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# **Common Threads**

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> December 13 Holiday Party 9:00 AM Secret Pal Breakfast

11:00 AM Guild Party

St. Andrew's Church 8231 Callaghan Rd.

No Services except Sharon Ross will be accepting Bright Hopes quilts



## Happy Holidays!

We are all looking forward to a wonderful Christmas party and secret sister breakfast. Quilter s are the absolutely best cooks on the planet. Nothing makes me happier than smiles, laughter, oohs and ahs as we exchange gifts, and a good ole fashioned pot lock luncheon.

A brief respite from the stress of so many places to be, so very many things to do during this wonderful holiday season. Why is it that our to-do lists double and quadruples around the holidays? Many years ago I had decided to not let the stress ruin my holidays. So my to-do list was trimmed, the perfect Christmas in my head was let go and I have learned how to truly enjoy the holidays with family and friends. So let's accomplish what we can, let go what we can and sit back look around and enjoy what is all around us this holiday season.

So here's looking to a stress free as possible holiday season. May we all delight in the laughter of our children and grandchildren; enjoy putting on those "stretchy" pants after the big turkey dinner and I will see you all at the after Christmas clearance sales!

Hugs and Happy holidays to each and every one, Bobbie Ashley President



#### Note from your Editor

GSAQG

Sad news from the computer front. My laptop hard drive died. I now know many young Geeks at Best Buy, one who is Gabrielle Swain's son. Amazingly enough I had backed up the membership list from September. October and November's lists, however, are in cyber heaven. So at the January meeting there will have to be some real attention paid to your information. I will have a listing of your information for you to check. This is especially important so the



directory is as accurate as possible. This is an abbreviated newsletter. The pictures were lost so once I get them from the source cameras I will put them on the web site. We have heard so many sad tales and resolutions of more backup. If you don't know how, get help and setup your computers to automatically backup on a regular basis.

# **Program Notes**

## 2009 Program Schedule

- January 10 Brenda Papadakis Dear Jane
- February 13 Hawaiian Applique Workshop -Keri Duke
- February 14 Lecture & Workshop Keri Duke
- March 14 Dot Collins TBA
- April 11 TBA
- May 9 Studio Design Connie Silber
- June 12 Art Quilt Design Esterita Austin
- June 13 Lecture & Workshop Esterita Austin



#### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR DUES \$20 SENIOR (over 65) \$15 Send your check with SASE to: Gloria Hammond

### NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE: Midnight Monday after Guild Meeting) email to <u>quiltnews@satx.rr.com</u> is preferred. Or mail -Dea Jae Shore

#### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

monthly	yearly		
\$60.00	\$660		
\$30.00	\$330		
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\$15.00	\$165		
\$10.00	\$110		
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#### GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS November 3, 2008 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at. 1:05p.m.

Members present: Bobbie Ashley, Larry Beauchamp, Nechia Dawson, Barbara Sumlin, Linda Ethridge, Bernie Farris, Gail Daniel, Karen Nanos, and Lori Branson Absent: Dea Jae Shore

**<u>President</u>**: Bobbie Ashley: Minutes stand approved. Bobbie announced that Janet Craig is moving to Australia so we will need to find her replacement as Sunshine and Shadows person.

<u>President Pro-Tem</u>: Larry Beauchamp announced that he delivered 5 rolls of batting for Bright Hopes to the storage unit.

<u>**1**<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Special Events</u>: Gail Daniel stated that the bus trip to Houston was successful and all seem to have had a good time.

Motion made and carried to give Any Baby Can a check for \$250.00 for their collaboration of the Quilt Auction.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Newsletter/Directory: No Report Given

<u>**3**</u><sup>rd</sup> **Vice-President – Programs**: Nechia Dawson restated the up coming schedule of programs:

• Brenda Papadakos (Dear Jane) will be here in January

- Ellen Hernandez February Quilts Past & Present (her follow-up on the
- Ethel Howie Grant she received.) Dot Collins - March - program TBA

<u>4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President – Services</u>: Bernie Farris - No report given

<u>5<sup>th</sup> Vice-President – Community Outreach</u> - Barbara Sumlin - No report given

#### Treasurer:

- CD'S : \$15,000.00 & \$20,000.00
- Operating Acct.: \$14,485.49;
- Savings: \$9,749.17 Total: \$59,234.66

Adjourned: 2:05 p.m.

#### Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild November 8, 2008 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 at St Andrews Church.

**President:** Bobbie Ashley recognized both Mary Ruth Flores for the GAAS committee and Carol Rouse for the QPC Committee for their outstanding work on behalf of the guild and presented the Calico Rose Award.

Bernie Farris was introduced as the new Queen of Bees. Bees are requested to send updated information to Bernie.

Sign-up lists for the Christmas Party are available. Members are requested to sign up for vegetable or dessert dishes.

