



## August 12 Guild Meeting

10:00 AM

St. Andrew's Church  
8231 Callaghan Rd.

### Program

Gyleen Fitzgerald  
who will present a  
program entitled: **The  
Art of Color Blending**

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**Remember to bring to  
the meeting:**

- Nametag (wear it)
  - Library books,  
videos & patterns
  - QPC and Bright  
Hopes Projects
  - Smiles for your  
friends
- .....

## Master Quilter

It isn't often that one of our own receives international or even national recognition. Remember that stunning quilt by Dee Leclair that won best of show as well as viewer's choice at our 2005 quilt show? You may also know that quilt has additionally won top awards at four other shows, including the National Quilting Association Show, June 8-10 in Columbus, Ohio. But this last show was even more special because in addition to Best of Show, Coeur du Vigne also was awarded the Master Quilter Award.

So just what does that mean? The Master Quilter Award Program was established by the NQA "to recognize masterpiece quilts and their makers. It is the highest award the Association can bestow on a quilt. The quilts that receive this honor will be nearly perfect in workmanship and the design will be outstanding. ... These quilts are painstakingly evaluated by NQA Certified Judges qualified to judge masterpiece quilts."

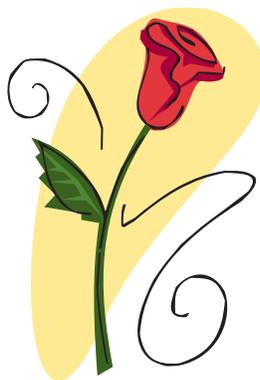
The first master quilter award was presented in 1980 and Dee's quilt is the twentieth award. Quilt makers have come from across the United States and one from UK but this is the first such award received by a Texas quilter.

We are extremely pleased that Dee Leclair has received this recognition and look forward to seeing her next quilt. Congratulations and thank you Dee for raising the standards and visibility of quilters.

Happy Quilting Ruth

## Calico Rose Award

Calico Rose for July went to Bobbie Ashley who chaired the 2006 auction and did a great job. In addition, she organized and promoted the Renee Bradley quilt raffle which made over \$1500 to donate to Renee! She is always willing to help and has a very happy, positive attitude. She was



nominated by Charlotte Keener.





## Program Notes



Scheduled for August is Gyleen Fitzgerald who will present a program entitled: **The Art of Color Blending:** Explore what the mind sees but the eyes cannot. Gain insight on how to read each fabric's color to successfully use 50 plus fabrics within one quilt.

In addition she will offer two workshops.

On Friday her workshop will be **Batik Interlocking Star Tessellation:** Geometric and fun using scrappy or planned fabric collections. Great for hand-dyed and batiks. Learn the technique of using simple shapes to make an interlocking design. Easy to piece using Gyleen's map technique. Looks visually challenging.

Saturday workshop is **Stripper's Mystery:** So what do you get when you combine 20 strips of fabric with one absolutely fantastic focus fabric? You are the only one that knows and this is your mystery to solve. The layouts are fun, fast and endless. The quilts range from 25" to 50". You can choose ½ square triangles, 16 patches, Chinese coins or pyramids (to name a few) to solve the mystery. So get out your Sherlock Homes attitude and begin the Stripper's Mystery.

If you are interested in one of the workshops but have not signed up contact Larry Beauchamp at 561-0719 or [jlarry@satx.rr.com](mailto:jlarry@satx.rr.com) to see if there are any openings.

September will be our biennial Style Show under the chairmanship of Rose Rosenburg. Look for details elsewhere in the newsletter.

In October we will offer THE GSAQG ALMOST ANNUAL GARAGE SALE. You may buy a table for \$10 or half a table for \$5. You may offer for sale any craft related item or items. All proceeds go to the seller. NO set up or sales prior to the business meeting. A sign up form will be in the next newsletter and at the August meeting.

## Board Meeting Minutes July 3, 2006

Board members present: Ruth Felty, Dea Jae Shore, Lois Beauchamp, Larry Beauchamp, Karen Nanos, Sandy Mehall, Barbara Gilstad, Mary Mc Carthy, Judith Miller and Teresa Tijerina.

**President:** The meeting, held at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was called to order at 5:00 pm. The June Meeting Minutes were approved as e-mailed and published. Bobbie Ashley will receive the Calico Rose for her work as 2006 Auction Chair and her positive attitude.

