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Common Threads

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.



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December 10th Guild Meeting

8:30 Secret Pals
11:00 Christmas Party
St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church
8231 Callaghan Rd.

December Christmas Party @11:00am!!! January Program

Alliance for American
Quilters - Mary McCarthy
Hand Applique - Holly
Nelson

Remember to bring to the meeting

- Name tag (wear it)
- Library books, DVD's and patterns
- QPC projects
- Bright Hopes quilts
- Smiles for your friends

President's Notes

Welcome new Guild members, Wendy Crook-Able, Nancy Emback, Gloria Webb and Loretta Valenta. With their Church bee, Gloria and Loretta have made 450 stockings for the troops in Afghanistan.

I think the Houston Quilt Show should have been called the San Antonio Quilt Show this year. Holly Nelson, Kit Kucinkas, and Karen Nanos had quilts in the judged exhibit. The special exhibit, Quilts That Heal, commemorated 9/11. The blocks were made by Japanese quilters, set and quilted by GSAQG members. Several Guild members commented about getting to see their quilt again, wish we could have taken pictures. As I wandered thru the special exhibit of Texas Guild Award Winning Quilts I found four GSAQG quilts. Vicki Owens, Marti Kraatz with 2 quilts and Dresses on Parade by Marti, Linda, Lori, Gail, Sue, Pat, Bobbie, Kay and Pat. Sandra Bloom had a beautiful doll, The King's Secret Gypsy. Betty Brister (My Friends Made Me Do It hanging at the Quilt Museum), Dot Collins (My Stars! It's a Baltimore and Once Upon A Time at the Quilt Museum) and our A San Antonio Fiesta quilt are in the Lone Stars III, A Legacy of Texas Quilts, 1986-2011. I never thought I'd see my name on a quilt in Houston but thanks to all the Guild members who worked on the Fiesta quilt and owner/Guild member Dale Flashberg there I was. If I missed a Guild member's quilt in Houston, I apologize.

Several Guild members asked why no program for the November meeting? November is our annual business meeting, election and budget for 2012. Not knowing if there were going to be any issues/problems I told Mary McCarthy, VP for Programs, no outside speaker.

Happy Holidays to you and your family. Please remember the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines serving in far off lands and seas.

Janet Miller, President, GSAQG

The Christmas party is going to be a great time to share food and fellowship with all our members. Please remember to bring a dish to share. The guild will be providing ham, shrimp and drinks. We will also be playing a white elephant gift exchange which is always fun. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift - can be hand made or purchased but should not be more than \$5.00 in value.

Secret Pals begin at 8:30am and the general meeting begins at 11:00am. There will be NO services. Hope to see you all there!

2011 Program Notes

Dec. - Christmas Party!!!

Jan. - Free Hand Applique - Holly Nelson
Lecture on Alliance for American Quilters - Mary McCarthy

Note: In January you can still register for Alicia Avila's workshops in February.

Full payment must be made at time of registration.

February 10, Fri. 9:00-4:00pm \$25.

February 11, Sat. 1:00-4:00 \$15.

March - Mickey Mowry "Sew Many Pieces" lecture

Needle Skills with Anne Blake after meeting
Mini Retreat 23 & 24 March

Mary McCarthy 3rd VP GSAQG

Don't forget to see all the
Bring and Brag quilts
in color at our Web Site
www.sanantonioquilt.org

NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE is Midnight - Monday after
Guild meeting.

E-mail to quiltnews@dishmail.net is
preferred, or mail to Melanie McInnis.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

	Monthly	Yearly
Full page ad	\$60.00	\$660
1/2 page ad (horizontal - 7 x 4 3/4 vertical - 3 3/8 x 9 1/2)	\$30.00	\$330
1/4 page ad	\$15.00	\$165
Business card (2 x 3.5)	\$10	\$110

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR DUES \$24

SENIOR (65+) \$18

YOUTH (12-18) \$6

Send your check to:

GSAQG

PO Box 380522

San Antonio, TX 78268

Calico Rose Recipients were Shirley Carter for chairing the Video/DVD program since 2005, Bobbie Ashley for chairing the 2011 Summer Retreat, and Mary Ruth Flores for chairing "Fall of the Alamo" since 1998.

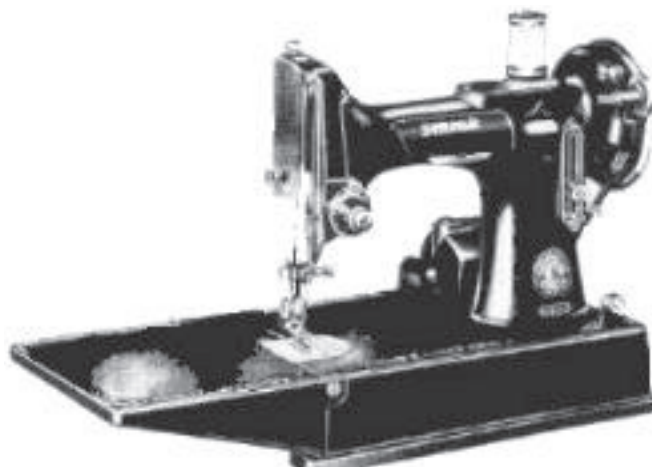


Welcome to our New Members !!!!

We are thrilled to have you in our Guild!!!
If you have any questions --- just ask us!!!



Loretta Valenta, Nancy Emback & Wendy Crook-Able



Golden Carrot winner was Marlene Azzuolo!!!
Again! Yes she really earned this!

Everyone turning in
projects for
Bright Hopes
Storybook Quilts
and (QPC)
Quilt Project
Committee
are entered into a
drawing each month.



2011 Quilt Show Income Report

The 2011 Quilt Show was a huge success! Our total income was \$55,873.65. Chairman Judith Miller was very good at her job and held the expenses at \$32,713.47. That makes our net amount cleared for the Guild \$23,160.18.

Parts of the income came from:

vendor booth rental: \$28,000
 admissions: \$16,397
 the boutique brought in \$2,327.25.
 We paid the consignors of the boutique \$1941.80 leaving a profit for the boutique of \$385.45.
 The silent auction earned \$1220.

Some of the biggest expenses were:

the building & decorating: \$14,156
 cost of the judges: \$3447
 cost of advertising: \$4304, and the cost of getting the programs printed: \$3167.
 This is a big job and everyone who contributed any time can be proud. Thanks to all for such a terrific show!

Cindy Shutt, Treasurer

New Membership Dues for 2012

Please re-new your membership dues ASAP!!!!

We will NOT be taking money in Dec. as we will all be partying!
 Ho! Ho! Ho!

New Dues are:

\$24 for 64 and under

\$18 for 65 and older

\$6 for 6-18 yrs old

We can now take a credit card or debit card for your dues!!!

Just fill out form below and mail to

GSAQG

PO Box 380522

San Antonio, TX 78268

Dues not renewed by 1/31/12 will be considered delinquent!

