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# Common Threads

## Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.



www.sanantonioquilt.org  
210-695-8737

**May 12th  
Guild Meeting**  
9:30 Assorted Activities  
10:00 General Business  
Meeting  
Saint Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church  
8231 Callaghan Rd.

**May Program**  
Cynthia England  
Class 9-3 Fri. and  
Lecture 1-4 Sat

**June Program**  
Eleanor Wright  
Memorial  
FREE Classes by  
Karen Kay Buckley

**July Program**  
Name Tag Reveal!

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

Joining in March was new Guild member Elaine Aschbacher. Welcome Elaine to the Guild.

The 29 gals who attended the first annual Guild mini-retreat enjoyed it so much they did not want to wait till next year for the next one. Have contracted with St. Andrew's and we are on for another mini-retreat 21 and 22 September. Cost will be \$20.

I think the April Work Day was a success. A top for the Auction got basted, huge garbage bags full of Bright Hopes kits went out the door, a top from 2011 Summer Retreat was put together, and several QPC tops were worked on or completed. Thanks so very much to the 49 gals who stayed and worked. Lots of laughs, conversation, lunch and we got a lot done.

Am trying to get some of my many UFO's done but what did I do on the Shop Hop but buy three new projects. Am pleased to say I actually got a small Zippy Strippy bag done already! New projects are so much more fun than those UFO's.

How goes the Auction quilts you volunteered to finish? I have two I'm working on, applique with my bee and hand quilting another. Remember this Auction helps the Guild and Returning Heroes Home.

Janet Miller, President, GSAQG



Sylvia Jolet received a Calico Rose for chairing the Memorial Quilt/Bio's Committee since 2009 to present. She also proof reads the newsletter each month



Terry Hooge received a Calico Rose for chairing the Welcome Committee for the last 20+ years after taking over from her mom and then her sister. Thanks Terry!

## 2012 Program Notes

### Name tag 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.

### May Program - Cynthia England Classes

Friday 11 May 9 - 3, "Texas" quilt \$25+\$24=\$49 total.  
Saturday 12 May 1- 4, Lecture \$15+\$10=\$25 total.  
Sign ups with payment began 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

### June Program - Eleanor Wright Memorial

#### FREE Workshops with Karen Kay Buckley

Friday May 8th "Kansas Rose"  
Saturday 9th "Borders By Design" Lecture "To Border or Not to Border"

### July Program - Name Tag Reveal

Must be made of fabric, legible, and wearable. Prizes will be awarded!

Mary McCarthy 3rd VP GSAQG

## 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

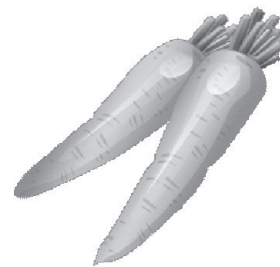
Send your check to:

GSAQG

PO Box 380522

San Antonio, TX 78268

Golden Carrot winner was Bernie Farris!!!  
Everyone turning in projects for Bright Hopes Storybook Quilts and (QPC) Quilt Project Committee are entered into a drawing each month to win prizes!!!



Be sure to make our newest member Elaine Aschbacher feel welcome. Glad to have you in our Guild Elaine. Let us know if you have any questions about how to join in all the fun!

### Summer Retreat - Birds of a Feather

6/10 - 6/15

Still 8 spots left! Cost \$325.00/person  
Contact Sandra Bloom for more info

Texas Department of Agriculture is sponsoring a block competition. Go to [www.gotexan.org](http://www.gotexan.org) to download form, or call 877 99-gotex. There is a \$20 entrance fee.

Quilters Hall of Fame, Celebration 2012, July 19-21, Marion, Indiana. Classes/lectures. [www.quiltershalloffame.net](http://www.quiltershalloffame.net)

FOLK LIFE FESTIVAL June 8 - 10. Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts. Must be able to hand quilt at a frame. I will send you an arm band good for free admission when you sign up. Park and ride or drop off by friend or family is the best way to get there. Questions to Kay Allison, ITC chairperson at 210-733-1744. We have a good time meeting the public. Short breaks allow you an opportunity to stroll the grounds and sample the good things to eat.