A discussion followed on the duplicate magazines the guild has in storage and the board agreed with Stephanie Martin's proposal to sell these duplicates at Guild meetings. A motion was made to let Guild magazine subscriptions expire; and the motion failed with a vote of 4 to 4.

**Secretary:** Thirteen calls were received in the last month.

**Treasurer:** June Report; Operating Balance \$15,141.00, Reserve \$37,404.27, CD \$20,000.00, and Total \$72,545.27.

**Special Events:** No one has volunteered to organize the Houston bus trip. Work continues on the Style Show.

**Programs:** A location is needed for the August 11 Gyleen Fitzgerald workshop. Cavendar's meeting room will not be available.

**Newsletter:** Dea Jae Shore will assume the responsibility of updating the Guild Website from De LeClair.

**Community Outreach:** Kay Allison reported 61 hours of quilting was completed at the Texas Folklife Festival in June.

**Unfinished Business:** A discussion on having a more successful Auction continued. A newsletter article will be written for August by Karen Nanos which will highlight all options the board is considering. Members will be asked for input and a final proposal will be provided to members at the September meeting.

**New Business:** Sandy Mehall will inform members at the July 8 meeting on this year's Nominating Committee and its responsibilities and ask for at least 5 volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Teresa Tijerina, Secretary

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR DUES \$20 SENIOR (over 65) \$15  
Send your check with SASE to: Gloria Hammond  
For further information call 695-8737

### NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE: Midnight Monday (after Guild Meeting)  
email to [quiltnews@satx.rr.com](mailto:quiltnews@satx.rr.com) is preferred.  
Or mail -Dea Jae Shore

### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

	monthly	yearly
Full Page Ad	\$60.00	\$660
1/2 page Ad	\$30.00	\$330
(Horizontal - 7 x 4 3/4 Vertical - 3 3/8 x 9 1/2)		
1/4 page Ad	\$15.00	\$165
Business Card (2 x3.5)	\$10.00	\$110

## General Meeting Minutes July 8, 2006

President: The meeting was held at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church meeting hall and called to order at 10:00 am. The June minutes were approved as published. Bobbie Ashley received a Calico Rose for her work as the 2006 Auction Chair.

Treasurer: June Report - Operating Fund \$17,821.61, Reserve \$37,458.02, CD \$20,000.00, and Total \$75,279.63. The Guild has employed a different company with certified CPA's to prepare our yearly taxes.

Special Events: Mary McCarthy thanked Bobbie Ashley and Stephanie Martin for their work on the recent Auction. Volunteers are still needed for the September Style Show, those interested can contact Rosemary Rosenberg. Eight individuals have shown interest in the Houston Bus Trip and no one has volunteered to organize the trip. Janet Miller continues work on the September 2007 Quilt Show. Volunteers are needed to tie quilts for the Evangelical Lutheran Youth Conference at the Convention Center.

Newsletter: A new member sheet is not available today but will be available at the next meeting.

Programs: Gyleen Fitzgerald will be the guest speaker for August, those still interested can sign up at the break. The September Style Show is being organized, the Indoor Yard Sale is in October and details will be printed in the newsletter, Jenny Rayment from England will present the program and workshops in November and in January we will have the Ugliest Quilt in Texas Contest. Everyone is encouraged to enter.

Services: Jean Powell was acknowledged and thanked for a successful retreat. Members were reminded to read notices at the Bulletin Board and to consider assisting in putting tables back in their original formation after the meeting. Stephanie Martin announced that "duplicate" magazines and quilt items were for sale.

Parliamentarian: Sandy Mehall stated work has progressed on updating the By-Laws and members will be asked to review and vote on them at a later date.

New Business: Sandy Mehall asked for volunteers to help with the Nominating Committee and Andrea Brown, Sue Self, Rebecca Levy and Josie Creasy agreed to assist her.

There were 109 members and six guests present. Name tag fines collected - \$3.98.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

