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March 11 Guild Meeting

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

March Program *Maggie Ball*

Remember to
bring to the
meeting

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

The meeting in February was a lollapalooza, wasn't it? So much information to share, so many activities to sign up for - it was mindblowing! During the expanded break, I met a few members I had not talked with before and I hope you did too. It wouldn't hurt to try to meet someone new every month. It certainly would help the camaraderie to grow. Who knows, your next bosom buddy might be just a smile away.

The garage sale enriched the Guild coffers by \$812.50. Best of all, it purged the extra storage unit which was costing us \$243 each month. It was no mean feat getting all that stuff cleaned out and packaged for sale. Whew! Commendable accomplishment by Janet Miller, DeaJae Shore, Janice Frankenberger, Marilyn Bellows and everyone else who pitched in. And some of our members succeeded in relocating their extra items as well. Gone to good homes, I'm sure.

The biggest bugaboo I have is the lack of an Auction chair. If you have been a member for some years you will know how important the Auction is to the Guild finances. And if you are aware of this, then please consider serving as chair. Time is getting short to secure a venue. And under the red dye, my hair is graying more and more.

Be sure to check out the programs being offered throughout the year. Some great opportunities await. The prices can't be beat, either. Heck, in May, you even get fed for free! Well, you do have to stick around a while first to help.

September will be here before you know it and with it comes the Show. Work on getting those quilts in well before the deadline. Thanks to Carol Bryant's supreme efforts there will be a fair bit of cash prizes available. All the information you need to know about the Show is to be found on the guild website, www.sanantonioquilt.org.

A Box of Wonders will appear at the meetings throughout the remainder of this year. It's a place to put all those "I wonder why ..."/ "I wonder how ..."/ "I wonder who ..." questions you might have. The board shall endeavor to answer in a timely manner. Of course, the ones beginning something like "Tell me, O Mighty Wise Ones, ..." will probably be answered first.

Happy stitchin', y'all! - - - Mary



New
members
receive
their guild
pins.

2017 Program Notes

March: Maggie Ball, Dragonfly Quilts. Friday's class Template-free Op-Art Kaleidoscope Quilt. Pattern fee \$5.00. Make a four block top with no special rulers. Sewing machine needed. Cost \$35.00. Great advance beginner class. Saturday's class is a UFO (Unfinished Objects) Clinic, bring those blocks or problem quilt. Kathy will offer suggestions/solutions to help you finish the UFO. *The class is being offered at a reduced cost of \$15.00 to Guild members.*

April: Friday's class by Guild member Holly Nelson will be a 25" square wall hanging, Hill Country Bluebird. You will use the liquid starch applique method and learn how to hand stitch six basic shapes. Cost \$35.00. A \$5.00 pattern fee payable to Holly. If you want Holly will provide a kit with all fabrics plus pattern for \$30.00. Saturday's class is "It's All About The Stitch". You will learn two hand applique stitches that will see you through any project. Perfect class to learn one method of hand applique. Cost \$25.00. Kit fee is \$5.00 payable to Holly.

May: Guild Birthday and Work Day. Lunch and birthday cupcakes will be provided. Several Guild committees will have tables set up with projects that Guild members can help with. Projects will vary, some require sewing machines. The Guild will have an Intro to Quilting class, sign-up starts in March. Cost will be \$10.00.

Stop by the Program Table and draw your paint chip for the July Paint Chip Challenge. Rules available at the table.

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.

NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE is Midnight the Monday after
Guild meeting. E-mail:
quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org

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)	\$10.00	\$110

19th Annual Bluebonnet Patchwork Trail Shop Hop April 6-8, 2017



- Extended Shopping Hours
Thursday - Saturday 9-7
Sunday: 11-5
- 8 Merchandise Baskets
- Demos at all shops
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- Grand Prize 2 Night/3 Day Quilting Retreat for 6 at

* The Queen's Rustic Retreat

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Shops will be collecting 12-1/2" children's blocks which will be made into quilts and donated to a designated children's charity.