**GSAQG BOARD Meeting Minutes**

April 2, 2012

Present: Janet Miller, Dea Jae Shore, Cindy Shutt, Sandra Bloom, Melanie McInnis, Mary McCarthy, Sandi Price, Barbara Sumlin,

Call to Order: April Board Meeting began at 6:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: March minutes approved as published in the newsletter

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

President: Janet Miller recommended that Calico Rose's be given to Terry Hooge for Welcoming Table, and Sylvia Jolet for Memorial Quilt

President ProTem: Dea Jae Shore No report

Secretary: Donnis Todd- absent

Treasurer: Cindy Shutt - February statement has been approved. Total checking & savings on hand is \$63,056.54

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for Special Events: Sandra Bloom - Auction Chair and committee have visited Oak Hills Country Club and Ft. Sam Houston. Every position on the committee is filled. Finished quilts have been turned in, as well as tops. Summer Retreat has 22 signed up; capacity is 34. Dea Jae reported for the 2013 Quilt Show the raffle committee has met, and most of the fabric for the raffle quilt has been purchased.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Newsletter: Melanie McInnis - Report of 227 members, 27 renewed after the deadline for inclusion in the directory. Dea Jae requested that officers send her updated information on their areas for the web site, ASAP

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for Programs: Mary McCarthy Programs Planned:

April – Guild work day  
May– Cynthia England; all workshops are full

June – Karen Kay Buckley  
July – Name Tag Reveal

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President for Services: Sandi Price - Patricia Guidry has resigned after many years as chair of the pattern committee.

5<sup>th</sup> Vice President for Community Outreach: Barbara Sumlin - No report

Parliamentarian: Larry Beauchamp - absent

Unfinished Business: Updating the bylaws began at the January Board Meeting. The final changes were approved by the board at this meeting. The presentation to the membership of the updated bylaws will be published in the July newsletter for the membership approval at the July meeting.

New Business: The Sherry Allred Scholarship for the 2012 Summer Retreat will be awarded to Mary Ruth Flores. There were three applicants.

Sandi Price proposed retiring the patterns as a service for our membership. The discussion centered on the current availability of patterns through several media sources, three of which are offered at the Guild meetings: magazines, videos and DVD's, and books. A motion was made and passed to offer the collection of patterns to the Winedale Collection of Quilts, housed at the Briscoe Center's Research and Collections Division in Austin.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Sandra Bloom, Acting Secretary GSAQG

**GSAQG GUILD Meeting Minutes**

The April 14, 2012 meeting of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild was called to order by President Janet Miller at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church at 10:00 a.m. Ninety members and four guests attended the meeting. Minutes of the March meeting were approved with the correction that under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President--Mary McCarthy; Explained the process of attending the Eleanor Wright Memorial workshops, not the June Wright Memorial workshops as stated in the minutes. **President—Janet Miller:** Welcomed new members. Calico Rose was presented to Terry Hooge who has been the Welcome Chair for 20+ years and, too, Sylvia Jolet Chair of the Memorial Quilt/Bio's from 2009 to present. The selection process for the Sherry Allred Summer Retreat Grant was explained along with the reading of the current awardees' application. Mary Ruth Flores was announced as winner for this year's summer retreat grant. An announcement that the applications for the Ethel Howie Grant should be turned into Barbara Wolford.

**President Pro-Tem—Dea Jae Shore: No Report.**  
**Secretary—Donnis Todd:** Absent. Barbara Sumlin recorded the minutes.

**Treasurer—Cindy Shutt:** Reported fund balance of \$63,058.94.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Special Events—Sandra Bloom:**

Twenty three people have signed up for the Summer Retreat. There is still room for family or friends to sign up as there are 32 spaces available. 2012 Auction Chair, Ellen Hernandez announced that there are still quilts in need of quilting and binding. Sandra Lowell has an informational flyer about the bus trip which costs \$60.00. Spaces are available. Dea Jae Shore reported that the raffle quilt committee met and nearly all the 48 fabrics have been purchased. The pattern will be drawn up on the April workday.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Newsletter—Melanie McInnis:** no report

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President/Programs—Mary McCarthy:** Explained the workday lunch and procedures. Announced the presenter for May: Cynthia England. Members were encouraged to sign up for the Eleanor Wright workshops in June. Participants are drawn from the lottery along with alternates. Announced that members will reveal their name tags in July. The three requirements for the name tags are: it must be wearable, made from fabric, and the name legible.

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice President/Services—Sandi Price:** Carol Rouse awarded the Golden Carrot. The set up and specific areas for the workday was announced.  
**5<sup>th</sup> Vice President/Community Outreach—Barbara Sumlin:** Sharon Ross: Encouraged members to make quilt and tote kits during the workday. Explained the "Dog to Puppy" contest. There are still kits available and the entries are due in July.

**Parliamentarian—Larry Beauchamp:** no report.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Adjourned:** 10:25 a.m.

Submitted by Barbara Sumlin Acting Secretary



Lakeview Quilters Guild of Houston Texas upcoming quilt show, "Birds of a Feather". Will be held on May 18th and 19th at the Living Stones Church, 1407 Victory Lane in Alvin Texas. (Across from Ron Carter Chev.) We have a beautiful donation quilt, boutique, many vendors, lots of quilts and a small quilt silent auction.



