April Volume 29 Common Threads Issue 4

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.

April 14 **Guild Meeting** 10:00 AM St. Andrew's Church 8231 Callaghan Rd. DVD Sampler Remember to bring to the meeting: • Nametag (wear it) Block Party block Library books, videos & patterns QPC and Bright Hopes Projects • Memberships expire. Plan to pay your dues. Smiles for your friends

Spring Has Sprung!

There are Bluebonnets as far as the eye can see and the sweet smell of Wisteria from my neighbors' tree next door. I enjoy these very fleeting and precious few weeks we Texans get to call Spring. A time for rebirth, replanting and

for me, a time to make new quilts. Quilts filled with bright colors and fabrics. Yellows, blues, reds, greens, flowers and so on. Though I am not a native Texan, I did get here as fast as I could; I have fallen in love with the Texas wild flowers and enjoy every spring filling my home with reminders of them to last me



through the hot summers. So happy spring to all, however you may celebrate. I think for me, I saw the perfect Bluebonnet and wildflower fabby at the local quilt shop.

Blissfully Stitching, Bobbie Ashley



Calico Rose Award

Calico Rose Awards are for members who have given above and beyond for guild activities. Guild members can be nominated by any other guild member. Please submit a name and short note explaining the reasons for nomination to any board member in person, by mail or by email. Board members are not eligible for the award.

Think about who you think is deserving and nominate them for the Calico Rose.

Common Threads



APRIL – One of the newest sources of lessons and patterns is the DVD. Combining sophisticated TV techniques with some of our leading quilt teachers the growing list of quilting DVDs provide a wealth of demos, instruction and patterns. For those of you who are not "shop hopping" we will offer a review and preview of some of the DVDs currently available.

MAY – All you every wanted to know about fabric but didn't know who to ask! Jim Salinas of Moda fabrics will discuss where the business has been, where it is today, and where it is headed. He will cover the difference between premium brands and chain store brands. What attributes do you get when you pay \$8 to \$9 per yard that you don't get when you pay \$3 to \$4 per yard. Jim's presentation inclucds a movie (DVD) that shows some Moda fabric being printed, from beginning to end. He will then take questions from the audience on any fabric related issues.

JUNE – It is guest teacher time this month. Flavin Glover, a quilt designer and teacher, has a degree in Clothing, Textiles and Related Arts from Auburn University. Innovative Log Cabin and geometric patchwork quilts composed of many fabrics in vibrant colors have become her trade-



mark. She has created numerous quilts inspired from landscapes and architecture.

Flavin's Log Cabin Landscapes & Buildings quilts are featured in her book, "A New Look at Log Cabin Quilts" by C&T Publishing. Her quilt "Row Houses" was selected one of the 100 Best American Quilts of the 20th Century. Row Houses and several of Flavin's Pictorial Log Cabin quilts are featured in HGTV's Simply Quilts, Episode QLT-634

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR DUES \$20 SENIOR (over 65) \$15 Send your check with SASE to: Gloria Hammond

NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE: Midnight Monday after Guild Meeting) email to <u>quiltnews@satx.rr.com</u> 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

Flavin will teach two classes and present a lecture at our guild meeting.

On FRIDAY she will teach a full day class: INTEGRATING LOG CABIN & OTHER PATCHWORK

A hands-on workshop suitable for all skill levels for those wanting a unique Log Cabin quilt with a different look. Learn to add extra design dimension and interest by joining Log Cabin blocks with various simple geometric patchwork blocks. Use a variety of blocks or select as few as two to develop a striking overall design. The block layouts of Checkers In the Cabin and Spring Star illustrate block possibilities. If playing with color, cutting up fabric & sewing it back together appeals to you, come ready to experiment with many blocks to choose from.

