

Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

September 2026



From President Debra

Thank you for all the prayers and warm wishes after my shoulder surgery. Lots of pain but doing well.

This month our speakers are Christina West and Kacey Cruthefield authors of 'The Quilting Book'. Books will be available for purchase.

We have a busy September and October with lots of sew days to complete our 2027 Raffle Quilt and finish up the Quilts of Valor for our November presentation. Also check out our in-town retreat.

We need your help at the Crafts and Draft event September 25-27, benefitting The Allen Arts Alliance. Please see the flyer attached with this email to use the link to Sign-Up Genius to volunteer.

If you are interested in working on the 2027 Raffle quilt, see Jana.

Our Birthday lunch is October 3rd at Panera Bread.

The Plano Quilt Show is moving their Show date to March 12 & 13. Your quilt entry will need to be entered by January 29th. Hope to see lots of Allen quilts in the show.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 17th!

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

"To me, the beauty of a quilt 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."- Natale.

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild

Date & Time: Thursday, August 20, 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.

At the request of the speaker, the program, Unique Necktie Quilt-Reverse Applique by Gwen Schroth was presented prior to the business meeting.

Following the program, Debra welcomed all to the meeting.

Members of the Cotton Patch Guild from Greenville are present and have their quilt on display with raffle tickets available.

Debra thanked the participants of the Quilt College at last month's meeting for providing instructions on techniques and projects: Colleen-Dimensional Quilt Blocks; Spring-Skinny Lines; Roxy-pot holder & rope rug; Yvonne-Quilt Scraps into Gifts.

Debra announced that the raffle quilt, FIREWORKS, was entered into the Quilter's Guild of Plano Quilt Show in the category of Master/Artisan, "Celebrate America 250!" and won the DAR District III Choice Award and a \$25 prize. She read the judges' critique to the group. Debra also identified guild members who won recognition at the quilt show.

Debra supplied a list of dates and events involving the guild for the remainder of the year:

August 25	Sew Day: 2027 Raffle Quilt (RSQ)
September 1	Fireworks Raffle Quilt at McKinney Modern Quilt G (McKinney)
September 10	QOV Sew Day (Best Little Retreat Center)
September 14	Fireworks Raffle Quilt at Land O' Lakes Quilt Guild (Lewisville)
September 16	Sew Day: 2027 Raffle Quilt (RSQ)
September 17	Program: The Quilting Book by Christina West & Kacey Crutchfield
September 18 – 19	Retreat (RSQ)
September 24	Fireworks Raffle Quilt at Cotton Patch Quilt Guild (Greenville)
September 25 – 27	Crafts & Drafts Arts Festival & Bier Tasting (Watters Creek Village)
October 6	Fireworks Raffle Quilt at Garland Quilt Guild (Garland)
October 15	Election of Officers; Program: Joy in the Journey by Dorene Joyce
October 17	Workshop: Stained Glass Floral (RSQ)
November 12	QOV Awards Ceremony & Reception (Allen Senior Recreation Center)
November 19	Program: Help in Finishing UFOs; QOV Awards Ceremony
November 21	Fireworks Raffle Quilt at Rowlett Quilters' Guild (Rowlett)
December 12	Christmas Party & Raffle Quilt Drawing

The Minutes of the Guild's July 17, 2026 General Membership Meeting were published in the Guild's August newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as published.

The Treasurer's Report for June was not published in the Guild's July newsletter due to newsletter publication prior to finalized report. The Treasurer's Report for June and July were published in the Guild's August newsletter. Hearing no questions regarding the report, the reports are filed for audit.

Programs – Pam H. & Cheryl O.:

- **Programs & Workshops:** Pam and Cheryl briefly reviewed the list of programs and events for the remainder of the year. Discussion of location for the Christmas Party as the group is almost too large to have the party at a private residence.
- **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:** Elaine reported on the status of the planned awards. A Sew Day is planned for September 10th with kits to be made into blocks or sewing blocks together into tops. Elaine also explained the donation campaign by the QOV committee as a way to accept donations from non-guild members.
- **Block of the Month:** Janice displayed the blocks currently available from the website. She will accept donations of blocks.

Membership – Spring W.:

- **Membership:** Spring reported that there are 35 members and 8 guests at the meeting. She also indicated that the guild membership now stands at 51 members.
- **Door Prizes:** Distributed.

Communication – Jana M.: No report.