GSAQG 2012 Membership Dues

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4digits _____

Phone # _____ Birth (Mo/Day) _____ New or Renewal

email _____

Amount Paid _____ Expiration Date 12/31/12

Type of payment: Cash ___ Check # _____ Credit Card # _____

ALL CREDIT CARD INFORMATION NOT NEEDED WHEN WE CAN SWIPE CARD. ALL CC INFORMATION WILL BE SHREDDED WHEN TRANSACTION IS COMPLETE.

Master Card ___ Visa ___ Expiration ___/___

Credit ___ Debit ___ PIN # _____

3 digit Security Code from back of card _____

GSAQG BOARD Meeting Minutes

President Janet Miller called the November 7, 2011 meeting of the board of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild to order at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 6:03 pm. Present were Janet Miller, Donnis Todd, Cindy Shutt, Sandra Bloom, Melanie McInnes, Mary McCarthy, and Larry Beauchamp. Minutes of the October board meeting stood approved as published.

President—Janet Miller: Board accepted proposal to award Calico Roses to Mary Ruth Flores for her chairmanship of Fall of the Alamo since 1998 and to Shirley Carter for chairing the Video/DVD collection for 6 years.

Secretary—Donnis Todd: Reported 7 calls to guild phone in October

Treasurer—Cindy Shutt: Reported a guild balance of \$71,941.71 and submitted \$23,160.18 preliminary final balance for the 2011 quilt show.

1st Vice-President/Special Events—Sandra Bloom: Reported a successful Houston Bus Trip. Stated that Winter Retreat remains full. Announced that Linda Ethridge will co-chair the Quilt Auction for 2012 and of plans to have as partners the Returning Heros Home, a group who is building a garden for recovering soldiers and their families in the Ft. Sam Wounded Warriors complex .”

2nd Vice-President/Newsletter—Melanie McInnes: No report

3rd Vice-President/Programs—Mary McCarthy: Reported on numbers for November guild classes and of need for presentation for January due to cancellation. Mary agreed to make a presentation on Alliance for American Quilts to give information on participation in the program.

4th Vice-President/Services—Sandi Price: Absent—No report

5th Vice-President/Community Outreach—Barbara Sumlin: Absent—No report

Parliamentarian—Larry Beauchamp: Reported on finalized plans for running elections at November meeting.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The board reviewed and accepted the 2012 program calendar and discussed plans for the mini retreat in March. A motion was accepted to purchase a one-year CD with money in the SSFCU savings account. This motion was amended and accepted to purchase an

18-month CD. The board discussed and agreed to assist with the request for assistance by the UTHSCSA donor quilt project. Sandra Bloom and Cindy Shutt agreed to head the project which makes memorial quilts for the organ donor program. The board agreed to hold the December board meeting at Cindy Shutt’s house at 12:30 on December 5.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Donnis Todd, Secretary

GSAQG GUILD Meeting Minutes

The November 12, 2011 meeting of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild was called to order by President Janet Miller at 10:00 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Present were 113 members and 5 guests. A total of \$4.44 was collected in name tag fines. Minutes of the October 2011 meeting stood approved as published.

President—Janet Miller: New guild members were recognized. Calico Roses were awarded to Bobbie Ashley for chairing the 2011 Summer Retreat, to Mary Ruth Flores for chairing Fall at the Alamo since 1998, and to Shirley Carter for chairing the Video/DVD library since 2005.

President Pro-Tem—Charlotte Keener: No report

Secretary—Donnis Todd: No report

Treasurer—Cindy Shutt: Reported a total of \$71,941.75 in Guild funds

1st Vice-Presiden/Special Events—Sandra Bloom: Reported a wonderful bus trip to Houston. **Winter Retreat:** Dorothy Reischman requested that members make payment at the November meeting or by mid December through mail. **2012 Auction:** Ellen Hernandez announced that Returning Heroes Home will be partner and money raised will assist building of retreat garden at Wounded Warriors Center at Ft. Sam Houston. She made a request for volunteers to quilt items for the auction. **Quilt Show 2013:** Dea Jae Shore urged members to enter quilts early, made a request for volunteers to assist with raffle quilt, and announced the show Co-chair, Bernie Ferris.

2nd Vice-President/Newsletter—Melanie McInnis: Absent

3rd Vice-President/Programs—Mary McCarthy: (Absent) Janet Miller reported on November classes and upcoming classes. Bernie Ferris, chair of the December program, reported that the Secret Pal breakfast will

be held at 8:30 and general party at 11:00. A White Elephant gift exchange (\$5.00 wrapped gift) will be an optional game. Janet announced the January meeting will be on the Alliance for American Quilters presented by Mary McCarthy.

4th Vice-President/Services—Sandi Price:

Ellen Hernandez reported magazines and books for sale.

DVD's: Jackie Randall reported on status of check out of DVD's and requested return of outstanding programs.

Library: Jeannette Jay requested volunteers to help with inventory. **QPC:** Carol Rouse awarded the Golden Carrot and displayed new projects.

5th Vice-President/Community Outreach—Barbara

Sumlin: Sharon Ross reported over 40 quilts had been turned in for **Bright Hopes** and asked members to take fabric from a recent donation to make more quilts.

She displayed the quilt donated to the Elf Louise silent auction on December 2. **Storybook Quilts:** Sherry Durringer reported books have been checked out and that she will be ordering more books. She requested that members return outstanding quilts and/or books. Barbara announced that hand quilting classes will be held next year.

Parliamentarian—Larry Beauchamp: Reminded members to vote.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Cindy Shutt amended the line for the auction on the 2012 budget, a motion was made and carried to accept the budget as amended. Janet Miller suspended the meeting to hold elections at 10:35. Meeting resumed at 11:21 and the results of the 2011 election were announced. Officers for 2012-14 are as follows: President Pro-Tem—Dea Jae Shore, 1st Vice-President/Special Events—Sandra Bloom, 3rd Vice-President/Programs—Mary McCarthy, and Treasurer—Cindy Shutt.