On SATURDAY the workshop will be: DENIMANIA — CREATING FROM BLUE JEANS

[°]Learn how to use recycled blue jeans to create a variety of clever projects such as stuffed toys, pillows, tote bags and quilts that have people raving. There will be many examples to examine & you will see dozens more in slides. Learn how to select jeans with personality & how to cut them to accentuate your pattern or plan. Gain a different view of old jeans!

Both workshops will be held at the church in our regular meeting room. The Friday class will be from 9 to 3 with a cost of \$25. Saturday the class will follow our regular meeting (approximately 1 to 3) and is just \$15. Sign up sheets and supply lists will be available at the April and May meetings.

Board Meeting Minutes March 5, 2007

Board members present: Bobbie Ashley, Mary McCarthy, Karen Nanos, Bernie Farris, Barbara Sumlin, Larry Beauchamp, Lois Beauchamp, Dea Jae Shore, and Lori Branson

Meeting called to order at 1:03pm

Lori Branson asked that last month's board minutes be changed to reflect that Janet Miller and not Mary McCarthy was going to look into alternatives for quilt show set-up/tear down costs. Also that Flavin Glover will be here in June and not May. Amendment was granted.

<u>President</u>: No Calico rose recipient for this month. It was decided none was to be given out this month as no one had been submitted for the Rose.

Sunshine and Shadows: Bobbie announced that Amy Cantrell had fallen and broken her shoulder. Dea Jae said that "Flat Amy" went to camp in place of Amy.

2008 Quilt Auction: Bernie is to check with Church regarding availability to hold 2008 Auction at the Church.

Committee quarterly reports are due.

<u>President Pro-Tem</u>: Lois reported that storage room key was at the manager's office and 10 people will be given access to the key after they check in with the manager.

Janet will let us know about a date in May that we can get together at her house to go over the quilts. Lois advised that the guild insurance only covers guild property when it is at the church, in storage or at a recognized guild function. Not covered if items are kept at an individuals' home. Lois will check on prices for file cabinets for storage room.

<u>**1**</u>st<u>Vice-President – Special Events</u>: Mary stated quilt show is right on track. There is an issue as to who owns the rods and Karen will look for the receipt. Winter retreat went very well. Ida Tyson Blankenship will be the Chair for the Quilt Show in 2009.

<u>**2**nd</u> <u>Vice-President – Newsletter/Directory</u>: Dea Jae stated that directories were in the mail.

We have 220 members.

<u>**3**rd</u><u>**Vice-President** – **Programs**</u>: All items lent to UUMC were returned to storage. Larry purchased a design wall and stated one was missing.

<u>4th Vice-President – Services</u>: Bernie updated list of Bees and will forward to Dea Jae to be added to newsletter. Bobbie asked for a copy to be sent to her.

<u>5th Vice-President – Community Outreach</u>: Discussion regarding history of all committees to be annotated for brochure. Board want to be kept in the loop as to what Community Response Committee is doing. Golden Triangle Quilt Guild in Beaumont has invited Story Book committee to present a program at their January 2008 meeting. It was discussed that GTQG would be responsible for all expenses and it would be a volunteer activity.

Mary Ruth Flores submitted a report and recommendation regarding the magazines. It was discussed and a motion was made to accept recommendation as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Karen gave financial report and said new CD was finally purchased.

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Operating Costs:	\$10,711.67
Savings	\$15,275.98
CD (1)	\$20,000.00
CD (2)	\$15,000.00
Total:	\$60,987.65

<u>Unfinished business</u>: Guild photos and archives on back burner.

<u>New Business</u>: Bobbie would like for Guild to have a brochure to pass out to visitors and new members.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm

General Meeting Minutes March 10, 2007

<u>President</u>: The meeting was held at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church meeting hall and called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Bobbie Ashley. The February minutes were approved as published. Bobbie Ashley asked for a volunteer to Chair the 2008 Auction.

Bernie Farris and Charlotte Keener were thanked for updating Bee List for newsletter.

