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Common Threads

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc. Incoproated August 1980



NO JUNE Guild Meeting Will Be Held

210-984-6149

June Program
Stay Home!

COVID-19 is not invited!

Remember to bring to the meeting

- Name tag (wear it)
- Library books, & DVDs
- QPC projects
- Bright Hopes quilts
- Smiles for everyone

President's Letter

Is everybody happy? I hope you are all staying well and keeping busy. There has been no news from Covenant Presbyterian regarding the commencing of monthly meetings. As the majority of our members fall into the most susceptible category, I don't foresee a large gathering any time soon. There will be an e-blast when good news arrives.

Have you looked into Zoom? The board has been using it to meet monthly. The possibility of having guest speakers via this method is being investigated. It may even be that our guild meetings could take place this way. But I know not everyone has access to computers or desires to use the platform. We'll see.

There is a fine bring and brag of quarantine quilts available for viewing thanks to Dea Jae's wizardry. If you have photos to share contact her about posting them for all to see. There should be an avalanche after all this "free time".

Stay connected with your quilting buddies and be safe. Until we meet again-- Mary

Thank you Austin ISD for thinking of us!

Dear Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild,

Please accept the enclosed donation in memory of Marjorie Polasek from the members of the Austin ISD MIS department where her daughter Judy Seiffert is a valued member of my team.

Sincerely,

Daniel Inglish

Data Management and Reporting Manager

Austin Independent School District

GSAQG Live Auction

CANCELLED!

Auction: Jean Hardies lhardies@gmail.com phone 210-885-0015

Thank all of you who have made and are making quilts for this year's auction.

The 2020 Quilt Auction has been cancelled due to risk of exposure to the corona virus. Also, because we are not able to have meetings at this time, we are not able to hand out kits nor collect finished quilts. We plan to have a larger auction in 2022.

Jean Hardies, Ph.D.

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GSAQG General Meetings was canceled due to COVID-19.

No minutes submitted.

Programs

June - Speaker for June has been moved to March 2022 at our request.

July - Speaker Patricia Clark still planning, talking about Days for Girls

August - Speaker Vickie Owens. It's a 2 day class! Her Friday and Saturday classes must be the same people, max 25. She will be teaching how to prepare a Laura Heine quilt pattern on Friday, and on Saturday, walk you through putting the quilt top together. You must have your own Laura Heine pattern, because she cannot share one. (Copyright)

September - This will be our much delayed guild birthday and work day, since we are cancelling the auction.

October - Brita Nelson will be our speaker.

If you want to sign up for a class and can't make the meeting, contact Sandra Lowell, 3rd VP for Programs, 512-484-1307 or sandra.lowell@att.net.

All guild members may advertise in the newslettter one free business card size each year.

Must be quilt related.

NEWSLETTER INPUT

Guild meeting. E-mail:
quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org

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)
1/4 page ad \$15.00 \$165
Business card (2 x 3.5) \$10.00 \$110



6.2020 Pieces of the Past, 122: Project Linus, by Ellen Hernandez



Karen Loucks was inspired in 1995 by an article in a Sunday newspaper titled "Joy to the World." The story, written by Pulitzer Prize winning photo-journalist, Eddie Adams, described a California three-year-old girl diagnosed with leukemia. The girl's mother said a special blankie had brought comfort to her throughout her many hospitalizations and treatments. As a new crochetier, Loucks thought she and her friends could provide hand-crafted security blankets



for Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's
Cancer Center, and that was the beginning of Project
Linus, named after the comic strip character in *Peanuts*.
Now with over 300 chapters, Project Linus has provided almost eight million quilted, crocheted, or knitted blankets to ill and traumatized children around the world. Volunteers are nicknamed blanketeers and range from individuals to groups of women inmates.

Loucks has been a Firefighter, EMT, Healthcare Provider and People Development Specialist. She wrote 'Working for Peanuts: The Project Linus Story' in 2011. As a motivational speaker she shares her message that the little things can matter the most, obstacles can be an opportunity, and one person really can make a positive difference. She promotes The LINUS Effect: Live with purpose, Invest in others, Never say never, Undertake something bold, Start now.

