charge of next year's raffle quilt. Sew days to be announced. Please consider helping stitch some blocks.

Treasurer – Laura G.: No report.

Secretary – Colleen C.: No report.

Allen Arts Alliance: No report.

Program: Quilt College:

- Colleen: Dimensional Patchwork
- Yvonne: Quilt Scraps into Gifts
- Spring: Skinny Lines
- Roxy: Rope rugs, bowls and potholders
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Show & Tell

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 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

Community Service by Teresa Allen

Great job! I understand that it is easy and rewarding to use fabrics from your own stash, and I love you for it! I just picked up fabric donated from the Plano Guild to add to the Allen Guild ("Our") stash and it is adding up. Please stop by my table before or after the meeting and relieve me of some of this fabric by taking a kit!

	Bibs	Pillowcases	Quilts	Place Mats
Received	39	45	29	89
Goal	100	100	50	100
% of goal	39%	45%	58%	89%

Thanks to everyone for helping with our Community Service Projects, Teresa



Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

We had a great July meeting at our Quilt College. Four guild members presented programs in a round robin, demonstrating quilting techniques and projects. Our thanks to those that presented.

Colleen-Dimensional Patchwork

Yvonne-Quilt Scrapes into Gifts

Spring-Skinny Lines

Roxy-Rope Rugs or bowls

What a terrific turnout celebrating quilting and the 250th Anniversary complete with hot dogs, chips, and desserts!

Our August 20th speaker is Gwen Schroth presenting Unique Necktie Quilt. Gwen has been quilting for almost forty years but began to sew her own clothes at age ten. She grew up in India, one of eight girls and a single boy. Their parents were Mennonite missionaries in Hyderabad state, South India (now Andhra Pradesh).

Gwen's love of vivid colors comes from those years living in a country where both men and women proudly wear bright colored clothing, a stark contrast for the endless brown dirt around them. Once acquainted with quilting, all other hobbies fell by the wayside, such as knotting and crocheting. Writing competes with her passion of quilting.



Fun In-Town Retreat September 18th and 19th

The guild is sponsoring an open retreat at Ready Set Quilt for two days in September. The cost is only \$10 per day; cash or check paid to Pam H or Cheryl O. This is a come and go opportunity to sew with quilt friends, get inspired and probably learn some new techniques. Hope you can join us. The deadline to sign up is the August 20th meeting. Hope you can join us.

Looking ahead to our next workshop on October 17th:



Our October speaker, Dorene Joyce, will be presenting a great workshop called "Joy in the Journey – Stain Glass Flowers". It will be held on Saturday, October 17th at Ready Set Quilt from 10 to 4. For only \$55, participants will choose one design to make from the selection of flowers shown: Rose, Iris, Hydrangea or Daylily. You can sign up at the August meeting and get the list of supplies needed.

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).

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. Sign onto the website to get all the past patterns.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR!



**CRAFTS & DRAFTS
SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026**

**ARTS FESTIVAL & BIER TASTING
WATTERS CREEK VILLAGE**

Ways & Means by Deb Merrill

Our Fireworks raffle quilt has been entered into the America 250 category at the Plano Quilt Show on August 14-15. Stop by to see our stunning quilt among all the other beautiful patriotic (and other) quilts. If you have any tickets/money to turn in or need more tickets, please see Deb M. This is a fabulous quilt to celebrate the Semiquincentennial of our Independence.

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	
September 1 6:00	McKinney Modern Q G	McKinney	1. Patti F	2. Mary Ann H
September 14 6:30	Land O' Lakes Quilt Guild	Lewisville	1. Roxy G	2. Lorraine M
September 24 6:00	Cotton Patch Quilt Guild	Greenville	1.	2.
October 6 6:30	Garland Quilt Guild	Garland	1	2.
November 21 (Sat) 9 am	Rowlett Quilters' Guild	Rowlett	1.	2.

2027 AQG Raffle Quilt by Jana M



We're starting construction on the 2027 Raffle Quilt!

Please come help on our sew days: August 18 & 25 and September 16 starting at 10 am at Ready Set Quilt. Stay as long as you want! The pattern does have some curved piecing so if you have experience with that, even better!

Mark your calendars – Meetings, Activities and Workshop Dates

August 14 & 15: Quilt Plano 2026. Volunteers still needed

August 18: 2027 Raffle Quilt Work Day at Ready Set Quilt

August 19: QOV Team meeting at Ready Set Quilt

August 25: 2027 Raffle Quilt Work Day at Ready Set Quilt

September 10: QOV Sew Day at Best Little Retreat Center

September 16: – 2027 Raffle Quilt Sew Day At Ready Set Quilt

September 17: Christina West & Kacey Crutchfield

The Quilting Book – Step by Step Guide to Quilting

September 18 & 19: In-Town Retreat at Ready Set Quilt

September 25 – 27: Allen Arts Alliance 'Crafts and Drafts'. *Volunteers needed*

October 10: Allen Fall Festival. Volunteers needed to show our Raffle Quilt

October 15: Dorene Joyce - *Joy in the Journey; Get Your Creative Hat On*

Election of Officers

October 17: Stained Glass Floral Workshop at Ready Set Quilt

November 12: *Quilt of Valor Reception*

November 19: Help! UFO's

December 12: *Christmas Party and Raffle Quilt Drawing*

Treasurer's Reports by Laura Grumbles

Because the July issue was sent out before the Bank statements were available, below are the Treasurer's report for June and July. Both will be presented at the August Membership Meeting for approval.