Sunshine and Shadows: Amy Cottrell has a broken shoulder; Mary Rodriguez will be undergoing back surgery on March 14th; Sandy Mehall is recovering from eye surgery; Ida Tyson Blankenship is getting married today.

Unique Projects: The AQS and Quilter's Newsletter magazines will be bound by year and available for check out.

<u>**President Pro-Tem:**</u> Lois Beauchamp announced new procedures for storage room access and keys.

<u>**1**</u>st<u>Vice-President – Special Events</u>: Janet Miller announced that the raffle quilt was in Dallas for their Quilt Show being held on March 16th – 18th. Ida Blankenship will be the 2009 Quilt Show Chair. Kitty Janiga announced that there were only 6 more openings left for summer retreat to be held at Lone Star Camp in La Grange, TX the 24th through the 29th of June.

<u>2nd Vice-President – Newsletter/Directory:</u> Dea Jae Shore announced that the directories are in the mail. Anyone wishing to see Flat Amy's adventures at Winter retreat can go to the website and check it out.

3rd **Vice-President – Programs:** Dee Heller is here for Sashing, Bindings, and Borders. It's On DVD will be the program for April; Jim Salinas in May for "The Difference Between Chain Store Fabrics and Quilters2†Grade Fabrics; Flavin Glover, Teacher-Designer-Quilt maker-Author, will be here in June for "TREATMENT GOALS OF A QUILTAHOLIC".

<u>4th Vice-President – Services:</u> No report. <u>5th Vice-President – Community Outreach:</u> Barbara asked that anyone who could to stay after the meeting to help for Mike Mitchell (Chairperson for Bright Hopes) cut kits for quilts and finish some quilts to be tied at the "Eye of The Needle" at S.A.M.A. Andrea Brown asked that more people sign up to assist at the "Eye Of The Needle" event at S.A.M.A.

Donnis Todd will take over the San Antonio Library project at the Great NW library and has scheduled the following to be held the 3rd Saturday of each month: March – Dea Jae Shore and Barbara Gilstad will be

doing Oragami Flowers; April – Dueling piecing with Carol Rouse and Betty Tope; May – Ruth Felty will be demonstrating appliqué; June – Kitty Janika will be doing Crazy Quilt embellishments; and July – will be Charlotte's Bindings and Tricks of the Trade.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Operating Fund: \$10,711.67, Savings Account: \$15,275.98, 1st CD: \$20,000.00, 2nd CD \$15,000.00 Total Guild Funds: \$60,987.65.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

Treasurer's Report

As of February 28, 2007

INCOME		
Interest	\$	90.49
Other		40.25
Workshops		315.00
Retreat - Summer		360.00
Membership dues		565.00
Quilt show		199.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$	1,569.74
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$	202.95
Rent (Meetings)		125.00
Storage facility		370.00
Newsletter/directory		128.92
Programs		1,632.00
Workshops		700.00
Retreat - Summer		100.00
Quilt show		120.24
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	3,379.11
Ending Jefferson Operating	\$	10,711.67
Ending Jefferson Savings	\$	15,275.98
Jefferson CD	\$	20,000.00
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Total Guild Funds	\$	60,987.65
Karen Nanos, Treasurer	-	

Way Out West Summer Retreat, 2007

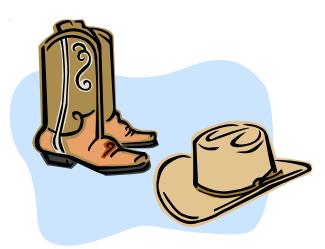
We still have a few openings for the 20th Annual Charlotte Flesher Memorial Quilt Retreat. Retreat will be held at Camp Lone Star in Lagrange, Tx, from Sunday evening, June 24th through Friday, June 29th, 2007. It's a chance to relax, sew, and quilt to your heart's content. There will be classes, a masseuse on site, swimming, and lots of laughter. Come by the table at the meeting or call Cathy Wallace at 210-698-0269 or Kitty Janiga at 210-622-9522.

