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Newsletter

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.



March 12 Guild Meeting

10:00 AM
Horizon Church
6800 Evers

Program:

Denis Zobel, representing Memories by the Yard, will talk to us about "Solving the Problems of Stained Glass." He will highlight a specific Easter pattern

Remember to bring to the meeting:

- Nametag (wear it)
- Library books & patterns
- Door prize if you won one
- QPC and Bright Hopes Projects
- Smiles for your friends

Consider the art quilt

Anyone who attended the International Quilt Festival in Houston understands that statement. What is happening? Are traditional quilts less desired and less cherished? Most experts in the quilt world do not think this to be the case. The current trend toward art quilts is a natural progression with traditional roots. Many factors have spawned this revolution.

First, quilts are no longer utilitarian. Rather than make bed covers, today's quilters are creating wall art. In addition, enriching experiences and life style changes such as increased leisure time allows the quilter to dream and create.

Thirdly technological advances such as computers and time saving appliances make possible a less stressful life and permitted the opportunity for outpouring of feelings.

Traditional patterns constructed of current fabrics and using innovative tools and techniques result in a contemporary look. Workmanship however is still a primary consideration.

Quilters today have become artists, who have the resources, knowledge, and desire required to express personal feelings.

Are art quilts really new or just a reflection of a new generation of quilters?

Look for the art quilt category at our show in September and consider entering your own "art quilt"! Ruth Felty



Program Notes



March

Denis "the menace" Zobel, representing Memories by the Yard, will talk to us about "Solving the Problems of Stained Glass." He will highlight a specific Easter pattern and Memories will have the kits available as well as other items. Following the program, they will do a "make and take" project. The kit will be \$10 and have all the materials needed to do 5 bunny faces. Each person will have time to do at least one. Minimal sewing will be necessary so if you have a light weight machine, do bring it. Kitty will have a sewing machine everyone can use.

April

The program will be mini-workshops.

1. Larry Beauchamp will talk about the process of photo transfer. We will have materials available to do a few photos. If you have a favorite photo, you may be one of the lucky ones to walk away with a print.
2. Mary McCarthy will guide us through making an origami ornament. You will come away with a finished item as well as a technique.
3. Lani Nunley will cover some of the fine points of making yo-yos. Yes, there are some techniques to make them better.
4. Under development

We will have some 99 cent workshops to follow. I will have fabric and supplies available so you can sit, sew, visit and make more of the workshop items

May ANNIVERSERY PARTY

We have all looked forward to Pat Campbell's visit. Unfortunately, she suffered a brain aneurysm on January 1 and is still in serious condition. Since this is also the Guild's 25th anniversary, we had planned a party as well. Now we will have a bigger party as part of the program. I have already started planning, but I need help in the form of a committee. If you are interested in helping, please give me a call. Kitty Janiga 210-622-9522 or kjaniga@accd.edu.

LET'S MAKE NAME BADGES — this project is on hold for the time being. With the changes in May, I have to juggle some things and I will not get all replies until after the newsletter deadline.

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Minutes of Board Meeting 2/10/05

Board Members Present: Ruth Felty, Kitty Janiga, Barbara Gilstad, Sylvia Jolet, Dea Jae Shore, Judith Miller, Mary Mc Carthy and Teresa Tijerina

President: Ruth Felty called the meeting to order at 5:10. Mary McCarthy has agreed to be the 1st VP for Special Events.

President: Ruth said Mindy Lopez was nominated for a Calico Rose for her many hours of hand quilting for the auction. Nomination was approved.

Ruth said the family of Ethel Howie has donated a quilted wedding gown which she made for one of our style shows and will become a part of the GSAQG quilt collection. As a remembrance to Ethel, one of the founding members of the guild, there will be a tribute to her at the Quilt Show. National Quilt Day is fast approaching on March 19, 2005 and we plan to participate in the national block exchange sponsored by NQA. The block is called the "Friendship Star," and rules for members to participate will be in the March Newsletter. Of the three national quilt associations, the GSAQG has membership only in American Quilt Society. Kitty made a motion that we also join International Quilt Society and National Quilt Association. Barbara seconded and the motion passed.