June 2026 Treasury Report			
Beginning Bank Balance			\$ 8,769.98
Income			
	Membership 2026	\$ 70.00	
	Raffle sales	\$515.00	
	Retreat	\$150.00	
	Allen Heritage Guild		
	Donation	\$100.00	
	Allen Arts Alliance	\$968.22	
	Total Income		\$1,803.22
Expenses			
	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 10.73	
	Speaker Fees June	\$300.00	
	Destash supplies	\$ 28.13	
	Sign	\$ 76.97	
	Total Expenses		\$ 415.83
Ending Bank Balance			\$10,157.37
Cash Box			\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 7/1/2026			

July 2026 Treasury Report			
Beginning Bank Balance			\$10,157.37
Income			
	QOV Donation	\$ 1.00	
	Total Income		\$ 1.00
Expenses			
	Credit Card Usage Fee	\$ 10.11	
	Total Expenses		\$ 10.11
Ending Bank Balance			\$10,148.26
Cash Box			\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 8/3/2026			



QOV AMERICA'S QUILTS OF VALOR 250TH QOV BIRTHDAY

QOV Team Meeting

Wednesday, Aug 19th

10:00 – Noon

Ready Set Quilt Shop

2026 QOV Awarded	12
QOV Quilts Ready	10
Need Quilting	2
Need Binding	0
QOV Blocks Ready for Sew Day #2	48
QOV Block Kits Ready to Sew	48
Contact Elaine R. or Carol B. if you can help with any of these items.	

Patriotic Quilts Needed

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. Albert S - **Awarded**
10. Howard G - **Awarded**
11. Queenie G - **Awarded**
12. Juan V - **Awarded**
13. Justin - **Quilt Ready**
14. Beverly S - **Quilt Ready**
15. Matt R - November Ceremony
16. Antionette F - November Ceremony
17. Gerald Lewis - November Ceremony
18. James Stanfield - November Guild Mtg
19. James Griffin - November Guild Mtg
20. Guillermo Belin - November Ceremony
21. Chineta Harris - November Ceremony
22. Barbara Lockett/Ried - November Ceremony
23. Charles Hayes - November Ceremony
24. Wilfred Banchs - November Ceremony
25. Jessie Seals - November Ceremony
26. Tashia Hunt - NAMS - August?
27. Ron Moore - August 15th for birthday
28. Calvin Arnold - Aug 12th at 6:30 p.m. @ Matt's
29. David Newman - Aug 12th at 2:30 @ Spring Creek BBQ
30. Stan DeYager - Sept. 9th at 2:30 @ Spring Creek BBQ
31. Tony Troia - Sharon Holliday - Medical High Priority- Sharon making quilt
32. Matthew Wall - Medical emergency- Medical City, Plano
33. Jennifer Herrera - 2027
34. Brett Warren - 2027
35. Andre Budgewater - 2027
36. John Kelty - 2027
37. LeNora Devine - 2027
38. Jeff Schneider 2027
39. Todd Broome - 2027
40. Robert Hunter - 2027
41. Christopher Mocho - 2027
42. Marissa Garner - 2027
43. Quinton Neighbors - 2027
44. James Morris - 2027
45. John Babb - 2027



Mark Your Calendar!!!!

QOV Sew Day #2

Thursday, Sept. 10th

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Come & Go, Stay”

Best Little Retreat Center

7989 Belt Line Rd

Dallas, Texas

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

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
12. Teresa A. – 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.***



Allen Quilters' Guild QOV Nomination Form

Date: _____

Veteran Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Honorably Discharged: (Yes) (No) Vietnam Veteran: (Yes) (No)

Member of VFW Group _____ Location: _____

Awards, Medals, etc.: (Use back of sheet if you need more room)

Duty Stations: (Use back of sheet if you need more room)

Attached is a list of places that Allen Quilters' Guild awards quilts locally. Arrangements will be made with your VFW group or Individual awards can be at your home, church or family gathering.

Contact Elaine Rice @ bebrice54@gmail.com to arrange an individual award.

Mail to:

Allen Quilters' Guild

P.O. Box 526, Allen, Texas 75013

Attention: QOV Group Leader

Contact Elaine Rice@bebrice54@gmail.com for more information.

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# _____