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Common Threads

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Next Guild Mtg March 8, 2025

9am Doors Open
9:30am Guild
Services Open
10am Program &
Gen Bus Mtg

Meeting Location:
St Andrew
Presbyterian Church
8231 Callaghan Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230

Mailing address:
Greater San Antonio
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P.O. Box 380522
San Antonio, TX
78268

March 8 PROGRAM

**TRIPLE PLAY
CHALLENGE
\$100, \$75, \$50
Awards Given
To Winners!**

President's Letter

March is one of my favorite months of the year. When else does a math geek get to celebrate Pi day? What is Pi day you ask? Well, it is 3/14! So why does this have to do with math, and much more importantly quilting? So Pi is the ratio 22/7 (or 3.14) which represents the relationship of the diameter of a circle and the circumference of the circle. We can use the Fibonacci Sequence or the Golden Ratio as a way to decide the sizes of borders of a quilt. We can use a ratio to dilate the size of a block to either a larger or smaller size.

Did you know that March is the least productive month of the year for businesses? And do you know why? Sorry but I am going to keep you in suspense until the guild meeting! Hopefully that won't be the case for us since March 15th is National Quilting Day. I can't wait to see what you finish during National Quilting Day at the April Bring and Brag!

Well, it's time to go sew -
Melissa



Get this free Pi block pattern using this link:
<https://www.cutoutandkeep.net/projects/pi-quilt-block>

Congratluations
Calico Rose
Recipient
Carrie B. (L),
w/**Melissa A,**
President(R)



Congratluations
Calico Rosebud
Recipients (L to R):
Barb S., Janice F.,
Bernie F., Linda C.,
Linda M., Deborah W.,
Trixie S., Janet M.

Congratluations Door Prize Winners
(Left to Right) **Sandra L., Maritza R., Trixie S., Bernie F., Alicia S.**



Congratluations
Block of the
Month
Winner
Erin H.

Congratluations
Golden Carrot
Winners
Cindy K. &
Rachel B.
(not in photo)



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS!



1st Row: *Donna I.

2nd Row(L to R): *JoAnn F., *Chloe L, *Denise S., Joyce L., Jessica B., *Jodel N.

Back Row(L to R): **Melissa Allo (President), *Amy A., *Gwen S., **Vickie G

*New Member

**Current Member

MARCH PROGRAM Triple Play Challenge



All challenge quilts will be displayed at the March guild meeting so please hand them in before that. Come vote for your favorite quilt. There are cash awards of \$100, \$75, AND \$50 to be had!

- - Mary McCarthy 3rd VP Programs



Enrichment Scholarships Available

Applications for *Ida's Enrichment Scholarship* are available for every workshop this year. Please pick up a form from Mary McCarthy at the Programs table or use the form in this newsletter on page 23.



Members of the Landa Library Bee visited the Central Library on Feb. 6 to view the African American Quilt Circle's exhibit "Game Changers."

Pictured L to R: David de La Garza, Jay Beatty, Viki Ash, Trish Nicholson, Amada Vicuna

2025 Programs

Scholarship Applications are available for every workshop in 2025.

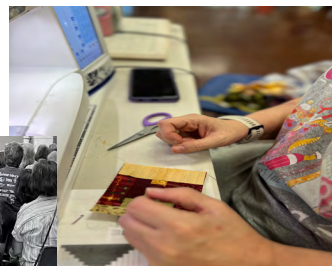
The class fee of \$35/\$25 is covered as is any supply fee.

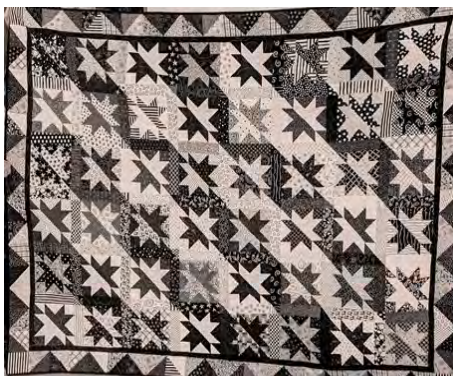
To apply, see Mary McCarthy for the form.