## Treasurer's Report

For the 6 months ending June 30, 2006

	Year to Date Actual	2006 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Auction	\$7,193.75	\$10,000.00
Bus, Houston	0.00	1,200.00
Dues - Membership	2,061.00	5,000.00
Interest	596.81	960.00
Newsletter/Directory Ads	505.00	1,000.00
Other	922.25	400.00
Retreat - Summer	10,008.00	9,120.00
Retreat - Winter	2,260.00	3,300.00
Quilt Show	0.00	3,250.00
Workshops	725.00	3,200.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$24,271.81</b>	<b>\$37,430.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration	\$847.21	\$4,500.00
Auction	3,729.91	4,000.00
Archives	0.00	175.00
Bright Hopes	75.57	1,000.00
Bus, Houston	0.00	1,200.00
Community Response	0.00	1,500.00
Storybook Quilts	0.00	500.00
Storage facility	2,215.00	4,440.00
Community Outreach	0.00	500.00
Library	0.00	300.00
Magazines	0.00	50.00
Membership	67.11	250.00
Newsletter/Directory	1,410.80	3,000.00
Patterns	0.00	200.00
Postage, Bulk	660.00	1,000.00
Programs	2,150.63	7,550.00
QPC	74.78	500.00
QPM	238.83	350.00
Rent (Meetings)	750.00	1,650.00
Retreat - Summer	0.00	9,120.00
Retreat - Winter	4,855.00	3,300.00
Sales Tax Expense	36.11	300.00
Quilt Show	(268.05)	3,350.00
Telephone	303.85	800.00
Video Library	0.00	300.00
Welcoming	7.91	100.00
Workshops	1,350.00	3,500.00
Webpage	251.35	251.35
Ethel Howey Grant	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,756.01</b>	<b>\$54,686.35</b>
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$17,821.61</b>	
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	<b>37,458.02</b>	
<b>CD</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL GUILD FUNDS</b>	<b>\$75,279.63</b>	
<i>KAREN NANOS, TREASURER</i>		

## *Sunshine and Shadows*

As of June 27, Sandra (Sandy) Kuhns is on hospice care at home. Our church group, Daughters of the King, will be with her through the rest of her journey to eternity. If you are a person who prays, please pray for Sandy, Al (her husband), daughters and grands. They are with her and DOKs will be providing respite for the family. Our prayers do go out to Sandy and her family. Sandy's address is 6216 Rue Marielyne St, San Antonio, TX 78238-1625. Sandy's grand daughter visited us with Betty Opiela at the July meeting. Just cards for Sandy at this time.

Thanks from Fred Cottrell (Amy's hubby) for all the cards and emails he received. June 23 he had an ICD (Pacemaker and Defibrillator) implanted. He is home awaiting more tests and a heart stent procedure and removal of a suspicious biopsied thyroid nodule. He is being a typical male patient. He can't drive until the blockages are fixed. Prayers and good thoughts for both of us would be appreciated, he to recover and for me not to lose my patience. Fred's address is 27332 Autumn Glen, Boerne, TX 78006 (mine, too!).

Betty Brister's mother, Ann Brister, died this afternoon (Thursday, June 29) at her home. No info on funeral services is available at this time. Betty's father died February 4 in Castroville. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with Betty and her family. Betty's address is 408 San Julian Creek Road, Bandera, TX 78003-4521.

While visiting in Germany, Gundy Cleven suffered a fall and had to be hospitalized. Currently she is recovering at her sisters home and will be heading back to Texas on Wed., 7/5/06. Once home, she may be looking at lengthy recovery period. Gundy is the chair of our new Community Response Committee.

Kitty Janiga got an extra birthday present. She won a prize on the April on-line shop hop. Think a \$25.00 gift!

Email Amy at [qorg@aol.com](mailto:qorg@aol.com) or call 830-981-8832 if you have news for the Guild. If you wish to be notified of IMPORTANT events via email (no hints, recipes, etc.) Email Amy to get on the list. Be sure to include your first and last name in any of your emails.

Dear Members:

A guild member has asked the Board to look into the possibility of holding the auction to every other year instead of annually. We have done some research and have noticed the following: In the last few years, we have had more finished quilts and a good quality of quilts in the auction but we have also had fewer quilts and bids have been lower while expenses to hold the auction have increased. The net auction proceeds from 2004 through 2006 were \$7,000, \$1,600, and \$3,500. We have also been making more money on our bi-annual quilt show with net proceeds rising from \$18,600 in 1999 to \$21,373 in 2005.

There are several options that we would like to consider in making a change to the annual auction event. They include:

- holding the auction every other year on the off-quilt show year
- holding the auction at St Andrews Church to decrease the cost we've been paying for the Community Center, a difference of about \$900
- hold our own on-line sale of quilts on EBay
- cancel the auction entirely and rely on the growing popularity of our bi-annual quilt show to fund the guild's operations.

The quilt show may continue to grow in the number of people attending but we cannot increase the number of vendors because of the limited space at the Live Oak Civic Center.

Please give this some thought and be prepared to discuss this at the August guild meeting. We look forward to your input.