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3.17 Pieces of the Past, 83: Canadian Confederation Quilt by Ellen Hernandez



Dressmaker Fannie Parlee collected silk, taffeta, and velvet leftover fabric pieces from ball gowns she made in 1864 for the Charlottetown Conference on Prince Edward Island. The Conference was instrumental in the formation of Canada. With the fabric pieces, Fannie was able to make 16 large blocks and four small blocks for a crazy quilt. She stitched her name and 1864 on the quilt. The border was a wide gray ruffle. In 1970 the Parlee family donated the quilt to the Kings County Museum. Recently the quilt was restored, a process that took four years. It is now secure and will be displayed at the Kings County Museum in Hampton during the summer of 2017, in time for Canada's 150th birthday.



Another quilt is gaining interest for the Canadian birthday celebration. It is the *150 Canadian Women Quilt*, much like the Dear Jane quilt. Every week for 50 weeks three Canadian pioneering women will be featured, along with instructions for a six inch quilt block to commemorate them. One of the women is Roberta Price, born 1881, who taught home economics. Her work instigated government funding for a rural support network for Alberta women. During WWI she joined the Canadian Army Medical Corps as a lieutenant and worked as a dietician in England. After the war she chaperoned British war brides to Canada and looked after their needs in transition. She legislated for the Edmonton teacher training school. She also helped establish a veteran's organization. See www.nextstepquilt designs.com for information about these Canadian women and the quilt project.

Mary McCarthy, President, called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm. In attendance were Elaine Staller, Ina Ramirez, Janet Miller, Letty Zavala, Patricia Alva, Cindy Shutt, Sylvia Jolet, and Lyn Komada. A motion was made to approve the January board minutes as amended; the motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

A motion was made to give a calico rose to ***** at the March meeting for her work on *****; the motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussed member survey. We want to ensure that everyone who volunteered is being contacted. Discussed ways to introduce new members to the guild and quilting. Pairing experienced members as mentors to new members, and a beginner's quilting class will be implemented. Depending on interest, a beginner's bee could be started.

At general meetings when we don't have a national teacher, we will have a longer break period and encourage members to spend time talking to someone they don't know.

Board members were asked to check their tax exempt forms to make sure they have the current guild phone number.

Discussed the Youth Alternative Committee. Four members indicated interest in volunteering, but this committee may be inactive. Mary will check with the committee chair to see if committee is still active and report back to board.

1st VP for Special Events - Elaine Staller

Quilt Show update (Carol Bryant): Allbrands will be our Silver Sponsor with a \$300 award for "Best Quilting". Valley Ranch Retreat House will be our other Bronze sponsor with an award of \$250 for "Best Use of Color". The four major sponsorships have been sold. The committee now needs to get the remainder of the smaller sponsorships (\$50 or multiples thereof) so that Blue Ribbon winners in each category will get a \$50 cash award. There were 26 hours volunteered on the quilt show this month. At the upcoming guild meeting, Holly Nelson will sell challenge fabric and the committee will need a table.

Winter Retreat (Linda Kirk). The retreat went well. Karel Donley will chair the next winter retreat. Linda has the contract to be signed.

Mini-Retreat (Janet Miller and Dea Jae Shore). Signup is full, with a waiting list.

2nd VP for Information - Ina Ramirez. She brought laminated cards with guidelines for greeters to show the board. Stitching Post news section discussed. Leave if not taking a lot of room. Ina would like to get clearer images for some of the ads and will contact Nancy Beasley.

3rd VP for Programs - Janet Miller. Upcoming activities were discussed for March thru June.

4th VP for Services - Letty Zavala. Will order a sample of a tabletop sign to see if it would be a good replacement for our existing signage. Requested that we start stacking chairs 8 high at the breakdown after the monthly membership meeting for more efficient removal and storage.