**GSAQG Treasurer's Report  
For three months ending 3/31/12 By Cindy Shutt**

	YTD Actual	2012 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Interest		\$ 550.00
Savings	\$ 4.52	
CD Interest	\$ 175.05	
Other income	\$ 0.76	\$ 1,000.00
Magazine Sales	\$ 169.50	\$ 450.00
Name tag fines	\$ 8.50	\$ 25.00
Library Sale		
Pin Sale	\$ -	
Dues - Membership	\$ 1,063.00	\$ 5,000.00
Newsletter/Directory Ads	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 600.00
Quilt Show	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Workshops	\$ 645.00	\$ 4,000.00
Retreat - Summer	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 8,000.00
Retreat - Winter	\$ 7,459.25	\$ 8,000.00
Houston Bus trip	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00
Auction	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$12,905.58</b>	<b>\$ 50,525.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Administration:</b>		
Administration	\$ 1,134.37	\$ 4,000.00
Door Prizes	\$ 104.25	\$ 240.00
Telephone	\$ 155.07	\$ 600.00
Storage facility	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 5,520.00
Rent (Meetings)	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,000.00

<b>Membership expenses:</b>		
Membership supplies	\$ 25.89	\$ 150.00
Newsletter/Directory	\$ 1,011.69	\$ 3,600.00
printing		
Postage, Bulk	\$ 190.00	\$ 700.00
Web page	\$ -	\$ 300.00

<b>Quilt Show</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
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<b>Community activities:</b>		
Bright Hopes	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,000.00
Storybook Quilts	\$ 122.58	\$ 400.00
Community Outreach	\$ -	\$ 150.00

<b>Membership services &amp; Activities:</b>		
Sherry Allred Grant	\$ -	\$ 650.00
Ethel Howey Grant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Library	\$ 72.55	\$ 300.00
Patterns	\$ -	\$ 50.00
QPC	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Video Library	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Programs	\$ 1,187.62	\$ 7,000.00
Workshops	\$ 825.00	\$ 5,000.00

<b>Self-sustaining activities:</b>		
Retreat - Summer	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
Retreat - Winter	\$ 7,459.25	\$ 8,000.00
Houston bus trip	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00
Auction	\$ 21.02	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,829.29</b>	<b>\$ 62,810.00</b>
Net	\$ -	\$ -
	(2,923.71)	(12,285.00)

Ending Jefferson	\$ 2,403.80	
Operating		
Ending Jefferson Savings	\$10,494.64	
SSFCU CD's & savings	\$36,675.97	
SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$13,484.53	
<b>Total Guild Funds</b>	<b>\$63,058.94</b>	

Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer

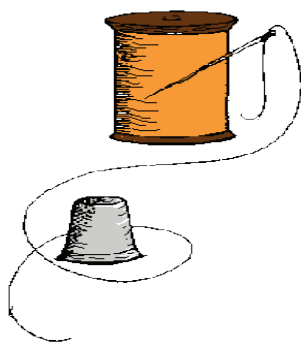




Mary Ruth Flores was awarded the "Sherry Allred Grant" which means that she will get to attend Summer Retreat and her tuition fee is paid for with the grant!

**Happy Birthday to these Members!**

JANICE	FRANKENBERGER	5/01/
EMMA	FLORES	5/03/
BEVERLY	TAFT	5/05/
LOIS	BEAUCHAMP	5/07/
CELESTE	STOTLER	5/13/
KAY	WAGNER	5/15/
GENIE	PATINO	5/16/
MANDY	FRANKEL	5/17/
LORNA	DRESSLER	5/18/
MARY S.	RODRIGUEZ	5/24/
KAREN	NANOS	5/25/
SHIRLEY	HENTHORN	5/26/
KAY	ALLISON	5/26/
JUDITH	MILLER	5/29/
ANDREA	BROWN	5/29/



Did you make this block? Do you know who did? It was left behind and will be donated to QPC if no one claims it by next meeting. Contact Mary Ruth Flores for more info.



**2012 Auction News**

**ellenhernandez@hotmail.com**

Many thanks to those who took kits to finish and helped at the Work Day. There are quite a few more kits that need to be checked out. If you don't want to bind the quilts, we have several volunteers who will. Please plan to return all items by August, or the deadline of September Guild Meeting. May Auction Bee will be hand sewing labels. Bring your needle and thimble if you want to help.



**COMMITTEES**

Advertising	Nancy Beasley	685-2345	QPC	Carol Rouse	699-9363
Archivist	Dea Jae Shore	590-3013	Summer Retreat	Sandra Bloom	289-6514
Bee Keeper	Bernie Farris	695-4323	Winter Retreat	Marty Kraatz	679-6134
Bright Hopes	Sharon Ross	542-1464		& Linda Ethridge	865-0272
Community Ed	Donnis Todd	661-3530	Secret Sister	Melissa Allo	681-5722
Directory	Melanie McInnis	219-2365	Storybook Quilts	Sherry Durringer	347-9830
Folk Life Festival	Kay Allison	733-1744	Sunshine&Shadows	Ellen Hernandez	520-1335
Institute TX Culture	Kay Allison	733-1744	Videos & DVD's	Jackie Randall	492-8073
Library-Books	Jeanette Jay	924-2451	Webmistress	Dea Jae Shore	590-3013
Magazines	Ellen Hernandez	520-1335	Member Sign In	Kitty Janiga	710-1909
Membership	Gloria Hammond	590-6406		& Sandra Lowell	681-1901
Guest Welcoming	Terry Hooge	279-6458	Youth Alternatives	Charlene Carroll	699-8798
Newsletter	Melanie McInnis	219-2365	Fall of the Alamo	Mary Ruth Flores	410-4337
Patterns	Patricia Patton	861-3944			
Photographs	Charlene Carroll	325-6870			

**GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD, INC.  
ETHEL Y. HOWEY GRANT PROGRAM**

**MISSION**

The Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild (GSAQG) has established a grant program in honor of a loved and esteemed founding member, Ethel Y. Howey, whose accomplishments and influence extended into the international quilt world. The grant is to encourage the pursuit of education in the study of quilt making and to recognize the importance of quilting in today's society as an art form, as an instrument of healing, as part of our legacy, and as a common thread which binds all in friendship.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the grant program is to fund projects that will have long term impact on preserving the heritage and further the art of quilt making. The grant may be used to cover expenses such as fees (including conferences, workshops, etc.), travel, lodging, meals, materials and books. The grant(s) will be awarded annually, not to exceed \$1000. The Grant Committee may divide the monies between more than one recipient. The GSAQG is not obligated to award the entire \$1,000 or any part thereof, if the quality of the proposals does not merit it.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicant must be an active GSAQG member in good standing for the previous **two (2) years** immediately preceding the grant deadline.
- An applicant must show evidence of an interest in continuing to improve and innovate in the field of quilt design, construction, history or technique.
- Financial need will NOT be a criteria for selection.
- Grant recipients are ineligible to reapply for grants for three years. Grant committee members are ineligible for grants while serving on the committee.

**PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES**

- Applications must be submitted **on or before August 1** (current year), and the grant will be awarded at the following January Guild meeting.
- If the recipient fails to fulfill the requirements or is unable to attend the proposed project or program, the grant money must be returned within **three (3) months** of the cancellation, or on a time-line agreed to by the committee and the applicant. If an alternate applicant is available, the money may be transferred to the alternate with approval of the committee.
- Recipients must be willing and able to share with GSAQG the new skills, techniques, or information gained. This may be in the form of a presentation, a workshop or other process that disseminates the information to the members in **the year following receipt of the grant**. Scheduling must be coordinated with the 1st Vice President for Programs.
- If a workshop or program is being presented, **at a minimum of (3) three months before** the scheduled Guild workshop or program, a lesson plan and class sample will be presented to the Ethel Howey Chairperson, the 1st Vice President for Programs and one Guild member-at-large.
- Recipient must submit, in writing, a final report of the project and expenses **by March 1** of the year following receipt of the grant.

**GSAQG ETHEL Y. HOWEY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS**

Following the stated time line, submit a typed or hand written application, not to exceed two (2) pages. Include the date, your name, address, phone numbers, e-mail, number of years a GSAQG member, and explain:

1. Why you would like to receive this grant
2. How you will use the grant funds, including a specific budget
3. How you will share your new skills, techniques, and information with the membership.

Feel free to provide any additional information that will help the selection committee.

Mail to: Barbara Wofford, Chairperson  
GSAQG Foundation Grant Program  
1551 Yosemite Oaks Circle  
San Antonio, TX 78213

## Time line example:

- \*1 Aug 2012 - application due
- \*1 Jan 2013 - grant awarded
- \*2013 - grant money used/classes attended
- \*1 Mar 2014 -written final report due
- \*May 2014 - presentation to review committee
- \*Aug 2014 – workshop or presentation to Guild membership

Requested by several people at retreat

Buttermilk Cinnamon Bars

2 cups sifted flour  
 1 tsp. Baking soda  
 1 ¼ cups sugar  
 ¾ tsp. Salt  
 ¾ cup brown sugar, packed  
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
 ½ cup butter  
 1 cup buttermilk  
 ½ cup chopped walnuts  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 ½ cup flaked coconut  
 Confections' Sugar Icing  
 1 egg  
 (recipe follows)

Combine flour, sugar, and brown sugar in bowl. Cut in margarine until mixture forms coarse crumbs, using pastry blender. Combine 2 cups of the crumb mixture with walnuts and coconut. Press nut mixture into greased 13x9x2" baking pan.

Combine egg, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, buttermilk, and vanilla into another bowl. Beat until smooth, using electric mixer at medium speed. Stir egg mixture into remaining crumb mixture, mixing just until moistened. Spread over crumb-nut layer.

Bake in 350 oven 35 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool in pan on rack 10 minutes. Prepare Confectioners' Sugar Icing. Frost slightly warm bars with icing. Cool completely. Cut into bars. Makes about 32 bars.