Meeting adjourned: 11:22 am

Donnis Todd, Secretary



**GSAQG Treasurer's Report
For the ten months ending 10/31/11 By Cindy Shutt**

	YTD Actual 2011	
		Budget
REVENUES		
Interest		\$ 550.00
Savings	\$ 34.24	
CD Interest	\$ 406.77	
Other income	\$ 10.08	\$ 1,000.00
M. Parsons Estate Sale	\$ (105.00)	
Magazine Sales	\$ 605.25	\$ 450.00
Nametag fines	\$ 22.40	\$ 25.00
Library Sale		
Pin Sale	\$ 9.00	
Dues - Membership	\$ 3,440.00	\$ 4,000.00
Newsletter/Directory Ads	\$ 875.00	\$ 500.00
Quilt Show	\$ 41,683.65	\$ 54,600.00
Workshops	\$ 2,960.00	\$ 3,000.00
Retreat - Summer	\$ 9,420.00	\$ 7,500.00
Retreat - Winter	\$ 9,255.00	\$ 8,000.00
Houston Bus trip	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,400.00
Auction		
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 71,136.39</u>	<u>\$ 82,025.00</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration:		
Administration	\$ 4,196.63	\$ 4,000.00
Door Prizes	\$ 221.42	\$ 150.00
Telephone	\$ 609.16	\$ 600.00
Storage facility	\$ 4,519.00	\$ 5,300.00
Rent (Meetings)	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 1,650.00
Membership expenses:		
Membership supplies	\$ 403.53	\$ 50.00
Newsletter/Directory printing	\$ 3,069.46	\$ 3,400.00
Postage, Bulk	\$ 785.00	\$ 700.00
Webpage	\$ 431.25	\$ 300.00
Quilt Show	<u>\$ 32,616.63</u>	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>
Community activities:		
Charitable Contribution	\$ 100.00	
Bright Hopes	\$ 947.58	\$ 400.00
Storybook Quilts	\$ 181.42	\$ 200.00
Community Outreach		\$ 175.00
Membership Services & Activities:		
Sherry Allred Grant	\$ 325.00	\$ 335.00
Ethel Howey Grant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Library	\$ 180.05	\$ 300.00
Patterns		\$ 50.00
QPC	\$ 403.69	\$ 500.00
Video Library	\$ 193.93	\$ 125.00
Programs	\$ 5,212.07	\$ 7,000.00
Workshops	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 4,000.00
Self-sustaining activities:		
Retreat - Summer	\$ 9,406.55	\$ 7,500.00
Retreat - Winter	\$ 7,927.28	\$ 8,000.00
Houston bus trip	\$ 2,162.87	\$ 2,400.00
Auction	\$ 260.98	\$ 1,500.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 80,308.50</u>	<u>\$ 79,635.00</u>
Net	\$	\$ 2,390.00
	(9,172.11)	
Ending Jefferson	\$ 15,628.89	
Operating		
Ending Jefferson Savings	\$ 5,489.67	
SSFCU CD's & savings	\$ 36,508.51	
SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$ 14,314.68	
Total Guild Funds	<u>\$ 71,941.75</u>	

Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer



GSAQG Sunshine & Shadows
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210-520-1335

It was great to see so many GSAQG entries at Houston International this year. We were well represented.

The Alliance for American Quilts annual fundraiser starts on ebay 14 Nov through 12 Dec, selling different groups of quilts each week. See all the entries at allianceforamericanquilts.org or the weekly items on ebay. The Alliance conducted the *Save Our Stories* interviews in Houston of contributors to Karey Bresenhan's new book.

Happy Holidays! Let us sew, let us sew, let us sew...

Auction 2012 Update

ellenhernandez@hotmail.com; 520-1335

MORE THAN FOUR DOZEN auction quilt kits are available for check out from Ellen at Guild meetings - includes top, batting, backing and pre-cut binding. Sizes range from wall to king bed.

Members - please check out a kit! I will be bringing about 12 kits every month until May. Items need to be completed by August.

Our partner for the 6 October 2012 Auction is Returning Heroes Home. This non-profit San Antonio organization raised private funds to build the Warrior Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston and is now trying to complete Phase II, a Therapeutic Garden and Recreation Area. All the work you do to support our Auction means a portion of the proceeds will support Returning Heroes Home as well. See www.returningheroeshome.org.

Thanks to Auction Committee volunteers Ruth Felty who will store completed quilts, and Sherry Durringer who will Chair Verifiers. Still needed: Registration & Floor Walkers & Baggers.

A big THANKS to: Cathy Baisley for completing 2 quilts, the ITC hand quilters for finishing Autumn Harvest, and Lyn Komada for donating a sashiko batik quilt (see November Bring and Brag), and Carol Rouse and her QPC workers who turned in a tote full of items to be quilted.

January Auction Bee, after Guild meeting at St. Andrew, will be doing hand stitching - binding and labels. Bring your sewing kit and stay awhile to help.



Call for bibliophiles!!

We will be conducting an inventory of the Guild's book library January 7, 2012 at the Guild storage. Volunteers are needed to help with this inventory so we can get to as much as possible in one day!! Partners are best as one will pull the books and call them out to a partner to check against a list I will give you. I have asked to have access to the storage by 8:30 that morning. Bring drinks and I will bring snacks and a lunch! Plan to stay as long as you can, but any hours you can give me will be greatly appreciated. Being in January, it may be cold outside but we will be inside the storage unit. Dress in layers just in case!!

Call or email me to let me know if you can partake in this book party!!! Note we have over 1600 books in our collection!!!

Jeannette Jay

210-219-8880 or jayjay@sbcglobal.net

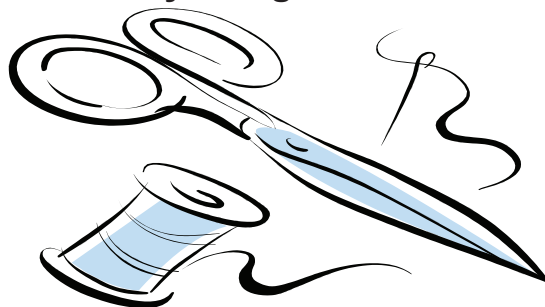
Community Education

Volunteers Needed!

Villa de San Antonio Retirement Center

Quilting Classes

Contact: Kitty Janiga or Donnis Todd



The GSAQG 16th Annual Winter Retreat, scheduled for January 20-23, 2012 is currently filled, however; we have started a waiting list. Who knows? Last year there were three last minute cancellations, so don't give up hope. If you would like your name added to the waiting list please contact either of the co-chairs. Dorothy Reischman 210-218-7002
 Sandi Price 210-695-6451
dmreischman@aol.com or
sandiprice@satx.rr.com

Bring and Brag is "Sew" Much Fun To See Every Month!



Andrea Brown made this Vest and Bag from antique lace and linens at the wearable arts bee.

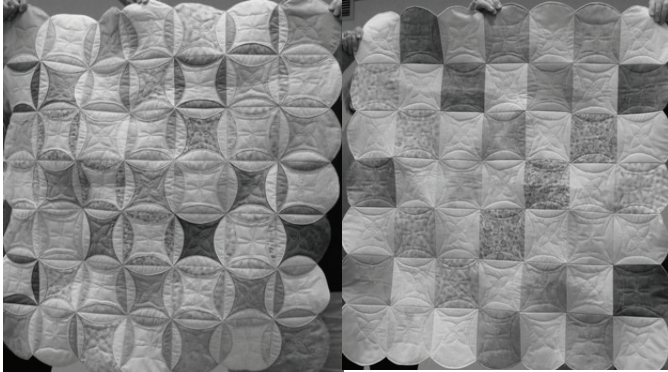


Donnis Todd shared this Tree of Life Applique quilt that her late mother (Edith Melton Hosler) started and was finished by the Needlebenders Bee. It is 90"x97".



Barbara Woffard made this jacket with a cat on the back in shades of purple!