President Pro-Tem: Sylvia said Patti Centeno has e-mailed her resignation effective immediately due to work and family issues. Resignation was accepted. Ruth and Janet Miller will work together on the Tender Loving Care Committee to care for our quilts in storage. Quilts missing from our quilt collection will be placed on the "Missing Quilt Network" in an effort to receive tips from anyone that may have information on their disappearance.

Secretary: Teresa said Shirley Carter has agreed to be our photographer and Shirley wants to have information on her duties. Information on this subject tabled for discussion at next meeting.

Treasurer: Operating Fund \$6,345.67, Reserve Fund \$46,171.43 Total \$52,517.10

NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE: Midnight Monday, February 14 (the Monday after Guild Meeting)

email to quiltnews@satx.rr.com is preferred.

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| Full page Insert | \$70.00 |

Sylvia distributed the new form for expenditures, the Reimbursement Voucher.

Newsletter: Dea Jae said that almost 100 members have not paid their dues and will announce this at the General Meeting. She suggested there be a contest to name our Newsletter. It was decided that a prize of one-year membership to the guild be awarded to the winner.

Information is forthcoming in next month's Newsletter.

Programs: Kitty said Pat Campbell has cancelled for the May Program due to health issues. The guild is going to celebrate its Silver Anniversary in May. She plans to have a luncheon with our quilt collection on display.

Community Outreach: Barbara distributed a 5-page report on the activities for Community Outreach Committees for 2004. A copy will be provided to members at the February General Meeting.

New Business: Sylvia made a motion to establish a committee that will develop guidelines for granting a "Ethel Y. Howie Quilting Scholarship." Kitty seconded and the motion passed.

Dea Jae made a motion to purchase spring loaded rods for curtains for windows in the meeting room not to exceed \$30.00. Sylvia seconded and the motion passed.

Amy Cotrell has volunteered to set up an e-mail tree to notify all members about events, i. e., a death.

Suggestion was approved and will be announced at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Teresa Tijerina, Secretary

Minutes of General Meeting - 2/12/05

President: The meeting was called to order by the President, Ruth Felty at 10:05. Andrea Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as published and seconded by Candace Tull, and the motion passed.

Ruth announced Lois Reeh passed away and asked for a moment of silence, Martha Schmitzinsky's husband passed away and Sherry Allred's husband has had surgery and is having a slow recovery. It was announced last month Carla Schladoer would receive a Calico Rose and she was in attendance this month to receive it. Mindy Lopez received a Calico Rose for her hand quilting for the guild. Members were reminded to visit the Institute of Texan Cultures to view the quilt exhibit through May 8 and can see Gundy Cleven to volunteer.

Patti Centeno has resigned her position as President Pro-Tem and Ruth asked anyone interested in taking over these duties to please call her.

In an effort to take a more aggressive approach on locating missing quilts from our Quilt Collection, an inventory was taken and it has been determined our Anniversary Quilt and Texas Star Quilt are both missing. This information will be submitted to the Missing Quilt Network in an effort to locate these quilts.

Janet Miller has graciously accepted to chair The Tender Loving Care Committee. Anyone interested in assisting

with care in folding and nurturing our Quilt Collection please call Janet.

Treasurer's Report: Sylvia Jolet; Operating Fund \$6,345.67, Reserve \$46,171.43, Total \$52,517.10.

Special Events: Mary McCarthy was introduced as the VP for Special Events. She asked for a volunteer to coordinate the Houston bus trip for 2005.

Amy asked if anyone knows of any vendors interested in having a booth at the Quilt Show to please contact her. There is a form in this month's Newsletter to enter the quilt challenge.

Holly Nelson reported the auction will be held the last Saturday in June 2005. She will bring labels to the March meeting to distribute to members making quilts. She asked for unfinished tops and blocks and a volunteer to assist with publicity to contact all quilt stores. Amy volunteered her assistance.