**Confectioners' Sugar Icing:**

Combine ¾ cup shifted confectioners' sugar, ½ tsp. vanilla, and 4 tsp. milk in bowl; beat until smooth using a spoon.  
*From Farm Journal's Best-Ever Cookies.*

**Mid Year - Updates to 2012 Directory:**

Dale Flashberg new ph # 830-331-8941

Pam Schepers new email= larryschepers@att.net

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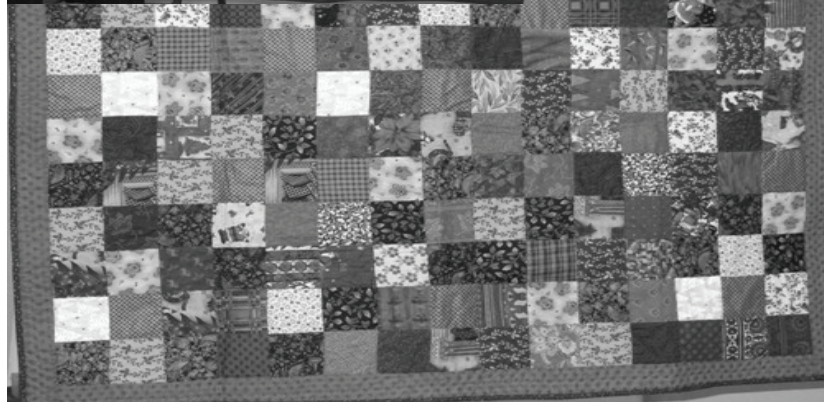
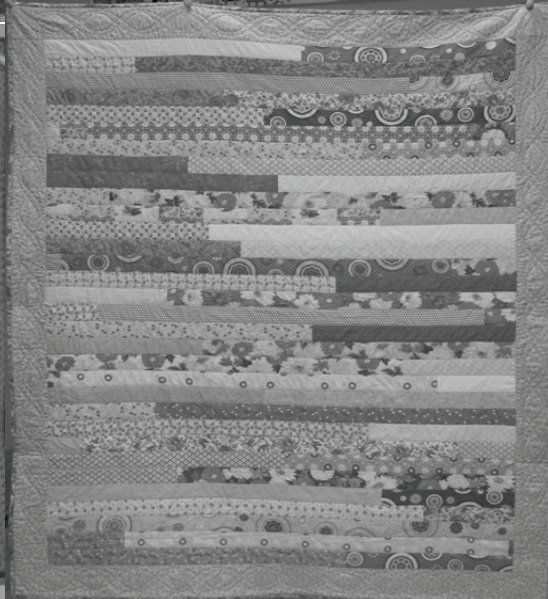
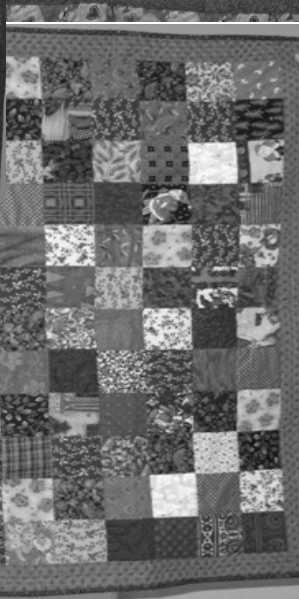
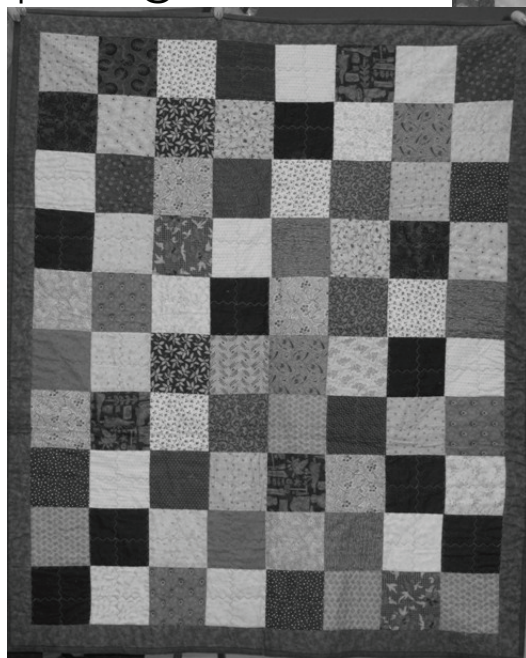