The guild is in need of a volunteer(s) to prepare the coffee for each meeting. This may be an individual or a group who want to volunteer. Phone or email Bobbie if interested.

Janet Craig, whose husband is retiring after 30 years in the Navy, will be moving to Australia in March of 2009. As her computers are out of service and she cannot receive emails, an announcement was made that Fern Waitschies and Jill Fritz husbands passed away this past month. The Sunshine and Shadows Committee is looking for a new committee chairperson. If interested, call or email Bobbie Ashley.

The following events were announced:

• Colorado Valley Quilt Guild, La Grange, Tx. Quilt Show, Feburary 27-29, 2009. (Theme: Crazy Quilts)

• Oklahoma City Quilt guild, Oklahoma city, January 8-10, 2009 (Theme: Special Exhibit for Alzheimers)

• UUMC Quilt guild, Quilt Market, February 27, 2009, 9 a.m.-4 pm) (Speaker: Sally Schneider)

The nominating committee chair, Linda Ethridge, presented the slate of officers for approval. The slate presented was:

- President, Janet Miller
- Second Vice-President, Dea Jae Shore
- Fourth Vice-President, Linda Ethridge
- Fifth Vice-President, Barbara Sumlin Secretary, Donna Brown

As there were no nominations from the floor, a motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers as presented to the membership. The motion carried.

The budget was presented to the membership. Karen Nanos gave the members an overview of the

budget's income and expenses. She discussed the importance of both the auction and the quilt show to bring in income to carry the yearly expenses of the guild.

A motion was made by Larry Beauchamp and seconded. (Discussion: Ruth Felty made a motion to increase the amount of money for the Ethel Howie Award. The motion failed.) The motion on the floor was approved by the membership

#### President Pro-Tem: No report

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Special Events**: A special thank you was given to Geneva Gusman for organizing the Houston Bus Trip. Ida Blankenship announced the ticket sales for the raffle quilt and encouraged members to sign out tickets for sale and to give tickets for Christmas gifts.

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Newsletter:</u> Dea Jae Shore informed members to pay their dues by the end of January. There will be no table for payment of dues at the Christmas meeting. Regular membership is \$20.00 and Senior membership is \$15.00.

<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President, Programs:</u> Nechia Dawson reminded the members of the Christmas Party in December, Brenda Papadakis in January, Ellen Hernandez (Quilt Stories) in February, and Dot Collins in March.

<u>4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President, Services:</u> Carol Rouse, showed the quilts that have missing blocks. She appealed to the membership to bring work/kits that have been checked out. There will be a Cat Challenge and there are kits that need cutting ready for check out.

5<sup>th</sup> Vice-President, Community Outreach: Sharon Ross appealed to the membership to check out and make quilts for Bright Hopes. Bring quilts to the December meeting as we are short our goal. Charlene Carroll was introduced as the new Youth Alternatives Chairperson.

<u>Treasurers Report:</u> \$15,000 CD; \$20,000 CD; \$14,485.49 Operating Account; \$9,749.17 Savings; TOTAL: \$59,234.66

Parliamentarian: No Report

<u>Unfinished Business</u>: The Soldiers Quilts is coming to an end. Due to the reduction of planes transporting soldiers, the extra quilts were distributed at BAMC.

There were 102 members in attendance, three guests, and \$4.50 in name tag fines. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54.

Greater	San Antonio C	uilt Guild		
2009 Approved Budget				
	EXPENSES	INCOME		
Membership/education:				
Programs	8,000.00			
Workshops	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Newsletter/Directory	3,700.00	500.00		
Library	300.00			
Video Library	250.00			
Patterns	50.00			
Door Prizes	220.00			
QPC	350.00			
Video Library	250.00			
Membership	100.00	4,400.00		
· · ·	16,220.00	7,900.00		
Community/charity:				
Bright Hopes	1,000.00			
Community Response	250.00			
Storybook Quilts	400.00			
Community Outreach	500.00			
	2,150.00	_		
Guild grants:	2,100100			
Sherry Allred Grant	300.00			
Ethel Howey Grant	1,000.00			
	1,300.00			
Guild fundraisers:	1,000.00			
Quilt Show	33,623.00	54 660 00		
	33,023.00	54,660.00		
Administrative:				
Administration	2 050 00			
	3,950.00			
Rent (Meetings) Storage facility	1,850.00			
<u> </u>	4,900.00			
Postage, Bulk	800.00			
Telephone	600.00			
Webpage	255.00	4 400 00		
Interest Income		1,100.00		
Other income	10.077.05	500.00		
	12,355.00	1,600.00		
Self-sustaining programs:				
Retreat - Summer	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Retreat - Winter	3,400.00	3,400.00		
Houston Bus trip	2,400.00	2,400.00		







## A Note from the Treasurer:

The guild approved the 2009 budget at the November meeting. This budget includes income from the 2009 Quilt Show which will help sustain the guild in its regular activities for the next two years.

