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# Common Threads

## Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.



www.sanantonioquilt.org  
210-695-8737

### Feb. 11th Guild Meeting

9:30 Services  
10:00 General Business  
Meeting @  
Saint Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church  
8231 Callaghan Rd.

### February Program

Alicia Alva-Workshops  
Fri. and Sat.

### March Program

Mickey Mowry- lecture  
Anne Blake demo after  
meeting

1st Annual Mini Retreat  
March 23rd 6pm-10pm  
March 24th 8am-6pm  
Only \$15!!!! (Limit 30)  
Sign Up @ Feb. Guild!

### 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 to new Guild members Art Kraatz and Maritza Recuero. Thanks for joining the Guild, we are looking forward to working with you on Guild projects.

The free hand applique class taught by Holly Nelson at the January meeting was dynamite. So many tips, tricks and techniques were covered in the 3½ hour class, several members stated one of the best classes they had ever attended. We were so lucky to have award winning teachers, Holly, Betty Brister and De Leclair.

Have to get my projects ready for Winter Retreat. Couldn't believe the number of members already packed. Am still working on my paper pieced state stars but now have two more projects started and then there is the Susan Cleveland class demo blocks members have given me. Might as well bring some embroidery, may get tired of sitting at the sewing machine. Sooooo many projects soooo little time.

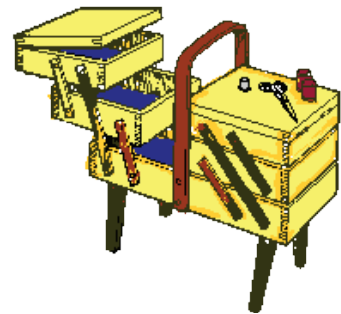
Looking forward to the mini Retreat in March. Another great chance to work on your projects and visit with fellow Guild members.

Janet Miller President, GSAQG



Our newest members!  
Maritza Recuero and  
Art Kraatz

Make sure to introduce  
yourself and make them  
feel WELCOME!



Bernie Ferris received  
a Calico Rose Bud for  
chairing the annual  
Christmas Party



Mary Ruth Flores received  
a Calico Rose for her hard  
work on "Fall of the Alamo"  
reenactment day in Oct. 2011..



Melanie McInnis received  
a Calico Rose the working  
on the Houston Bus Trip  
in November 2011.



## 2011 Program Notes

## GSAQG Mini-Retreat

### February - Alicia Avila Workshops

Full payment must be made at time of registration.

February 10, Fri. 9:00-4:00pm Sun Faces-done with glue sticks and sewn on a machine \$25.

February 11, Sat. 1:00-4:00 No Restraint Machine

Quilting is piecing done with NO measuring! \$15.

There will be samples at the Jan., guild meeting.

### March - Mickey Mowry "Sew Many Pieces" lecture

Free Hand Quilting with Kathy Wallace after meeting

Mini Retreat Planned for 23rd & 24th

### April - Guild Work Day

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](http://www.sanantonioquilt.org)

## NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE is Midnight - Monday after Guild meeting.

E-mail to [quiltnews@dishmail.net](mailto: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

There will be a mini-retreat for guild members on Friday 23 March and Saturday 24 March. Bring your machine and your project to St Andrew Presbyterian Church (where our meetings are held) 6pm 'til 10pm on Friday. The machines will stay overnight but quilters will go home to sleep. On Saturday the doors will open at 8am and close at 6pm. There is a \$15 fee for participating and a limit of 30 quilters. Pizza and prizes provided. Sign up and pay at the February meeting.

## Workshop with Cynthia England

Cynthia England will be here in May with a class on her "Texas" quilt and a class on Design. Friday 11 May 9 - 3, \$25 and Saturday 12 May 1- 4, \$15. Sign ups with payment will begin at the March guild meeting. Please note there is a \$24 kit fee for the "Texas" class and a \$10 kit fee for the design class. Kit fees are payable to the instructor on the day of the class. [englanddesign.com](http://englanddesign.com)

## Nametag Challenge

Time to get creative! Make a wearable name tag out of fabric, with your name easily readable. Bring it to the July guild meeting where all will be displayed and members will vote for the best. Prizes will be awarded.