On the left Dea Jae Shore did this Texas Star for our Storybook and Quilts to Go project!



Dea Jae Shore also did this blue and white circles quilt with rulers she bought at our show, and she put squares on the back!



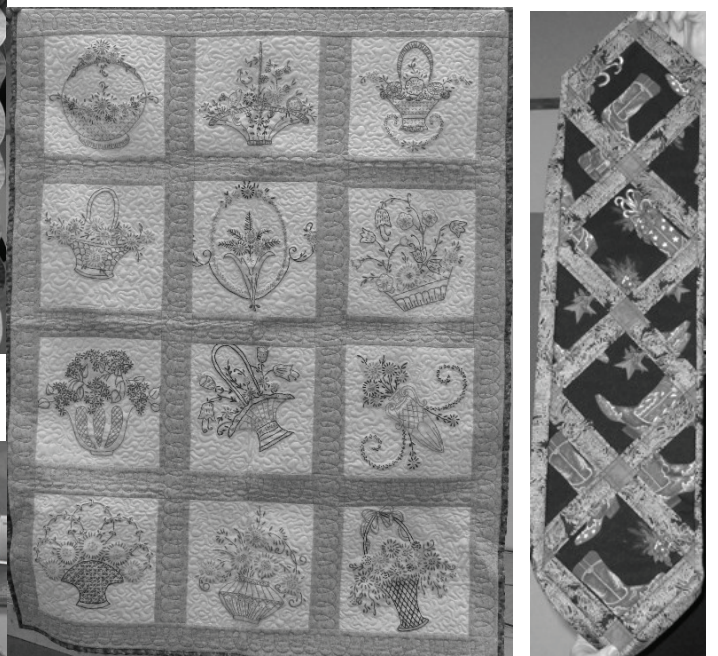
Nancy Beasley's Pocket full of rulers



Linda Gresham's Denium Bag



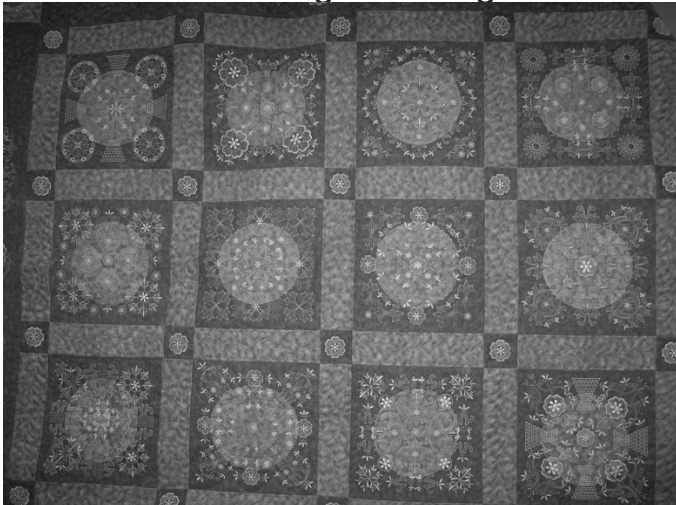
Peggy Merkin & Sandi Price have the same top on!!!



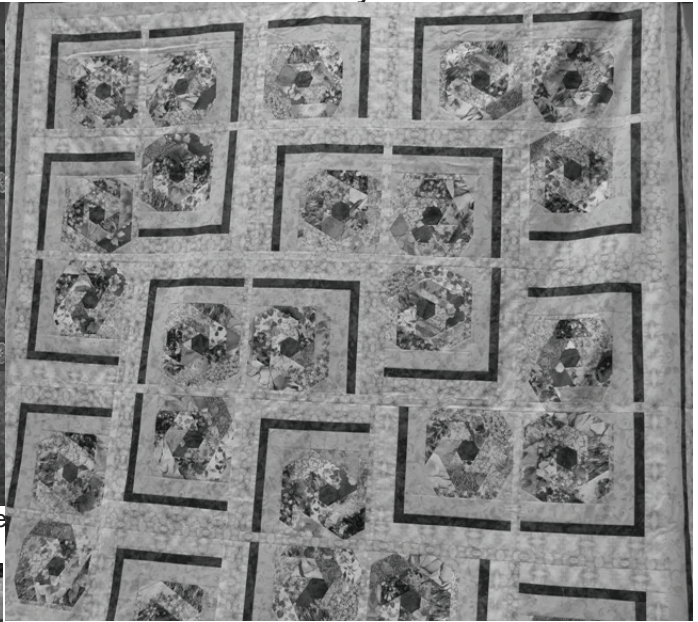
Elf Louise Quilt - Quilted by Karel Conley

Dorothy Reischman made this beautiful red and black table runner that is 8"x34"

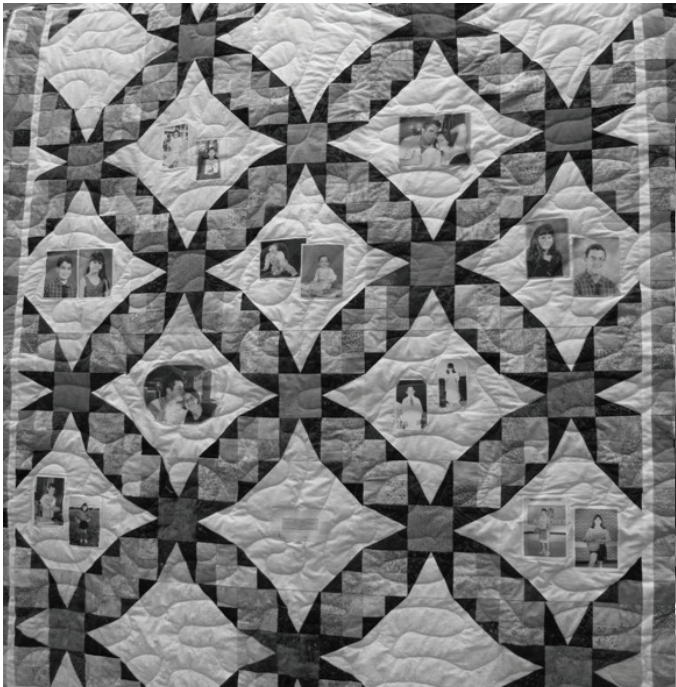




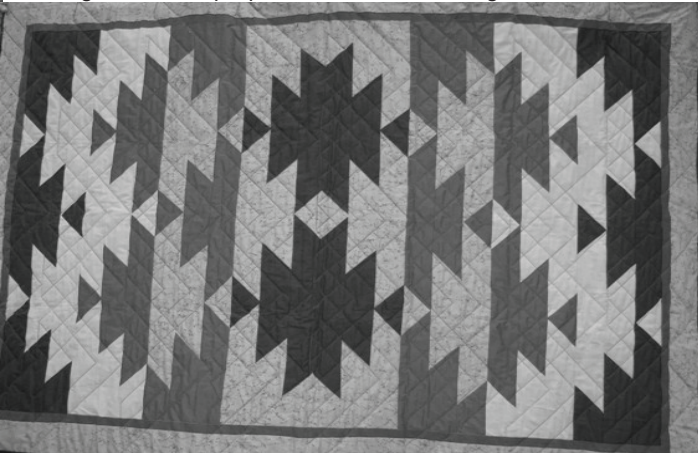
Donna Barreras machine embroidered this gorgeous aquamarine quilt!



