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# **Common Threads**

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### May 13th **Guild Meeting**

9:30 Services 10:00 General Business Meeting @ Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church 8231 Callaghan Road, San Antonio, TX 78230

> May Program *Guild* Birthday

Remember to bring to the meeting

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

There is good news this month as Jean Hardies has volunteered to chair the 2018 Auction with Pamela Hoelscher and Janice Frankenberger as her co-chairs. YAY! Cindy Shutt's wonderful explanation of the guild's money flow opened quite a few eyes and answered unspoken questions. We are blessed to have these folks working for us.

May is the guild birthday so you can expect cupcakes with pretty icing - yummy! And to continue the tradition there will not be a program this month. In lieu of that, everyone is invited to join in the workday. Don't worry if you didn't sign up because you will not be turned away. All skills or no skills welcome.

The classes last month with Holly Nelson were well attended and with good reason. Holly shared her talent graciously and introduced many of our members to the fine art of hand applique. Her program was a delight to hear and the samples displayed were astounding. Thank you, Holly.

The Show will be upon us before you know it. Be sure to pick up (more) tickets to sell and put your name down on one of the volunteer sheets. Try to sell an ad or two or three. Keep working on those entry quilts. Start saving to spend money with the vendors. Let's make this the best Show yet!

Be sure to check out the Guild's Facebook Group page and let Ina Ramirez or Lyn Komada know what you think of it. Type the guild's name into the search bar, click "Groups" just below the search box and send a request to join. You can post photos and chat but there won't be any advertising allowed. The group is open to the public. Ina and Lyn will be moderating to insure proper content.

Happy quilting! - - - Mary

Calico Rose





Door Prize Winners Congratulations!

#### 2 **Common Threads Program Notes**

May: Guild Birthday and Work Day. Lunch and birthday cupcakes will be provided. Bright Hopes, QPC and Story Books and Quilts To Go have project that they need help with. If you didn't sign up at Guild meeting please call the committee chairs you'd like to help. Projects will vary, some require sewing machines. The Guild will have a Quilting 101 class. Cost will be \$10.00.

June: Carol Bryant and the guilt show committee.

July: Paint Chip Challenge Reveal. Make a 12 1/2 inch unfinished block based on a paint chip color, guild members will vote for the winner. \$25.00 Prize for the winner. At the May and June guild meetings you can still pick up a paint chip and rules at the program table.

August: Guild member, Ruth Felty. Trunk Show of Ruth's quilts.

I am sorry to report Sue Spargo has canceled her contract for 2019. She has had to cut back on travels.

Help! I am working on a program for November. Does anyone have a quilt in your family that has a connection to a war. Please call or email me.

If you want to sign up for a class and can't make the meeting, contact Janet Miller, 3rd VP for Programs, 210 492-7684 or jjmiller@satx.rr.com.

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING				
r	Monthly	Yearly		
Full page ad	\$60.00	\$660		
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vertical - 3 3/8 x 9 1/2)				
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Business card (2 x 3.5)	\$10.00	\$110		



**Bethel Lutheran Church** 

The guilters from Bethel Lutheran church in Dallas would like to send a sincere "THANK YOU!" to the members of the GSAQG. These ladies meet weekly to stitch and tie utility quilts for Lutheran World Relief which sends guilts for disaster relief and to those in need all around the world.

Each month, remaining scraps from the fabric exchange table at GSAQG meetings are gathered and forwarded to the group in Dallas so these ladies may continue their mission of creating quilts for those in need. Many scraps, orphan blocks, strips and pieces of fabric that might otherwise go to in the garbage are once again given new life by the ladies of Bethel who piece them together for LWR. Just call these supercrazy quilts!

Annually, about the 3rd week of April, a 53' trailer is parked in the church parking lot and churches from across Texas bring their LWR quilts to load and forward on for distribution. On Palm Sunday, April 9, the 116 guilts made by the ladies of Bethel were draped over the pews in the church. It was a spectacular sight! "Without the donation of scraps and fabrics from the GSAQG, we would never be able to create so many quilts throughout the year, and want members of your Guild know how appreciative we are."

Remember, when we as guild members think a piece of fabric has seen better days, keep in mind that even our old, out-dated, scrappy and ugly fabrics and blocks can be used again!

Submitted by GSAQG member, Jill Victor



#### **Common Threads**

#### 5.17 Pieces of the Past, 85: Uncle Eli's Quilting Party by Ellen Hernandez



It's April in a central North Carolina county and the first spring flowers make a showy appearance after months of winter wind and cold. In this setting for the last 86 years a special quilt event has taken place on the first Thursday in April in Eli Whitney, Alamance County, NC to celebrate spring and community. It is believed to be the longest continuously running annual quilting event in the US. Neighbors, friends, and visitors travel to the free public pop-up informal quilt show that starts at 8 am and ends with a potluck lunch at 1 pm.