Auction News from [ellenhernandez@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenhernandez@hotmail.com); 210-520-1335  
Lots of big THANK YOUs

to those who checked out a quilt kit in January to complete. It will be exciting to see how these items are transformed with your artistic touch. There are 36 MORE kits that need to find a nice, quilty home before October 6th! PLEASE - we need YOUR help.

to Helen Bartlett for donating her adorable red, black and white cathedral window quilt, and Sharon Ross/ Bright Hopes for the froggy tote, and Marilyn Bellows for beautifully completing *Hidden Stars*.

to those who stayed for the Auction Bee and completed the binding on the ITC quilt.

to volunteers Gail Daniel at Registration and Holly Nelson as Emcee. We still need help with Floor Walkers (carry quilt from stand to stage), Baggers, and Silent Auction. Yes, we will have a Silent Auction table for smaller quilted items and a few boutique items.

More new news...how about donating your services? You can place for bid your service as a binder, quilter,

accu-cutter, etc - you set the limits, such as "double fold bind one twin size quilt." See Ellen or Linda Ethridge if you have questions.

### **GSAQG BOARD Meeting Minutes**

The January 7, 2012 board meeting of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild was called to order at 10:23 a.m. by President Janet Miller at the home of Cindy Shutt. Present were Janet Miller, Dea-Jae Shore, Donniss Todd, Cindy Shutt, Melanie McInnis, Mary McCarthy, Sandi Price, and Larry Beauchamp. Minutes from the December 2011 meeting were approved as published.

**President—Janet Miller:** Motion made and approved to accept Larry Beauchamp as Parliamentarian. Approved motions to award a Calico Rose to Melanie McInnis for the Houston bus trip and a Calico Rosebud to Bernie Farris for chairing the 2011 Christmas party. President Miller read a letter from the Ethel Howey Grant committee which announced the winner of the grant for 2012, Vickie Owen. A request for a donation from the National Guild Museum was discussed and rejected. The board decided to look into giving a donation to the LaGrange Quilt Museum.

**President Pro-Tem/Dea-Jae Shore:** Discussed the care of keys to the storage unit and determined that certain board members would hold a key and tell members which board member to contact.

**Secretary—Donniss Todd:** 2 calls to guild hot line in December.

**Treasurer—Cindy Shutt:** Reported that November financial rpts have been approved and a January fund balance of \$74, 679.46.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Special Events—Sandra Bloom:** Absent. Janet reported that winter retreat has added attendees from the waiting list.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Newsletter—Melanie McInnis:** Reported that 50 people paid dues by credit card and that 98 people have not renewed their membership.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President/Programs—Mary McCarthy:** Board decided to change the distance rate paid to presenters to less than 350 miles. Guidelines for the name tag challenge determined.

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice President/Services—Sandi Price:** Reported inventory of library on January 7 and that Carol Rouse (QPC) has requested assistance in sorting scraps after one of the meetings. March and/or April meetings suggested.

**5<sup>th</sup> Vice President/Community Outreach—Barbara Sumlin:** Absent. Janet reported that Sharon Ross (Bright Hopes) requested a recorded value of quilts and totes to be \$25 and \$6. Donniss reported on Carson Elementary Quilt Night in February.

**Parliamentarian—Larry Beauchamp:** No report

**Unfinished Business:** None

Meeting suspended at 11:15 a.m. to discuss by-law changes and resumed at 2:25 p.m.

**New Business:** Board reviewed bylaws and will propose revisions to the membership.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:30 p.m.

Donniss Todd, Secretary

### **GSAQG GUILD Meeting Minutes**

The January 14, 2012 meeting of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild was called to order by President Janet Miller at 10:03 a.m. at St Andrew Presbyterian Church. Present were 135 members and 6 guests. Name tag fines totaled \$4.00. The minutes of the November 2011 meeting were approved as published.

**President—Janet Miller:** Acknowledged new members. Welcomed the Marble Falls Quilt Group who displayed their raffle quilt. Presented a Calico Rose to Melanie McInnis for the Houston bus trip and a Calico Rosebud to Bernie Farris for chairing the December Christmas party. **Ethel Howey Grant:** Barbara Wofford announced the 2012 winner, Vickie Owen. Vickie presented samples of the paper piecing projects and plans to use the grant to take additional classes. Janet announced the **Sherry Allred Grant** for the summer retreat open for application.

**President Pro-Tem—Dea Jae Shore:** No report. Janet introduced Dea Jae and briefly explained her duties.

**Secretary—Donniss Todd:** No report

**Treasurer—Cindy Shutt:** Reported a January fund balance of \$74, 841.26

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President—Special Events: Sandra Bloom:** Reported on Winter Retreat. 2012 **Auction:** Ellen Hernandez displayed donations and requested that members volunteer for the October 6 event.