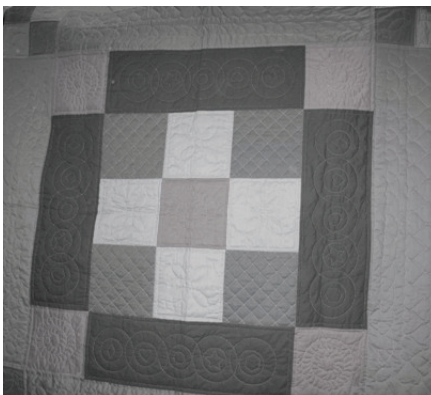
Dorothy Reischman also did this queen size "Petal Pop" quilt in blues, greens, and purples. What a beautiful garden!



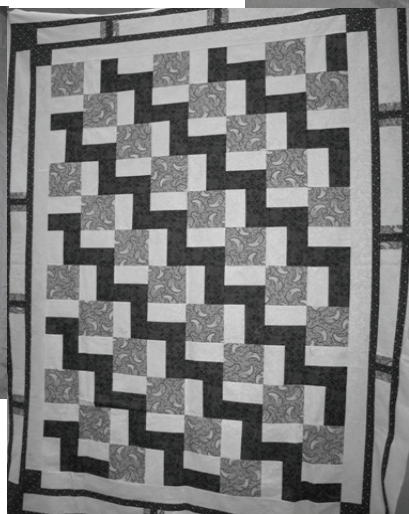
Jeannette Jay has been busy getting ready for her son's wedding by doing this pieced "Wedding Star" memory quilt for the bride and groom!



Lani Nunley took a work shop years ago on this "Navajo Rug" and finally had it quilted at Cat's Meow



Lani Nunley bought this 6'x6' Amish colors square in a square top at auction in 1990. Dusty Sherril hand quilted it for her to give to her son for Christmas!

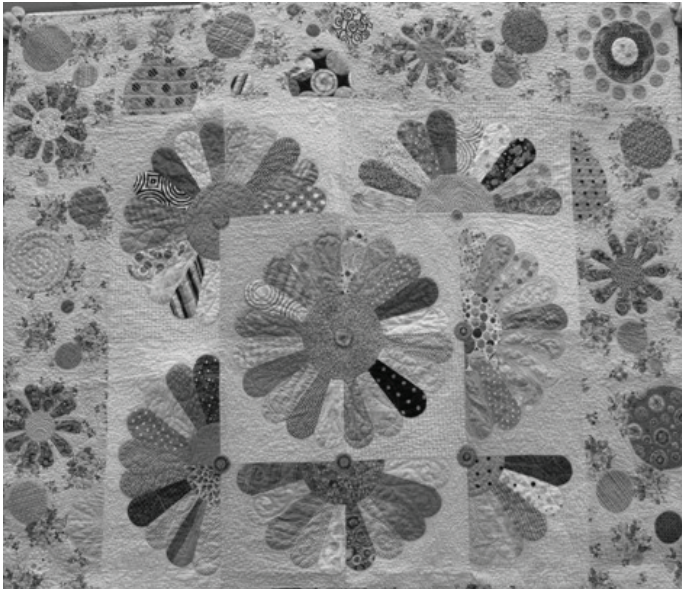


On the left this stair step quilt is also one of Lani Nunley's



Marlene Azzuolo did this Twin size Asian influence in a window pane setting with beautiful sashing treatment for added interest.

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Linda Gresham made this scrappy and unconventional 4'x4' Dresden Plate in retro prints.

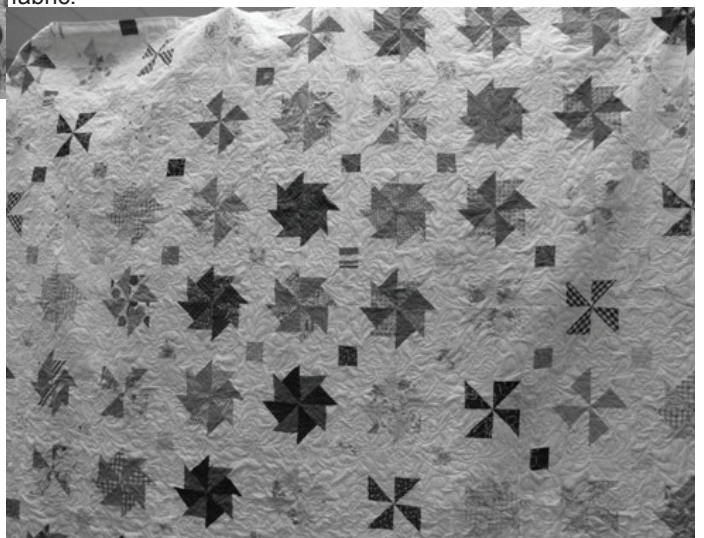


Lois Beauchamp made this large batik in cool colors of fabric that was given to her for her birthday! Yes only quilters ask for fabric!

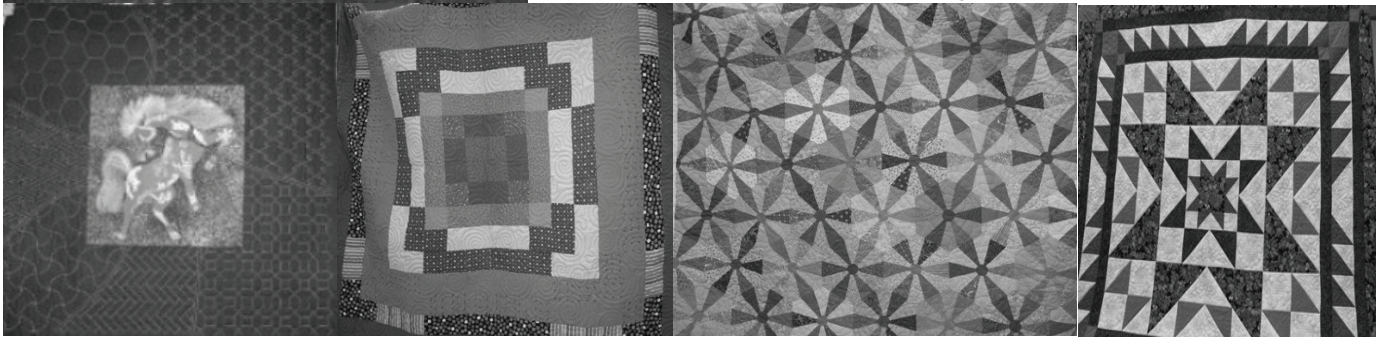


Peggy Merkin bought this 43"x46" Bird panel at Wally World and changed out the borders!