Most activities are spontaneous and vary from year to year. People bring in finished quilts, family heirloom quilts, or current projects. There might be a group gathered around a floor quilting frame sharing stories and news. One year it was suggested that visitors bring in vintage handkerchiefs. By noon there were over 200 handkerchiefs on display. Another year vintage bonnets were exhibited. Usually there is a sharing table for books, magazines, and fat quarter fabrics where you can bring-one and take-one. With nothing to pay for, this gathering has become a welcome reunion for the county residents and returning visitors.

This party started in 1931 by the area school principal, Ernest Dixon. He wanted to bring the County parents together at his new high school situated in an abandoned cotton gin. Students from five one-room schoolhouses in the County were consolidated into this one school near Graham, NC named after cotton gin inventor, Eli Whitney. At the first quilting party, which lasted all day and into the evening, the 80 women attending completed 13 quilts. The event atmosphere has changed over the years and is now more about socializing rather than completing quilts. Three women were instrumental in organizing the event year after year: Nannie Lou McBane, vintage button collector Mildred Guthrie, and the late journalist and historian Pat Bailey.



The school is gone now, but the gym remains as the Eli Whitney Recreation Center where the annual quilting party is held.

In 2004, a historic highway marker was unveiled commemorating

"Uncle Eli's Quilting Party." Funds for the marker were raised by community members and the state of NC officially approved the sign.



#### GSAQG Meeting Minutes April 13, 2017

Mary McCarthy, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The March general minutes were approved.

A Calico Rosebud was presented to Dea Jae Shore and Janet Miller for their work on the retreat.

**Secretary** – Lyn Komada reported that there was now a Facebook group called 'Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild', open to anyone to chat about quilting, and invited members to join. Posts should be about quilting and not include selling any items. Lyn and Ina Ramirez will moderate the FB group.

**1**<sup>st</sup> **VP for Special Events** – Elaine Staller. Elaine's term is coming to an end at the end of the year, and she asked members to consider the 1<sup>st</sup> VP board position. Elaine's committees reported:

*Fall mini-retreat:* On Oct 20-21, will be coordinated by Beatrix Shell.

June Summer Retreat: Retreat is full but you can be added to a waiting list. Payment is due by next month. SecretSister signups for retreat are being accepted at today's meeting. Let the retreat coordinators know if you do NOT have email. They are saving money by emailing out the program this year but will print a copy if you do not have email.

Guild Auction: A chair is still needed for the next auction.

*Guild Quilt Show:* People are needed to sell raffle tickets. Raffle ticket sales are lagging our last quilt show's sales. Fiber Artists of San Antonio (FASA) will be at our quilt show. They were at today's guild meeting with info on their raffle items, and we will be at their meeting with our quilt.

Space for vendor ads in our program -- business card and quarter/half/full page size ads -- is still available. Contact Ida for forms if you know potential vendors. Remember to support our guild by buying from show vendors so they will return again next year. There are only 2 pieces of the challenge FQs available.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Information – Ina Ramirez.

Directories were available to pick up at the meeting. Events (such as our meetings) are being listed on our group's Facebook page, which makes it easy to invite your friends to a meeting.

**3**<sup>rd</sup> **VP for Programs** – Janet Miller. Upcoming events were discussed for March through July.

Today's talk was 'Anatomy of a Pattern' by Holly Nelson, who also did Friday and Saturday applique classes.

4<sup>th</sup> VP for Services – Letty Zavala.

New signs and sign holders at the services tables are in use for the first time.

The Golden Carrot was won by Margie Swaney.

Coffee was made for today's meeting by Pamela Hoelscher.

**5<sup>th</sup> VP for Community Outreach** - Pat Alva. Pat was out with our raffle quilt selling tickets. Committees reported:

*Bright Hopes:* Is expanding its reach to include additional organizations, and larger quilts. In addition to baby quilts, twin or double quilts are also needed. The new organizations are the Battered Women's Shelter, and Seton Home.

**Treasurer** – Cindy Shutt reported guild cash and savings of \$69,955.87 as of March 31st. An overview of where our money comes from and where it goes was provided, using a Profit and Loss (P&L) statement from 2016 and a Balance Sheet was shown as an example. An important takeaway from this talk is that our membership dues are a very small part of our funding source, and it is very important that members support our Quilt Show and Auction so we can continue to enjoy guild activities.