The fee for a week of sewing, fun, and friendship will be \$295, room and board included. Those wanting to swim will need to contribute a little more toward the fee for a life guard, but that will be handled at retreat. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 will hold your place. The balance must be paid in full by the May GSAQG meeting.

If you have any questions, please call Cathy Wallace at (210) 698-0269.

Fat Quarter Exchange

Bring fat quarters and put your name in the basket for each one you bring. Win a group of fat quarters at the drawing. The colors for April are pastels.



New Chair for Storybook Committee

The GSAQG would like to welcome the new chair of the Story Books to Go Committee. Nechia Dawson is looking forward to working with the guild members to promote this great educa-

tional opportunity for the children in our community. She will give us an update in April. Welcome Nechia!



GSAQG Design Wall Guidelines

At the February board meeting, the following guidelines were approved for use of the walls.

o used by guild members for guild related activities only

o the wall may be checked out from the warehouse by Committee Chairs with authorization from either the 4th or 5th Vice Presidents.

o design walls must be returned in a timely manner and must be available for all regular guild meetings

o sign out would include name of responsible party, purpose, date, telephone #, date of return to warehouse.

o problems with the design wall would be directed to either the 4th or 5th Vice President.

QUILTERS SHOW Calendar

Midnight in the Garden

Hill Country Quilt Show Memorial Day Weekend May 25 & 26 Edington Gymnasium Schreiner University 2100 Memorial Blvd, Kerrville TX 9-5p.m. Contact Carol @ 830-257-8452 for more info

26th Annual Juried Quilt Show

Applications for Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center Marcellus, NY 4 Nov 2007-6 Jan 2008 20 Aug 2007 Deadline Contact Bobbie Ashley, 836-5658 for applications and information

Calhoun County 2007 Annual Quilt Show

Calhoun County Quilt Guild Apr. 7-8, 2007 Bauer Exhibit Bldg at the Calhoun County Fair Grounds, Co. Rd. 101, Port Lavaca, Tx For more information: Visit http://community.victoriaadvocate.com

Heritage Quilt Exhibit of Colorado County

Colorado County Fair Creative Homemaking Department Committee April 13-15, 2007 Stafford Opera House & County Ag Bldg 425 Spring Street, Columbus, TX For more information: Call (979) 732-8385

Reach for the Stars

Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild Oct. 5-6, 2007 Dell Diamond 3400 E. Palm Valley Rd, Round Rock, Tx For more information: Visit <u>http://www.geocities.com/chisholmquilt/</u>

Bluebonnet Patchwork Trail Shop Hop April 13-15 Hours Fri-Sat 9-9 Sun 12-6

Elementary School Children Learn to Quilt through Community Outreach

Forbes Elementary fifth grade classes made quilt blocks this past month. Fifty eight students, some teachers, and the principal made a pattern of their hands. This was traced on to the back of

fusible web fused to fabric, cut out, and fused to the block. Then the participants stitched the blanket stitch around the edges.

Once the quilt blocks are set together, the top will be put in a stretcher frame for them to tie their blocks. The quilt will hand permanently in the school.

This project is spearheaded by Betty Tope and Carol Rouse who would very much welcome anyone who likes to work with children to help in this project. Call Betty or Carol or email: <u>carolquiltscats@yahoo.com</u>.



Quilting Classes at the Great Northwest Branch Library.

The first of six planned classes was held on Saturday, January 18th, 2007. The topic was T-Shirt Rag Block. Approximately 15 students learned to fuse rotary cut, and piece borders, and "rag" cut the edges.

Future classes will cover piecing, applique, crazy quilt stitches, and binding. The following have volunteered to teach a technique and class:

Class date	Class
March 17	Origami Flowers
April 28	Dueling Piecing
May 19	Appliqué
June 16	Crazy Quilt Stitches
July 21	Binding/Tricks of the Trade

Thesessions are normally on the third Saturday of the monthfrom 10-12 (exceptionis April 28th) Donnis Toddis the chairman of this project and welcomeseveryone to beclass helpers or teachers. Pleasee-mailDonnis,<u>dtodd1@satx.rr.com</u> or call her if you would like to assist her committee.