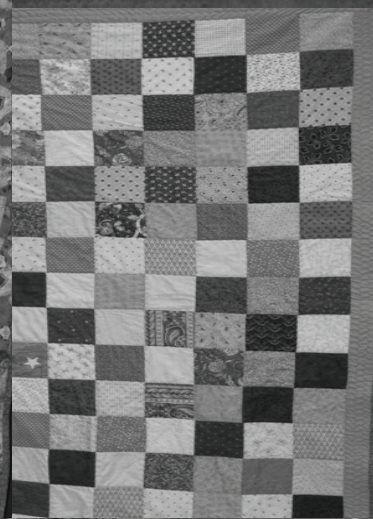
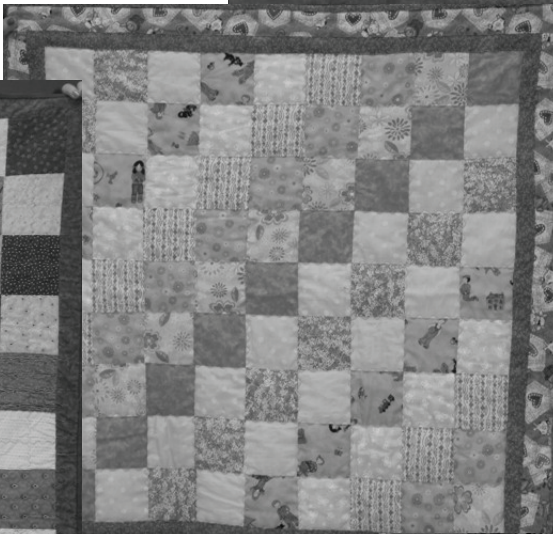
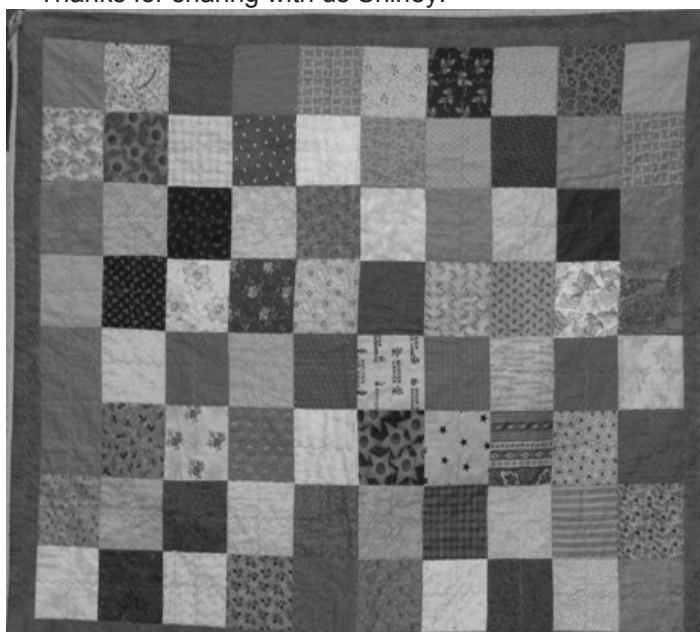
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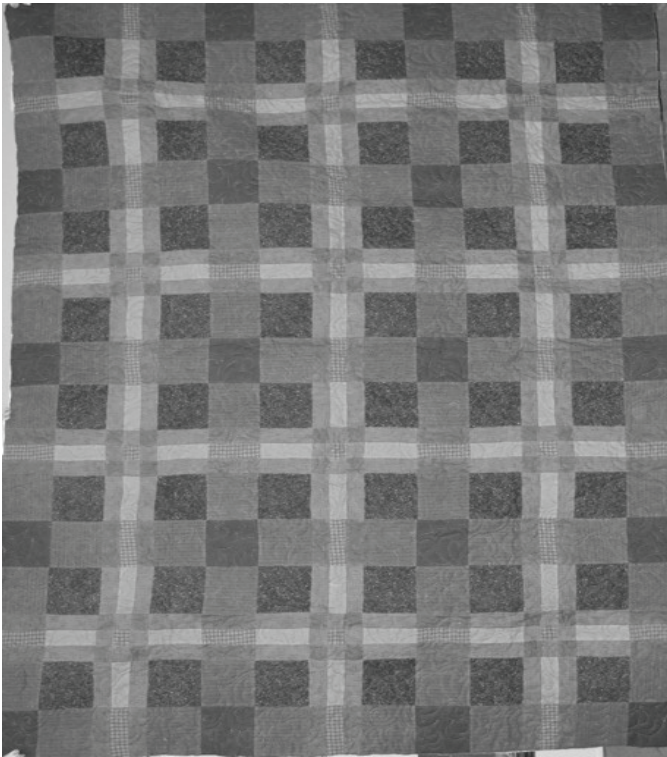
Please send any additions, corrections, or  
 changes to Melanie McInnis at  
[quiltnews@dishmail.net](mailto:quiltnews@dishmail.net)

All six of these quilts were done by Shirley Adair!!!  
 She loves her squares and she has been very busy!  
 The bottom right one is a jelly roll fast piecing project.  
 Thanks for sharing with us Shirley!