5th VP for Community Outreach - Pat Alva. Pat will check to see if we have enough volunteers for finishing quilts and for the Mini Maker's Fair.

Secretary - Carolyn Komada. There was a call about advertising at the quilt show.

Treasurer - Cindy Shutt. Total cash and savings on hand \$68,909.20 as of Jan 31, 2017. December books have been reviewed and approved. Will be doing a short financial presentation on guild cash flow and money at an upcoming membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Komada,
Secretary

Ethel Howey Grant Recipient



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.

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

All guild members may advertise in the newsletter one free business card size each year. Must be quilt related.

Check out the Bring and Brag items at www.sanantonioquilt.org



Click on the services drop down menu and then on the Bring and Brag link

MINI MAKER WORKSHOP

- GSAQG will again make bookmarks and coasters at the minimaker event at the main San Antonio Library on Saturday, March 25 from 11:00 to 4:00. We use foam board to make quilt patterns, Thousands attend the event and we have gotten very positive feedback, If you can help, call or write me.
- Kitty Janiga - phone 210-710-1909 or email: kittyandernie@earthlink.net

Sign-ups for the Summer Retreat started this past 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.

Mini Retreat

Spring mini retreat will be March 24 & 25 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Friday we start at noon and go to 9:00 pm.

Saturday we begin at 8 am and finish at 4 pm. Supper Friday and lunch Saturday will be provided. No spots are open at this time, but you can place your name on the list in case someone cancels.

Call Dea Jae Shore if you are interested.

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

Treasurer's Report

For the One Month Ending January 31, 2017

	YTD Actual	2017 Budget		YTD Actual	2017 Budget
REVENUES			Telephone		\$150.00
Ordinary Income:			Storage Facility	\$490.00	\$4,100.00
Interest	-	\$500.00	Rent (Meetings)	\$175.00	\$2,100.00
Savings	\$0.96		Rent (Workshops)	\$140.00	\$420.00
CD Interest			Membership Expenses:		
Other income		\$500.00	Membership Supplies		\$300.00
Shelf sale	\$40.00		Newsletter / Directory Printing		\$600.00
Garage sale	\$50.00		Postage		\$200.00
Magazine Sales	\$46.50	\$500.00	Webpage		\$400.00
Nametage fines	\$7.79	\$30.00	Quilt Show	\$430.68	\$39,903.00
Newsletter Postage		\$100.00	Auction		\$800.00
Dues - Membership	\$3,973.00	\$5,500.00	Community Activities:		
Pins	\$2.00		Bright Hopes		\$1,000.00
Newsletter/Directory Ads	\$640.00	\$1,500.00	Storybook Quilts		\$400.00
Workshops	\$70.00	\$8,000.00	Community Outreach		
Fund Raising:			Community Education		\$300.00
Quilt Show	\$2,175.00	\$58,700.00	Quilt Angels		\$200.00
Auction			Save Our Stories		\$200.00
Self-Sustaining:			ITC		\$25.00
Retreat - Summer		\$10,500.00	Membership Services & Activities:		
Retreat - Winter	\$10,410.00	\$8,500.00	Ethel Howey Grant		\$1,000.00
Mini-Retreats	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	Library		\$200.00
Houston Bus Trip		\$3,000.00	QPC		\$275.00
			QPFC		\$275.00
			Video Library		\$200.00
			Programs	\$1,181.33	\$6,000.00
			Workshops	\$1,150.00	\$4,500.00
			Self-sustaining Activities:		
			Mini-Retreats		\$1,000.00
			Retreat - Summer		\$10,500.00
			Retreat - Winter		\$8,500.00
			Houston Bus Trip		\$3,000.00
			Total Expenses	\$4,010.11	\$92,148.00
			Net	\$14,105.14	\$6,182.00
EXPENSES			Ending Jefferson Operating	\$26,894.49	
Administration:			[2015 Technology Fund Inc]	\$(2,767.73)	
Administration		\$5,000.00	Ending Jefferson Savings	\$11,239.63	
Bank & CC	\$28.10		SSFCU CD's & Savings	\$21,020.28	
Insurance	\$415.00		SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$12,522.53	
Coffee Fund			Total Guild Funds	\$68,909.20	
Office Supplies & Postage					
CPA / Tax Return			Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer		
Other					
Equipment Purchase		\$250.00			
Charitable Contributions					
Janitorial		\$175.00			
Sunshine & Shadows		\$25.00			
Memorial Quilt & Bios		\$25.00			
Permanent Quilt Collection		\$25.00			
Door Prizes		\$100.00			