Community Service – Teresa A.: Teresa has received many donations of fabrics and members are encouraged to stop by the Community Service table to pick up kits of pillowcases, quilts and other community service items. Also, pre-printed labels identifying the guild as the donor have been ordered. The plan is to attach the labels to donated items prior to distribution. When the labels arrive, Teresa will host a sew day to attach them to items she currently has not yet distributed.

Ways and Means – Deb M.:

- **AAA Crafts & Drafts:** Sign-up sheets for working the guild's raffle quilt booth are available.
- **Allen Heritage Fall Fest:** Sign-up sheet for working the guild's raffle quilt booth is available.
- **Fireworks Raffle Quilt:** Please see Deb if you have raffle tickets and money to turn in or need more tickets. Lorraine M has several slots still open for volunteers for the remaining raffle quilt road show stops.
- **2027 Raffle Quilt Production:** Jana is in charge of the raffle quilt for 2027. At the first sew day, most of the cutting was completed and some of the patchwork had been sewn together into blocks. The next sew day is on August 25th. Please consider helping stitch some blocks.

Treasurer – Laura G.: No report.

Secretary – Colleen C.: No report.

Allen Arts Alliance: Spring explained that the volunteer opportunities for working at the Crafts and Drafts Festival will be available by Sign-Up Genius. QR code will be distributed when available.

Show & Tell

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

Community Service by Teresa Allen

Thanks to everyone for helping with our Community Service Projects.
You are the best! Please bring your finished goods to the next two meetings so we can reach our goals for this year. Teresa

	Bibs	Pillowcases	Quilts	Place Mats
Received	45	71	31	91
Goal	100	100	50	100
% of goal	45%	71%	62%	91%



Programs by Pam H and Cheryl O

Allen quilt guild September 17th meeting speakers are Christina West and Kacey Crutchfield, the authors of *The Quilting Book*. Christina and Kacey are quilters based in the Dallas area. Christina is a quilt pattern designer behind Kindred Quilt Co, where she publishes modern quilt patterns, and Kacey is a quilt pattern technical editor at Kacey Crutchfield Consulting. With over twenty years of experience quilting and sewing, the creative duo brings a modern and technical approach to piecing and quilting in *The Quilting Book*.



Fun In-Town Retreat September 18th and 19th

The guild is sponsoring an open retreat at Ready Set Quilt (1101 Ohio Dr., Unit 106, Plano, TX) for two days in September. Sign up at the September meeting and pay \$10 cash per day you plan to attend. 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.

Looking ahead to our October 15th meeting.



October 15th Meeting speaker is Dorene Joyce whose topic is Joy in the Journey-Get Your Creative Hat On! She will have a trunk show and her talk will feature how to find your Artistic voice. She will have tips, techniques, and products for Art quilts that have worked for her. Dorene will help us grow as a quilter and let go of our fears and try creativity. Dorene is a lifelong artist and designer that works on Fabric Collage quilts, traditional quilts, designing patterns and her new

special applique scratch too!

Election of Officers will follow the speakers.

Save the Date: Christmas Party
Saturday December 12th



Big News!

The Plano Quilt Show is moving!



Quilt Plano 2027

March 12 & 13

Plano Event Center

2000 E spring Creek Pkwy

Plano TX 75074

Important Dates:

Quilt entry deadline is January 29, 2027

Entry is open to all quilters

Mini-quilt deadline is February 11, 2027
(February Guild meeting)

Vendor booth contracts will open
mid-September

Block of the Month by Janice S

The Block of the Month for 2026 is a mystery quilt with a different block each month. 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! Share your blocks at Show 'n Tell!

Ways & Means by Deb Merrill

Our Fireworks raffle was entered in the *America 250* category at the Plano Quilt Show on August 14-15. We received an award: DAR District III Choice. If you have any tickets and/or 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 hit 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.