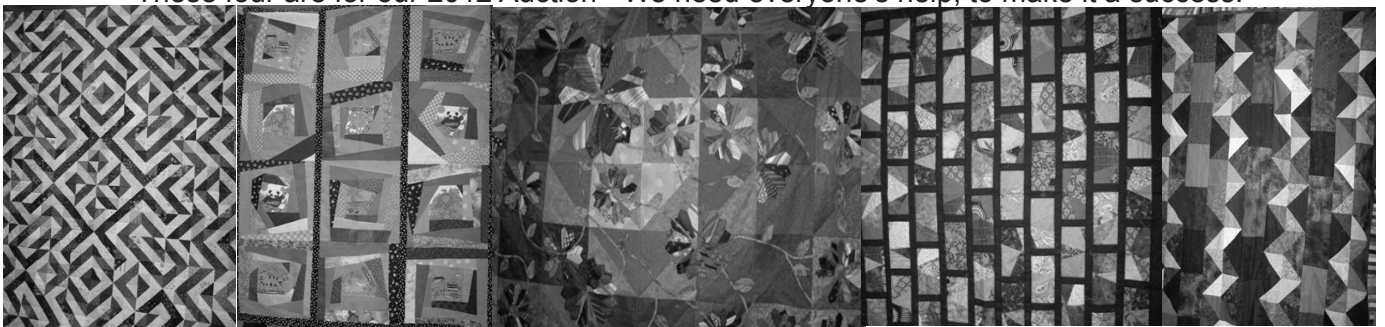
We love to get a bargain at our favorite places to shop!



Sandra Lowell showed us this 25 year old "Pinwheel" quilt that her mother made for her grandmother. Sandra quilted it.



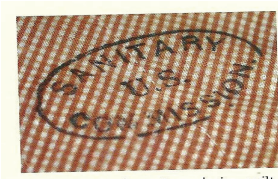
These four are for our 2012 Auction - We need everyone's help, to make it a success!



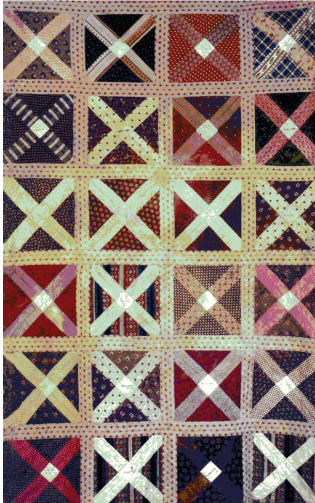
These five quilts are from our QPC (Quilt Projects Committee) - See Carol Rouse for more details!

Pieces of the Past: U. S. Sanitary Commission Quilts

Ellen Hernandez



What happens when an American President asks *women* to help his 75,000 troops? In 1861, women organized groups across the nation, brainstormed ways to raise funds, held Fairs, collected an abundance of supplies, provided hands on compassionate care, and made over 250,000 quilts! The U.S. Sanitary Commission (USSC), the pre-cursor of the Red Cross, developed as a volunteer civilian organization with about 10,000 Ladies Aid Societies throughout the North.



Some quilt patterns used by the USSC women included album blocks, Nine Patch, and Chimney Sweep, all of which could be signed. Personal messages were often included. A discovered document included the story of a soldier who was near death in a Beaufort hospital. When his bed was changed, a USSC quilt was placed on it. The soldier became revived when he noticed that his wife's name was written on one of the blocks, and he recovered from his wounds.

The USSC chapters kept meticulous records of their work and donations. They contributed bandages, medicines, food, clothing, linens, toiletries, stationary, and sewing kits, as well as quilts. The cot sized quilts were about 48" x 84" and could also be used as a bedroll. A USSC oval logo stamp was put on the quilts. Because of their heavy use, staining from surgeries, or being used as burial cloths, only about five of these quilts have been located. This USSC 1860s Cross X quilt is displayed in the A.K. Smiley Library's Lincoln Memorial Shrine Museum in Redlands, CA.



Another surviving quilt came from the women of Dublin, NH. This blue, brown and red Nine Patch is made of 40 blocks. Inscriptions include a dedication to the towns 60 volunteer soldiers (23 died during the War.) The 1863 Dublin Quilt resurfaced in 1968 at a CA charity sale. The woman who bought the quilt gave it to her friend, Jan Dodge. Jan liked old quilts, but saw that it was fragile and packed it away. In 1985, Jan attended a Civil War quilt presentation by the American Quilt Study Group and learned of the USSC. After some time searching, Jan found the quilt and discovered its USSC stamp. Since then, she was able to share the quilt with her guild, the AQSG, and the descendants of Dublin.

The Home of the Brave Quilt Project (www.homeofthebravequilts.com) is a nationwide non-political activity started by Don Beld, a CA quilter. Volunteers make quilt replicas of the Cross X quilt of the USSC and present them to the next of kin of service men and women who have died during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

How Can You Help? You can make a block and bring it to me, Ellen, at Guild meetings. I will have quick block directions available. Texas has lost 561 soldiers, and many more quilts are needed.



Hand quilting Bee- meets every Wednesday at 16240 San Pedro in the club house at 12:30.

Open-contact Charlotte Keener

Bits n Pieces Bee-meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 1:00-3:00 at Memories by the Yard.

Open-call 690-9030.

Needle Benders Bee-meets every Thursday at the Army Retirement Community at 9:30. Quilting on a frame. Open -call Kolodzie Harper at 277-0845.

Wearable Arts Bee-meets at Creative Sewing Center on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Open-call Ida Blankenship at 690-0828.

Cut up appliqué Bee-meets on Monday's at Jean Powell's from 9:30-11:30. Bee is full.

Scraps for Life Bee-meets every Monday morning from 9:00-12:00 at Lackland Baptist Church.,

Open-call Dusty Sherrill at 673-6614.

Dark Side Bee-meets every other Wednesday at Memories by the yard.

Contact Bobbie Ashley 836-5658.

Friday Night Friends Bee-meets 2:00-6:00 at the Senior Center in Bandera.

Contact Betty Brister at 830-460-7313.

Quilt-In-meets at 10:00 at Memories by the yard on the fourth Wed. of the month. Open to all GSAQG members. Contact Shirley Carter at 452-3801 for further info.

Great Northwest Library Bee - Meets 3rd Sat. each month 10:00am-1:00pm @ the Public Library on Grissom and Culebra. We Welcome New Members!

Quilt Project Committee (commonly known as QPC)

This committee encourages members to try techniques or practice ones to improve their work. We provide kits with instructions and fabric for blocks utilizing various techniques – both hand and machine work. The committee is taking time out to celebrate the holidays with our families and friends. Hope you are too. Check our table in January. Though we showed five finished tops at the Nov meeting, we have more in progress. So I'm sure you can find something to try -- or just to help out the guild.

