November Volume 37 2015 Issue 11 Common Threads

President's Letter Wonderful Quilt Show!!! Many thanks to BERNIE FARRIS and her show committee members. They spent hundreds of hours -om III Au preparing for this event. My thanks go to you, the members, for all your participation and help. It takes all of us to produce this big biannual event. I hope you were *inspired* and *delighted* with the quilts you saw. Thanks go to all who entered guilts. Congratulations to all of the winners. View www.sanantonioquilt.org ALL the quilts in color on our website. Dea Jae has prepared 210-695-8737 some CDs with all the pictures and details; you can have one November 14 for minimal cost. **Guild Meeting** October's program was an interesting presentation by Nancy 9:30 Services **Mahoney**, a nationally known teacher, on 2-block guilts. Her 10:00 General Business workshops also inspired us. We had 143 members present, with Meeting 6 visitors, and 5 new members - Yrama Alverez, Susie Borchers, @Saint Andrew Brenda Perry, Susan Reed, and Kay Roberts. We also welcomed Presbyterian Church 24 new members who had joined at our quilt show. Wow! It's 8231 Callaghan Rd. wonderful to see our guild growing! May each of them join us in finding quilting inspirations and good friends. November's meeting will include election of officers. We need Program each of you to be there. See you then. Sincerely, Ida Karen Lamdin P.S. I'd love for you to help me with the GSAQG Yard sale Nov. 7. Call me. New **Members** Remember to bring to the meeting • Name tag (wear it) • Library books, & DVD's • QPC projects • Bright Hopes quilts • Smiles for your friends

2015 Program Notes

In November 2015, Karen Lamdin will be giving her lecture on her experience as the Ethel Howey Grant Recipient for 2015. She will be sharing on how her trip to study with Hollis Chamblain impacted her quilting process. She will be following up in March 2016 to teach a workshop.

Our Workshops are open to both Guild members and non-members. You must pay at the time of registering for a workshop to hold your place. The Friday all day classes cost \$35.00 plus supplies and the Saturday half-day classes cost \$25.00 plus supplies. Refunds are issued only if we can fill the cancellation from the waiting list.

Registration will continue through the month of November for the Sue Nichols Workshops. Registration for the Mark Lipinski Workshops will be open during the November meeting date. Please see Website for class choices, or contact Programs Vice President for more information.

NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE is Midnight the Monday after Guild meeting.

E-mail <u>quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org</u>

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION REGULAR DUES \$24 SENIOR (65+) \$18 YOUTH (6-18) \$6 Send your check to: GSAQG PO Box 380522 San Antonio, TX 78268

GSAQG Board Meeting Minutes October, 2015

Ida Blankenship, President, called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Those in attendance were Ida, Karen Lambdin, Dea Jae Shore, Judith Miller, Linda Ethridge, Jeana Kubik, Cindy Shutt, and Sherry Duringer.

The minutes for the September board meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter.

Nominations for the Calico Rose were suggested and a motion was made, seconded, and approved to give Bernie Farris a Calico Rose in October.

Ida reminded board members to bring a printed job description to the November board meeting and to send an email copy to Ida before the meeting.

Ida notified the board of a claim that was made and denied by Traveller's Insurance Company. She will keep the board apprised of the details.

President ProTem -Judith Miller informed the board of her new phone number and address.

Secretary – Karen Lambdin reported over 20 phone calls in the past week. The board discussed the referrals of donated goods.

Treasurer – Cindy Shutt reported a cash and savings balance of \$85,241.50. The August financials have been checked and approved.

1st Vice President for Special Events – Carol Bryant was not in attendance. The winter retreat is full. Mary McCarthy still needs a co-chair for the 2016 auction.

Cindy reported an estimated quilt show financial report. The raffle quilt brought in a record \$6128. Not all of the bills have come in for the quilt show, so the profits cannot be determined exactly yet.

Dea Jae asked to sell a CD with photos of the quilts in the show. Prices were suggested , and she will make a few to start with. Proceeds will go to the quilt show.