Newsletter: Dae Jae reminded members to pay their dues. Names will be dropped off the mailing list if dues are not paid by today. There will be a contest to name the Newsletter, more information will be printed in the next Newsletter.

Programs: Kitty announced Margaret Miller would finish her workshop today. She reminded members there were only 6 participants and asked for support in continuing this program. Kitty announced Pat Campbell has cancelled her workshop for May due to health issues. Our May program will be our Silver Anniversary celebration. Anyone interested in assisting with the party was asked to call Kitty. In March, Memories by the Yard will provide our program "Everything you want to know and don't on stained glass and applique" by Dennis the Menace, followed by a make it and take it project for the price of \$10. In April we'll have mini workshops to include photo transfers by Larry Beauchamp, Mary McCarthy will present origami, Lani Nunley will show us yo-yos.

Services: Judith Miller announced Shirley Carter as the new caretaker of videos. Members were encouraged to visit that table and Judith asked members to volunteer in assisting as a back-up during meetings.

Community Outreach: Barbara announced there will be a meeting on February 22 at Hancock's to celebrate each committee's success in 2004. In addition, she distributed copies of the 2004 Community Outreach End-of-the-Year Report to members. She announced Jean Powell is accepting checks for the Summer Retreat.

Debra Pavelka showed members a draft of the design for this year's quilt for the "Give a Piece of Your Heart" luncheon. Anyone interested in participating with this worthy cause was asked to contact her.

There were 96 members present who signed in but more were in attendance. Those who had not signed in were asked to do so. There were three guests. Name tag fines were \$4.50.

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Ruth announced that a committee is being formed to create guidelines and work out details for a scholarship to honor Ethel Howey. More details will follow.

The board approved the purchase of curtain rods and Charlotte Keener will be making curtains for our meeting room. That will help control light when slides are being used.

Amy Cottrel has offered to set up an e-mail tree to notify members of important happenings between meetings. She has promised to use it only for official business and send blind copies. Members who want to be on the list should she her. If there is a need for a phone tree, someone will need to volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Teresa Tijerina, Secretary



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**March 28 – Still Stripping with Eleanor Burns
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**Beginning April 1 – One Year Anniversary
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January-05

| | January | Year to date | Budget |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Auction | \$- | \$- | \$12,000.00 |
| Bus-Houston | \$- | \$- | \$1,200.00 |
| Dues - Memberships | \$1,108.00 | \$1,108.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Interest | \$35.27 | \$35.27 | \$500.00 |
| Newsletter/directory ads | \$230.00 | \$230.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Other | \$- | \$- | \$400.00 |
| Quilt Show | \$253.00 | \$253.00 | \$45,975.00 |
| Retreat - Summer | \$1,035.00 | \$1,035.00 | \$10,800.00 |
| Retreat - Winter | \$830.00 | \$830.00 | \$3,300.00 |
| Style Show | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| Workshops | \$625.00 | \$625.00 | \$3,500.00 |
| Total Income | \$4,116.27 | \$4,116.27 | \$83,675.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Administration | \$106.94 | \$106.94 | \$4,500.00 |
| Auction | \$38.44 | \$38.44 | \$3,000.00 |
| Bright Hopes | \$195.33 | \$195.33 | \$900.00 |
| Bus-Houston | \$- | \$- | \$1,200.00 |
| Community Ed/Books/ Storybook Quilts Facility | \$- | \$- | \$500.00 |
| Folk Life Festival | \$650.00 | \$650.00 | \$4,500.00 |
| Institute of TX Culture | \$- | \$- | \$15.00 |
| Library - books | \$- | \$- | \$10.00 |
| Library - magazines | (\$2.25) | (\$2.25) | \$300.00 |
| Library - videos | \$- | \$- | \$100.00 |
| Membership | \$- | \$- | \$250.00 |
| Newsletter/Directory | \$- | \$- | \$3,000.00 |
| Other | \$- | \$- | \$500.00 |
| Patterns | \$- | \$- | \$200.00 |
| Postage/Bulk | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Programs | \$964.42 | \$964.42 | \$7,200.00 |
| QPC - AM | \$- | \$- | \$500.00 |
| QPC - PM | \$- | \$- | \$350.00 |
| Rent (meetings) | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| Retreat - Summer | \$- | \$- | \$10,800.00 |
| Retreat - Winter | \$9,430.00 | \$9,430.00 | \$3,300.00 |
| Sales Tax Expense | \$- | \$- | \$300.00 |
| Quilt Show | \$140.00 | \$140.00 | \$26,170.00 |
| Style Show | \$- | \$- | 0 |
| Telephone | \$3.03 | \$3.03 | \$600.00 |
| Welcoming | \$- | \$- | \$15.00 |
| Workshops | \$- | \$- | \$4,500.00 |
| Webpage | \$- | \$- | \$400.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$11,775.91 | \$11,775.91 | \$75,560.00 |
| Ending Jefferson Operating | | | \$6,345.67 |
| Ending Jefferson Reserve Balance | | | \$46,171.43 |
| Ending Total Guild Funds | | | \$52,517.10 |
| Sylvia Jolet, Treasurer | | | |