Karen Nanos, Treasurer

2006 GSAQG STYLE SHOW  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2006  
"WEARABLE WONDERS"

Our September Guild meeting will feature fashion creations by our members, presented as the program. We will be serving after the style show light finger foods and tea. "Wearables" can include many facets of our quilter's crafts: piecing, quilting, applique, embellishments, accessories We love to see it all! Please complete a separate copy for each item you wish to share - limit of 5 items per person. Only items that have been made since the last show or did not appear in any of the previous style shows should be entered.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF GARMENT \_\_\_\_\_

WILL IT BE FOR SALE? \_\_\_\_\_ (Share 20% w/GSAQG, Guild Collects TAX)

Description - please give details complete enough that they can be used by the commentator - try to find six or more adjectives to describe the garment (or item). Be sure to tell about special features & accents. Give it a "name". Share how & where you will wear it. Also how you feel about it.

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use add-on page if needed.

Please plan to model your garment.

If not, suggest here a model &/or size needed \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be turned in at the August meeting, or mailed to Marilyn Parsons, 403 Heimer Rd., #509, San Antonio, Texas 78232/ Phone #402-6763.

If you do not plan to model, please bring the garment to the August meeting.

Bring a 12.5 x 12.5 unfinished quilt block in fall colors for a chance on a raffle. Have your name or the quilt bee name on it and 12 of the blocks go to the winner of the raffle and 12 to Renee Bradley for a quilt.

## Proposed Changes in BYLAWS OF THE GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD, INC

If you have any questions or comments, contact any board member.

Strike outs will be deleted and double underlines will be added. Numbering and lettering will be changed as needed

### ARTICLE III MEMBERS

**Section 1. Classification.** There shall be five classes of members.

- A. Regular. To qualify for Regular membership any person between ~~19-~~ 18 and 64 years of age by paying the required dues shall be eligible for Regular membership and entitled to one vote. Upon attaining the age of 65, Regular members shall be reclassified as Senior members.
- C. Youth. To qualify for Youth membership any person shall be between 6 and 18 years of age and pay the required dues. Youth members shall not be entitled to vote. Upon attaining the age of ~~19~~ 18, Youth members shall be reclassified as Regular members and shall pay the difference in dues.

**Section 2. Dues.**

- F. ~~All dues for members who joined prior to May 2000 shall have a January renewal date.~~
- G. ~~All dues for new members shall be payable prior to or in the month the member initially joined the Guild; e.g., join in May 2000, renew in May 2001.~~ All dues are on a calendar basis and are payable on or before January 31. New members joining after June 30 will have their first year's dues reduced by 50%.
- H. ~~If dues are not paid during the renewal month, the dues shall be considered delinquent and the member shall be dropped from membership the following month.~~ Dues are considered delinquent as of February 1 and the member shall be dropped from membership as of that date.
- I. ~~When delinquent dues are paid, the dues shall be considered paid as of the renewal month and shall continue to renew in that same month. There shall be no proration of dues.~~

~~**Section 8. Guests.** Any person may attend one meeting of the Guild as a guest; however, further attendance requires payment of membership dues.~~

### ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

**Section 4. Term of Office.**

- A. The two year term for elected officers shall begin in January of the year following of their election. at ~~the conclusion of Unfinished Business at the first Executive Board meeting following the annual meeting.~~

**Section 6. Duties of Officers**

- C. The First Vice President for Special Events shall:
  1. coordinate special events;
  2. obtain the chairman's final report of the ~~annual auction, quilt show and style show~~ all special events sponsored by the Guild, in a timely manner;
  3. be authorized to sign contracts pertaining to special events;
- D. The Second Vice President for Newsletter shall:
  1. be Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter;
    - a. publish the list of candidates for vacant offices and the ballot in the November newsletter;
    - b. publish the Executive Board approved budget in the ~~December~~ November newsletter;
    - c. publish the chairman's final report ~~of the annual auction, quilt show and style show~~ all special events as provided by the Vice President for Special Events, in a timely manner.
- E. The Third Vice President for Programs shall:
  1. provide programs for each business meeting, ~~except for June and December~~;
  2. schedule and coordinate periodic workshops;
  3. be authorized to sign contracts pertaining to programs and workshops;
- H. The Secretary shall:
  1. record the proceedings of all business meetings of the Guild and the Executive Board;
  2. ~~record the proceedings of the December Executive Board meeting in its entirety even if you may be the outgoing Secretary;~~
- I. The Treasurer shall:

7. present a proposed budget to the Executive Board at their October meeting.  
 7. ~~even if you may be the outgoing Treasurer, prepare an annual financial report for the February Executive Board meeting for submission to a certified public accountant for audit for preparation of the annual tax return;~~

## ARTICLE V NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

**Section 1. Nominations.**

- A. Composition. A Nominating Committee composed of ~~five (5)~~ three (3) members and the Parliamentarian shall be elected selected at the July business meeting. ~~A plurality vote shall elect.~~ If there are vacancies in the Nominating Committee, the Executive Board, at the next Executive Board meeting, shall select the members to complete the Nominating Committee.

## ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

**Section 1. Business Meetings.** The business meetings of the Guild, held to further the object of the Guild and act upon any business matters that may be brought before the membership, shall be held on the second Saturday of each month, except ~~June~~ December, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board providing that all members are notified.

**Section 2. Annual Meeting.** The November business meeting shall be known as the annual meeting for the purpose of:

- A. election of officers;  
 B. ~~receiving annual reports of the Executive Board, officers and committee chairmen~~ approval of the budget;  
 C. other pertinent business.

**Section 3. ~~June and December Meetings.~~**

- A. ~~The June meeting shall be known as the annual auction.~~  
 B. ~~The December business meeting shall be limited to:~~  
     1. ~~the reading and approval of minutes;~~  
     2. ~~the Treasurer's report;~~  
     3. ~~the adoption of following year's budget.~~  
 C. ~~A social will follow the December business meeting.~~

## ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Section 2. Duties and Powers**

- E. prepare and approve the annual budget and ensure its publication prior to the ~~December~~ November meeting at which the membership shall approve the budget;  
 F. present to the membership for approval, all expenditures which are not in the approved budget and exceed ~~\$250.00;~~ \$400.00;  
 G. ensure that the final reports of ~~the annual auction, quilt show and style show~~ all special events sponsored by the Guild are published in a timely manner;

**Section 3. Meetings.** The Executive Board shall meet every month and such other times as deemed necessary by the Executive Board. ~~Special meetings may be ordered by any two (2) officers~~ Any two (2) officers may order special meetings providing all members are notified of the time, place and nature of business. Notification time is dependent upon the urgency of the business.

## ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

**Section 1. Standing Committees.** Standing committees of the Guild shall be established by the Executive Board and these are announced in the January Newsletter for the current year. Once established a standing committee shall continue until removed by the Executive Board.

## Wearable Arts Looking for Participants

August 15 the Wearable Arts Bee will start a new round of fun and creativity. They meet the third Tuesday of every month at Creative Sewing at 6:00 pm. If you want to join, call Ida Tyson Blankenship, Charlotte Keener or Dea Jae Shore for information.



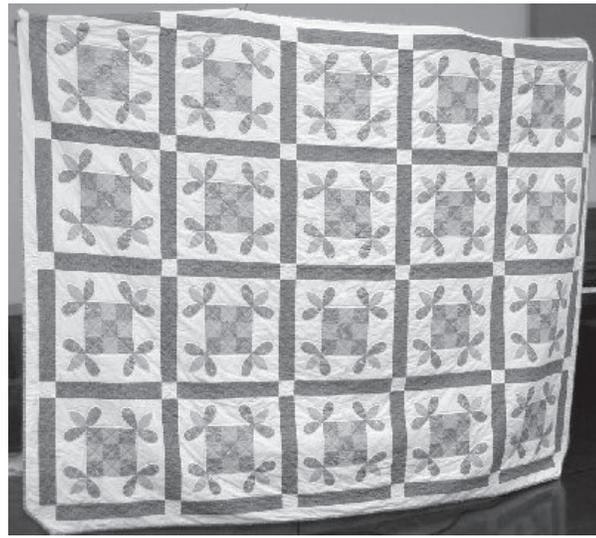
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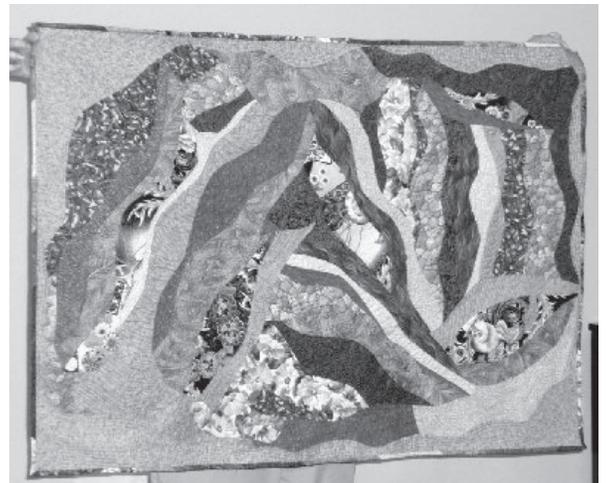
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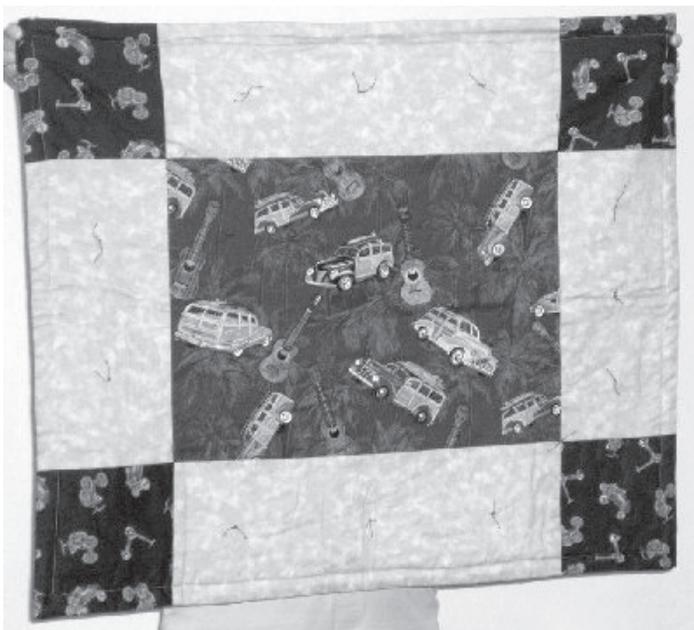
# Bring and Brag