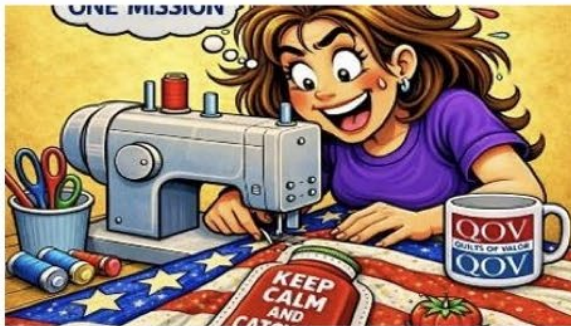
Visit	Quilt Guild	City	Volunteers	
September 14 6:30	Land O' Lakes Quilt Guild	Lewisville	1. Roxy G	2. Lorraine M
September 24 6:00	Cotton Patch Quilt Guild	Greenville	1. Deb M.	2. Lorraine M.
October 6 6:30	Garland Quilt Guild	Garland	1.	2.
November 21 (Sat) 9 am	Rowlett Quilters' Guild	Rowlett	1. Jeff	2.

Treasurer's Reports by Laura Grumbles

August 2026 Treasury Report				
Beginning Bank Balance				\$ 10,148.26
Income				
	Raffle sales		\$ 42.00	
	Total Income		\$ 42.00	
Expenses				
	Credit Card Usage Fee		\$ 5.38	
	Embrace Fabric		\$256.33	
	Reimbursement:		\$100.00	
	RSQ Sew Day			
	Total Expenses		\$ 361.71	
	Ending Bank Balance			\$ 9,828.55
Cash Box				\$ 100.00
Submitted: Laura Grumbles 9/2/2026				

QOV AMERICA'S QUILTS OF VALOR 250TH QOV BIRTHDAY

QOV Team Meeting
No September
Meeting



Come Sew With US!!!!

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

This is our last big push to have enough quilts ready for our QOV Award Ceremony on November 12th!

Bring your sewing machine, RWB thread and basic sewing supplies.
Cutting boards and ironing stations will be available.

Snacks and water will be available. Bring your lunch or group order from Chick-fil-A (\$10).
We're also be playing Right, Left Center after lunch. The winner will receive a jelly roll.

2026 QOV Awarded	15
QOV Quilts Ready	7
Need Quilting	2
Need Binding	0
QOV Blocks Ready for Sew Day #2	80
QOV Block Kits Ready to Sew	60
Contact Elaine R. or Carol B. if you can help with any of these items.	

Our Guild Board of Directors has approved an online site (Zeffy) where we can accept donations for our QOV program. We always get asked “How can I donate”? If you scan this QR code, you will be directed to our Donation Campaign. You are welcome to share this with your friends & family.



The Mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Allen Quilters' Guild welcomes your donations to support our QOV program.

**Donations
are
welcome!**



Scan the QR Code

QOV Upcoming Events:

Our QOV Team welcomes you to join us at any of these QOV events. We would appreciate your help!

- Wed. Sept. 9th – 2 Awards at Spring Creek BBQ McKinney at 2:30 p.m.
- Wed. Sept. 9th – 1 Award at VFW Post 2150 at Matt's Restaurant in Allen at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 10th – Retreat at Best Little Retreat Center at 10-5
- Saturday, Oct. 17th – VFW Chili Cook Off at VFW. Cook Off. Winner will be awarded a QOV.
- Thursday, Nov. 12th - QOV Award Ceremony at 4:30 at Allen Senior Center
- Saturday, Nov. 14th - Melissa Fall Fest at Melissa Arts Center from 11 – 3
- Thursday, Nov. 19th – Allen Quilters Guild – Special QOV Awards at guild meeting.

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 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# _____

Caramel, pecan cookies (at August Meeting)

Recipe from Cheryl O

Several people asked for the yummy recipe for the cookies that Cheryl made for the August meeting. Here ya go! Enjoy!

Cookie Dough

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter softened	2 tsp vanilla extract
3/4 cup brown sugar	2 1/4 cups of all-purpose flour
1/2 cup granulated sugar	1 tsp baking soda
2 eggs	1/2 tsp salt

Add-Ins:

- 1 cup caramel bits or chopped chewy caramels
- 1 cup pecans, slightly roasted.

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350*
 2. In a bowl beat softened butter with the brown and granulated sugars until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes.
3.
 4. Beat in eggs one at a time then fold in the vanilla until smooth.
5.
 6. In a separate bowl whisk the dry ingredients.
7.
 8. Fold toasted pecans and caramel bits in with a spatula.
9.
 10. Drop rounded teaspoons onto parchment. Bake for 10 to 12 mins.
11.
- Let cookies rest for about 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack.

*“Quilters Cut with hope, Stitch with grace, Quilt with dreams,
Bind with laughter and Share with LOVE.”*

To Quilt or Not to Quilt?



What a silly question.