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Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.

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March 10th Guild Meeting

9:30 Assorted Activities 10:00 General Business Meeting

Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church 8231 Callaghan Rd.

March Program Mickey Mowry- lecture

Hand Quliting Demo has been cancelled

1st Annual Mini Retreat March 23rd 6pm-10pm March 24th 8am-6pm Only \$15!!!! (Limit 35)

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

Beverly Keller and Cyd Hughes were welcomed as our newest Guild members at the February meeting. Bright Hope quilts have already been finished thanks to these gals.

You can't miss our guests with their hot pink feather boas. Please take a minute to welcome them to our Guild and include them in your conversations.

The Auction, 6 October, is fast approaching. This year we are partnering with Returning Heroes Home. The Warrior Family Center built next to SAMMC (BAMC) at Ft. Sam Houston was funded by Returning Heroes Home Foundation. Currently they are raising funds for a therapeutic garden. The Guild will donate 15% of the Auction profits to the garden fund raising.

What is the saying-many hands make light work. **ALL** Guild members need to help Ellen Hernandez and the Auction Committee get the 40 plus tops finished for the Auction. The Auction Committee needs help with quilting, binding and labels.

We currently have 222 members. About 120-130 attend the monthly meeting and they can/should/will stop by the Auction table, pick up a kit to take home and quilt or stay after Guild meeting and help sew binding and labels. If you cannot attend the meetings give Ellen a call 520-1335, cell 601-5960 or email ellenhernandez@hotmail.com, she will deliver kits and pick up finished Auction quilts.

PLEASE, ALL GUILD MEMBERS JOIN TOGETHER TO MAKE THE AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS FOR THE GUILD AND OUR MILITARY HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Janet Miller

Price was a big help to

her as well. Thanks to

you both!

President, GSAQG



Bobbie Ashley was given her Calico Rose for chairing the Summer Retreat. Thanks Bobbie!



Dorothy Reishman received a Calico Rose for her hard work on the Winter Retreat. Sandi



2012 Program Notes

March - Mickey Mowry "Sew Many Pieces"

The Hand Quilting demo has been cancelled

1st annual Mini Retreat 23rd & 24th Fri 6pm-10pm Sat 8am-6pm Only \$15 Limit 35 spaces and 25 have already signed up!

April - Guild Work Day Come and HELP us work on assorted projects that benefit our Guild, and our community!

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 *``*

NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE is Midnight - Monday after Guild meeting.

E-mail to quiltnews@dishmail.net is preferred, or mail to Melanie McInnis.

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 (12-18) \$6 Send your check to: **GSAQG** PO Box 380522 San Antonio, TX 78268

GSAQG Mini-Retreat

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 35 guilters. Pizza and prizes provided.

Workshop with Cynthia England

Friday 11 May 9 - 3, "Texas" quilt \$25.

Saturday 12 May 1-4, Lecture \$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

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.

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.









Golden Carrot winner was Ellie Williams!!! Everyone turning in projects for **Bright Hopes**

Storybook Quilts and (QPC) Quilt Project Committee are entered into a

drawing each month to win prizes!!!



GSAQG BOARD Meeting Minutes

The February 6, 2012 board meeting of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild was called to order by President Janet Miller at 6:05 pm at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Present were Janet Miller, Dea Jae Shore, Donnis Todd, Cindy Shutt, Sandra Bloom, Melanie McInnis, Mary McCarthy, Sandi Price, Barbara Sumlin, and Larry Beauchamp. Minutes of the January meeting stood approved as published.

<u>President—Janet Miller:</u> Read a letter thanking the Guild for quilt donation to Elf Louise Auction. Board accepted proposal to award Calico Rose to Dorothy Reischman, co-chair of Winter Retreat.

<u>President Pro-Tem—Dea Jae Shore:</u> No report

Secretary—Donnis Todd: 3 calls to guild hotline

<u>Treasurer—Cindy Shutt:</u> Reported balance of \$65, 058.33. December treasurer report was approved. Board agreed to give 4 scholarships from Marilyn Parsons' fund for each workshop in February and May.