- March 8** GSAQG Triple Play Challenge Reveal - Vote for your favorite quilt
- April 11** **Cynthia England** Picture Piecing a Small Landscape - Roadrunner or Bluebonnet, Workshop 6 hrs
- April 12** Lecture: "Getting the Most Out of Your Stash" and "Dragonflies" Workshop 3 hrs
- May 10** Guild Birthday/Workday
- June 13** **Jean Impey** Raw Edge Applique Workshop 6 hrs
- June 14** Lecture: "An Insider's Look at the Textile Industry"
- July 12** **Eva Paige** Lecture: "Consistency in the Chaos" and Scrap Slap Sewing Workshop 3 hrs
- August 8** **Cheryl Matson** Butterfly Bouquet Workshop 6 hrs
- August 9** Lecture: "911 for Quilters"
- September 12** **Dana Jones** Machine Foundation Paper Piecing Workshop 6 hrs
- September 13** Lecture: "Around the Block"
- October 10** **Melissa Allo** Ethel Howey Grant Award Workshop 6 hrs
- October 11** **Melissa Allo** Ethel Howey Grant Presentation
- November 8** Veterans' Quilts Presentation
- December 13** Holiday Party

\$35 for 6-hour Friday Workshops
\$25 for 3-hour Saturday Workshops

- - Mary McCarthy, 3rd VP for Programs





Online Auction !! May 2025

**Cheers for our guild!! Online AUCTION is set for
April 26-May 4
Sat. --/-- Sun., spanning 2 weekends.**

Plan now for how you can promote this event.

- Visit the Auctria.com site yourself. Register as a bidder.
- Download the flyer (on next page) so you can share it with others.
- Pass on photos to your Facebook, Instagram, and other social connections.
- Email to all your email contacts the flyer with QR code and quilt photos.
- Save your \$\$ so you can bid on special quilts you love.
- Think about your gift plans that might be filled with quilts.
- Tell all your friends and business friends. Invite them.

Some of the quilts will be shown at guild meetings in March and April. You will get to see and feel how lovely they are!!! We have some stunningly beautiful quilts.

Auction Chairs - Ruth Felty , Ida Kujawski, & Dee Leclair

March Birthdays to Celebrate

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| BRENDA PERRY | 3/12 |
| DONNA INGRAM | 3/10 |
| JACKIE RANDALL | 3/7 |
| JANET CRAIG | 3/11 |
| JANIS PAINTER | 3/15 |
| KAMI RICKS | 3/31 |
| MARY POLENSKY | 3/6 |
| PATRICIA URSENBACH | 3/15 |





GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD

**Join us on April 26th - May 4th
for our online auction.**

**We have a plethora of quilted
treasures waiting for you!**



QR Code for Auctria.
Our online auction platform.





A Walk In The Park
GSAQG Quilt Show
September 26-27, 2025



Time is flying by for this year's Quilt Show! I hope you have had the opportunity to look over the categories and the rules. Which quilts will you be entering? The category descriptions and show rules are on the guild website. Also the entry form is now live! Can you feel my excitement! Website link: <https://www.sanantonioquilt.org/pages/QuiltShow.html>

Want to help, but not sure where help is needed? Here are areas that are looking for help!

| Area | Contact | Help Needed |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Raffle Quilt - traveling | Janet Miller | Bring to other guild meetings to sell tickets |
| Raffle Quilt - ticket sales | Janet Miller | Ticket sales during shop hop |
| Advertising | Yvonne Krzywonski | Delivering rack cards to shops |
| Advertising | Linda Casias | Program Ads |
| Reception/Awards Ceremony | Melissa Allo | Chair needed |
| Wearable | Melissa Allo | Paper piecers needed |
| Volunteers | Patrick Shell | Help with sign ups |
| Silent Auction | Sandra Lowell | Items needed to auction |
| Boutique | Jeanette Jay | Items needed to sell |
| Quilt Show Chair: Melissa Allo | | |



The **Guild raffle quilt** has started its tour of other Guilds in the area. We need Guild members to step up and help. You'll get to attend other Guild meetings, talk about the show, sell raffle tickets and sit in on their program.

March 11 at 6 pm the quilt is scheduled to be at the Alamo Heritage meeting in San Antonio.

April 15 at 9 am it's scheduled for Castroville.

The big event is the Bluebonnet Shop Hop, March 19-29. The quilt will be at Memories by the Yard, Bandera and Mainland.

Each day there will be two-2hr. shifts and one-3 hr. shift, we would like two people per shift.

Please, please, please step up and help with one or more of these events.

Will have sign-up sheet at March Guild meeting or contact **Janet Miller**, call **210 492-7684**, text or call **210 204-0299**, or email jjmiller@satx.rr.com



2025 Spring Mini Retreat

Dates: March 21-22, 2025

Friday 8am-8pm

Saturday 8am-4pm

Location:

8231 Callaghan Rd, SAT, 78230

Same location as guild meeting!

