

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

July 2026



From President Debra

There are many opportunities to celebrate at the various cities around our 250th birthday that I hope you had the chance to celebrate our great birthday!

Many of you may not realize that the Allen Quilters Guild is listed as an official sponsor of the City of Allen events. In return, we hang our patriotic Quilts at each function. Help is always needed to support these events and all are welcome.

We as a guild have the opportunity to celebrate at the City of Allen concert, hang some of our beautiful patriotic quilts, and listen to the Dallas Banjo Band perform on July 2, at 7:30 at the Allen Public Library. There is a second event on July 25th at the Collin County Veterans Expo. Elaine sent an email to the entire Guild as help is needed to cover a table between 9 am and 2 pm. More on these events later in the newsletter.

Our program this month is our Quilt College. This was so much fun last year. It was the liveliest meeting we had all year. Such a great opportunity to learn from our fellow members. I am disappointed I will miss it as I will be visiting my grandson in England. My thoughts will be there with you!

Some great news was shared at the last meeting. We received a grant from the Allen Arts Alliance for \$900+ to support our mission and Community Service work. Our assisting at the festivals pays off!

I hope you all have a wonderful July and I will see you in August.

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 June 18, 2026
General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild

Date & Time: Thursday, June 18, 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.

Before tonight's business meeting, Pat Wycoff with the North Texas Quilt Festival spoke in detail regarding the event, scheduled for July 30, 31, and August 1, 2026, at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas.

Lora Johnson, the owner-operator of a new retreat center, Howe About A Retreat, located in Howe, spoke about her business.

Tickets are available tonight from the Quilter's' Guild of Plano for the guild's raffle quilt. Deb M. spoke to the group about the upcoming QGP quilt show.

Susan Jackson, president of the Allen Arts Alliance and a member of the Friends of Allen Library, spoke to the membership about the organization. The guild's grant application was approved by the Allen Arts Alliance in the amount of \$968.22.

The Minutes of the Guild's May 21, 2026, General Membership Meeting were published in the Guild's June newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as published.

The question about the Go-Daddy Domain Name renewal charge on the April Treasurer's report has been resolved and the report is filed for audit. The Treasurer's May report was published in the Guild's June newsletter. Hearing no questions regarding the report, the report is filed for audit.

Nominating Committee / 2027 Executive Board:

- **2027 Executive Board:** Debra reviewed board positions with candidates for 2027:
 - President Spring W and Patty P
 - Programs Debbie S
 - Communication Laci A
 - Membership Pam H and Judi E
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer Deborah P
 - Ways and Means Debra MR
 - Community Service Teresa A
- **2027 Standing Committees:** Debra reviewed committee positions with volunteers for 2027:
 - Newsletter Roxy G; needs assistant
 - Allen Arts Alliance
 - Block of the Month
 - Door Prizes
 - Christmas Brunch 2027
 - Quilt of Valor Elaine R and Carol B
 - Raffle Quilt 27 Promotion
 - Raffle Quilt 28 Production
- **2027 Nominating Committee:** Composed of (1) board member and (2) non-board members. Colleen will lead the nominating committee with Roxy G. and Alexis W.

Programs – Pam H. & Cheryl O.:

- **2026 Programs:** Pam and Cheryl briefly reviewed the schedule of remaining programs for the year. A "picnic" with hot dogs is planned for the next meeting with the Quilt College program. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINK.
- **Retreat:** The next retreat is scheduled for September 18th & 19th at Ready Set Quilt. Fee is \$10 per day. Limited seating; reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet.

- Quilts of Valor: Elaine thanked everyone for supplying backing fabrics and spoke of the current status of upcoming events.

Membership – Spring W.: There are 33 members present at this meeting. Current membership is 50 members. Door Prizes were distributed.

Communication – Jana M.: No report.

Community Service – Teresa A.: Western-themed pillowcases were delivered to Embrace.

Ways and Means – Deb M.: No report.

Treasurer – Laura G.: No report.

Secretary – Colleen C.: No report.

Allen Arts Alliance: The guild's grant application was approved in the amount of \$968.22.

Show & Tell

Program: Liven Up Your Quilts Backs by Sharon Holiday

Meeting adjourned.

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

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 delivered [54 western style pillowcases](#) to Embrace for their summer camp. Thank you!

Thanks to everyone for helping with our Community Service Projects!

	Bibs	Pillowcases	Quilts	Place Mats
Received	9	37	23	36
Goal	100	100	50	100
% of goal	9%	37%	46%	36%

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.

Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O



We are going to celebrate some of our members' talents with a Quilt Guild College. Come join the fun and learn some new techniques. AND we will be celebrating the 4th of July Holiday with a hot dog and chips picnic dinner.

Mark your calendars - Meeting and Activity Dates

July 16: Allen Guild *Quilt College*

Fourth of July hot dogs & chips picnic 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*

Ways & Means by Deb Merrill

Thanks to everyone for helping to sell raffle tickets for our quilt, *Fireworks*. Ticket sales are going well but the more we sell, the better we can support guild activities.

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.
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.

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

Volunteers needed!

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

Go to their website for more information on volunteering and advance tickets.

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>



We received a grant from the Allen Arts Alliance for over \$900 to support our mission and Community Service work. Thank you to all that have supported their activities!

QOV AMERICA'S QUILTS OF VALOR 250TH QOV BIRTHDAY

QOV Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 15th

10:00 – Noon

Ready Set Quilt Shop



2026 QOV Awarded	12
QOV Quilts Ready	10
Need Quilting	3 in progress
Need Binding	5
QOV Blocks Ready for Sew Day #2	20
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. Calvin Y.
18. Tashia H.
19. Gerald L.
20. Wilfred B.
21. James G.
22. James S.
23. Calvin A.

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

Mark Your Calendar!!!!

QOV Sew Day #2

Thursday, Sept. 10th

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Come & Go”

Best Little Retreat Center

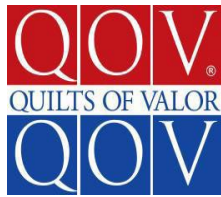
7989 Belt Line Rd

Dallas, Texas

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.*



Collin County Veterans Expo
Saturday, July 25th
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Allen Senior Recreation Center



Our Guild will have a table at this event to promote our Guild as well as Quilts of Valor. We need several people to cover the table between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please sign up at guild for one of the time slots. Your help is very much appreciated.

8:30 – 10:30 *** 10:30 – 12:30 *** 12:30 – 2:00



Our Guild was represented at 2 Allen Public Library events honoring our 250th Birthday. We displayed quilts at the **Ben Franklin** program, **Texas and the American Revolution** program. We will also be at the **Freedom 250 Banjo** Concert held on July 2nd. Everyone was very impressed with our patriotic quilts. Thank you, Carol & Betty, for sharing about our Guild and Quilts of Valor.





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# _____