**Summer Retreat:** Sandra reported sign-up will begin in February, the theme is Birds of a Feather Flock Together, and dates are June 10-15.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Newsletter—Melanie McInnis:** Announced Sherry Sorbera's resignation from photos and accepted volunteers for the position. Urged members to pay dues by January 31 to have names in directory.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President/Programs—Mary McCarthy:** Announced the name tag challenge for July and hand quilting classes to be held after the March meeting and on-going throughout the year. Reported on mini retreat at the church on March 23-24. Announced programs through May.

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice President/Services—Sandi Price:** Carol Rouse (QPC) announced the winner of the Golden Carrot. Jackie Randall (**DVD Collection**) reported on the status of videos and urged check out of DVD's.

**5<sup>th</sup> Vice President/Community Outreach—Barbara Sumlin:** Donniss Todd requested volunteers for the Quilt Night at Carson Elementary in February. Kathy Wallace presented plans for the hand quilting classes to begin in March. Sherry Durringer (**Story Book Quilts**) reported on volunteers, donated books and that quilts have been given to schools and the Institute of Texan Cultures. She reported that schools are requesting volunteers to read to children. Sharon Ross reported donation of 50 quilts and 40 totes to **Bright Hopes** in January and displayed donated hand-dyed fabric squares to be used in a future challenge.

**Parliamentarian—Larry Beauchamp:** No report

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.  
Donniss Todd, Secretary

**Hand Quilting Class**

There will be a class on hand quilting after the March meeting. This is free to members who want to learn how to hand quilt.

Anne Blake will speak to us about her views on quilting, about how it should be a low-key activity with minimal anxiety. She will help you to relax and enjoy the process!

We will provide a small quilt sample for you to stitch and to keep. This will allow us to focus on the quilting itself and not be delayed with an assignment to piece and/or appliqué the quilt top before we could get started on the quilting. We will also supply several colors of quilting thread so you can choose something that will contrast enough to see your stitches.

We will have several experienced quilters on hand so that you can ask questions and get assistance as you work.

Supplies you should bring:

- quilting hoop, 9 - 14 inches in diameter
- quilting needles, which are called "betweens" Beginning quilters tend to prefer a fairly long needle, such as a size 9.
- Thimble to fit the middle finger on your dominant hand
- Scissors for snipping thread

There will be a sign-up sheet at the February guild meeting. This will give us a head count so that we will have enough quilt samples for everyone. If you have any questions regarding this class, please call Cathy Wallace at 210-698-0269.



From the Book Library

An inventory was conducted in early Jan. of the entire library. I want to thank those to participated and made the event run smooth and fairly quickly! Mary Ruth Flores, Shirley Carter, Sherry Durringer, Cathy Wallace, Lani Nunley, and Jackie Randall It went much quicker than I had anticipated... again proving happy hands make light work!

Janette Jay-Chair



**GSAQG Treasurer's Report**

For the twelve months ending 12/31/11 By Cindy Shutt

	YTD Actual	2011 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Interest		\$ 550.00
Savings	\$ 42.05	
CD Interest	\$ 706.62	
Other income	\$ 12.08	\$ 1,000.00
Magazine Sales	\$ 797.40	\$ 450.00
Nametag fines	\$ 26.84	\$ 25.00
Library Sale		
Pin Sale	\$ 9.00	
Contributions	\$ 5,000.00	
Dues - Membership	\$ 5,135.00	\$ 4,000.00
Newsletter/Directory Ads	\$ 875.00	\$ 500.00
Quilt Show	\$41,683.65	\$ 54,600.00
Workshops	\$ 3,255.00	\$ 3,000.00
Retreat - Summer	\$ 9,420.00	\$ 7,500.00
Retreat - Winter	\$ 7,935.00	\$ 8,000.00
Houston Bus trip	\$ 3,031.00	\$ 2,400.00
Auction		
Total Revenues	<u>\$77,928.64</u>	<u>\$ 82,025.00</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Administration:</b>		
Administration	\$ 3,772.82	\$ 4,000.00
Door Prizes	\$ 221.42	\$ 150.00
Telephone	\$ 712.14	\$ 600.00
Storage facility	\$ 5,439.00	\$ 5,300.00
Rent (Meetings)	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 1,650.00
<b>Membership expenses:</b>		
Membership supplies	\$ 403.53	\$ 50.00
Newsletter/Directory printing	\$ 3,295.08	\$ 3,400.00
Postage, Bulk	\$ 892.12	\$ 700.00
Web page	\$ 431.25	\$ 300.00
<b>Quilt Show</b>	<u>\$32,616.63</u>	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>
<b>Community activities:</b>		
Charitable Contribution	\$ 100.00	
Bright Hopes	\$ 947.58	\$ 400.00
Storybook Quilts	\$ 296.17	\$ 200.00
Community Outreach		\$ 175.00
<b>Membership Services &amp; Activities:</b>		
Sherry Allred Grant	\$ 325.00	\$ 335.00
Ethel Howey Grant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Library	\$ 260.00	\$ 300.00
Patterns		\$ 50.00
QPC	\$ 503.54	\$ 500.00
Video Library	\$ 274.98	\$ 125.00
Programs	\$ 6,587.79	\$ 7,000.00
Workshops	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Self-sustaining activities:</b>		
Retreat - Summer	\$ 9,406.55	\$ 7,500.00
Retreat - Winter	\$ 7,672.28	\$ 8,000.00
Houston bus trip	\$ 3,002.43	\$ 2,400.00
Auction	\$ 260.98	\$ 1,500.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$83,901.29</u>	<u>\$ 79,635.00</u>
Net	\$	\$ 2,390.00
	(5,972.65)	
Ending Jefferson	\$18,365.69	
Operating		
Ending Jefferson Savings	\$ 5,490.58	
SSFCU CD's & savings	\$36,585.56	
SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$14,399.43	
Total Guild Funds	<u>\$74,841.26</u>	

Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer



**GSAQG Sunshine & Shadows**  
**ellenhernandez@hotmail.com**  
**210-520-1335**

Winedale will host its Annual Quilt Exhibit for 2012 at 3738 FM 2714 Round Top, TX (north of La-Grange) on February 12-25th. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit is Making Do With Little: Cotton Sacks and Cotton Sack Quilts in the Wine-dale Historic Quilt Collection. 979-278-3530

Bear Creek Quilt Guild Biennial Quilt Show on Fri. 2/17 and Sat. 2/18 @ Hurst Conference Center in Hurst, TX for more info go to their web site at

[www.bearcreekquiltguild.org](http://www.bearcreekquiltguild.org)

**We extend our sympathies to:**

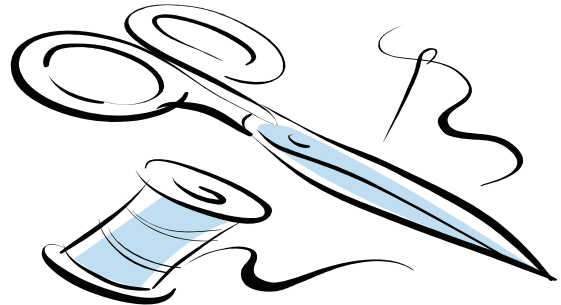
Dea Jae Shore on the loss of her father 25 Dec in Harlingen, TX. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mavis Holmes on the loss of her husband, James, 62 who died in Baytown 31 Dec. (Mavis' sister was Sherry Allred.)

To the family of Wilanna Bristow. She died 1 Jan. Wilanna was a former member, Guild guest speaker, Show judge and friend of Ethel Howey. Memorial contributions may be made to The Embroiders' Guild of America [www.egausa.org](http://www.egausa.org).



Golden Carrot winner was Anne Blake!!!  
 Everyone turning in projects for Bright Hopes Storybook Quilts and (QPC) Quilt Project Committee are entered into a drawing each month.



We are looking for someone to be our Guild Photographer. They would need to be at all meetings and special events and have a good working knowledge of how to send pictures via the internet. Please contact Melanie McInnis for more info @ 210-219-2365.

**COMMITTEES**

Advertising	Nancy Beasley	685-2345	Youth Alternatives	Charlene Carroll	699-8798
Archivist	Dea Jae Shore	590-3013	QPC	Carol Rouse	699-9363
Bee Keeper	Bernie Farris	695-4323	Summer Retreat	Bobbie Ashley	836-5658
Bright Hopes	Sharon Ross	542-1464	Winter Retreat	Sandi Price	695-6451
Community Ed	Donnis Todd	661-3530		Dorothy Reischman	830-426-2997
Directory	Melanie McInnis	219-2365	Secret Sister	Melissa Allo	681-5722
Folk Life Festival	Kay Allison	733-1744	Storybook Quilts	Sherry Durringer	347-9830
Institute TX Culture	Kay Allison	733-1744	Sunshine&Shadows	Ellen Hernandez	520-1335
Library-Books	Jeanette Jay	924-2451	Videos & DVD's	Jackie Randall	492-8073
Magazines	Ellen Hernandez	520-1335	Webmistress	Dea Jae Shore	590-3013
Membership	Gloria Hammond	590-6406	Member Sign In	Kitty Janiga	710-1909
Guest Welcoming	Terry Hooge	279-6458		Sandra Lowell	681-1901
Newsletter	Melanie McInnis	219-2365			
Patterns	Patricia Patton	861-3944			
Photographs	Sherry Sorber	830-980-4627			

**GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD, INC.**

**SHERRY ALLRED GRANT PROGRAM for SUMMER RETREAT TUITION**

**MISSION**

The Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild has established a grant program in honor of esteemed founding member, Sherry Allred.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this grant program is to allow a current guild member to attend the current year's GSAQG Summer Retreat at no charge to the member for enrollment. The grant must be used for the cost of Summer Retreat only. The grant will be awarded annually, not to exceed the cost of Summer Retreat. If the grant recipient has made any payments toward the Retreat costs such payments shall be refunded to the recipient.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicant must be an active GSAQG member in good standing for the previous two years immediately preceding the grant deadline.
2. Financial need **will not** be a criterion for selection.
3. Grant recipients are ineligible to reapply for the grant for three years.
4. Board members are ineligible for grants while serving on a GSAQG board term.
5. Current board members will vote at the April Board meeting. The president will retain all personal information for each application; a blind vote will be based on the written paragraph only submitted by each applicant.

**PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES**

Applications must be submitted on or before March guild Meeting (current year), the grant will be awarded at the following April guild meeting.

**GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD, INC.** # \_\_\_\_\_

**GRANT PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION**

Applicant must submit all requested information including this page. Application may be typed or hand written, not to exceed one page.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as a member of the GSAQG \_\_\_\_\_

May the Guild publish your paragraph in the Newsletter?  yes  no

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1. Write a paragraph explaining what you'd like to accomplish at Summer retreat.

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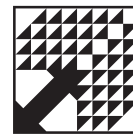
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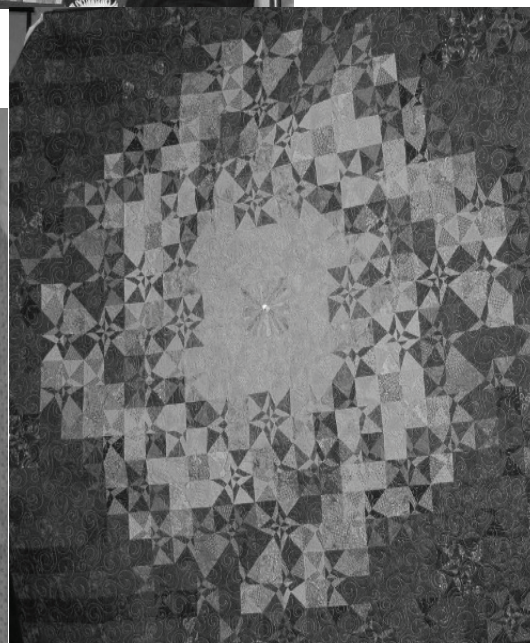


On the left is a piece that Vickie made using the paper piecing method. It allows you to make VERY small pieces very accurately.

Vickie Owen was announced as the winner of the \$1000.00 Ethel Howey Grant for 2012 by Chair - Barbara Wofford. She will be studying the art of paper piecing and will bring all of her learning to the guild in a program during 2013. Congratulations Vickie!!!



This paper piecing piece that Vickie made was done as a gift using fun in the sun as the theme.

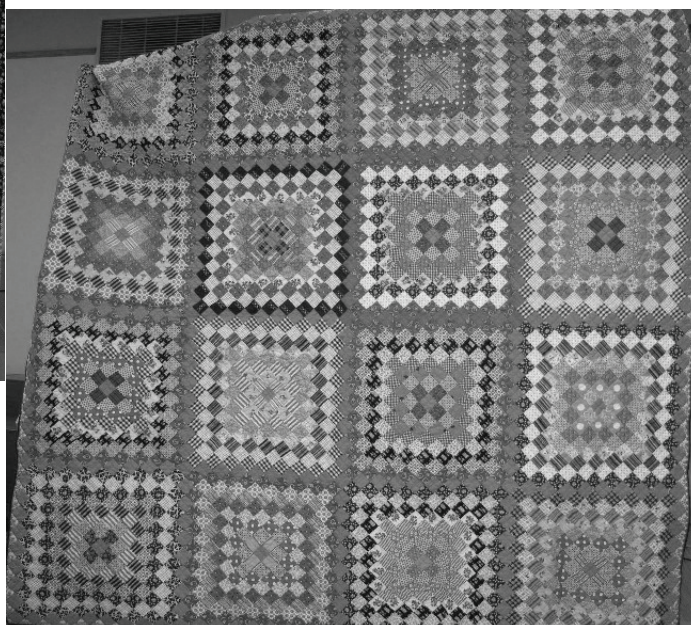
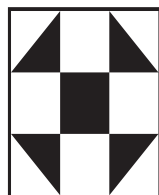


This paper pieced quilt that Vickie made was hanging in the Houston Show! She said she will not try this one again --- ever!