Pricing:

\$45 Includes - Friday Lunch & Dinner
& Saturday Lunch

Mini Retreat Chair: Deborah Woodward

2025 Summer Retreat

Dates: June 8-12, 2025

Location:



Valley Ranch Retreat & Event Center
Camp Wood, TX 78833

Pricing:

\$440 6/8 Sunday - 6/12 Thursday

\$330 6/9 Monday - 6/12 Thursday

\$100 Deposit due at sign-up.

Final Payment due at May guild meeting.

Only 1 spot left!

Co-Chairs: Linda Casias 210-381-3519

Linda Maldonado 210-716-1407

**Did you read the article in this newsletter on
Ida B.'s Quilting Guild Enrichment
SCHOLARSHIP Fund?**



**Recipients awarded a scholarship
can have a retreat paid for!**

**For *Application for Scholarship* form,
see pg 23 of this newsletter -or- your respective Retreat Chair.**

SAVE THE DATE!

2025 Fall Mini Retreat

Friday 10/24/25 - Saturday 10/25/25

**Come sew with other quilters & make new
friends!**

Friday times: 8am - 8pm

Saturday times: 8am - 4pm

More details coming soon!

Mini-Retreat Chair: Deborah Woodward



SAVE THE DATE!

2026 Winter Retreat

Thursday 1/22/26 - Sunday 1/25/26

Location: John Newcombe Ranch,
New Braunfels, TX

More details coming soon!

Retreat Chair: Melissa Allo

Monthly Spotlight Bright Hopes

The Bright Hopes Committee is one of the many committees of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild. The Bright Hopes Committee, comprised of **Frances Contreras, Becky Zoellich and Jay Beatty**, prepares quilt and tote bag kits so members can complete them before the next quilt guild meeting.

Each month, we donate 10 large quilts and 15 tote bags to the Roy Maas Youth Alternatives. Roy Maas Youth Alternatives, or RMYA, is an organization that provides support and clinical services to children who have been through severe trauma and neglect due to sexual, physical or emotional abuse.

This year we will continue making quilts and tote bags and delivering them to RMYA. We would like some quilts oriented towards girls and some for boys and they should be non-religious. The size should be between 50-60 inches wide and 70-75 inches long. You may help by piecing quilt tops, hand quilting, tying quilts, machine quilt, sew on binding, sew on labels, or donate fabric.

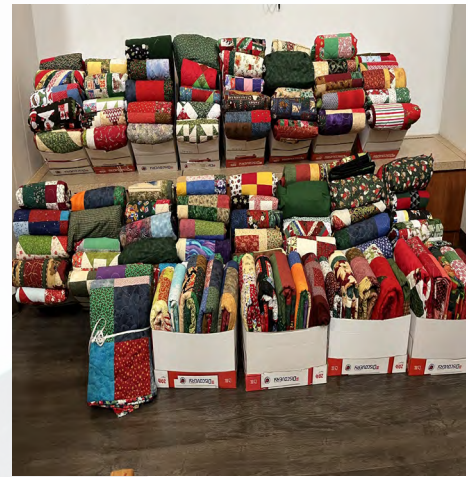
Thank you to my committee members and all the guild members for all your help and support.

Frances Contreras, Bright Hopes Chair

To find out how you can help Bright Hopes, reach out to any committee member.



Jay Beatty



Rebecca Zoellich(L),
Frances Contreras(C) &
Ida Kujawski(R)



Rebecca Zoellich(L) & Frances Contreras(R)

Do you longarm?

The Quilt Projects Finishing Committee(QPFC) has several finished tops of different sizes that need to be quilted.

We provide the top and backing. We reimburse the cost of the batting. The lack of tops being quilted is a major stumbling block to finishing quilts for the NEXT auction.

Good news— we don't tell you how to quilt it, and we don't give you a deadline.

Come to the finishing committee's table at guild meeting, or call **Jean Hardies** if you want to do a certain size top.

Thanks!
Ida Kujawski
QPFC Chair



Silent Auction Items Needed For Quilt Show

Again **Jean Hardies** and I are organizing the Silent Auction for the show. We need you and your sewing and quilting skills to make it successful.

We will be collecting quilted items and related items to sell. Quilts, wall hangings, table runners, placemats, tote bags....

Please consider making items for us, and consider making a group project for us if you are in a bee. I'm asking now so that you have time to get creative!

