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Common Threads

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January 13th Guild Meeting

9:00 am - Doors Open 10:00 am - General Business Meeting Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church 8231 Callaghan Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230

A BIT OF A QUILTERS'S HUMOR

Barb Shrout

Remember to bring to the meeting

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

President's Letter

Happy New Year!! Rightfully proud of our 2023 accomplishments, we look forward to 2024. It's certain to be another year of opportunities and adventures. At its December meeting our Board approved creation of a Marketing Committee. This is not a board position, but a standing committee which will report directly to the Guild President. Broadly speaking, our goal is to increase our membership, our visibility, and our revenue stream. I am delighted that Linda Casias has agreed to chair this committee. We're embarking on an exciting adventure that will shape the way we function in the future!

I wish each of you could have attended our wonderful Christmas get-together. It began with our Secret Pal gift exchange, always fun and full of surprises. Next came the party, with homemade cookies supplied by Board members. Sandra Lowell called a rousing game of Quilt BINGO. It was my kind of BINGO, playing till everybody won a prize! Thanks to Cindy Shutt, whose beautiful poinsettias served as table decorations and prizes, and to other Board members who submitted prizes as well.

I'll be out of town in early January but look forward to seeing you at Winter Retreat and at the February general meeting.

Elaine

Lani Nunley reported that David almost fell over when Emily Hawthorn (a member of both GSAQG & St. Andrew) presented him with the quilt during Sunday service. Thank you for all who helped make this possible!

Interested in Joining us for a meeting but can't seem to be able to make it in person? No worries, just go to our website: https://www.sanantonioquilt.org/click on the CALENDAR link in the page, then click on the ZOOM meeting link on the date of the meeting. Our Zoom person will be available 15 minutes prior to the meeting itself to let you in. Come join us and have some camaraderie via ZOOM!

WINTER RETREAT 2024

In need of some cooler weather? If so, come join us at Winter Retreat!

January 25-28, 2024 Newks Tennis Ranch, New Braunfels

Thursday - Sunday \$350 Friday - Sunday \$260 Final winter retreat payment is due at November Guild meeting.

If you would like to be added to the wait list, see Melissa Allo.

Questions? Email Melissa at melissa 777@ earthlink.net or call 210-387-6495!

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

NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE is Midnight the Monday after Guild quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org

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meeting. E-mail:								
quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org								
NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING								
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Full page ad	\$60.00	\$660						
1/2 page ad	\$	30.00	\$330					
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*	3/8 x 9 1/2)	15.00	\$165					

WALKER RANCH BEE

Come one come all, we need to get our numbers up, for the quilting group on the Third Wednesday of the month. We have managed to get the same 3rd Wednesday for this next year. The only thing that has changed is we can meet at 9 am and sew till....

Remember they have no services. Bring coffee snacks or whatever unless you want to eat there. There's a Ninchas about 1 block away. Now you know that you all have handwork to do, so if you don't want to bring machines. Or get your fabric and patterns out, and bring your cutters, and scissors, and cut the next quilt.

Let's begin again with a fresh start on January 17th, just in time to start our valentine sewing.

Call Shirley if you have any questions at 210-452-3801.

I am honored to accept the position of Marketing Committee Chair for our guild. I have drafted a high-level overview of what this committee may entail as a starting point. I am excited to build a team and discover ways we can be creative and collaborative, generate engagement, and most importantly have fun while doing it! I am looking forward to working with you, our valued membership. It is only with you and your talents that we will be successful! More to come...

Linda Casias

BUSY FINGERS WORKSHOP



JEANNETTE JAY - BAGINEER BAG MAKING CLASSES IN MY HOME STUDIO

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

instagram.com/mamajay55 etsy.com/shop/busyfingersworkshop

Board Meeting Minutes December 2, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 p.m.

Present: Elaine Staller, Cindy Shutt, Dea Jae Shore, Sandy Doyle, Kami Ricks, Ina Ramirez, Sandra Lowell, Jean Hardies, Mary McCarthy, Gail Clover, Ida Kujawski.

Absent: Melissa Allo.

President—Elaine Staller

- November Board meeting minutes approved as corrected.
- Lani Nunley assumed responsibility for delivering David's Christmas quilt.
- Calico Roses/Rosebuds: Rose to Janice
 Frankenberger for serving as co-chair of fall
 mini-retreat; Buds to Mary McCarthy and
 Elaine Staller for consistent help with set-up
 and clean-up at mini retreats.
- Schedule requests for 2024 forwarded to Saint Andrew office. Contract request and COI to be delivered next week.
- Q4 VP reports due in January.

Treasurer—Cindy Shutt

• Cash on hand is \$80,926.18.

President Pro Tem—Dea Jae Shore

• The lock code at the Guild storage unit has been changed.