Carol sent a sample questionnaire that she would like to give to members at the Oct. meeting. Suggestions and changes were made before approval.

2nd Vice President for Information – Dea Jae Shore reported 24 new members at the show. The guild now has 307 members, the highest number ever. There have been 588 "likes" on the guild Facebook page; this was another way to advertise.

Dea Jae asked permission to purchase the Quick Books Program to put on the guild computer and all agreed it was a good idea.

3rd Vice President for Programs – Rebecca Cook was absent. 4th Vice President for Services – Jeana Kubik reported that the magazine sales have earned \$332 this year. There have been 117 DVDs checked out this year. QPC has clocked 588 hours worked by volunteers this quarter. Jeana suggested that the QPFC get a larger amount of money budgeted for the next year. It was agreed that the QPFC will get the same amount of

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money in the budget as the QPC.

5th Vice President for Community Outreach – Sherry Duringer gave her 3rd Quarter reports: ITC still needs an official chairperson, ITC members worked 425 hours, Community Angels worked 32 hours on trauma quilts, Storybooks are in 18 schools and worked 80 hours, Quilters Save Our Stories resumed interviews in August and reported 60 hours, Community Education – 25 hours, and Bright Hopes delivered 148 quilts to the Children's Shelter and worked 1122 hours.

Sherry reported the need for a new committee to take requests for donation quilts. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to establish a Community Response Committee with a budge of \$50 per year.

Parliamentarian – Linda Ethridge reported on the nominating committee progress. Two more nominations are on the ballot. New Business

Ida discussed a need for a guild garage sale and proposed to have it on November 7. The rest of the Coggins' Estate donations will be for sale. Help is needed from guild members. Guild members will be allowed to sell their items also.

The board will work on a written policy stating that those members who accept donations of fabrics and quilting items are responsible for the storage of those items.

Budget – Cindy reviewed the proposed budget for 2016. During this discussion, it was decided to discontinue the Sherry Allred Grant. The budget will be voted on at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm. Respectfully submitted, Karen Lambdin, Secretary

GSAQG Guild Meeting Minutes

October, 2015

The meeting was brought to order by Ida Blankenship, President, who then welcomed the guests and new members.

Ida recognized members who had read the newsletter.

The minutes of the September meeting stand approved as presented in the newsletter.

The Calico Rose was awarded to Bernie Farris for her work chairing the quilt show.

Treasurer – Cindy Shutt. The balance in checking and savings is \$85,241.50. Cindy then gave a quick overview of the 2016 budget.

1st VP for Special Events – Carol Bryant thanked those who helped with the quilt show.

The Houston quilt show bus is full.

Quilt Auction – Mary McCarthy needs a co-chair to shadow her during the auction and then be in charge in 2018. The tentative date for the auction is Sept. 17, 2016.

Mini-Retreat will be on Oct. 23 and 24, and there are 11 spots left.

Winter retreat is full and Melissa Allo has the Secret Pal information ready. There will be a meeting at Memories by the Yard on Oct. 18th to work on door prizes.

Quilt show - Bernie Farris thanked all of her helpers and committee chairs. The raffle quilt earned \$6128 and the show made a profit of \$17,500.

2017 Quilt show - Carol Steeley is going to be Carol Bryant's co-chair in 2017. A vendor co-chair is needed for 2017. Jeanette Jay is going to chair the boutique. The 2017 show theme is "A Salute to Texas" and there will be a contest to design the raffle quilt, with a cash award to the winner. 2nd VP for Information – Dea Jae Shore encouraged members to renew their membership today or in November. The guild now has over 307 members – a record high. There are also 588 "likes" on Facebook.

Dea Jae has made some CDs of the quilt show, with all of the quilts, the PowerPoint presentation of the winning quilts and a winner's list. She will be selling these today.