1st Vice President/Special Events—Sandra Bloom: Reported on a well organized Winter Retreat. Announced registration for Summer Retreat to begin February guild meeting. Reported 2012 Auction progressing well.

<u>2nd Vice President/Newsletter—Melanie McInnis:</u> Reported
 222 paid members as of January 31. Board decided to post birthday notices in newsletter.

3rd <u>Vice President/Programs—Mary McCarthy:</u> Reported on participant status for February classes and March Retreat. Board agreed to award one free 2013 membership as door prize in May.

4th Vice President/Services—Sandi Price: No report

5th Vice President/Community Outreach—Barbara Sumlin: Reported on upcoming Carson Elementary Quilt Night

Parliamentarian—Larry Beauchamp: No Report

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> Board approved motion to accept changes to Guild Policy Statement as submitted. Discussed and made changes to General Information statements published in directory.

New Business: Approved motion to award life-time membership to Carol Rouse for outstanding contributions to Quilt Projects Committee. Accepted Melanie McInnis' proposal to lend feather boas to guests during meetings.

Meeting adjourned: 7:29 pm

Donnis Todd, Secretary GSAQG

















GSAQG GUILD Meeting Minutes

The February 11, 2012 meeting of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild was called to order by President Janet Miller at St Andrew Presbyterian Church at 10:03 am. 121 members and 4 guests attended with name tag fees of \$3.00. Minutes of the January meeting were approved as published.

President—Janet Miller: Welcomed new members. Welcomed the Vereins Quilt Guild from Fredericksburg with the raffle quilt for their 2012 quilt show. Read a thank-you note from Elf Louise regarding silent auction quilt donation. Presented Calico Roses to Shirley Carter for chairing the DVD Library from 2005-2011 and to Dorothy Reischman for chairing the 2012 Winter Retreat. Reminded members to submit applications for Sherry Allred Grant by April board meeting.

<u>President Pro-Tem—Dea Jae Shore:</u> Absent. No report <u>Secretary—Donnis Todd:</u> No report

Treasurer--Cindy Shutt: Reported fund balance of \$65, 058.33

1st Vice President/Special Events—Sandra Bloom:

Dorothy Reischman reported that Winter Retreat had 35 attendees. Sandra announced new chairs are needed for Winter Retreat 2013 and Houston Bus Trip. Summer Retreat: Sandra introduced Sherry Duringer, co-chair, and announced sign-up. 2012 Auction: Ellen Hernandez reported status of items completed and requested volunteers for remaining items. Announced a show and tell in August.

2nd Vice President/

Newsletter—Melanie McInnis: Reported 222 members as of January 31. Requested volunteer for guild photographer. 3rd Vice President/Programs—Mary McCarthy: Presented programs through July. Announced cancellation of hand quilting classes. Sandra Bloom named chair of September style show. Reminded members of name-tag challenge in July.

4th Vice President/Services—Sandi Price: QPC: Carol Rouse awarded Golden Carrot and requested volunteers to help sort scraps after March meeting. Magazines: Ellen Hernandez requested donations of magazines.

5th Vice President/Community Outreach—Barbara

Sumlin: Absent. Bright Hopes: Sharon Ross announced a "Dog to Puppy" quilt challenge. Education Committee: Donnis Todd reported on Villa San Antonio and Carson Elementary projects. Storybook Quilts: Sherry Duringer displayed new quilts and requested volunteers.

<u>Parliamentarian-Larry Beauchamp:</u>noreport <u>Unfinished Business:</u> None

New Business: President Janet Miller presented Carol Rouse with life-time membership for longstanding, excellent work on QPC committee since 1995. Carol received a fabric plaque

to commemorate her achievement.

Adjourned: 10:33

Donnis Todd, Secretary GSAQG

Notes from Mary McCarthy 3rd VP for Programs

Here is a bio of Cynthia England, our teacher in May. I now have a sample of the "Texas" quilt to show which is the Friday 11 May class.

Cynthia England is a graduate of the Art Institute of Houston and has been creating quilts for more than thirty years. Experimentation with quilting techniques led her to develop her own unique style "Picture Piecing". Cynthia's quilts have been honored with many awards, including two Best of Shows at the prestigious International Quilt Association. Her quilt, Piece and Quiet was distinguished as one of the Hundred Best Quilts of the 20th Century.