Presenter(s)

Dea Jae Shore/Barbara Gilstad Carol Rouse/Betty Tope Ruth Fealty Kitty Janiga Charlotte Keener



Kit Party

The first Bright Hopes Kit Party for 2007 was a great success. With the help 23 (plus) folks, the supply of comforter kits for Bright Hopes was increased by more than 80 in less than two hours.

Off to slow start in setting up, we soon had people:

- measuring tops
- measuring, cutting, and ironing batting & fabric
- finding backing to match the tops (a majority of the backing used at the party came from close to 800 yards of fabric which had been donated to Bright Hopes earlier in the day)
- one person sewing to upsize backs or batting, and/or piecing scraps to create tops
- at least one person matching quilt blocks which could be turned into future quilt tops
- several folks making up hanks of tying string from donated spools of crochet thread (two of those people were <u>GUESTS</u>!!);
- people folding quilt kits and placing them in bags with string for tying, Bright Hopes labels and information sheets
- even one or two folks doing quality control by making sure that each bag contained all of the things which are needed to complete the kit at a later date.

There is something for everyone to do. If you missed this party, please join us in the future. We had so much fun chatting and getting to know each other. The Bright Hopes Committee wishes to extend

kudos to all who helped for a job well done.







Mike Mitchell Bright Hopes Committee Chair









GSAQG BEE'S REPORT FOR 2007 Charlotte Keener – Bee Keeper

Hand guilting bee – Charlotte Keener 1 Meets at Creative Sewing Center on West Ave. at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday. Open Call 490-2312 2 Zion Bee – Ruth Felty Meets at Zion Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m. every other Friday. Open call 688-2288 Bits and Pieces – Jill Fritz, Karen Nanos and Donna Christophel 3 Meets at Hancock store on Bandera on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. They work on projects for the auction. Open, Call 690-9030 Hoop and Holler Bee – Joyce Glessner 4 This bee is full. Needle Benders – Kolodzie Harper 5 Non- smokers meet at the Army Retirement Community every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. They help each other quilt and baste their quilts. Hand guilt on a frame. Pindroppers Bee – Doris Patterson 6 Meets at Crestway Baptist Church (Windcrest) at 9:30 a.m. every third Thursday. Call 656-0334 Wearable Arts Bee - Ida T. Blankenship 7 Meets at Creative Sewing Center at 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Open Cut up Applique Bee – Janet Miller 8 Bee is full. Stitching Round the Bend – Elizabeth Miller. 9 10 Friday Night Bee – Lovetta Fowler Meets at Alamo Stitching Post every Friday night at 7:00. 11 Bee Gee's – Donna Christophel – closed 12 Applique Bee – Donna Christophel – closed 13 Snappy Scrappers – Donna Christophel Meet at Hancocks on Bandera every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Open - call 690-9030 14 Scraps for Life – Clarice Whitten Meet at Lackland Baptist Church every Monday at 9:00 a.m. Open call 674=1963 15 EQ Bee – Barbara Gilstad/Dea Jae Shore Meet at Dea Jae Shores on the first Tuesday of each month. Open 16 Sew What? Terri Ryan Meet at Ann Parkers Home - closed 17 Jitter Bug Bee – Sylvia Jolet Meets at Encino Park Community Building on two Thursday nights a month at 6:30 p.m. Open call 497-3383 18 Needles and Pins – Kolodzie Harper Meet at the Schertz Senior Citizen center on the first and third Mondays. Open call 946-2785



Dea Heller presents a wonderful program at the March Guild meeting.