There were 130 members, 5 guests, and \$2 collected in nametag fines.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Komada, Secretary

### Guild Block Exchange

Join us for a four patch of Christmas fabric exchange. We will make 2-1/2 squares of light and dark Christmas fabrics, sew them together into a four patch. You will end up with a 4 -1/2 inch square.

Put them in a ziplock bag with your name, phone number, and number of squares.

Bring them to the next meeting and give them to Shirley Carter. She will sort them out and return the same number of squares, at the next meeting.

Questions? Please call Shirley Carter at 210-452-3801, or email Shirley.carter9243@gmail. com

Sign-ups for the Summer Retreat started in the February Guild meeting.

Dates are June 11-16, 2017 and the location is Valley Ranch Retreat in Camp Wood. Cost is \$390.00

If any questions, call Glenda Harris at 699-0030 or email her at geharris11@ att.net.

**NEW MEMBER MENTORS** 

Joining a new group takes a lot of courage. A mentor can make one feel part of the group. The assignment would be for 3-6 months. Sitting with the new member is the initial step, but you also would need to introduce new member to others, explore interests and just be a friend. If you attend most meetings and can do this, please contact Kitty Janiga, Sandra Lowell or Lani Nunley. Please email Kitty at kittyandernie@earthlink.net or call her at 210-710-1909

Found, green handled rotary cutter in the Guild ruler bin. To claim: Contact Janet Miller, 210 492-7684 or jjmiller@satx.rr.com.



Please plan on joining us at the Guild Work Day, on May 13th, following the meeting. QPC and other groups, will have projects available for you to work on.

Bring your sewing machine.

We will bring lots of prizes to be drawn for doorprizes, so join the fun, and we'll get a lot done!

#### **Common Threads**

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

#### Issue 5

Treasurer'	s Report		Telephone		\$150.00
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2017			Storage Facility	\$1,345.00	\$4,100.00
	YTD Actual	2017 Budget	Rent (Meetings)	\$665.00	\$2,100.00
REVENUES			Rent (Workshops)	\$140.00	\$420.00
Ordinary Income:			Membership Expenses:		
Interest		\$500.00	Membership Supplies	\$24.98	\$300.00
Savings	\$2.83		Newsletter / Directory Printing	\$255.00	\$600.00
CD Interest			Postage		\$200.00
Other income	\$262.99	\$500.00	Webpage		\$400.00
Shelf Sale	\$120.00		Quilt Show	\$547.13	\$39,903.00
Garage Sale	\$645.50		Auction		\$800.00
Magazine Sales	\$120.00	\$500.00	Community Activities:		
Nametage Fines	\$13.79	\$30.00	Bright Hopes		\$1,000.00
Newsletter Postage	\$60.00	\$100.00	Storybook Quilts		\$400.00
Dues - Membership	\$5,077.00	\$5,500.00	Community Outreach		
Pins	\$2.00		Community Education		\$300.00
Newsletter / Directory Ads	\$1,080.00	\$1,500.00	Quilt Angels		\$200.00
Workshops	\$160.00	\$8,000.00	Save Our Stories		\$200.00
Fund Raising:			ITC		\$25.00
Quilt Show	\$13,075.00	\$58,700.00	- Membership Services & Activities:		
Auction			Ethel Howey Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Self-Sustaining:			Library	\$212.74	\$200.00
Retreat - Summer	\$4,570.00	\$10,500.00	QPC		\$275.00
Retreat - Winter	\$9,480.00	\$8,500.00	QPFC		\$275.00
Mini-Retreats	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	Video Library	\$60.48	\$200.00
Houston Bus Trip		\$3,000.00	Programs	\$2,356.52	\$6,000.00
			Workshops	\$1,150.00	\$4,500.00
Total Revenues	\$35,469.11	\$98,330.00	- Self-Sustaining Activities:		
EXPENSES			Mini-Retreats	\$280.00	\$1,000.00
Administration:			Retreat - Summer		\$10,500.00
Administration		\$5,000.00	Retreat - Winter	\$9,480.00	\$8,500.00
Bank & CC	\$122.45		Houston Bus Trip		\$3,000.00
Insurance	\$415.00		- Total Expenses	\$18,517.30	\$92,148.00
Coffee Fund			Net	\$16,951.81	\$6,182.00
Office Supplies & Postage	\$413.00		Ending Jefferson Operating	\$27,939.29	
CPA / Tax Return			[2015 Technology Fund Inc]	\$(2,767.73)	
Other			Ending Jefferson Savings	\$11,241.50	
Equipment Purchase		\$250.00	SSFCU CD's & Savings	\$21,020.28	
Charitable Contributions			C C		
Janitorial	\$50.00	\$175.00	SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$12,522.53	
Sunshine & Shadows		\$25.00	Total Guild Funds	\$69,955.87	
Memorial Quilt & Bios		\$25.00	Cynthia Shutt Traccuror		
Permanent Quilt Collectiion		\$25.00	Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer		
Door Prizes		\$100.00			

#### **Common Threads**

#### GSAQG Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2017

Mary McCarthy, President, called the meeting to order at 2:38 pm. In attendance were Virginia Oehlke, Elaine Staller, Ina Ramirez, Janet Miller, Letty Zavala, Cindy Shutt, Sylvia Jolet, and Lyn Komada.