Cynthia teaches and lectures nationally and internationally. In addition, she is the designer and owner of England Design Studios which is a publishing/pattern company which specializes in the "Picture Piecing technique. She has over 50 patterns that use this technique. Visit her website at: www.englanddesign.com

Learn how to design your own realistic quilt using the Picture Piecing technique. We will progress through a packet of drawings which will start out simple and gradually become more difficult. You will learn lots of helpful hints and design techniques for creating you own fabric picture. You do not have to know how to draw to do this!

I will begin taking names for the Eleanor Wright Workshops (in June) with Karen Kay Buckley at the March meeting. The Friday 15 June class is "Kansa Rose" and the Saturday 16 June class is "Borders By Design". karenkaybuckley.com

Remember the Name Tag Challenge winners will be chosen at the July meeting. Have you started yet? Must be made of cloth, legible and wearable.

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.

Jeannette Jay - Library Chair





Carol Rouse has been given Lifetime membership to our Guild. She is the longest continuously serving committee chair in our guild. She became QPC chair in January 1999. Besides her long service she took a committee that was on the verge of elimination and developed a productive, imaginative, efficient service for the guild. QPC has been virtually a one woman committee with Carol cajoling, pleading and selling participation to members over the years. The result has been many, many outstanding quilts for our auction and other activities. For her design skills, imagination, and dedication over 13 years, the board agreed that Carol deserved to be named as a Lifetime member of the Guild.

APPLIQUE AWAY ON GALVESTON BAY! APPLIQUE CONFERENCE FEB. 17-21, 2013

Organizers: Sally Coble, Amy DePan, Bonnie Gustafson and Judy Purgason

Come join us for some sunshine and four appliqué packed days on beautiful Galveston Bay in Texas. Stay at The Tremont House, one of the Historic Hotels of America.

The conference will offer 2 full day two-day classes for all skills levels and a variety of appliqué techniques including traditional, dimensional with embellishments and wool appliqué.

The instructors will be **Bobbie Ashley**, Kim Gaddy, Darlene Christopherson and Alice Wilhoit. Their class projects are pictured and described on the web site.

Registration opens on February 15, 2012 and is limited to the first 80 participants.

Learn all about the conference, schedule and teachers on the website at www.appliqueawayongalvestonbay.com.

Share with all your quilting friends!

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

Donnis Todd had two reasons to celebrate recently: her son, Jonathan and wife Melissa welcomed a healthy son, Michael Daniel Ho'opiakalani Todd on 15 Jan, AND son, William, was home on leave from Afghanistan.

Get well wishes are in order for Joan Gifford who has been hospitalized for respiratory complications. She has been discharged from the hospital and is recovering at her son's home in Austin. You may send cards to her San Antonio address.

Kris Thomson is a fortunate uninjured survivor of a car crash near 281, though her car was a total loss. Thank goodness for air bags.

2012 Auction News

ellenhernandez@hotmail.com

Have Quilt Kits, Will Travel - coming to your home, sooner rather than later, I hope! YOU have 10-20-30 or more tops that need to be quilted before the October 6th Auction. PLEASE help complete these items. Kits come with the finished top (your choice from very small to king size), batting, backing, and pre-cut binding. You "quilt as desired" before August, and return to Ellen or Linda Ethridge. THANK YOU to those who have finished











Happy Birthday to these Members!

JANE	NELLIS	3/03/
LARRY	BEAUCHAMP	3/03/
BETTY	BRISTER	3/05/
CORNELIA	BEACH	3/05/
JACKIE	RANDALL	3/07/
CHARLOTTE	KEENER	3/08/
BARBARA	WOFFORD	3/08/
BETTY	GRANHEIM	3/10/
DONNA	INGRAM	3/10/
E. KAREN	BROWN	3/11/
JOYCE	EFRON	3/11/
DORIS	ST GEORGE	3/13/
JANIS L.	PAINTER	3/15/
ANNE C.	BLAKE	3/17/
KIT	KUCINKAS	3/17/
MARGIE A	соок	3/21/
ANN	ASHJIAN	3/23/
BEVERLY	KELLER	3/24/
GAIL	DANIEL	3/25/
ELEANOR(Ellie)	WILLIAMS	3/25/
SYLVIA	BUDRAITIS	3/25/
IRMA	PAREDES	3/31/