*Andrea Brown-Mystery Quilt and winner of Renee Raffle*



*Barbara Wofford-Karen Eckmeier Class*



*Andrew Heston-Sample of Eagle Scout Project for Bright Hopes*



*Charlotte Keener-thimbleberries Sunrise*



*Bernie Farris-2001 BOM*



*Anne Blake-Dresden Plate-Quilted by Needlebenders Bee*



*Dea Jae Shore-Southwest Crosses*



*Dusty Sherrill-Let It Snow-Original Design*



*Judy Waltz-guest-Blossom Jacket*



*Doris St George-Mystery Wall Hanging*



*Holly Nelson-Her Mothers Challenge*



*Jean Powell and retreaters with Mystery Quilts*



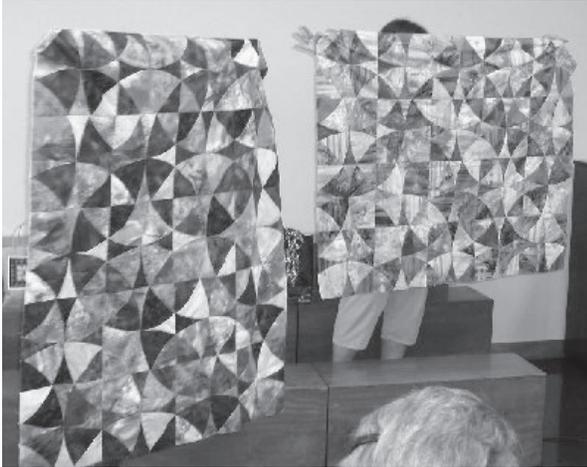
*Judith Miller-Kit done at Retreat*



*Karen Oster-9 patch Crazy Quilt*



*Sandy Mehall-one of three baby quilts for triplets*



*Kolodzie Harper(L) & Anne Blake-Wheel of Mystery*



*Kolodzie Harper's many projects*



*Shirley Carter-Bedroom Wall Hanging and BOM and Watermelon*



*Sharon Ross-T Shirt Front and Back*

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

### Wild Wild West Twilight Camp 2006



On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Terri Ryan treated a group of 200 Girl Scouts to a few stories and quilts from our guild's **Storybook and Quilts to Go** collection. The girls, ranging in age from five to eighteen, were attending the *Wild Wild West Twilight Camp* at O.P. Schnable Park located at 9600 Bandera. The books and quilts of particular interest to Terri and the girls were *Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt*, *The Confetti Eggs*, and *The Quilt History of Pioneer Days*. Thanks, Terri! ♥