Oh by the way, if you have kits checked out that you've been meaning to do, you might want to finish them for the January meeting -- one of the prizes is a jelly roll of hand dyed fabric!

Carol Rouse Chair QPC Committee - 210-699-9363

Storybooks and Quilts to Go

International Festival at Houston was amazing! So many beautiful art quilts and traditional quilts, and WAY too many vendors with new and wonderful 'stuff'. Thanks again to Melanie and Brook for all their hard work making the bus trip fun and easy for everyone.

One of my favorite booths to visit every year is the Hmong Pandau needle work. This year I was able to purchase two gorgeous story cloths and some reverse applique blocks to go with our bilingual book Grandfather's Story Cloth. Gail Dickman has accepted the challenge of using them to construct the quilt to go with this touching story about a little boy and his grandfather. Doris Patterson also adopted a book at the meeting, leaving only two more available titles.

Dea Jae Shore brought in a finished quilt to go with Texas Star, a book about a quilting bee on a wintry Texas day, along with a duplicate copy of The Quilt Story. It is nice to have extra copies of some of our most popular books on hand – sometimes they are handled so much that they need to be replaced. Pamela Hoelscher finished a top for Abby Longbotham and the Quilt which needs someone to layer and quilt it before it can be added to distribution.

Just a reminder – we are not having services at the Christmas party, but I will accept any finished quilts and will have the Grandmother Kits if anyone wants a quilt and book to share with little visitors over the holidays.

Sherry Duringer, Chair, Storybooks and Quilts to Go

This is "A San Antonio Fiesta" which was the Raffle Quilt from our Quilt Show in 2007 when Janet Miller was chair of the show. It was designed by Janet along with help from Barbara Hodge and her Beemates, and worked on by many Guild Members, you can see their names on the pieces of confetti coming out of the cascarones! It won 1st place in its category at the Dallas Show, and at the NQA Show in Columbus Ohio. It was won by Dale Flashberg (a guild member), she truly has an heriloom to pass down for generations to come! Thanks Dale for sharing it with everyone that attended the Houston Show!

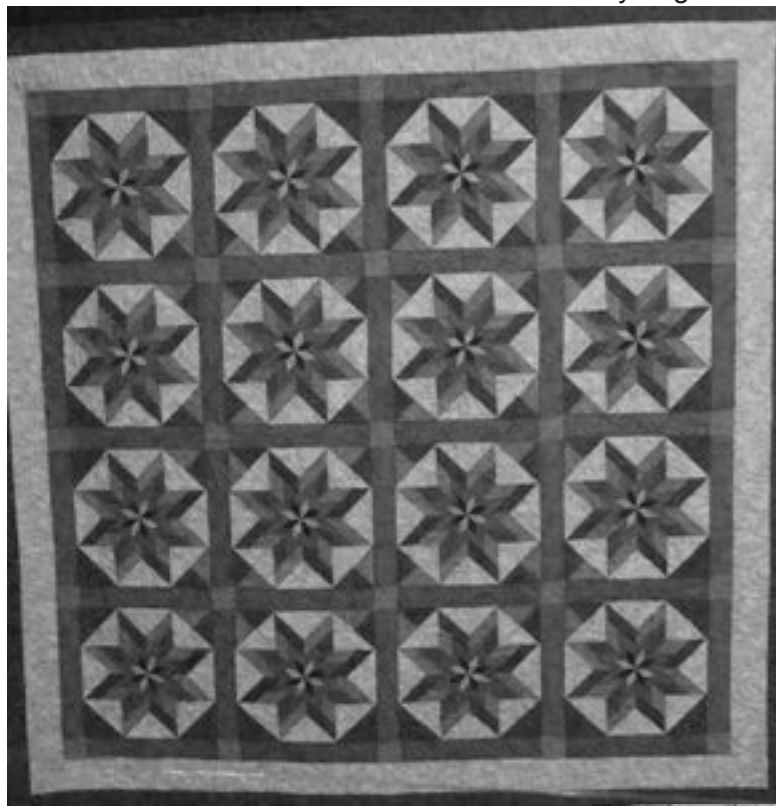


Congratulations to all that worked on this beautiful quilt!

It is a huge honor to have something in the Houston International Quilt Festival!
Check out all of our GSAQG Guild members on the next 3 pages!!!

Martha Kraatz made both of these quilts that were hanging at the Houston International Quilt Festival!! They were in a special exhibit of Texas Award winning Quilts.

Way to go Marti!!!



A month at the shore by Martha A. Kraatz

San Antonio, Texas
USA

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Techniques: Paper pieced, pieced

Design Source: Ohio Star

Honorable Mention, Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

This was my first attempt using the paper piecing method by Carol Doak. The pattern is from Carol's book, *50 Fabulous Paper Pieced Stars*, using the pattern Alabama.

We were on vacation in Florida and my goal was to finish the entire quilt top. It took me a month at the shore to complete the quilt top, hence, the name of the quilt!

Texas Guilds' Award-winning Traditional Quilts 2011

The First Day by Martha A. Kraatz

San Antonio, Texas
USA
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Techniques: Machine pieced, machine quilted

Design Source: Ohio Star

Honorable Mention, Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

The Bible was the inspiration for the quilt, "The First Day... let there be light."

The quilt represents the sun breaking through the darkness of the universe.



*Texas Guilds' Award-winning
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Spiral Galaxy
by Vickie K. Owen