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



Anne Corzine did this red, pink, and cream quilt called Paris Plaid and put a cute print backing on it with hats all over it!



Shown on the left Sherry Durringer brought this huge 96x96 vintage scrappy quilt for us to see. Her mom found the top in a resale shop in the Kerrville area. Based on the flour sacks and prints used --- there were no beds this large when it was made.

Sherry took it to The Institute of Texan Cultures during the 2011 Folklife Festival where it was hand quilted by various guild members.

She named it "Life is a Journey-- Not a Destination"

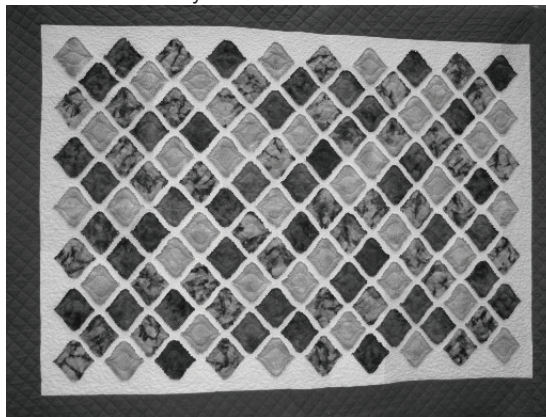
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Gail Dickman is thrilled to have this quilt done. Her Great Grandmother hand pieced it, and she took it to the Institute of Texan Cultures where guild members helped her hand quilt it, and taught her how to put a scalloped edge on it! This is truly and heirloom quilt!



Lorna Dressler and new member Cornelia Beach did these two "Log Cabin Medley" quilts by taking the FREE classes at Celeste Stotler's house. Both are queen size and look very different in color. Check them out on the web site.

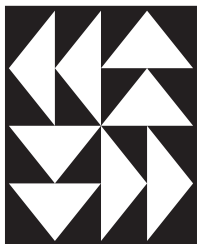


On the left Marilyn Bellows calls this her "Heartbreak Quilt" because after she washed it, the flannel bled on everything!

It is 68"x84" and the pattern is called "raw edge applique ornaments"



Shown on the left are Jeannette Jay, Mary Ruth Flores, and Carol Rouse got together and hand dyed some fabric. This is what they ended up with. Some of those ugly prints turned out really nice!

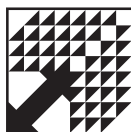


The bag on the right was made in Sandra Blooms Class and it was her first bag ever! Great Job! But you did not put your name on the bring and brag slip --- let me know and I will put it in next month!



This is a framed picture of a quilt that was given to Linda Kirk for Christmas by the person that helped her make the quilt.

Awesome idea!

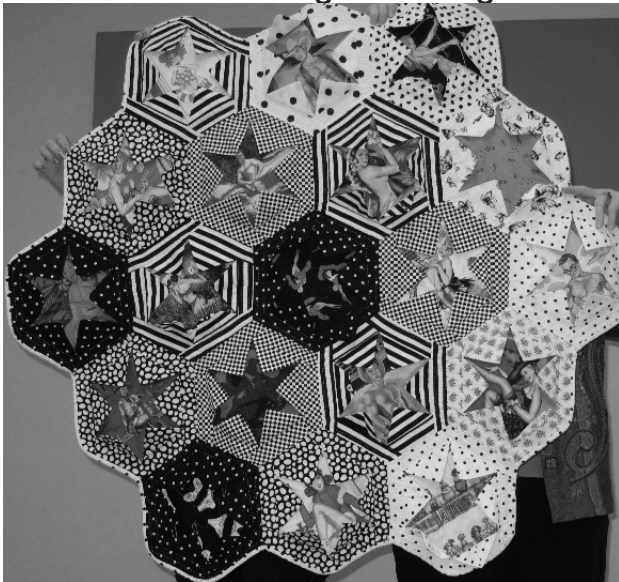


Marilyn Bellows showed us this beautiful quilt from a pattern called "Broken Star" out of a McCall's magazine that said "quilt as desired" with no instructions on how to quilt it as pictured. Soooo she made up her own fleur-de-lys that she thinks looks like a bug, so she calls it her "Bug Quilt" It just looks like gorgeous trapunto work to me!