3rd VP for Programs – Rebecca Cook . Nancy Mahoney is here today. Registration is open for Sue Nickels in January. Karen Lambdin, the Ethel Howey Grant recipient for 2015, will present a program in November on Portrait Quilting, with a workshop to follow in March.

4th VP for Services – Jeana Kubik. The Golden Carrot winner is Evelyn Santoni.

QPC logged over 1000 hours this year. Nancy Beasley discussed some new QPC projects.

Jackie Randall has checked out 120 DVDs to members this year. She is taking suggestions for new purchases. She also has several copies of "Why Quilts Matter" DVD for purchase at \$30.

The library and magazine sales have been very busy, with \$330 income from magazine sales this year.

QPFC needs volunteers to help set QPC blocks into finished quilt tops.

Yard Sale – there are many items left from estate donations, so many, that the guild will have a yard sale at Ida's home on Nov. 7, 8am-2pm. Members can bring their own items to sell also.

5th VP for Community Outreach – Sherry Duringer announced that in the last 3 months, volunteers have contributed over 1700 hours of community service.

Storybooks – Linda Kirk showed several quilts turned in today. The challenge winners were: Marilyn Bellows, 1st place, Cathy Wallace, 2nd place, and Ida Blankenship, 3rd place.

They all received gift cards for prizes.

QSOS- Mary McCarthy said that they need helpers to interview and/or transcribe.

Parliamentarian – Linda Ethridge announced the candidates for offices in 2016. She asked for nominations from the floor.

Ida informed the members that present were 143 members and 6 guests. She introduced the new members and

presented them with a guild pin

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Lambdin, Secretary

2016 Auction

The Guild's 2016 Auction is set for Saturday, September 17. It will be held at the La Quinta Inn, 4431 Horizon Hill Blvd. This is just off Callaghan and IH 10 - the same place as the 2014 auction.

Unlike previously no food will be served. The set up will be the night before.

Donations of items are being accepted now. This includes quilt tops of all sizes in good condition, completed quilts and related items, and fabrics for backings and bindings. Batting also is wanted but not the thick polvester kind.

Paula Fernandez and Linda Ethridge will be overseeing the silent auction of smaller things. Get in touch with them about what will be acceptable.



There is a need for a shadow chair who would take the lead in 2018. If you want to "ride shotgun" contact Mary McCarthy or any board member.

Nominations

President Pro Temp -Virginia Oehlke

1st VP Elaine Staller 3rd VP Janet Miller Treasurer Cindy Shutt



Treasurer's Report For seven months ending September 30, 2015

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Common Threads News from the book library!

Generous members gave me several boxes of books at the September meeting. I could not get them verified in the inventory in time to be published in the October newsletter, so I have them below. They have been entered in the data base and were on the table at the October meeting. The majority of them came from the Lucille Shean estate. Many thanks to all of the members who consider our library first when they want to clean house.... er..... studio!!

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Title Texas Quilts, Texas Women Every Quilt Tells a Story The Weekend Quilt Companions: Quilts And Miniatures Bits & Pieces Quilt Great American Quilts Book 5 Great American Quilts Book 4 Floral Illusions for Quilters Quilt Block Party: Baskets And Flowers No 2 Trio of Treasured Quilts More Weekend Quilts: 19 Classic Quilts... The Twentieth Century's Best American Quilts Winter Wonders **Ocean Waves** Quilting the Lodge Look Quilts a La Carte Shoreline Quilts: 15 Glorious Get-Away Quilts **Quilt Sensations** Celtic Quilt Designs My Mother's Quilts: Designs From the Thirties Hawaiian Quilt Masterpieces

I also received several stacks of books from members at the October meeting. However, I won't be able to add those to the database until some room is cleared on the shelves in the storage!!! We are busting out at the seams!! Our inventory is now over 1700 books. Time for purging!!! So....!!!!