1st VP for Special Events—Sandy Doyle

• Kami Ricks is incoming 1st VP. Winter retreat is the next scheduled event.

2nd VP for Information—Ina Ramirez

 Reminder to include captions when submitting photos for the newsletter.

3rd VP for Programs—Sandra Lowell

- Mary McCarthy is incoming 3rd VP.
- Sale of old tabletop ironing boards to Guild members approved.
- Purchase of three additional power supply cords approved.

4th VP for Services—Jean Hardies

- Library Committee volunteer Gail Clover submitted a list of holdings to Jean Hardies.
- Librarian Janet Craig has been invited to the

February Board meeting to discuss culling of library

5th VP for Community Outreach—Mary McCarthy

Gail Clover is incoming 5th VP.

Parliamentarian—Gail Clover

• Ida Kujawski is incoming Parliamentarian.

Unfinished Business

 Ad hoc committee chair Ida Kujawski's report on online auction opportunities approved as presented at the November general meeting.
 Agreed by consensus to dissolve the committee.

New Business

 Formation of a standing Marketing Committee, reporting to the Guild President, will be discussed at the January Board meeting.

Announcements

- Board members will resume review of General Information and Policies in February.
- Work on a member survey will begin soon.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Submitted by Gail Clover, Secretary



Programs 2024

January

Biggie Bag Challenge:

Biggie Bag Challenge Begins in January

In an attempt to cull the huge amount of fabric that has collected in the guild's small storage closet a challenge has been set forth by former VP for Programs Sandra Lowell and guild member Janet Miller. A crew has scoured the fabric bins and come up with one-yard pieces of some amazing cloth. Each yard has been placed into a numbered paper bag – after being photographed with that number to forestall any substitution. Participants will sign out a brown bag and then be given the chance to select three further pieces of any size from the remaining fabric. These fabrics and whatever else is deemed necessary are to be used to make a quilt top 60" long. The tops will be displayed at the May guild meeting. Members will vote for their favorite. Money prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 will be awarded for first, second, and third places. All tops will become the property of the guild to be distributed among its committees.

There will be extra bags available if you missed the sign up so come join the fun!

The challenge steps are:

- 1) Sign out a bag and see what treasure you discover inside. A significant amount of this fabric must be shown in your design.
- 2) Select up to three additional fabrics for use. (optional)
- 3) Make a quilt top from these and whatever fabric might be necessary Do Not Quilt!
- 4) Quilt top must be 60" long.
- 5) Bring to May guild meeting for voting.
- 6) Tops become guild property.

Sign-ups begin for the March workshops at the January meeting.

Karen Miller from Redbird Quilt Company will be teaching free motion quilting on panel quilts Friday, March 8. The cost is \$35.

Saturday, March 9, the class is an Aurifilosophy mini workshop. The cost is \$25.

Click on Karen's photo on the guild webpage for further info.

February

Guild member Eileen Linares will present a program on Memory Quilts.

March

Karen Miller of Redbird Quilt Company with Aurifil threads (see above)

Sign-ups begin for the June workshops with Beth Cunningham – see guild webpage under Calendar.

- Mary McCarthy, 3rd VP for Programs

NEW PLAN for Quilt Projects Finishing Committee! A way for more people to participate! More fun with quilting. We will stay at St Andrews on days when there is no workshop after guild. We will meet 30 minutes after the guild's full meeting ends. Plan to stay, bring sack lunch if you'd like, for an hour or so. Stay and see interesting projects in progress, ready to finish and already done. Everyone welcome. Please come.

1.2024 Pieces of the Past, 164: Folly Cove Guild, by Ellen Hernandez



Chances are that you have never heard of the popular midcentury Folly Cove Guild designers of Gloucester, Massachusetts. Unless you are an antique collector you may

never find one of their original printed fabrics today. This designer's guild was founded in 1938 by Virginia Lee Burton,





an illustrator and children's book author. Her most notable works were *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, and Caldecott medal winner *The Little House*.

Most of Burton's school years were spent in California where she attended the California School of Fine Arts. She returned to her family's home state of Massachusetts where she married sculptor George Demetrios. Known as Jinnee Demetrios to her Folly Cove community she brought together untrained friends and neighbors and taught them the art of design. The group of housewives, accountants, editors, architects – female and male – met in a barn to learn to sketch images inspired by the world around them.



Burton put her students through rigorous training, requiring them to re-work their designs many times. Through peer review,

designs were chosen to be carved onto linoleum blocks for printing. The linoleum supply came from government stores, decommissioned as it was found too flammable for US Navy boats.

Some blocks took over 100 hours to complete. Because many residents of the area had Finnish backgrounds some of the designs had a Scandinavian feel. Fabric was printed by jumping on the blocks, created for napkins, pillows, placemats, tablecloths, curtains, nightgowns, and skirts which were initially sold to locals and tourists.