GSAQG Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2017

Mary McCarthy, President, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

The January minutes were approved as presented in the newsletter.

Sign-up sheets for mentors for new members, new members who wanted mentors, and member who had volunteered for a committee but not been contacted yet were discussed and available at the meeting.

The Quilt Project Committee (QPC) and Quilt Project Finishing Committees (QFPC) were discussed and volunteers requested.

This year's Ethel Howey Grant recipient was announced; congratulations to Janice Liggett. Karen Lambdin will be the new chair of the Ethel Howey committee.

The guild has moved out of one storage unit, with a savings to the guild of \$234/month.

Treasurer - Cindy Shutt reported guild cash and savings of \$65,790.06

1st VP for Special Events - Elaine Staller. The Mini Retreat has a waiting list. The Summer Retreat will be June 11-16. Karel Donley will chair the next Winter Retreat. Quilt show: there are still a few challenge fabric fat quarters available for the quilt show challenge—see Holly Nelson to purchase one. Raffle ticket are available to sell. The March quilt show committee meeting has had a time change, and will meet from 8:30-9:30 before the guild meeting, in one of the side rooms.

2nd VP for Information - Ina Ramirez. Members must renew in February to be listed in the directory, which will be printed soon. The directories will be available at the March meeting - please pick yours up at the meeting and save the guild postage. The bylaws and policies are now available online so they will not be printed with the directory.

3rd VP for Programs - Janet Miller. Upcoming events were discussed, including the February garage sale, the Paint Chip Challenge, and upcoming classes. Karen Eckmeier will be coming to teach a class in 2019, and donated 4 books to the guild library. Sue Spargo has had to postpone her classes, and will be coming to teach a class in 2019 instead of 2018.

5th VP for Community Outreach - Pat Alva. Kitty Janiga needs volunteers to help at the Mini Maker's Fair at the Central Library on March 25 from 10:30-2:30

The Golden Carrot award was given to Anne Blake.

There were 138+ members, 7 guests, and \$2 collected in nametag fines. Mary welcomed 6 new members with guild pins.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Komada,
Secretary

Door Prize Winners



Nancy
Beasley
&
Pamela
Wright

Sitchin' Post Community News

Tarheel Quilters Guild Fayetteville, NC

Our Guild will be holding our biennial Quilt Fest and (judged) Quilt Show on April 7 & 8, 2017. In order to have an artistically diverse Show, we are reaching out across the country and would like to invite members of your guild to enter their quilts in our Quilt Show.

Entry fees are \$10.00 per quilt or you may enter three quilts for \$25.00. There is no limit on the number of quilts you can enter (the more the better, we say!). The deadline for submissions is February 20th, 2017.

Our theme is "A Symphony of Quilts", and among the many other ribbons; we will be also awarding a ribbon for "Best Interpretation of Theme".

Additionally, we will have a special category for quilts made following the 365 Challenge. We encourage any quilter who accepted this challenge to enter!!!

Entry Forms, the Category List, and Quilt Show Rules can be found on our website (<http://www.tarheelquiltersguild.org>), and choose the "2017 Quilt Show" tab. Updates will be posted periodically on our Facebook page (Tarheel Quilters Guild) as well. This year, Entry Forms may be completed online or you can print out a hard copy and mail it to us.