COMMITTEES

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Newsletter	Melanie McInnis	219-2365
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Photographs	Sherry Sorber 830	-980-4627

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Winter Retreat	Sandi Price	695-6451
Doroth	y Reischman 830	-426-2997
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Storybook Quilts	Sherry Durringer	347-9830
Sunshine&Shadows	Ellen Hernandez	520-1335
Videos & DVD's	Jackie Randall	492-8073
Webmistress	Dea Jae Shore	590-3013
Member Sign In	Kitty Janiga	710-1909
	Sandra Lowell	681-1901
Youth Alternatives	Charlene Carroll	699-8798
Fall of the Alamo	Mary Ruth Flores	410-4337

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?yesno	
#	
1. Write a paragraph explaining what you'd like to accomplish at Summer retreat.	
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Hauptstrasse Quiltfest

Large Outdoor Quilt Display (open to all quilters)

Live Music

Downtown Boerne Shopping & Dining Quilts for Sale

Store Window Display Competition

Craft Vendors

Informational Exhibitors

Antique Quilt Presentation

May 5, 2012
Saturday
9:00am-3:00pm
Downtown Boerne
& Main Plaza

Volunteers & Quilts Needed!



Contact Boerne Parks & Recreation for additional information. (830) 249-9511 www.ci.boerne.tx.us



Welcome to our newest members

Beverley Keller and Cyd Hughes!!!!

Feedsacks and Vintage Fabrics FOR SALE

EBay: "willarogers"

Classes on Feedsack History

Free with 3 or more/ plus Kit Fee of http://sascook.web.officelive.

http://stores.ebay.com/Willarogers-Vintage
Sherry A Cook, Member GS.

Cell: 210-896-2909 sas.cook@gmail.com

Classes on Feedsack History & Quilts

Free with 3 or more/ plus Kit Fee of \$15.00 each

http://sascook.web.officelive.com/

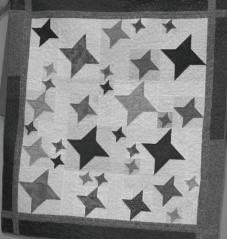
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Sherry A Cook, Member GSAQG

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



Sandi Price "Loved" doing this "Girl" pastel print using a disappearing 9 patch pattern for Daniell. It is 44"x50"

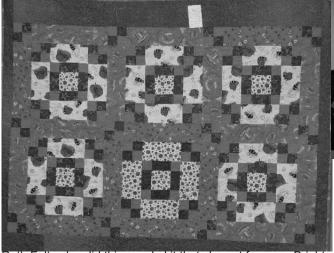


Ruth Felty quilted this Friendship Star after the blocks were done by Doris St. George for the Our Auction



Ruth Felty quilted this QPC project called Patriot Waves for Our Auction. It is 62"x68"---Start saving your \$ now!

These are the results of the "Sun Faces" class taught by Alicia Avila (2nd from right).



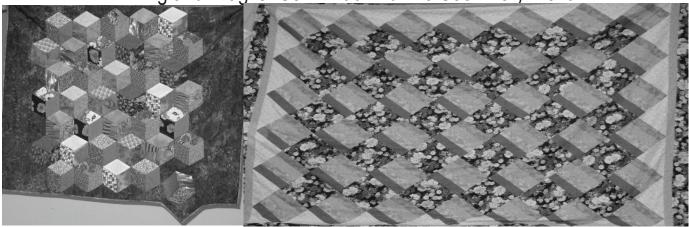
Ruth Felty also did this puzzle kit that she got from our Bright Hopes table. There will be a lucky child getting this beauty!





Everyone had a GREAT time and learned alot about how she taught herself to quilt, and now teaches from her home in Uvalde.