Thanks,
Sandra Lowell
Quilt Show Auction Chair



After Action regarding Annie Smith February Presentation, by Ellen Hernandez

Did you catch Annie Smith's reference to the **John C. Campbell Folk School**? Check out my *Pieces of the Past* article from February 2024 in the Guild online archives to learn more about the school. I even featured one of Annie's quilts.

When Annie asked the audience if a misshapen or otherwise imperfect block could be used in a quilt, she expected a resounding response of "no." I could only envision attendees rushing home to throw out troublesome quilt blocks. Hopefully quilters, especially the newbies, didn't take Annie's appeal completely to heart. For a judged quilt, that odd block may not work. For most of us, not every quilt is going to be a masterpiece. I view an oopsie block as a challenge, determined to find a way to make it work, like solving a puzzle. Quilting should be a fun adventure, full of trials and errors - not always a goal of perfection for a Blue-Ribbon quilt. Out of all the quilts I have made in the last forty plus years, less than twenty have been juried into national quilt shows. All the others have been good quality for family, friends, myself, or donation. Your quilting story may be similar.

What about those obscure and abandoned quilt blocks? For the last few years I have been turning them into usable and colorful quilts. Not 'Quilt Show' quality, but appropriate for organizations serving children or seniors in need with emotional, situational, or health issues. If you have some unwanted, wonky, imperfect quilt blocks, consider donating them to me to turn into something unique. I hope you continue to enjoy your quilting journey. Happy Quilting!





Introduction

The Good Hope Quilters' Guild Mystery Quilt 2025

www.goodhopequiltersguild.org.za

The Cape Winelands Quilt

84" x 84"

by Dewald Compion

As I was reading quilt blogs today, I found this announcement of a new mystery quilt from a quilt guild in South Africa.

The style is modern. I'm intrigued, both for the style and the queen size.

See the link below for more information.

Sandra Lowell



Photo: Dawie van Niekerk

Happy New Year! Warm wishes from Cape Town for a very prosperous 2025. May it be a year filled with many happy memories and good times with your family and friends (old and new). Pop the MCC (Méthode Cap Classique... better known as bubbly) and celebrate with us as we wish you a year filled with fantastic sewing projects, an endless supply of beautiful fabric, finishing UFO's, bobbins that don't run out of thread and seam rippers that will gather dust. Hear hear, cheers, gezondheid!

I am very excited to take you on a journey for the next few weeks as we explore the Cape Winelands and celebrate everything this magnificent area has to offer.

2025 © The Cape Winelands Quilt - Dewald Compion – All rights reserved

<https://www.goodhopequiltersguild.org.za/mystery-block-of-the-month>

Karen Brown, of Just Get It Done Quilts, issues a declutter challenge each year, with a prompt each day to motivate you. I've followed people on her Facebook to see what others have accomplished. However, don't count on me to get much of declutter done. I'm working on weeding out. Few things, but mainly, my goal is to finish the projects that are almost finished. So far, I have finished two large lap quilts and assembled one twin size top. I am making some progress. Attached is the link for her declutter challenge. Good luck, and let me know if you try it!

<https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/declutter-challenge-2025>

Sandra Lowell



3.2025 Pieces of the Past, 178: Necchi **Sewing Machines**, by Ellen Hernandez

Have you made a spur of the moment purchase? I did late last year after viewing an item on Facebook market. It just popped up on my page. I didn't go searching, although I had been interested in a cabinet for another machine that sits on a shelf. I quickly bought the 1950s Necchi BF straight stitch (an offer I couldn't refuse) and drove across town to pick it up.

The owner said the machine worked and she had used it for many years. The cabinet has a 'secret' – when the front is pulled open it reveals the knee control. *Necchi* was new to me, so I had to do a little research.

Ambrogio Necchi inherited the family foundry in 1880 in Pavia, Italy, twenty-five miles from Milan. His son, Vittorio, took over the company after WWI in 1919. Vittorio converted the foundry to create a sewing machine for his wife in 1924 and then started a company that grew to be internationally recognized for sewing machines of high quality and durability. The early machines were hand powered and straight stitch only, based on a Singer 15. The domestic and industrial machines were built with metal parts and worked well on heavier fabrics. All the parts, including the cabinet, were made by Necchi. Machines were exported to thirty countries. Vittorio's first home sewing machine with zig-zag stitches, the BU model, was developed in 1932, twenty years before Singer machines. In the 1940s there were 4,500 Necchi employees producing 1,000 machines per day. The Necchi BU model cost \$279 in 1947, equivalent to over \$4,000 today.