### Folk Life Festival Quilt Report 2006

Seventeen quilters worked 61 hours over the four day period of the **Folk Life Festival** in June. Among them were Mae Lively, Marjorie Polasek, Geneva Gusman, Cathy Wallace, Rosalie Cerna, Dusty Sherril, Carol Rouse, Dawn Paoletti, Sylvia Jolet, Sue Blansett, Lori Branson, Mechia Dawson, Anne Blake, Kolodzie Harper, Donnie Todd and Kay Allison, ITC Quilting Chairperson. Thank you for demonstrating the art and soul of quilting at the festival, ladies. The time and energy you spent is greatly appreciated by members of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild who were unable to participate this year. ♥



### Perfect for a Summer Display

On May 25<sup>th</sup> Cathy Wallace delivered more of our talented quilter members' quilts to Frost and Citizens Banks to display in their lobbies. One quilt is Ida Tyson Blankenship's timely "Friendship Americana" and the other is Susan Bradley's engaging "Grandmother's Charm" quilt. Thank you for sharing your quilt treasures with the Greater San Antonio community Ida and Susan. And thank you, Cathy, for taking time off from work to make all of the arrangements for gathering, delivering and spotlighting these quilts. ♥

### Hand Quilters Needed!

Each year several members of the **San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society** work together to create an heirloom quality quilt which is raffled as a fund raiser. They meet every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. This year the quilt ladies need help quilting their 2006 Raffle Quilt. "If anyone is interested in quilting with this group and/or working on their genealogy, please join us," says Priscilla Earl. For additional information, visit the SAGHS website at [www.rootsweb.com/~txsaqhs2/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsaqhs2/index.htm) or give Priscilla a call at 210-342-5242. You will be very happy you did! ♥



**Special Note to Chairpersons of Community Outreach Committees:** If you have any information you would like included in next month's **Community Outreach Update**, please contact Barbara Gilstad [bgilstad@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bgilstad@sbcglobal.net).

## Three Sisters, Two Cousins and One Quilt Show

The second Saturday in July may have been the monthly meeting of GSAQG but it was also the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Sisters Quilt Show. On Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, my cousin, Polly and I, with my new edition of Quilt Traveler's Companion packed safely in my carry-on, headed to Portland, OR. We spent Friday night in Madras and started out on our own private shop hop on Saturday morning.

We started at a shop in Redmond. When I ask the owner, Donna Day to sign my book and told her about my newsletter article, she ask me to send her a copy. So here's a long distance "Thank you and Hello" to the ladies at High Mountain Fabrics.

Our next stop was at the show in Sisters. Sisters is nestled in the Three Sisters Mountains in Central Oregon. It is a lovely little mountain town that on this one day is draped with over 1100 quilts. The quilts are hung by over 150 local volunteers. There were all sizes, colors, patterns and skill level made by quilters from Oregon, California and Washington. There were patriotic quilts hung at the Post Office, and Christmas quilts invited you into the local Christmas shop, Christmas Mountain Magic. There was a tent set-up downtown for kids activities and another near the library with quilt instructors sharing a wide variety of techniques, patterns and color design. The town is full of charming shops and quaint boutiques. There is even a clothing store called Common Threads.

When we finally made our way to The Stitchin' Post, we were extremely pleased to meet the artist, John Simpkins, who designed this years poster. He signed mine and by special request he also signed a canvas bag with the same print as the poster. Gosh, that cat is cute!

We left Sisters and headed South to Bend, OR, where we picked up three more signatures for my book...Pine Needles, Sew Many Quilts and BJ's Quilt Basket & Bernina Center. We made our way back to Madras and before bedtime we admired our newest stash additions of fabrics, notions and patterns. It was a day this is best described by a quote from my grandmother (when I took her to the big show in Houston in 1997)...'my eyes were full'.

On Sunday, we headed back to Portland. We stopped at a small shop on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, Quilts & More. With shop number six behind us, we trekked on to our last shop, The Fabric Depot in Portland. This shop is 1-1/2 acres of fabric, patterns, notions, threads, and anything else that a quilter can image. It must be quilter's heaven. One last signature was obtained from the Assistant Manager, Kay Dawson. What a small world.

Our journey was complete. We had seen over 1000 quilts and been to seven quilt shops. I hope that you have enjoyed our Central Oregon shop hop story...with Three Sisters, Two Cousins and One Extraordinary Quilt Show.

By Nechia Dawson

Ps. I hope to see you at the next meeting. I have a special surprise for Larry to give away and I will have my photo album with pictures from our trip.