The non-profit organization is now managed by President Patty Gregory and VP Mary Balagna. Several special events have been developed over the years. *National Make a Blanket Day* began in 1999 after the Columbine High School shootings. A large quantity of blankets was made in a hurry to provide for that tragedy which led to organizing an annual event. Each year on the third Saturday in February up to 100,000 blankets are donated. A quilt pattern book was released in 2012, *Quilt It with Love: The Project Linus Quilt Story,* and it is still available at amazon and bookstores. The Mystery Quilt Challenge, with prizes awarded to the 1st-4th place community favorites, started in 2015. Patterns from former years are available to purchase online at projectlinus.org. The 2020 pattern will be released in late summer.











The San Antonio Project Linus contact is Ann Strautman, linus-sa@sbcglobal.net, 210-679-6654. Blanket making gatherings have varied throughout SA and Schertz. Quilts are donated to The Children's Hospital of SA, CPS, Methodist Children's Hospital, and emergency situations. General blanket requirements are detailed at projectlinus.org, although some chapters have more specific size and material requests.

Post-note: Karen Loucks was married for nine years to bad-boy *Cream* rock drummer Ginger Baker who for some time was known for his violent temper and substance abuse. She is currently an ordained non-denominational minister who performs customized marriage ceremonies in Colorado.

2020 Summer Quilt Retreat **August 9-14**Valley Ranch Retreat Camp Wood, Texas

We're Having a Beach Party!!!

I hope everyone is well and staying safe during these unprecedented times. I want to let you know that due to the current situation with Covid-19, we made a decision to postpone Summer Retreat. A June retreat is at risk if the stay at home/social distancing orders are extended. Even if orders are lifted by May, many might still be uncomfortable being away from home or attending retreat in June. Our revised summer retreat dates are Sun August 9- Fri Aug 14. I'll reach out to everyone who has signed up. Those unable to attend on the new retreat dates will get a full refund.

Those currently signed up should look for an email from me soon with more details. The cost is \$440.00. To register for summer retreat, a \$50 deposit AND your completed Information Sheet must be turned in to be entered on the Retreat Roster. The Information Sheet is posted on the Website: http://www.sanantonioquilt.org/pages/SummerRetreat.html

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Casias by email at lcasias2000@satx.rr.com or by phone and text at 210-381-3519.

I finally received over 200 yards of 1/4 elastic. I bought it with the intention of donating it to people making face masks. If anyone or organization would like some, just email me at ammatonak@gmail.com or text 210-364-7825. I cannot deliver but I live off Wurzback and Evers. I have a small front gate which we have used to put items for pick up so no contact is necessary. If the masks are to be sold, I will have a donation jar and asking 30 cents a yard.

Ann Marie Matonak

Gammil Home Pro 10 Foot Table for sale best offer. 3-piece easily assembled. Like new condition. See picture at Gammil.com. This one has no hydraulics.

Contact Deborah at 210-247-7298.

Hi my name is Linda Britt and I am not a member of your quilting Society. I am a simple quilter who has had a strong calling which I know is from God to help the Hopi and Navajo Indian nations. They are in desperate need of face mask. They asked the federal government for assistance and were sent body bags instead. I have spoken with both tribes and have found that on the Hopi reservation most have no running water or electricity and on the Navajo Nation some have electricity but it's a small percentage. I am looking to find people who will help me make masks to send to them. The Navajo Nation is experiencing a bad outbreak and this affects the Hopi Nation because it is completely surrounded by the Navajo Nation. If you could reach out to your members and ask if anyone would volunteer to make masks I have the addresses for each Nation to where they can be sent. I have no money for shipping or fabric it would simply be out of the generosity of Their Own Heart.

They have approximately 250 healthcare workers and 15000 tribal members. I found out today that there are multiple organizations helping the Navajo Nation but none helping the **Hopi**. When I spoke to the Navajo Nation I was led to believe that no one was helping them now I find that Doctors Without Borders is there and there is an organization here in San Antonio sending face masks to them. So for now I'm going to just concentrate on helping the **Hopi** tribe.