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



Pat Porter did this beautiful black background "Tumbling Blocks" that is 42"x52". She also teaches quilting at the NEISD

Marlene Azzuolo enjoyed doing this Queen size quilt for Our Auction. Some of our members were already trying to bid on this one on Sat.!



Melissa Allo has been VERY busy doing all of theses projects. The first one is a dress for her daughter Madison, that she had to enlarge with the black fabric, as Madison out grew it before she finished it. The middle one is also for her daughter who likes iron man, so she named it "Iron Man" It also has a pillow case with her name on it. The one on the right is for her son who likes dragons. It is all 100% embroidery!!!



Last but not least, this is Melissa showing the "Spirit of the Bear" that she did for her husband related to his Boy Scout Troop work.

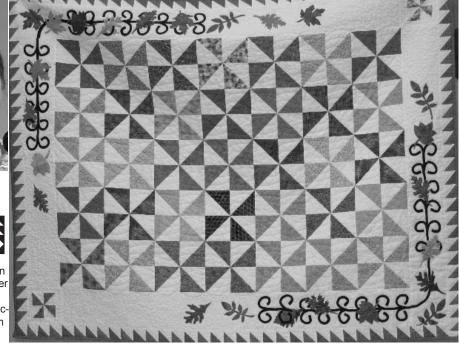


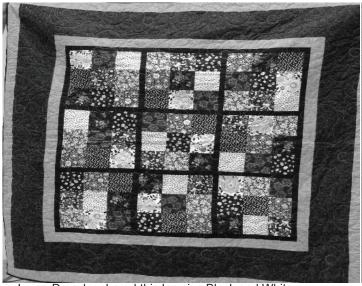




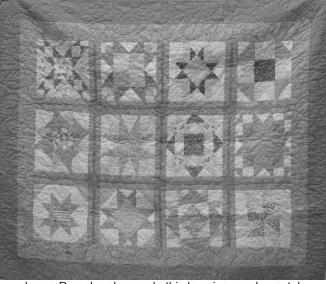


Lynn Robbins showed us this awesome "Autumn Windmill" on the right that she made for her sister for completing her Masters Degree! Notice the borders that have wrought iron that Lynn took pictures of and incorporated them into this heirloom quilt.

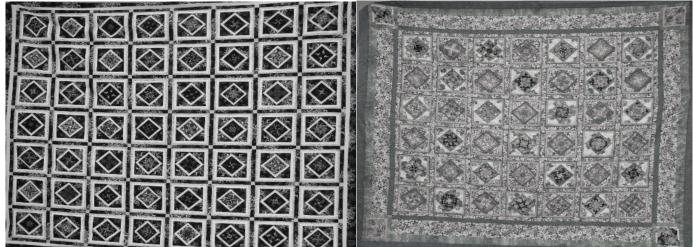




Lorna Dressler shared this lap size Black and White "Sudoko" quilt that she made for her Great-Niece who is going to Vanderbilt



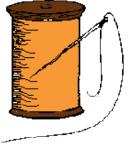
Lorna Dressler also made this lap size purple pastel that started out as a test blocks. Wow!!

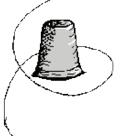


Carol Rouse made the quilt on the left (84x96) as a practice quilt for a pattern she liked. Then she made the one on the right (88x94) for the real deal! I wish I could get just one done! They are both the stack and wack method.



Janice Painter showed us her Tee Shirt quilt (75x75) she made for her nephew who is an Aggie from A&M. Is he OK with that Longhorn block? Gig 'em Aggies!!

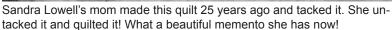


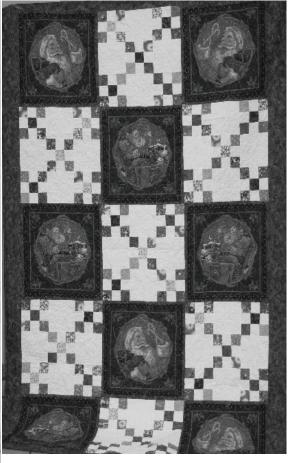




Shirley Carter finished this 18x18 Valentine wall hanging at winter retreat! She started it in 1995 or 96! Anyone else have any UFO? If so, get inspired by Shirley and get them done! We can use them for the Auction!