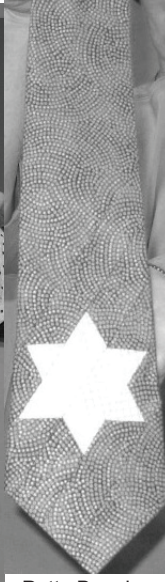




# Bring and Brag is "Sew" Much Fun To See Every Month!



Dit Justiss showed us this "Adults Only" Hexagon wall hanging that she just finished. This one had to be left on a table for everyone to get a better look at it!!



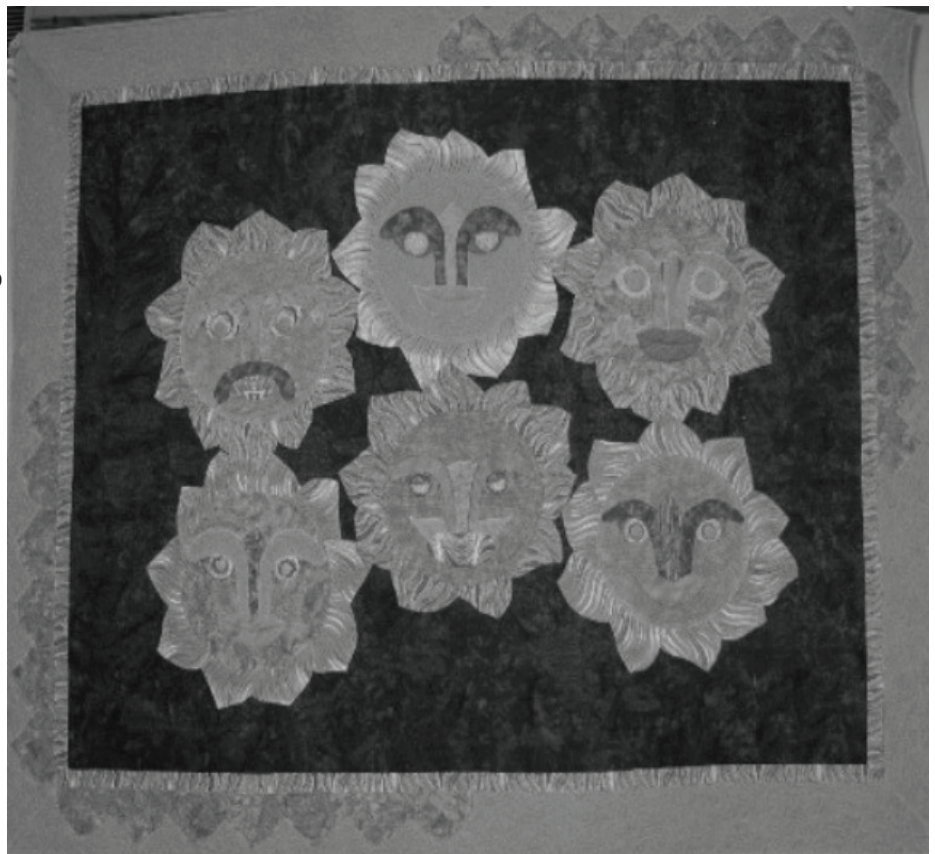
Patty Beasley has been making "Star of David" ties for all the important men in her life!



Cathy Wallace did this from a 4 part series in a 2010 Quilt-maker Magazine called "The House Quilt" it is 62x80 and was quilted by hand by guild members at The Institute of Texan Cultures.



On the right is a beautiful quilt that new member Alicia Avila designed and will be teaching in our class "Sun Faces" in Feb. It is an example of some of the different faces that she will be showing us how to do. This quilt is going on the road for a year in China and is one of her original designs. We are all looking forward to learning from her!



See these and many more (in color) on our web site [www.sanantonioquilt.org](http://www.sanantonioquilt.org)



What sewing accessory is 3.5" x 3.5" x 6.5", handmade of oak with dovetail joints, and opens up accordion style? The answer is...the 1888 Greist Style box. It was invented to hold Singer sewing machine attachments which were then included with the purchase of the machine. The box fit perfectly into the Singer treadle sewing machine cabinet drawer.