Apricot-Pecan Cookies

Estimated Time Needed: Est. Preperation: 25 mins Est. Cooking: 24 mins

Ingredients:

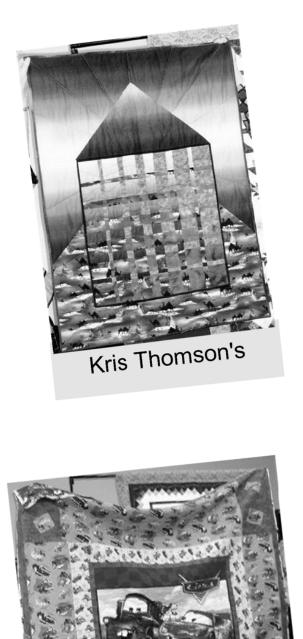
- 2 cups LAND O LAKES® Butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup C&H Pure Cane Granulated Sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon cardamom
- 1/4 cup dried apricot, chopped
- 1/4 cup pecans, chopped

Directions:

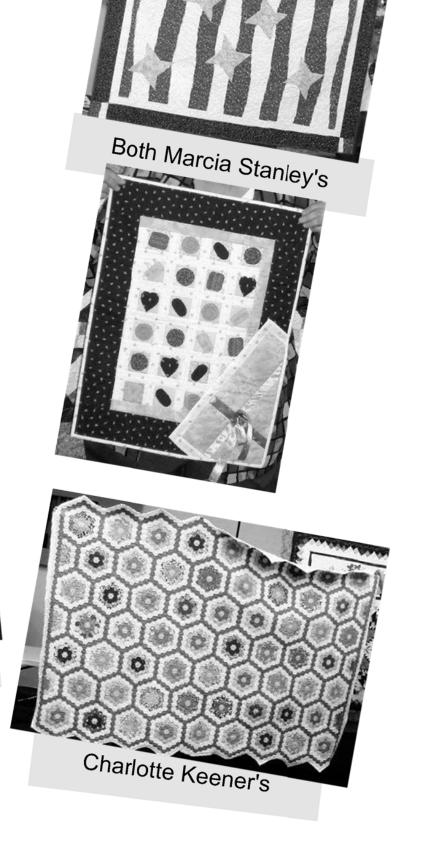
In a large bowl, with an electric mixer on medium speed beat together butter, brown sugar, sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Reduce to low speed; gradually fold in flour, cardamom, and chopped dried apricots just until blended. Roll the dough into an 8 inch log and slice into 1 inch pieces. Form into 1 inch balls then roll in finely chopped pecans until evenly coated. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets and bake in 350 degree oven for 12 to 14 minutes, or until lightly browned on the edges. Transfer cookies to a wire rack and let cool.