Necchi employee Leon Jolson escaped Nazi persecution in Poland during World War II and came to America, convincing Vittorio to distribute Necchi in the US. Post-war housewives loved the cam model that provided a variety of stitches and embroidery patterns. Leon also sold Elna sewing machines. Relying on the good quality of these two brands, Leon imported less expensive copycat Nelco machines from Japan in 1953 and sold them as Necchi/Elna. He was sued many times over this infringement and yet he became a millionaire and philanthropist. Many of his "fake" Necchi machines are sold today on eBay and other sites often marked with "Necchi Sewing Machine Sales Corp."



Sophia Loren was the spokesperson for the chic Necchi 1954 modern *Supernova* model, a curvy design unlike traditional boxy machines. This style had a built-in needle threader.



The 1956 *Mirella* model was award winning in industrial design and one machine is on permanent exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art in NY. Many other models were produced over the years, all labeled "made in Italy." The *Nora*, *Leila* and a few other models were available in pink, and the *Supernova Julia* was lavender.



Vittorio had no children and after his death in 1975 the company was sold and production moved to Taiwan and Japan. Janome purchased the rights to use the name Necchi and continues production and sales today using that logo. This is a 2019 model released for the 100-year anniversary.



The original factory in Pavia is in ruins. A regeneration project is underway to develop the area into living spaces, offices, gardens, and a cycle and pedestrian route.



GSAQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2025

President Melissa Allo called the meeting to order at 7pm

Present: Elaine Staller, Dea Jae Shore, Melissa Allo, Kāmi Ricks, Linda Casias, Cindy Shutt, Judy Hood, Linda Maldonado, Mary McCarthy, and David DeLaGarza. Three guests were present, Sandy Doyle, Viki Ash, and Rebecca Zoellich.

President – Melissa Allo

1. The January Board Meeting Minutes were approved as written.
2. Calico Rose /Buds Recommendations: Rose to Carrie Beltran, Co-Chair, Buds to Bernie Farris, Vonnie Maglinte, Linda Casias, Linda Maldonado, TJ Wolff, Janet Miller, Janice Frankenberger, Deborah Woodward, Barb ShROUT, Trixie Shell for door prizes, for their work with Winter Retreat.
3. All Board Meetings are open to Guild members for observation.
4. Global Quilt Connection- Guild Leader Roundtable (Jan)
5. Global Quilt Connection- Hiring and working with Teachers workshop (Feb 11).
6. Madeira Thread is offering a 25% discount to our Guild members, until June 2025.

President Pro Tem - Dea Jae Shore

1. Email Blasts, the Board discussed potentially charging for email blasts to members on behalf of other members or businesses, similar to other guilds. Concerns were raised about privacy and opting out of such emails.

Secretary - Linda Maldonado

1. Nothing to report

1st VP for Special Events - Kami Ricks

1. Winter Retreat was deemed successful with 36 attendees. Carrie Beltran was nominated for co-chair, and several members were recognized for their contributions. The next retreat is scheduled for January 29th - February 1st.
2. Auction: The online auction platform is ready. The deadline for quilt submissions is the upcoming Saturday Guild Meeting. The committee will meet after the general meeting. About 20 quilts have been collected so far.
3. Mini Retreat: In March is almost full, and a waitlist is being created.
4. Quilt Show: Rack cards are ready for distribution. 19 vendors are confirmed, with 17 paid.
5. in full, for a total of 37 booths and 3 additional tables. The quilt submission entry form is ready to be published.

2nd VP for information - Linda Casias

1. Membership – There are 90 members who have renewed for 2025. That will be verified.

5 th VP for Community Outreach - Elaine Staller

1. Storybooks Quilts: The Board decided that all donated quilts become the property of the guild. A list of quilts to be retired will be published, allowing members to claim their creations if desired. Going forward, donations will be considered gifts to the guild. Vicki Ash, Rebecca Zoellich, requested the name shortened to “Storybooks Quilts”. The Board approved the change.
2. Sandy Doyle attended a Board Meeting to report a Community Education activity at the Cody Library beginning in April. A two pronged approach was proposed, offering both presentations about quilting and hands-on skill building workshops for the youth.
3. Bright Hopes and Community Quilt Angels have no reports.

President Pro Tem – Dea Jae Shore

1. Membership is due this month, if you would like to be included in the directory.
2. Tickets for Raffle will be ready in Feb.
3. Remind to turn in blocks for retreat, if ready.
4. Web page will be updated with new Board members.