A motion was made to approve the March board minutes; the motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

A motion was made to give a calico rosebud to Dea Jae Shore and Janet Miller at the April meeting for their work on the mini-retreat; the motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

The Marble Falls quilt guild will have their raffle quilt at our July guild meeting.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> VP for Special Events – Elaine Staller

The mini retreat went well. Beatrix Shell volunteered to chair the October mini retreat. Summer retreat is full.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Information – Ina Ramirez

A table is needed to distribute the directory in April. Open bees will start being listed in the newsletter.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Programs – Janet Miller

Upcoming activities for April through June were discussed. Sue Spargo, who had rescheduled for 2019, has withdrawn the contract in order to reduce her schedule

#### 4<sup>th</sup> VP for Services – Letty Zavala

New sign holders were received, and she is working on the new signs for them. Quarterly reports are being collected from her committees

#### 5<sup>th</sup> VP for Community Outreach – Pat Alva

Pat was out with our Raffle Quilt and was not at the meeting

#### **Treasurer – Cindy Shutt**

Total cash and checking on hand as of March 31<sup>st</sup> is \$69,955.87. Two CDs are coming due in 2 weeks. 1k will be taken out of the Wright CD to reimburse the Guild for tuition for the Eleanor Wright grant workshop that was held in January. The other CD will roll over, as is, for another year

There was no new business or old business discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Komada,

MORNINGS							
Scraps for Life Bee OPEN	Mondays	9:00 am - Noon	Lackland Baptist Church	Dusty Sherrill	673-6614		
Quilt In OPEN	4th Wed	10:00 am - Noon	Memories by the Yard	Lani Nunley booandpiesmom@yahoo.com	680-4182*		
Great Northwest Library Bee	3rd Sat	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Library @ 9050 Wellwood St Grissom / Culebra	Kitty Janiga kittyandernie@earthlink.net	622-9522		
Villa de San Antonio Bee aka Quilt-a-Beasts OPEN	Mondays	8:00 am - Noon	Villa de San Antonio Retirement Home	Lani Nunley booandpiesmom@yahoo.com	680-4182*		
				Sylvia Jolet sjolet@earthlink.net	497-3383		
Sew Bee It OPEN	2nd Tues	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Encino Park Community Center 1923 Encino Rio		Bring power strip or extension cord		
Come Quiltin' Bee OPEN	3rd Wed	9:30 am - Noon	Gone Quiltin' Bandera, Texas	Betty Brister General27mlp@gmail.com	830-460-7313		
			AFTERNOONS				
Hand Bee OPEN	Every Wed	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Encino Branch Library	Judith Miller quiltjam@aol.com	765-5641*		
The Unfinished Bee OPEN – NEEDS MEMBERS TO KEEP GOING	2nd Tues	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Creekside Clubhouse on Senisa Springs	Marian Burns Mburns7073@satx.rr.com	509-7319		
WEEKENDS							
Minding our P's and Q's (patches and quilting) OPEN BUT LIMIT TO 10	4th Sun	Noon to 4:00 pm	Memories by the Yard	Pat Alva alvaent@gmail.com	777-8130*		
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#### Issue 5

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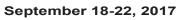
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Sincere sympathies to the family of former member Linda Reed, 69, who passed away March 29th in Florida. She had moved to live near her daughter. Memorial contributions may be made to Fleet Landing Endowment Fund, Inc., 1 Fleet Landing Blvd, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233. (Linda's mother was member Lucille Shean. She was instrumental in the Guild's use of St. Andrews, and our meeting room is named after her.)

Sending healing good wishes to: Janet Craig recovering from knee surgery.

#### Congratulations to MARGIE SWANEY, for winning the Golden Carrot award at the April Guild meeting.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support!

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.

Stop by the QPC tables

at the May Work Day, where we will have several projects



to further along. Most of the projects require your sewing machine, but we will also have some hand stitching items, and a quilt that needs to be basted.

Stay and help, it will be fun! Thanks for your continued support.

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

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