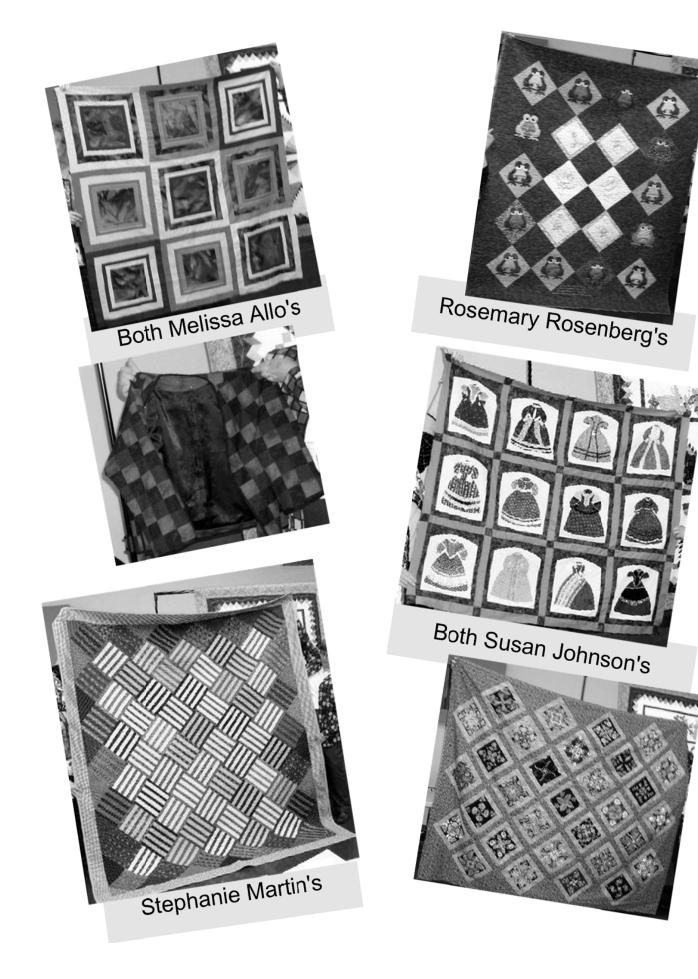
Yields: 60





Marlene Assuolo





Youth Alternatives and GSAQG Activities

Roy Maas' Youth Alternative, Inc. is committed to caring for children in crisis. Their promise to the community is that they will give every child and family seeking their services their complete dedication and attention. Based on the principles of respect and responsibility, it is their goal to give children a foundation of positive values, which will promote future success and end the cycle of abuse.

Youth and families seek services from Youth Alternatives for a variety of reasons. The most common situations include: problems with homelessness, abandonment, or the youth has been removed from the home for reasons of abuse and neglect.

Counseling is available to children ages 6-17 in the community. Parenting classes as well as individual and family counseling are available. The Bridge Emergency Shelter is located in San Antonio. It is a 24 hour

> shelter that provides a safe place for children 6-17 while decisions are being made as to where the child will be living. The maximum length of stay at the Emergency Shelter is 30 days. The long term residential programs are located at the MeadowLand Campus in Boerne, Texas. These



services are for children 6-17 who need to be away from their home for a period of time, which is longer than 30 days. If necessary, children may live there until they reach 18 years of age. The average length of stay is approximately 2 1/2 to 3 years. The TurningPoint Independent Living Program is designed to provide services to young adults up to age 21, who need addi-

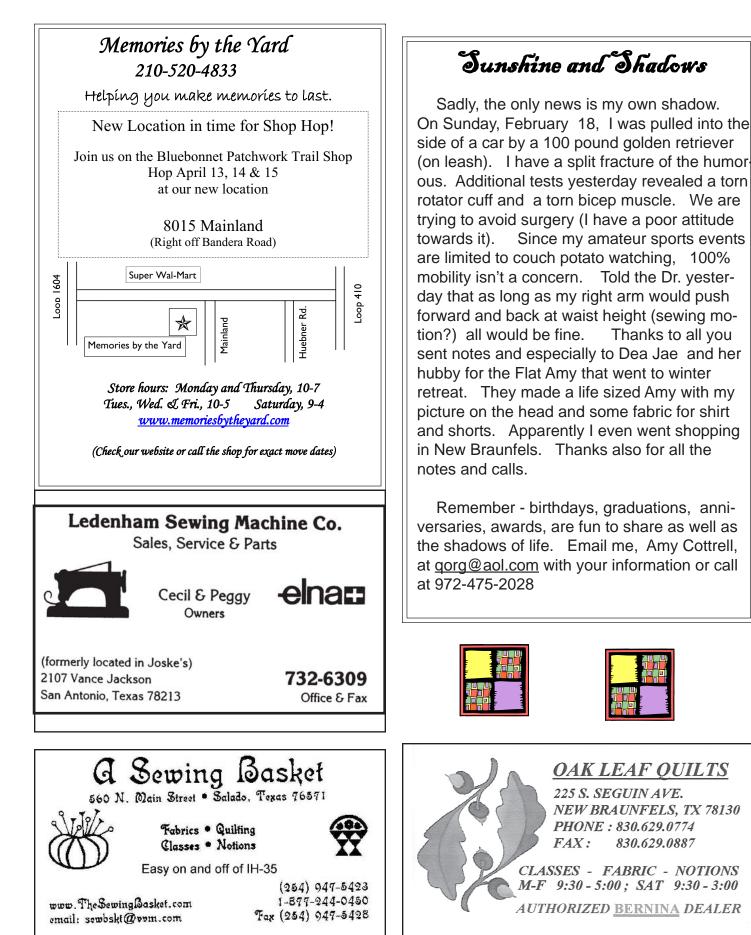
tional assistance before living on their own. Aver length of stay is approximately 6 months.