Please mail the face masks to:

Attn: Jolette Arerrta- The Hopi Tribe - HERT

PO Box 123

Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Thank you for anything and everything you do. God bless and stay safe. Oh please tell the ladies or gentleman to include their name and address in the Box. Jolette has requested this so she could send thank you's. Thank you in advance for anything you can do. The smallest contribution will help. Sincerely Linda Britt.

Common Threads GSAQG Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2020

Mary McCarthy, president, called the Zoom Virtual Board Meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. In attendance were board members Dea Jae Shore, Janice Schwab, Cindy Shutt, Sandy Doyle, Ina Ramirez, Sandra Lowell, Leti Zavala, Gail Clover and guests Jen Eskridge and Jean Hardies.

President – Mary McCarthy
April minutes stand approved.

President Pro Tem-Dea Jae Shore

A motion was made and seconded to approve that guild directories be mailed to each member for a cost of \$175. The motion was passed.

Secretary-Janice Schwab ~ Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Cindy Shutt

- 1. Reported the current total balance is \$68,404.08.
- 2. A \$120 donation made in memory of a GSAQG and ICC quilter was deposited into the general fund.

1st VP for Special Events – Sandy Doyle

- 1. Summer retreat organizer, Linda Casias, reports that the retreat now has enough participants to fill the attendance requirements. Openings are still available.
- 2. Quilt Auction 2020 Organizer, Jean Hardies, announced that 49 quilts have been accepted which totals half of the designated quota. However, because of the virus' safety and distance issues, she recommends canceling this year's auction and moving all entries to the 2022 auction. The board discussed the pros and cons of her recommendation.
- 3. Quilt Show 2021 Chair Jen Eskridge reported that communication with the San Antonio Event Center has been sporadic and therefore the September 12-14, 2021 date and venue are tentative. She will continue her efforts to secure the location and date.
- 4. A motion was made and seconded to cancel the 2020 Quilt Guild Auction and keep the 2021 Quilt Show date. The motion passed.

2nd VP for Information – Ina Ramirez

Requested committee and program reports be submitted to her for newsletter publication

3rd VP for Programs – Sandra Lowell

- 1. Rescheduled Linda Hahn, June program speaker for presentation March 2022.
- 2. Suggested that the guild maintain communication with the members during the Covid 19 closures. For example, a virtual Show and Tell could be established.

4th VP for Services – Leti Zavala ~ Nothing to report.

5th VP for Community Outreach – Gail Clover ~ Nothing to report.

Parliamentarian – position open

New Business – None. Old Business – None. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. Minutes submitted by Janice Schwab, Secretary

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
For the Five months anding May 24

For the Five months ending May 31, 2020

	YTD Actual	2020 Budget
REVENUES		
Ordinary Income:		
Interest	\$1.22	400.00
CD Interest	\$421.19	
Other income		
Garage Sale	\$180.00	
Magazine Sales		50.00
Nametage Fines	\$4.00	25.00
Newsletter Postage	\$30.00	
Dues - Membership	\$1,380.00	5,500.00
Newsletter / Directory Ads	\$135.00	1,400.00
Workshops	\$420.00	3,000.00
Fund Raising:		
Quilt Show		
Auction		16,500.00
Self-Sustaining:		
Retreat - Summer	\$3,450.00	\$13,000.00
Retreat - Winter	\$1,200.00	\$12,000.00
Mini-Retreats	\$(20.00)	\$1,000.00
Houston Bus Trip		\$3,000.00
One Time Donation	\$120.00	
Total Revenues_	\$7,321.41	\$55,875.00
EXPENSES		
Administration:		
Administration		500.00
Bank & CC	\$101.33	800.00
Insurance	\$1,602.00	3,100.00
Office Supplies & Postage		500.00
CPA / Tax Return		600.00
Permanent Quilt collection		25.00
Door Prizes		200.00
Telephone	\$19.99	120.00
Storage facility	\$1,174.00	4,900.00
Rent (Meetings)	\$515.00	3,600.00
Rent (Workshops)		1,400.00
Janitorial	\$200.00	
Membership expenses:		
Membership Supplies		50.00
Newsletter / Directory Printing	\$233.75	350.00
Postage	\$181.05	100.00
Webpage		400.00