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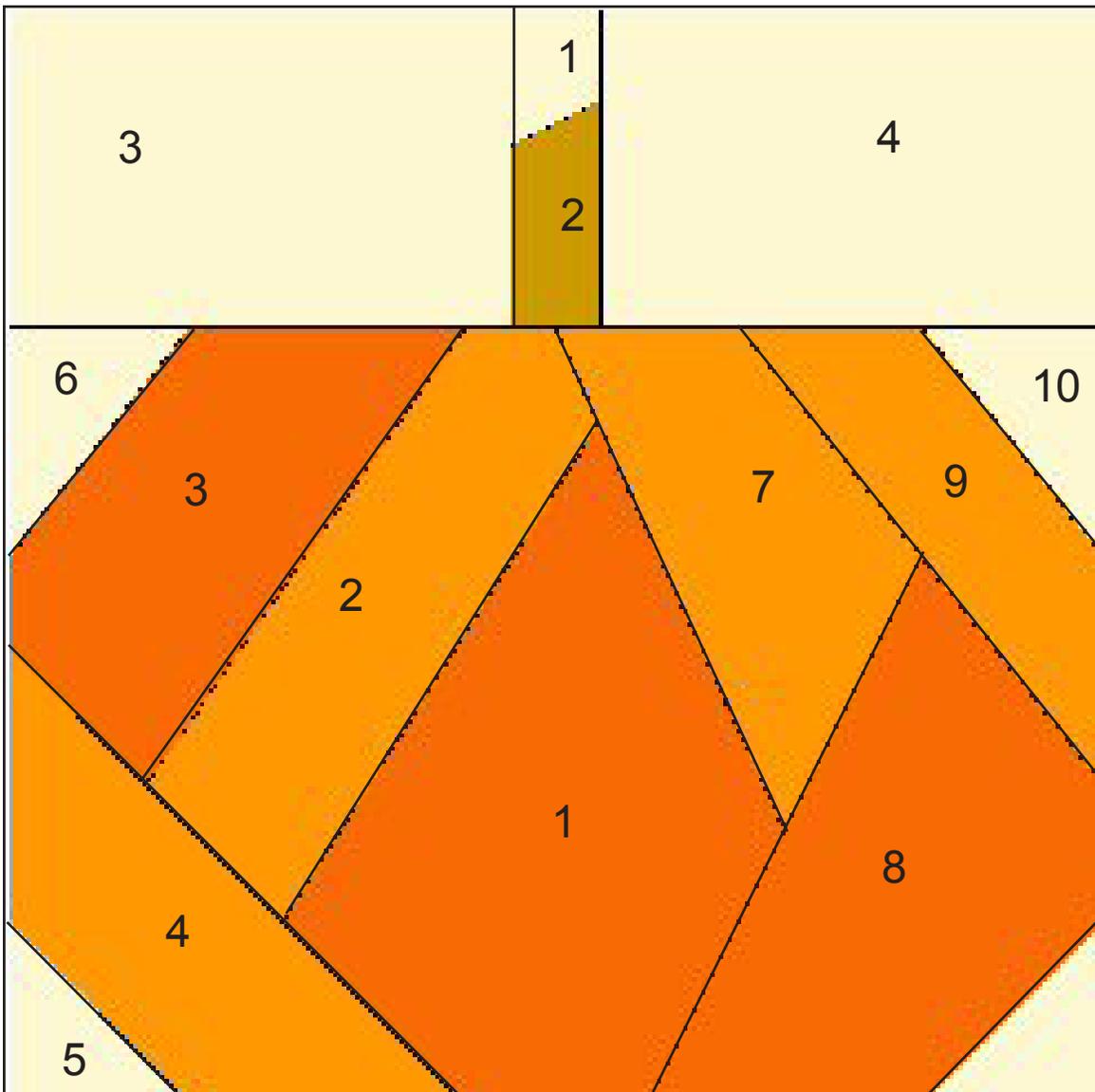
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Try this Pumpkin block. The block should be 6" x 6" finished or 6.5" x 6.5" unfinished. It can be done as paper piecing. The colors should be 2 oranges and a brown stem with a beige background.

Bring as many as you like with your name attached to each one to the October Guild meeting. All names go in the basket and the lucky winner in the drawing gets all of the blocks. If you would like a paper piecing pattern see Dea Jae Shore at the Guild meetings and she will have some for you to try out your skills.



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**August 12 GUILD MEETING-10AM**

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**August 15 - Wearable Arts 6:30pm**

***New Round Starting***

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**August 15 Quilt-In 9:00 AM**

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