GSAQG involvement has been to donate sewing/quilting supplies, as well as personal hygiene and household items. Clothing, toothbrushes/paste, shampoo, soap, board games, puzzles, books, etc., are all welcome. Almost any item that can be used in a home or family situation is needed. See Jean Powel to donate items.

Things to do at the GSAQG Web Site www.sanantonioquilt.com

- 1 Go to the membership page and email a board member with your nomination for the Calico Rose.
- 2 Go to the Special Events page, Quilt show and print out your entry form for your fabulous quilt entry. (Read the rules and quallificantions also)
- 3 Go to the Services page and look at all the Bring and Brag quilts in color.
- 4 On that services page check out the list of patterns and let Patricia Patton know if you want to check one out.
- 5 Go to the Programs page and check out the web pages of Flavin Glover and Libby Lehman who are coming to guild in June and August, respectively.
- 6 On the Special Events page look for link to print out the application for the Ethel Howey Grant and plan to apply.

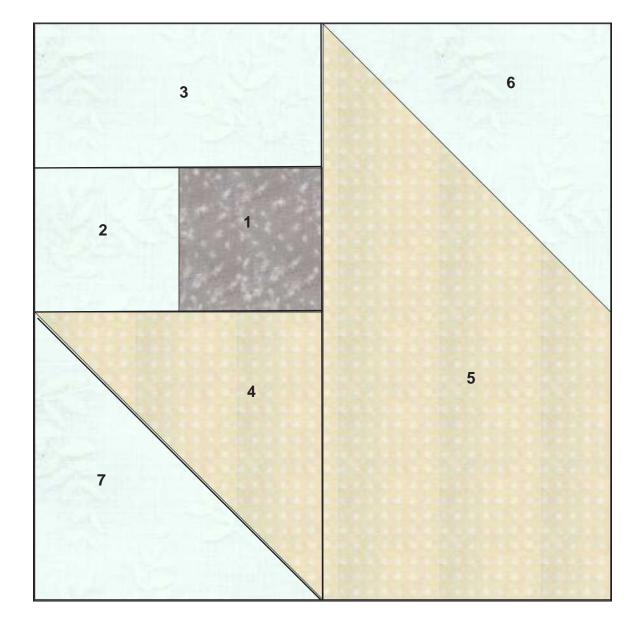




April 2007 BLOCK PARTY

Here's a pretty spring flower. It can be paper pieced. I will have some patterns already printed for you to pick up at the guild meetings. Use whatever pastel colors you would like to but make the background WOW (white on white). The block should be 6" x 6" finished or 6.5" x 6.5" unfinished.

Bring as many as you like with your name attached to each one to the April Guild meeting. All names go in the basket and the lucky winner in the drawing gets all of the blocks.



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April Schedule

April 2 BOARD MEETING-1PM St. Andrew's Church

April 14 GUILD MEETING-10AM St. Andrew's Church 8231 Callaghan Rd.

April 17 - Wearable Arts 6:30pm Creative Sewing Center 11777 West Ave. Hostess - Ida Tyson Blankenship

April 24 - Quilt-In 9:00 AM Cavender Buick Hostess - Shirley Carter

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Bold Offices expire December 2007