Many of Burton's students continued to study with her for years. She required members to make at least one block every year.

Eventually small hand presses were acquired which eliminated the calisthenic jumping print process. To protect the designs, they were patented.



The Guild was featured in *Life* magazine in 1945. Their works were displayed in museums like the Smithsonian and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Guild commissioned designs to retailers Lord & Taylor, Skinner Silks, Rich's of Atlanta, and Schumacher. *Polka Dot Pony* wallpaper by Schumacher even appeared in a television episode of *I Love Lucy*. Schumacher has



recently revived some of the Folly Cove designs from their archives and offer them as home dec fabrics and wallpaper, some hand screen printed.

After the death of Burton in 1968 the 25 remaining Guild members stopped production and swore to never reproduce their original prints, totally over 300. They sold the barn and donated their supplies to the Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester. More information may be found in Elena M. Sarni's 2023 book *Trailblazing Women Printmakers: Virginia Lee Burton Demetrios and the Folly Cove Designers*.

		Greater San A	ntonio Quilt Guild		
			rer's Report		
	For th	e Twelve Months	ending December 31, 2023	,	Υ
	YTD Actual	2023 Budget		YTD Actual	2023 Budget
REVENUES			Rent (Workshops)	\$250.00	500.00
Ordinary Income:			Janitorial	\$200.00	600.00
Interest	\$18.63	200.00	Quilt Stand	\$76.99	
CD Interest	\$945.67		Membership expenses:		
Other income			Membership Supplies	\$21.00	50.00
Garage Sale	\$190.50		Stationery Purchase	\$300.91	350.00
Staionery Sales	\$290.00		Newsletter / Directory Printing	\$170.00	200.00
Magazine Sales	\$94.00		Newsletter Prize	\$25.00	
Nametage Fines	\$17.95		Postage	\$23.37	50.00
Newsletter Postage	\$30.00		Zoom Subscription	\$160.02	160.00
Dues - Membership	\$4,659.50	3,000.00	Webpage		280.00
Newsletter / Directory Ads	\$225.00	250.00	Quilt Show	\$34,419.72	41,970.00
Boot Block Challenge	\$101.26		Auction		0.00
Workshops	\$880.00	1,100.00	Community Activities:		
Fund Raising:			Bright Hopes	\$448.65	901.26
Quilt Show	\$53,890.70	51,480.00	Storybook Quilts	\$86.76	250.00
Auction		0.00	Video Library		\$-
Self-Sustaining:			Programs	\$2,059.63	\$2,500.00
Retreat - Summer	\$11,455.00	\$12,000.00	Workshops	\$1,920.00	\$1,000.00
Retreat - Winter	\$13,235.00	\$12,000.00	Self-Sustaining Activities:		
Mini-Retreats	\$2,065.00	\$1,000.00	Mini-Retreats	\$1,999.47	\$1,000.00
One Time Donation	\$40.24		Retreat - Summer	\$11,448.02	\$12,000.00
Total Revenues	\$88,138.45	\$87,120.00	Retreat - Winter	\$13,235.00	\$12,000.00
EXPENSES			Total Expenses	\$77,262.49	\$11,310.00
Administration:			Net	\$10,875.96	\$75,810.00
Memorial Poster	\$43.50	400.00	Ending Frost Operating	\$14,389.63	
Computer Equip	\$108.24		Ending Frost Savings	\$15,000.00	
Bank & CC	\$412.99	500.00	SSFCU CD's & Savings	\$39,487.48	
Insurance	\$1,544.60	2,000.00	SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$11,734.35	
Office Supplies & Postage	\$326.08	200.00		\$80,611.46	
CPA / Tax Return	\$600.00	600.00	Liabilities		
Door Prizes		0.00	winter retreat funds	\$(10,930.00)	
Telephone	\$120.54	250.00	2025 show deposit	\$(5,000.00)	
Storage facility	\$4,197.00	4,000.00	Total Guild Funds	\$64,681.46	
Rent (Meetings)	\$2,810.00	3,360.00	Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer		

Zoom Information for the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild Meeting

Wendy Quilter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

When: Sat, November 11, 9:30 am – 10:30 am Where: On Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054868999?pwd=RHU1d3BMMzNlOC9VRkhpS2VlaHJHdz09

Meeting ID: 880 5486 8999 **Passcode:** 607875

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

January Schedule

January 1 Board Meeting 7:00 PM on Zoom

January 13 General Meeting 10:00 AM Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church AND on Zoom

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR DUES \$ 28 SENIOR (65+) \$ 21 YOUTH (6-18) \$ 7

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

Board of Directors

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Term expires December 2024