Attention Bibliophiles! Mary Ruth and I have scheduled an inventory of the book library for Jan. 16th, a Saturday, from 9 - ??? Since this will be in January, usually cold and/or wet, I would like to ask QPC if we could use their storage bay for to help with the inventory. I could set up two pairs of checkers in that bay and two sets of checkers in the regular guild bay. Each pair of "checkers" will have an inventory list of books to go thru. One will pull the books and call out the title and author to their partner, who will check them against the inventory list. Since it may be cold and/or wet, I won't have a lunch set up outside but will have snacks and beverages for us to keep refreshed in the storage. You can work at your own pace and your own hours. See me



at a future meeting or email or call if you would like to sign up to help.

Remember to check out our database at

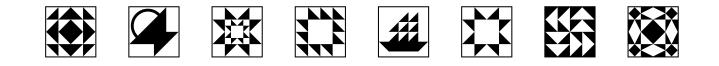
Collectorz: http://cloud.collectorz.com/saquilt/books/view

2016 Proposed Budget

REVENUES Interest	\$500.00	Save Our Stories Community Response	\$300.00 \$50.00
Magazine Sales	\$450.00	Community Response Com.	ψ50.00
Name Tag Fines	\$30.00	Ethel Howey Grant	\$1,000.00
Dues - Membership	\$5,300.00	Library	\$300.00
Newsletter/Directory Ads	\$1,500.00	QPC	\$350.00
Newsletter Postage	\$300.00	QPFC	\$350.00
Quilt Show	\$0.00	Video Library	\$250.00
Workshops	\$6,000.00	Programs	\$4,725.00
Retreat - Summer	\$13,088.00	Workshops	\$6,675.00
Retreat - Winter	\$8,500.00	, Mini Retreats	\$0.00
Houston Bus Trip	\$3,000.00	Retreat - Summer	\$13,088.00
, Mini Retreats	\$0.00	Retreat - Winter	\$8,500.00
Auction	\$20,000.00	Houston Bus Trip	\$3,000.00
Other	\$1,500.00	Auction	\$10,000.00
	\$60,168.00		
EXPENSES			
Administration	\$5,000.00		
Sunshine & Shadows	\$25.00		
Memorial Quilt	\$25.00		
Permanent Quilt Collection	\$25.00		
Equipment Purchase	\$250.00		
Door Prizes	\$220.00		
Telephone	\$150.00		
Storage Facilities Rent	\$6,000.00		
Workshops	\$700.00		
Meetings	\$2,100.00		
Janitorial	\$175.00		
Membership Supplies	\$200.00		
Newsltr/Directory Printg	\$600.00		
Newsltr Postage	\$300.00		
Web Page	\$400.00		
Quilt Show	\$1,000.00		
Bright Hopes	\$1,200.00		
Storybook Quilts	\$400.00		
Community Outreach			
Community Education	\$300.00		
ITC	\$25.00		

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Calico Rose





A Calico Rose was given to Bernie Farris for her leadership of the 2015 Quilt Show. Thanks a million, Bernie. Please remember to renew your membership during November. No renewals will be taken in December. They will resume in January. When you pay please pay by check to charge card. If you are paying by CASH please have the exact amount needed as I sometimes have no change.

Cathy Baisley Membership Director

Golden Carrot Winner: Evelyn Santoni

Each time you turn in a project to Bright Hopes, Storybook Quilts, Auction, Quilt



Projects Committee or complete any other service to the guild, you are given chances to win this prize. (Note: be sure to sign your name on the white side of each ticket you receive! I'd hate to draw a blank ticket or one that I can't read the name. If they are stapled together, remove the staple and sign each one.)



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8 Common Threads Gigantic YARD SALE for GSAQG.

Nov. 7 -- Saturday 8am-2pm 6641 Stonykirk SATX 78240

Lots of items for quilters and crafters and seamsters and collectors. Estate donations- yarns, fabrics, trims, patterns, notions, other items.

Guild members are invited and encouraged to help us prepare for this sale. You may also add your own items for sale, as you help us set up. No fees.....We'll just work together. We will also need extra tables for this event.