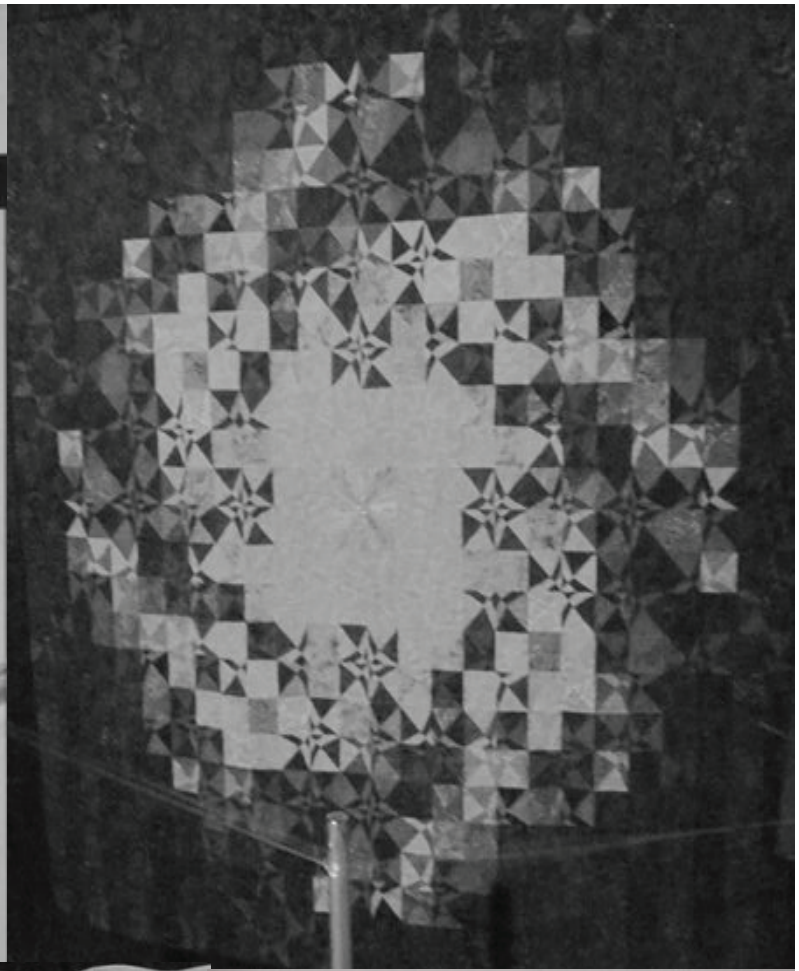
San Antonio, Texas
USA

Techniques: Foundation paper pieced

Design Source: At a quilt show, I was mesmerized by the use of the traditional block, Night and Day, to create a beautiful depiction of the beauty of space.

Honorable Mention, New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild and Quilters' Guild of East Texas

This design tugged at my imagination. To utilize such a basic design block and manipulate the color for an unexpected result was an exciting challenge. I was making my nephew's quilt for his 30th birthday and this is the quilt he selected from my notebook of "quilt I want to make before I die". My favorite technique is piecing and my favorite patterns are those of my grandmothers' era.



Dresses on Parade

by Martha A. Kraatz, Linda Ethridge,
Lori Branson, Gail Daniel, Sue Self, Pat
Martin, Bobbie Ashley, Kay Pizzini, Pat
Cavanaugh

San Antonio, Texas
USA

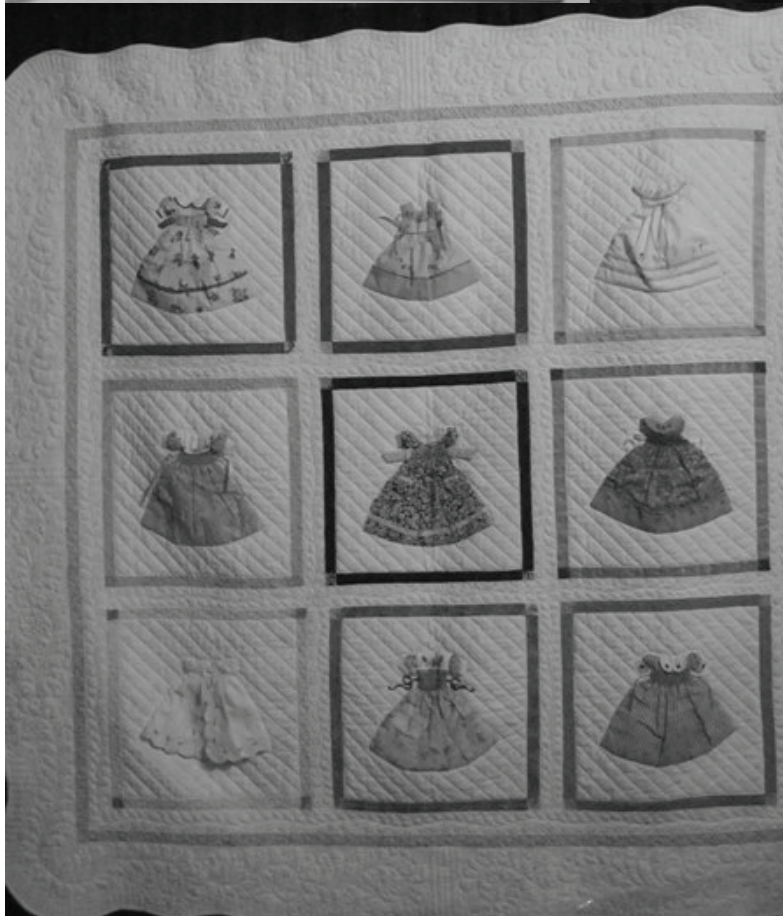
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Techniques: Hand stitched, smocked, beaded,
appliquéd

Design Source: The dresses of Brenda K. Shade

Honorable Mention, Greater San Antonio Quilt
Guild

We decided to create this quilt as a collaborative
entry for the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild Show.
It will be auctioned to benefit the charitable
organization of the guild's choice.





Ashley's Flower Basket by Kit Kucinkas

San Antonio, Texas
USA

Techniques: Machine stitched, raw edge appliqué, machine quilted

Design Source: Sue Nickels' rendition of the traditional Flower Basket pattern, Ashley's Flower Basket

1st Place – Small Appliquéd, Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

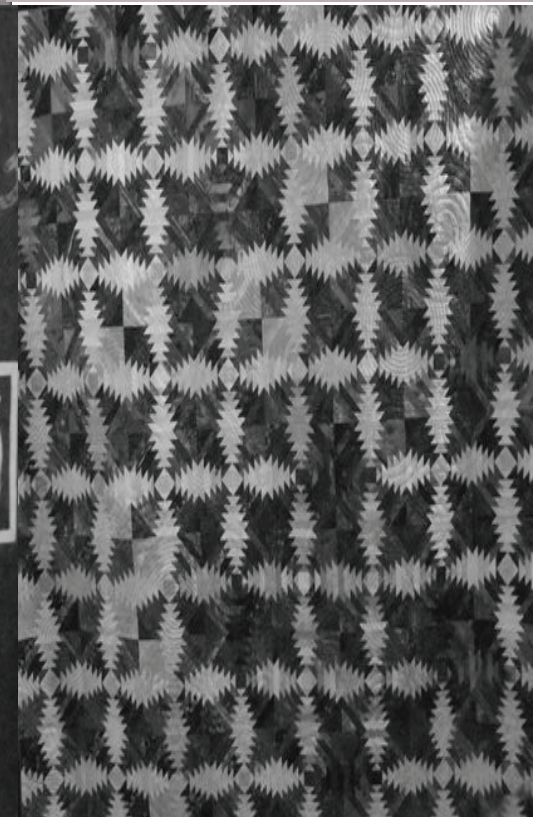
This quilt was started in a Sue Nickels' one-week machine appliqué class at Quilting Adventures in the Texas Hill Country. I love trying new techniques and seeing how each classmate's choice of colors created a diversity of results. I added the metallic thread after seeing a similar technique used in Ricky Tims' quilts.



"The King's Secret Gypsy" Doll made by Sandra Bloom



"Tiger Tiger" made by Holly Nelson and the Kerville Bee



"Tropical Insanity" made by Karen Nanos



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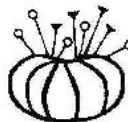


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Dec. 10th	Secret Pals	8:30AM
	GUILD MEETING	11:00 AM
	@ St. Andrew's Church	
Dec. 20th	Wearable Art	6:30 PM
	Creative Sewing Center	
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Dec. 28th	Quilt In	10:00 AM
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