Estate Sale.

Family and friends of Lorraine Jensen are planning the second estate sale. There is still lots of wonderful fabric at great bargains. April 5 through 9, 2005, 7427 Westlyn Dr., 10 A.M. to 2 daily

Newsletter Naming Contest

Think of a wonderful name for our newsletter and win next year's membership paid!!

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Directory Items

If you have a quilt related business you would like to have mentioned in the directory please see Dea Jae Shore with the details before March 15.

Estate Sale

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Contact: Ben Parkison 494-3750

Sherry Allred: Treasured Member

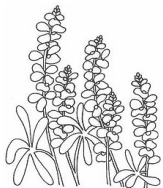
By Mary McCarthy

Who keeps the archives of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild (GSAQG)? One of the founding members, Sherry Allred, has safeguarded the club's history since its inception in May 1980. To say that Sherry is an active member is an understatement. Over the years she has served terms as President, Second Vice-President, Parliamentarian, Secretary, and Treasurer. On the occasion of the GSAQG's tenth anniversary Sherry was honored with a Lifetime Membership.

Sherry's quilting story began as it does for many - a picture in a women's magazine in 1959 inspired her to begin a quilt for her daughter. Her daughter's name is Sharon, the pattern was Rose of Sharon, and that first quilt is still in the basting stage. However, many other quilts have come from Sherry's talented hands over the years. She has also acquired the works of others. Some of the quilts in her collection include: Chimney Sweep (circa 1890); Pine Tree (1902); Grandmother's Fan (1950); Charlotte's Sampler (1996); and Aunt Sukey's Choice (1997), which was presented to her upon completion of her term as President of the GSAQG.

In the quilt fever of 1976 Sherry founded the Blue Bonnet Bee. Though this group eventually disbanded, she found fellowship at the Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild, the Universal (City) Quilters, and

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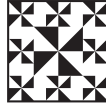
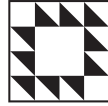
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the New Braunfels Quilt Guild. She was one of the founding members of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild in 1980. With each group she has shared her passion and honed her skills.

Quilters who have influenced Sherry include Beverly Orbelo, Karey Bresenhan, Geri Waechter, and her own mother-in-law, Mrs. Clyde (Lillian) Allred. Charlotte Flesher encouraged Sherry to pursue the art of quilt restoration, a loving undertaking that now occupies much of her time. Since 1985 she has repaired and restored over 200 quilts, each with its unique story.

In her carefully guarded spare time Sherry is endeavoring to complete all the flowers in Kumiko Sudo's book *Fabled Flowers*; only a dozen remain to be made. Somehow she also finds time to produce an annual raffle quilt for her husband's WWII shipmates' reunion and to pursue her own quilting projects.

The GSAQG has been the recipient of Sherry Allred's generosity for many years. In 1997-98 she donated over 200 books and magazines to the club's library and gave many of her UFO pieces to the Quilt Project Committee for completion and inclusion in the auction. Sherry continues to maintain the club archives and remains a very active member. She is truly a treasure to the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild.