Ida has a big garage and yard...... should be fun work!

Call her for more details. 210-690-0828

Check out the **Bring and Brag** items at www.sanantonioquilt.org Click on the services drop down menu and the on the Bring and Brag link





Raffle Quilt 2017 Quilt Show A Salute to Texas Queen Size

<u>Calling all designers! Cash Prize!</u> Sketch out a quilt design for the applique blocks using a Texas theme. Then think about how you would like to have these blocks pieced together. Use colored pencils or computer software to show us how you would like to see this quilt made. Contest begins now, deadline for submission is at the December Christmas party. Winner will be announced at the January meeting.

Participate in constructing our raffle quilt. Kits for blocks will be available at our February meeting Blocks must be completed and turned in at the April meeting.

That gives us 5 months to complete construction. The quilt will debut at tour auction in September 2016

For Sale: 2004 Gammill Classic Plus Price: \$9000

Excellent condition, stitch regulator, 12 ft table, 26" x 10" throat, dual handle controls, built in bobbin winder, zipper leaders, channel locks for horizontal and vertical hold, extended throat plate with Gam Guide & Gam Jr. for ruler work and many extras.

Buyer is responsible for take down, pick-up, transportation, re-assembly and all associated costs. Janice Frankenberger JaniceF@stic.net

Common Threads

11.15 Pieces of the Past, 67: Pearl Buttons, by Ellen Hernandez





Extton-cotting Machin

Who knew the small lumber town of Muscatine, Iowa, the 1855 home of Mark Twain, was once the *Pearl Button Capital of the World*? By 1905 production was up to 11 *MILLION* buttons a year.

While vacationing at an Illinois river in 1891, German button maker John Boepple is said to have cut his foot on a mussel shell. This event initiated his search and establishment of his Mississippi River button shop in Muscatine, Iowa. As a non-

native his success came from his adaptation of ocean pearl button machines for use with freshwater mussel shells. With industrial advances Boepple transitioned from foot powered lathes to steam powered cutting machines. Boepple was the first of 60 pearl button manufacturers on the scene. There were many small shops and some were family run.

Mussel fishermen are called clammers. As they rushed in to the booming free for all, Mississippi River villages developed rapidly, moving along the





rivers as supplies depleted. Over time some mussel species became extinct and their habitats were threatened.

Production was laborious. The brittle mussel shells had to be soaked in water for a week to prevent breaking. Sixty hour work weeks were tough requiring long hours standing, working in sprays of water during the cutting, breathing injurious dust

created by the cutting, and being at risk to propelled broken bits of shell. Workers, mostly men, were paid by the piece. Button plugs had to be sanded, carved, and have holes drilled. Then there were several polishing steps with

pumice, steam, and sulfuric acid. Pearl buttons were dyed in many colors, too. Children and women were involved in finishing the product by sorting, grading, and sewing the buttons onto cards.



The freshwater pearl button manufacture was big business. Actor and Iowan Ronald Reagan chose the 1946 Muscatine Button Queen, Helen Burke, during the factories' 50th anniversary.



As little as 10 per cent of a mussel shell might be used for a button leaving piles of refuse. Some roads were paved with the discarded shells. Dyed pieces were sold to decorate fish tanks and flowerpots. The collected dust was used by farmers for insecticide and chicken grit. Other popular by-products were fishing lures, purses, candlesticks, and sequins.



The industry slowed and ended in the 1960s as plastic button production took over. Tons of mussel shell was sold to Japan who implanted a bit of shell into oysters to produce pearls. And Boepple? As a poor business manager he never became rich. He was an advocate to conserve and protect his former prized commodity, the freshwater mussel. Ironically he died of a blood infection in 1912 after

cutting his foot on a shell in the Indiana River.





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November Schedule

November 2 Board Meeting3:00PM@ St. Andrew ChurchNovember 14 Guild meeting10:00AM @ St. Andrew Church10:00

Check out the calendar on our web page for Bee meetings and other Guild related events.

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