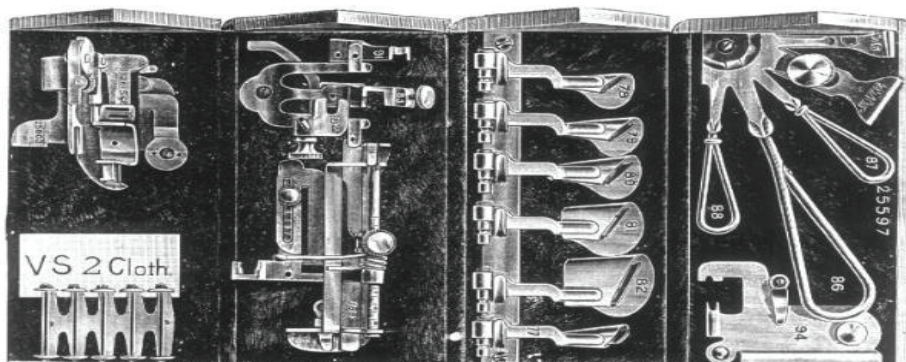
John Greist, born 1850, grew up in Indiana in a Quaker home. When John was 11, his father died, leaving John to take on a mature role in the family. At age 15 he started selling sewing machines. Five years later he began inventing and manufacturing labor saving sewing machine attachments and set up shop in Chicago. He obtained patents for almost 100 inventions, including rufflers, hemmers, tuckers, and buttonholers as well as rivets to hold fabric together. Some patents were sold to the Singer Manufacturing Company. He moved to New Jersey for a time and worked for Singer on attachments, but later moved to Connecticut to start his own business, J.M. Greist and Company, then Greist Manufacturing Company.

The style boxes changed over the years, introducing new or improved attachments. The boxes started with Number 1, and ended with Number 14. Attachments included tucking, shirring, and quilting, as well as bobbins, screws, and screwdrivers. Clothing styles of a hundred years ago called for lots of tucks, piping, and trim so these attachments were quite popular for the home seamstress.

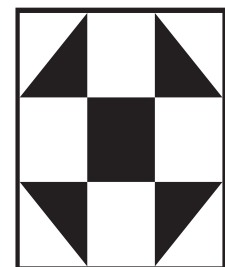
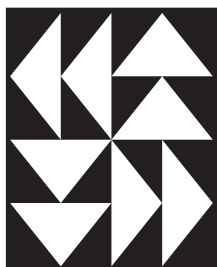
Style Box #3 from 1900 closed with a tiny latch on the side. Other models have a thumb indent.

Considered vintage now and found in museums, the odd boxes were a puzzle to many who found them in attics and at yard sales. Hence the current name "puzzle" box.

Many of the attachments found with the puzzle boxes can be used on the low shank Singer 221 Featherweight.



Stop by the magazine table and I'll be happy to show you my puzzle box and the many attachments.



**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.

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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. This year we plan to continue our efforts to turn more of the blocks we have on hand into finished tops. First, we've added borders to some Seven Sisters blocks that were donated. Then we have the Book blocks from the challenge a couple years ago -- adding a border with mitred corners. My hope is that we'll have these ready to set together at the upcoming Guild Work day. One totally new project introduced in January is an attic window block -- also called garret window.

Looking ahead: in March we are hosting a sorting party after the meeting. We have several boxes of (small??) scraps to be sorted. With a lot of helping hands, this shouldn't take more than an hour. Also, the Guild Work Day is coming in April. I already have 3 tops ready to set together. More details to come. Please check our table each month -- and make plans to join us!

Carol Rouse - Chair - QPC Committee

### Storybooks and Quilts to Go

After all the totes were gathered at the end of the semester, the records indicate that **4,487** students enjoyed the Storybooks and Quilts to Go program in the Fall 2011 semester! Some of the schools reported that they were not able to use the books as much as they wanted due to staff and budget reductions. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to read at some of the public schools this coming semester. We can still use a few more – please contact me if you would like to participate.

In the same vein, thanks to Sandra Retzloff, Cathy Wallace and Gail Dickman for assisting with sorting and delivering the quilts and books this month. This program is continuing to grow, which means we'll be coming to the guild for volunteers even more in the future.

Lois Beauchamp and Geneva Gusman each adopted a book or quilt top to finish at the January meeting, and Marge Haswell donated a book to our inventory of extra copies. We are always happy to accept donations – some of our books have been 'read to death'.

If you know of a school or organization that could benefit from the Storybooks and Quilts to Go program, please forward that info to me. I will also have brochures available at each meeting with information about the program.

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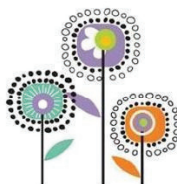
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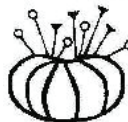


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Feb. 11th Services 9:30AM  
GUILD MEETING 10:00 AM  
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Feb. 21st Wearable Art (3rd Tue) 6:30 PM  
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Feb. 22nd Quilt In(4th Wed) 10:00 AM  
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