Article compiled from an interview conducted by Amy Cottrell in 1998 for the National Quilting Association's "Boxes Under the Bed" program.

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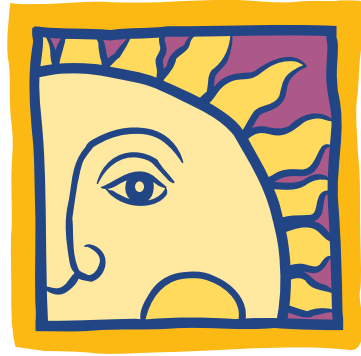
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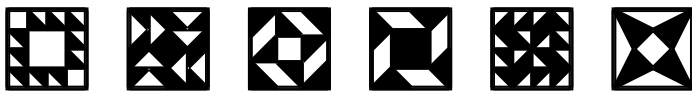
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Bright Hopes Thanks



First a big Thank You to the following people for helping with a kit making party held January 17th: Mary and Mae McCarthy, Lois Beauchamp, Teresa Tijerina, and Kitty Janiga. Even with short notice, 94 kits were made.

Second, a big Thank You for all the people helping with the "Give A Piece of Your Heart" raffle quilt. Even with my errors in the house block and the short deadline I have a long list of volunteers to assist with the quilt. A complete list and more information to follow as the quilt nears completion. A Big, Big Thank You for all your support.
Debra Pavelka



Don't forget to bring your quilt blocks for the Japanese Friendship quilt. The blocks should be 6.5 inches unfinished. You have complete freedom -- pieced, applique, embroidery -- anything that says something to you. Don't forget to sign your block and put a message on if you would like. Deadline is March 15. If you have questions, ask Dea Jae Shore, 590-3913.

Missing Quilts

Information and pictures about our missing quilts have been placed on the Lost Quilt Come Home website. Hopefully this will eventually bring results.



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Spotlight on Board Members

Ruth Felty grew up in West Virginia. She taught Home Economics for ten years then worked for several school districts before retiring in 1995. Ruth has a grown son and two step-daughters. She and her husband have been married for 33 years.

Ruth started quilting in 1991, the year she joined the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild. She has held positions in other area guilds and most recently served as President of the local chapter of the National Quilting Association. Ruth teaches at a local quilt shop. This is her first year as President of GSAQG.

Auction Update

First, the Good News. As of the February guild meeting, we already have 11 quilts donated for June's auction. The Not-So-Good news is that I don't know who has donated some of them. If you didn't attach your name to the quilt when you turned it in, please contact me so that you get the appropriate credit.

If you're preparing a quilt for the auction, please take a minute to fill out the small form below and include it with your quilt when you turn it in.

The Auction Staff is growing! My thanks to:

- o **Kitty Janiga** – Co-Chair (and the Chair for 2006)
- o **Amy Cottrell** – Publicity
- o **Mary Ruth Flores** – GAAS (Guild Auction Action Committee)
- o **Karen Nanos** – Treasurer

But! We still need a chair for the Boutique. If you're interested, please call me. (I already have 3 volunteers to help you and a donation, so you'll have a head start...)

Questions or Answers? Contact **Holly Nelson** at 830-995-4913 or at mhnel@omniglobal.net

EMAIL NOTIFICATION FOR GUILD HAPPENINGS

I have started and will maintain a Guild Email Notification System. I will only email for events which cannot wait until the next newsletter. Items such as illnesses, deaths, meeting changes would be emailed to those on the list. The emails will be blind (no one will know who is being emailed except the sender). Jokes, retail information, gadgets, and SPAM will not be emailed.

If you would like to be added to this notification system, please email me your name and email address to QORG@AOL.COM. Thanks, Amy Cottrell

QUILT SHOW CHRISTMAS FAT QUARTER CHALLENGE

REMINDER: PLEASE HAVE YOUR ENTRY FORM TO Amy Cottrell BY THE MAY MEETING. (SEE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER FOR INFORMATION AND FORM.) If you can't make a meeting, mail the form to Amy Cottrell 27332 Autumn Glen, Boerne, TX 78006. This will be fun if we get enough participants.