If you really look at the monthly Treasurers Report, you'll see that, taking out income from the Quilt Show and the Auction, it costs from \$15,000 to \$20,000 more than we take in to run the Guild every year. This means that the Auction and the Quilt Show make up the difference and allow us to continue doing what we do. In the last few years, the Auction has not been making as much money as it used to. The Auction has been re-vamped and is promising to get bigger with all the interest from charities.

In the meantime, the pressure is on the Quilt Show to support the Guild. Last year's show was our biggest yet, with more vendors, more admissions tickets sold, and a large amount of raffle tickets sold. We have budgeted a smaller amount for the 2009 show because of increased costs and a slowing economy, but we're hoping the show will be as big at making money as the last show.

The Guild looks like its rich, with almost \$60,000 in cash and CD's, but the Board works very hard at being conservative with the way we spend our money. If the unthinkable were to happen and the Live Oak Civic Center was to burn down two weeks before our scheduled Quilt Show, the Guild would only be able to last 3 years until we were out of money. We would schedule another show but the money we have would get us through until more funds could be raised.

This money is our security and allows us to bring in nationally known speakers and teachers, maintain a valuable library for use of all guild members, and share our gift of quilting with the community, as well as many other areas in which the Guild is involved. Your Board is very aware of this and will continue to do it's best to conserve the Guild's funds.

Even if you're not on the Board or a committee, you can help the Guild in its activities in a few simple ways: donate items to the Auction, attend workshops (a bargain at \$15 and \$25), and tell as many non-quilters as you know about the Auction and the Quilt Show. In fact, make it your mission to bring at least 2 non-quilters to each event. Who knows, maybe you'll get someone else hooked on quilting!

Karen Nanos

## Memories by the Yard 210-520-4833

### Mary Lou Weidman Special Event

Mary Lou Weidman will be in Memories to teach one of her *Flower Power* quilts!

Thursday, December 11 from 12noon to 4pm. We are so excited to have her here that we are making a full blown event out of it!

We will have a tea and door prizes, and loads of fun. Sign up early, there is limited space available.

Friday, December 12 Mary Lou will be back to autograph her books from 6-8 pm.

You won't want to miss these special events – Mary Lou is loads of fun to be around. We know you will love taking a class from her!

**Register now – space is limited!** 

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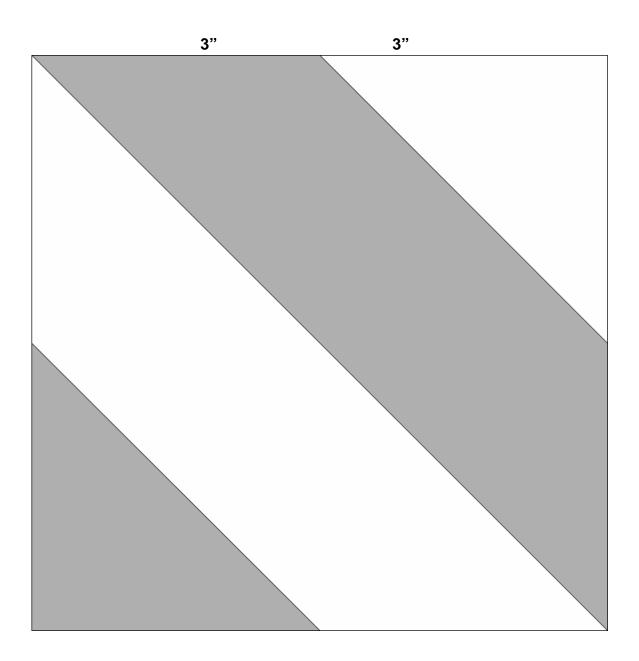




# January 2009 BLOCK PARTY

Try your hand at a diagonal block. It can be paper pieced. Make it a 6 inch block finished—6.5 unfinished. Let's mke it in light and dark blues. You should be able to make an interesting geometric quilt if you win.

Bring as many as you like with your name attached to each one to the January Guild meeting. All names go in the basket and the lucky winner in the drawing gets all of the blocks.



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## **December Schedule**

**December 1 BOARD MEETING-1PM** St. Andrew's Church

#### **December 13 GUILD MEETING-10AM** St. Andrew's Church

8231 Callaghan Rd.

#### December 16 - Wearable Arts 6:30pm

Creative Sewing Center 11777 West Ave. Hostess - Ida Tyson Blankenship

## **Board of Directors**

President **Bobbie Ashley** President Pro-Tem Larry Beauchamp 1st Vice President for Special Events Gail Daniels 2nd Vice President for Newsletter Dea Jae Shore **3rd Vice President for Programs** Nechia Dawson 4th Vice President for Services **Bernie Ferris 5th Vice President for Comm. Outreach** Barbara Sumlin Lori Branson Secretary, Treasurer, Karen Nanos Parliamentarian Linda Ethridge

**Bold** Offices expire December 2008