Questions? Contact us at QuiltFest2017@gmail.com
We look forward to having your guild members' quilts in our show! Thank you for helping us to spread the diversity, love, joy, and artistic expression of quilting!

Sunshine and **Shadows**

ellenhernandez@hotmail.com

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Sincere sympathies to:

-Marcia Anthony on the loss of her mother, Nanette Blunk, 80, on 31 January.



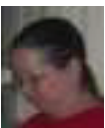
-Glenda Harris on the loss of her mother, Lucille Wernette, 88, on 2 February.

Sending healing good wishes to:

-Marilyn Bellows in rehab following a stroke;



-Virginia Oehlke after two surgeries;



-Yvonne Speer in rehab after total knee replacement.

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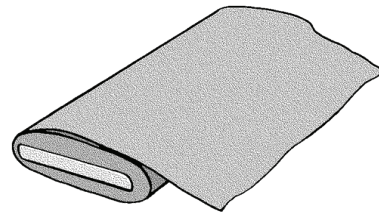
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Golden Carrot Winner: Anne Blake

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.



(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.)

Take a Learning Moment in a Maker's World

There are few activities so completely satisfying as making something. When it works we progress from beginning through the middle to the end, and we feel the sense of accomplishment that it engenders. Stand back and admire: it glows. In life, too often our ordinary activities possess a beginning, a middle yet only a few culminate in a completion. But the very act of making something satisfies deeply because it nourishes our inner, creative force. It engages us fully, sharpens our skills, enlarges our understanding, and in many cases helps forge the interdependent relationships of our quilting community.

Today there are more opportunities than ever for quilters (modern and traditional), quilt artist, fiber artist, and all types of fiber enthusiasts. Traditionalist can quilt with no more than a needle and thread, Modernist can design on computer CAD programs, and quilt artists have a variety of embellishments, patterns and sewing machines that can stitch hundreds of designs. The lines between all can blur.

Even though it feels good to make something out of a pile of fabric scraps, DIY is not merely a feel good exercise. Learning moments multiply. At the very basic level every project builder eventually acquires solid construction techniques. One only needs to forget to close the rotary cutter once to get a sharp reminder. Matching seams becomes a more critical issue when the tips of triangles disappear. A most challenging area for most quilters is color: an ongoing area of development!

Of course the real learning occurs when the project fails to work on the first try. Or the second. Or the third. Failure is a double challenge when working on your own, yet unproven original designs because you do not know whether the fault lies in design or execution - or both. Among all the quilters, fiber artists, makers and designers, I admire most the ones that work on and modify a single project over and over. They are constantly refining, cutting, and trying, seeking at every turn a continuous process of improvement. From these visions and revisions emerge our talented quilt artist, teachers and leaders.

For my part, troubleshooting a problem provides the best learning moments of DIY. Individuals who know me will probably tell you that this love of trouble shooting comes from my own vast experience with failure and mistakes. Learning from mistakes and solving problems,

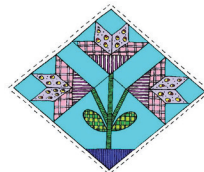
especially trouble shooting complications develops and refines one of life's most valuable skills - problem solving. I often research my problems in books for an answer. Our vast library has books with ideas for projects and creative information to help us grow as quilters and artists. Making something has always been fun and therapeutic. Now we can learn something new, too!

Take Care,
Janet N Craig, Librarian - GSAQG



HQ 16 long arm quilting machine. Excellent condition. I purchased a computer driven machine and would like to sell this one. Asking \$4000. Machine, stand, bobbin winder, patterns. Please email lhardies@gmail.com or call 210 694 4707.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

March Schedule

March 6 Board Meeting 2:30 PM
@ St. Andrew Church

March 11 Guild meeting 10:00 AM @
St. Andrew Church

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR DUES \$ 24
SENIOR (65+) \$ 18
YOUTH (6-18) \$ 6

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