QUILT AUCTION 2005 QUILT CREDITS

DONATED BY: _____

QUILT NAME: _____

QUILT SIZE: _____ L _____ W

TECHNIQUE: Machine Pieced. Hand Pieced. Machine Appliqué. Hand Appliqué. Mixed. Embroidery. Machine Quilted. Hand Quilted. Hand Tied. Machined Tied. Special Fabric. **(Circle all that apply)**

OTHER DETAILS: _____



National Quilting Day

Celebrate with NQA! You are invited to participate in our **2005 NQD Friendship Star challenge**. The challenge is easy - create a quilt which contains at least one Friendship Star block (or variation) to donate to your favorite service project. Send us a photo of the quilt, or a photo of you and your quilt, and include a note about why you made the quilt and who will receive the quilt. Photos will be compiled into a notebook for the 36th Annual NQA Quilt Show in Columbus, Ohio, in June. We will also publish as many as possible in *The Quilting Quarterly* and on this NQA web site. Please send your photos and project information by May 15.

The **Friendship Star block exchange** offers you a chance to receive a set of blocks from quilters across the country (world!). Here's how the exchange works. Send us a 6-inch (6.5-inch unfinished) Friendship Star block. (See instructions for easy strip friendship block on the next page) For each block you send, your name will be entered in a drawing, and you will have a chance to win a set of blocks. (You may send up to ten blocks, but in fairness to all, you can win only one set of blocks. The number of blocks in a set depends on how many we receive.) Please use a light or medium-light fabric for the background and a medium or dark fabric for the star; be sure your fabrics have good contrast. Use a permanent pen, such as a Pigma pen, to sign your name, city, state, and the year somewhere on the background fabric. Have fun with the blocks - use your favorite colors or fabrics that represent your area; for example, chili pepper fabric from New Mexico or lobster fabric from Maine. Blocks must be mailed before May 15, and winners will be announced in Columbus at the NQA Show.

Send your NQD and service quilt photos and stories and/or your 6-inch blocks directly to me:

Janet White

5348 Sharon Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43214-1318

Bring your blocks to Guild for the traditional give away. Or send them to NQA as specified above. Or make a quilt for Bright Hopes perhaps and send the photo to NQA. Or do all three!!!

Easy Strip Friendship Star Directions

Traditional Friendship Star blocks are constructed as a nine-patch with squares and half-square triangles. Pieces for this 6" (6-1/2" unfinished) variation are all cut from 2-1/2" strips. Faster to cut and assemble with fewer seams, the blocks are fun to make. Make six blocks from just two fat quarters. Stitching an accurate 1/4" seam is required. These instructions will make one block.

Step 1

Background fabric: Cut 1 strip 2-1/2" x at least 19". From the strip, cut 2 pieces 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" and 4 squares 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"

Star fabric: Cut 1 strip 2-1/2" x at least 11-1/2". From this strip, cut 1 piece 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" and 2 squares 2-1/2" x 2-1/2".

Draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner on the wrong side of two of the background fabric squares and the two star fabric squares.

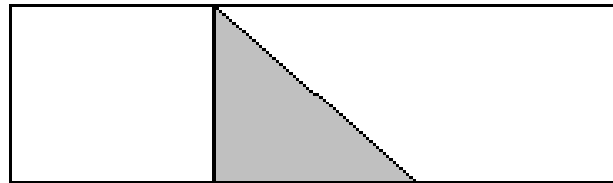
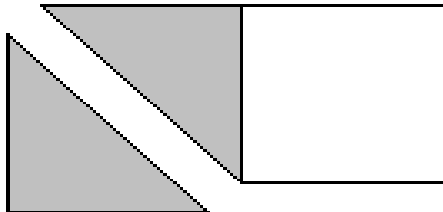
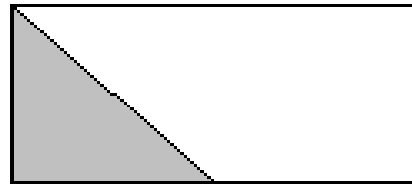
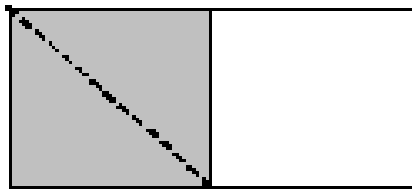
Step 2