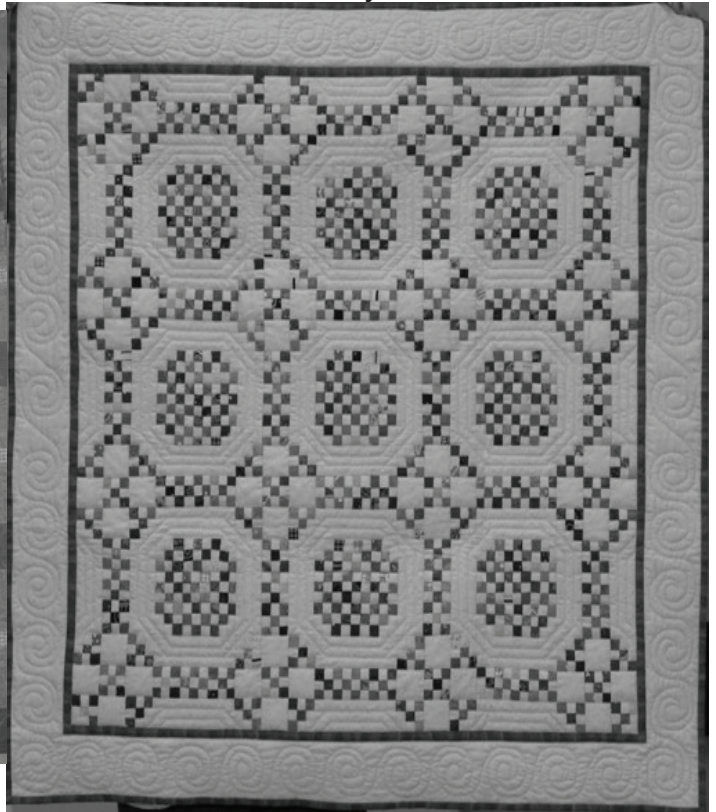




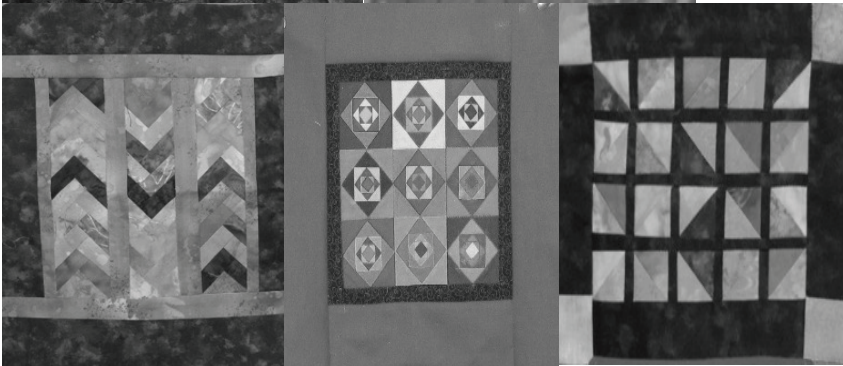
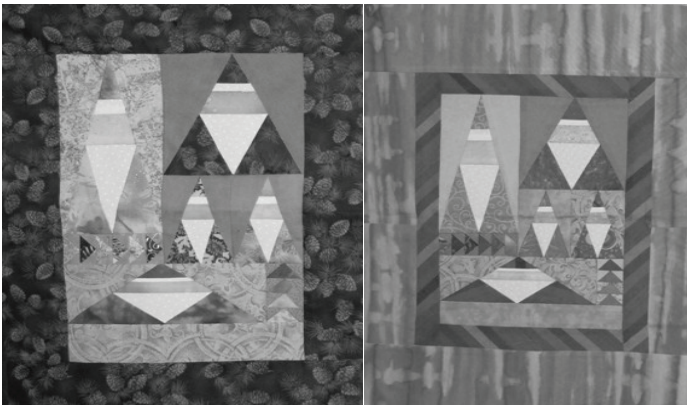
Bring and Brag is "Sew" Much Fun To See Every Month!



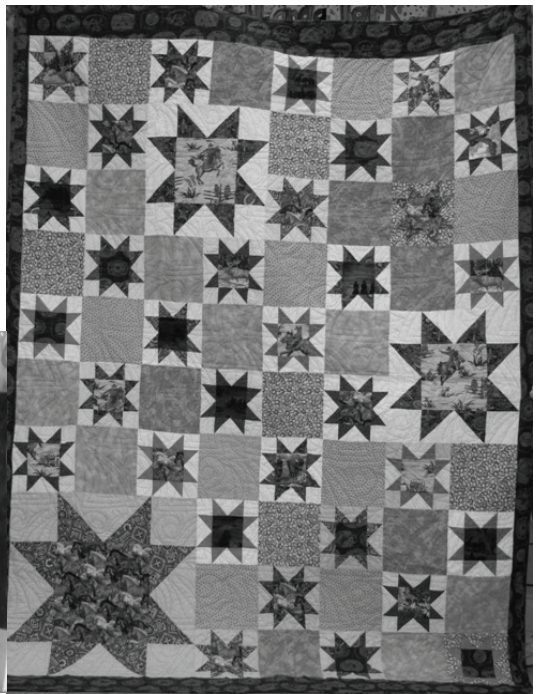
Martha Schmitzinsky shared this beautiful flannel quilt in fall colorations, that she pieced at winter retreat. Bernie Farris quilted it for her.