Sandra Lowell also had a great idea for all of those panels you have. She calls this one "Portraits of Santa". It is a twin size. Thanks for the tip Sandra!

















See these and many more (in color) on our web site www.sanantonioquilt.org

Common Threads Pieces of the Past: WPA Quilts

Ellen Hernandez



The Great Depression in the 1930s left as many as 60 million people without financial support. Roosevelt's presidential act in 1935 established a relief program, Works Progress Administration (WPA), to give hope to jobless Americans. The WPA lasted eight

years and besides building 650,000 miles of roads and 78,000 bridges, thousands of cities and lives were transformed in many different ways. In San Antonio, the WPA converted a litter infested area into the River Walk. Artist Howard Cook painted 16 panels in the Federal Building near the Alamo which vibrantly exist

today after recent restoration. The *Index of American Design* was a project of the WPA Federal Art Project. Some 22,000 painted or photographed images were collected from 35 states of items such as pottery, furniture, folk art and quilts.



Besides money, people needed textiles such as clothes, blankets and mattresses. Sewing Rooms were established in vacant factory buildings in almost every city and small town. While the adults worked, their children were cared for and educated in one of 1500 nursery schools. These, and other children, were in need of toys, so craft workers



made and repaired old toys which could be borrowed from toy libraries. The children also need blankets, so about a half million workers in the Sewing Rooms made 14,000 quilts and 5,000 comforters, in addition to clothing and other items. The women

were paid 50 cents per day to quilt. Many of the quilt patterns were difficult because they were made by designers rather than quilters. In fact, few of the tops were actually quilted. Most were used to cover drab wool blankets already in use. Sample quilt blocks were put in kits and sold to libraries and museums for educational



purposes. The Depression of hard times brought about a renewed interest in inexpensive pleasures, such as passing the time with neighbors while quilting.













Common Threads Bee Keepers List of Bee's

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. This year we plan to continue our efforts to turn more of the blocks we have on hand into finished tops. If you have not checked our table in the past couple of months, we have some new projects. We have blocks from a challenge and some which were donated that we're adding borders. Also, I hope to have 2 more new projects at the March meeting. QPC has several boxes of small scraps which need to be sorted by color. I'll be bringing them in March and after the meeting and program, dumping them on tables. If several people help, it shouldn't take more than an hour to sort. If you can help, I'll even bring a snack to keep your energy level up till you can go get lunch. Just let me know how many to expect. Carol Rouse - Chair - QPC Committee

Storybooks and Quilts to Go

New Year, New Books, New Quilts! We purchased six new titles this month for adoption, and three of them are already gone! Glenda Harris, Larry Beauchamp and Donnis Todd each took a new book home Saturday. Lois Beauchamp and Nancy and Robyn Beasley returned finished quilts and Glenda Harris showed me a beautiful (almost finished!) applique top for another. I am always excited to see the level of talent our members bring to these wonderful quilts.

Thanks to Donnis Todd, I had the opportunity to share the Storybooks and Quilts to Go program at Carson Elementary School this month. 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.

Sherry Duringer, Chair, Storybooks and Quilts to Go

210-347-9830 or sduringer@satx.rr.com

Bright Hopes Quilts and Totes for Charity

At the Winter Quilt Retreat in January we completed 23 flannel quilt tops, and several others were turned in at our February meeting. I'm saving them all for the April kit party. We received 49 beautiful quilts and 8 totes at the February meeting - they've already been delivered to The Children's Shelter.

The "Dog" to "Puppy" challenge is to transform a not so pretty "dog" fabric into a cute "puppy" of a quilt that would please a child. Two different fabrics are available; one is a very bright orange geometric print and the other is in a mystery bag which contains one ounce of hand dyed fabrics - contents unknown until you choose your bag. Quite a few adventurous souls chose to do both! Tops (or quilts if you choose) are due at the July 2012 meeting where the two different fabric groups will be judged and awards will be given to the three best "puppies" in each group. Please contact me at bright.hopes.quilts@gmail.com for more information.

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