With right sides together, place one of the star fabric squares on one of the 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" background pieces, aligning the left edges. **Important: Be sure the line you drew on the square is oriented from the upper left corner to the lower right corner.** Stitch on the line. Trim the underneath layers of fabric, 1/4" from the seam, and press seam toward the star fabric. Make an identical unit with the other 4-1/2" piece. (The trimmed triangles are waste or to make little half-square triangle blocks!)

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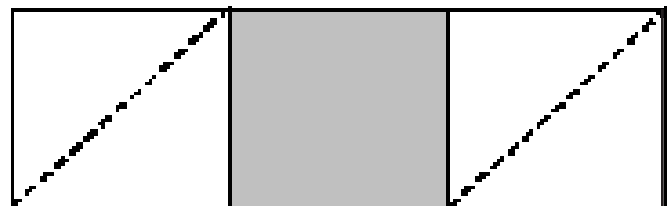


Step 3

Right sides together, place a 2-1/2" square of background fabric on top of one unit, aligning it with the star fabric edge. Stitch along the short side. Repeat for the other unit. Press the seam toward the square.

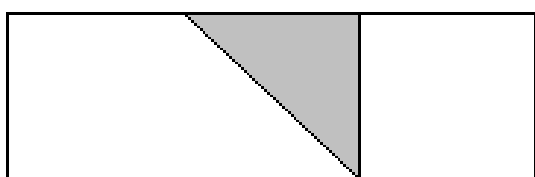
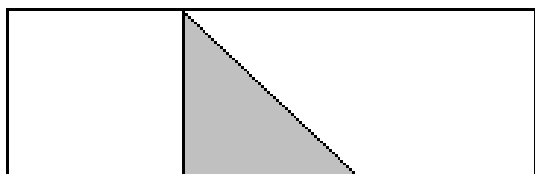
Step 4

Place one of the background fabric squares right sides together on the 6-1/2" star fabric, aligning the left edges. **Important: Be sure the line you drew is oriented from the lower left to the upper right corner.** Stitch along the line. Align the other background square with the right edge of the 6-1/2" rectangle, again with the line from the lower left to the upper right corner. Stitch along the line. Trim underneath layers 1/4" from the seam. Press the seam toward the star fabric.

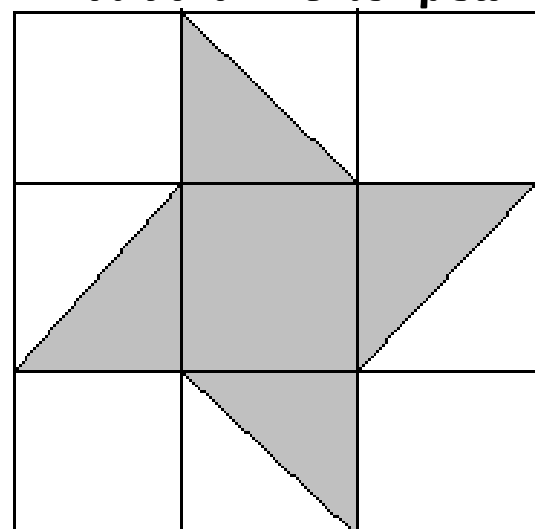


Step 5

Stitch the three units together. There are only two seams to match, but be aware of the angle and that the point where it should meet the seam is 1/4" from the edge



Traditional Friendship Star



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March Schedule

March 10 BOARD MEETING-5 PM

Home of Ruth Felty
14127 Gertrudes

March 12 GUILD MEETING-10AM

Horizon Church 6800 Evers Rd.
end of Evers Rd. --Just west of Huebner

March 15 - Quilt-In 9am-12

Cavender Buick Room IH-10 West
Contact Jean Powell

March 17 - QPC-AM 10am-4pm

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