Marilyn Bellows got inspired by our guest speaker from last month and did this amazing wall hanging with 2,188 pieces in it!!!! That means she did at least 73 a day and they are all only 1/2" pieces! OMG!!!!



Patricia Guidry showed off these five tiny paper piecing projects that she just finished putting together. They are all very detailed. Go to the web site to see them all in color.



Sandra Lowell did this Star Quilt with a western theme. Awesome!!!

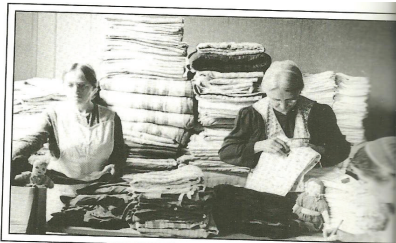
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In the 1940s, An Keuning-Tichelaar, a Dutch Mennonite nurse and pastor's wife, was a Resistance worker. She sheltered hungry children, Jewish families, and other Resistance workers from the Nazis. After the war, she gave refuge to Mennonites fleeing the Ukraine, Soviet Union. Most of this faction stayed in Holland for two years before sailing for Paraguay.

In 1945 after Liberation, food and supplies were limited. An contacted the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) asking for mattresses for her steady stream of refugees. A van full of "quilts" arrived, something unfamiliar to the Dutch. Somewhat disappointed at not receiving mattresses, An stuffed the thin quilts together to make mattresses, using extra quilts for covers.

The quilts had been stitched by Mennonite women in Canada and the United States to be distributed to families and communities in war-torn Europe. Relief efforts started in 1939 when the Canadian Mennonites sent funds, clothing, and linens to England. Later, a large American distribution center was set up in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. No one knows the total amount of supplies, or number of handmade quilts, that were distributed. The US records that 20 tons of supplies were sent in November, 1945.



After much use, some of An's quilts were worn out, some were sold for fund raising, and the rest were kept by An as a memory of the War years. Lynn Kaplanian-Buller, an American living in Holland, discovered An's quilts and their story. An gave Lynn ten quilts which were developed into an exhibition displayed across the country. The quilts stand as silent witnesses to the horrors of war and to people with compassion.



In April 2011, US Ambassador John Tefft opened the exhibit of quilts, "Passing on the Comfort" in Kyiv, Ukraine. The exhibit reminds viewers that the need for the comfort of a blanket is an ongoing concern. In the past decade, MCC has shipped 670,895 blankets and comforters to disaster or war zones worldwide.

Rather than purchase ready-made blankets, the MCC believes a soft, colorful hand-made comforter brings special hope to those who receive them. For more information, see the book, *Passing on the Comfort*, by An and Lynn.



**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. Whew! Another productive and fun guild work day! Each year I marvel at what a group of quilters can do in a few hours. Thank you to every one who participated. I especially enjoy the time to visit and work with you -- just not enough time at regular meetings. Winners of our drawings were:

Jelly Roll 1 - Ellen Hernandez

Flannel Roll - Carol Rouse (I have a witness that this was on the up & up.)

Memories by the Yard BOM - Linda Ethridge

Coasters - Ida Blankenship

Jelly Roll 2 - Cathy Wallace

Chickens - Ida Blankenship

Carol Rouse - QPC Chair

### Bright Hopes Quilts and Totes for Charity

Bright Hopes received great totes and 28 quilts at the April meeting, 12 short of our monthly quilt goal.

The work-day session was wonderfully productive, thank you volunteers - we put together more than 100 quilts! About 75 went to the storage facility for future meetings, the rest went home with volunteers to be tweaked or were so cute they wanted to finish the quilts themselves. Tentative plans are to have another Bright Hopes work-day in September, the focus at that time will be making totes and creating tote kits. More details later...

Sharon Ross - Bright Hopes Chair

### Library Information

All members need to always beware of the great amount of information available on the guild's library database at Collectorz.com

<http://connect.collectorz.com/users/saquilt/books/view> or our guild website, see the Library tab under Services, click on the link.

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May 7th BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM  
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May 12th Member Activities 9:30AM  
GUILD MEETING 10:00 AM  
@ St. Andrew's Church

May 15th Wearable Art Round Robin  
(3rd Tue) 6:00PM  
Creative Sewing Center  
117777 West Ave.  
Hostess - Ida Blankenship

May 23rd Quilt In (4th Wed) 10:00 AM  
Memories by the Yard  
8015 Mainland and Bandera Rd.  
Hostess - Shirley Carter

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