Quilt Show	\$80.00	1,500.00
Auction	\$341.35	3,200.00
Community Activities:		
Bright Hopes	\$94.09	500.00
Storybook Quilts		250.00
Community Education		150.00
Quilt Angels		400.00
ITC		25.00
Membership Services & Activities:		
Ethel Howey Grant		\$1,000.00
Library		\$200.00
QPC		\$275.00
QPFC	\$21.65	\$275.00
Video Library		\$150.00
Programs	\$1,193.82	\$5,000.00
Workshops	\$650.00	\$3,000.00
Self-Sustaining Activities:		
Mini-Retreats	\$140.00	\$1,000.00
Retreat - Summer		\$13,000.00
Retreat - Winter	\$7,647.00	\$11,000.00
Houston Bus Trip		\$3,000.00
Total Expenses	\$14,195.03	\$60,570.00
Net	\$(6,873.62)	\$(4,695.00)
Ending Jefferson Operating	\$22,140.07	
[2015 Technology Fund Inc]	\$(472.66)	
Ending Jefferson Savings	\$3,111.02	
SSFCU CD's & Savings	\$31,339.51	
SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$12,274.81	
Total Guild Funds	\$68,392.75	
Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer		
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New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild

QUILTFEST 2020 "A Kaleidoscope of Color"

QuiltFest 2020 "A Kaleidoscope of Color" will be held Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25, 2020 at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission is \$10 per day or \$15 for both days. Children age 10 and under are free. Judged quilt show, antique bed turning, quilts for sale, vendors, concessions available. For more information, go to www.nbquiltfest.com.

The Friday Night Bee is looking for new members.

We meet on Friday Nights 5:30ish-8:30ish With a potluck dinner, sewing and fun. We're located at Alamo Stitchin Post 5315 Walzem, San Antonio, Tx 78218 Point of contact is: Andrea Brown, 210-316-7096 Thanks, Andrea E. Brown

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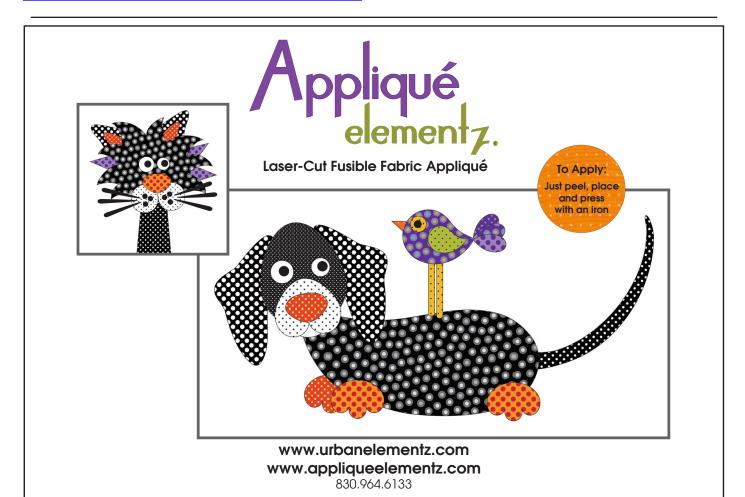
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> SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 210-219-8880 busyfingerssa@sbcglobal.net

pinterest.com/mamajay55 instagram.com/mamajay55 etsy.com/shop/busyfingersworkshop 1st Friday Art Walk – 1011 S. Alamo (weather permitting)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

June Schedule

June 1 Board Meeting 7:00 PM on Zoom

June 13 Guild Meeting CANCELED @ Covenant Presbyterian 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

Send your check to: GSAQG PO Box 380522 San Antonio, TX 78268

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Board of Directors

President	Mary McCarthy
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for Special Events	Sandra Doyle
2nd Vice President	
for Information	Ina Ramirez
3rd Vice President	
for Programs	Sandra Lowell
4th Vice President	

5th Vice President

for Services

for Community Outreach

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Treasurer Karen Nanos

Parliamentarian 22222

Leti Zavala

Parliamentarian ??????
Term expires December 2020