Secretary – Linda Maldonado

1. No phone calls.

Treasurer – Cindy Shutt

1. The balance as of 2-1-2025 is \$81,733.50 all together. New checks have been ordered for the two new Money Market acct, to pay teachers and for scholarships.

3rd VP for Programs – Mary McCarthy

1. The upcoming class has 17 attendees.
2. Cynthia England class sign -up will be open on Sat. The April class has a half day class.

4th VP for Services – Judy Hood

1. Ida needs help with sewing on bindings. Ida will meet on Sat. at the general meeting.

Parliamentarian - David DeLa Garza

1. None

Unfinished Business:

1. Position email addresses -use May 3, 1980 as the birthday (Guilds birthday).
2. Job descriptions needed for President Pro Tem, 1 st VP, 3 rd VP, Treasurer, Parliamentarian.

Meeting adjourned: 8:29 pm, Minutes submitted by: Linda Maldonado

GSAQG General Meeting Minutes February 8, 2025**President – Melissa Allo**

1. Meeting called to order at 11:30am at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church.
2. January General Meeting Minutes were approved with correction of Bling Fest dates April 19-20, 2025.
3. Visitors and new members were welcomed and introduced.
4. Calico Rose was awarded to Carrie Beltran. Rose Buds were awarded to Janet Miller, Janice Frankenberger, Bernie Farris, TJ Wolff, Linda Casias, Linda Maldonado, Deborah Woodward, Barb Shrout, Trixie Shell for their work with Winter Retreat.
5. Ethel Howie Grant application is open for submissions this year.
6. A motion was made and passed by the Executive Board: Items donated to the Guild become the property of the Guild.
7. Marketing Chair Report- Linda Casias: Bling Fest April 19-20 at the Botanical Garden Center. Volunteers needed to help at the booth.

President Pro Tem - Dea Jae Shore

1. Quilt Show entry forms are live, rules will be up shortly.
2. Cyd Huges has volunteered to be the Secret Pal Coordinator for 2025.

Secretary - Linda Maldonado

1. No calls received.
2. Madeira Quilting Thread is offering our guild members a 25% discount on their first order at Quiltingthread.com. Offer is valid through June 2025. Sale code is SAVE-SAQA.
3. A wooden quilting frame is being donated to any group, or anyone interested. If interested please contact Linda Maldonado for more information.

Treasurer - Cindy Shutt

1. The balance as of January 31st is \$81,733.50.

1st VP for Special Events - Kami Ricks

1. Winter Retreat next year dates January 22-25, 2026
2. Spring Mini Retreat - Deborah Woodward, March 21st and 22nd. Wait list has been started.
3. Online Auction will run April 26th through May 4th. We are using Auctria again.
4. Summer Retreat June 8-12, Valley Ranch in Camp Wood. 4 nights \$440, 3 nights \$330. One slot available. Balance due at May Guild meeting. Contact Linda Casias for information.
5. Quilt Show - Ads for Quilt Show Program, contact Linda Casias. Rack cards available to bring to the local shops. Raffle Quilt tickets are for sale. Contact Janet Miller if interested in bringing the quilt to another guild.

2nd VP for information - Linda Casias

1. 2025 membership dues were due at the February general meeting in order to be included in the directory.

3rd VP for Services - Mary McCarthy

1. March - Triple Play Challenge.
2. April - Cynthia England. There is a Friday and a Saturday workshop. Slots available.
3. May - Guild work day.

4th VP for Services - Judy Hood

1. QPC - is requesting Texas theme t-shirts for an upcoming project.
2. QPFC- Nothing to report.
3. Library - Viki Ash - please return any outstanding books.
4. Door Prizes Winners - Bernie Farris, Maritza Recuero, Alicia Santiago, Trixie Shell, and Sandra Lowell. Memories by the Yard donated 2 bundles of fabric and Cindy Shutt donated a Christmas ornament.
5. Golden Carrot Winners - Cindy King and Rachel Barrow
6. Block of the Month winner - Erin Hansen won 40 Heart blocks.
7. March Block of the Month - Shamrock block. See website for block directions.
8. Please return any books you have to the library, Viki Ash.

5TH VP for Community Outreach – Elaine Staller

1. Bright Hopes – Frances Contreras, nothing to report.
2. Community Education - Sandra Doyle and David dela Garza - Sandra Doyle will be holding an activity at the Cody Library beginning in April for homeschooled high schoolers.
3. Storybook Quilts - Viki Ash and Rebecca Zoellich - nothing to report.
4. Community Quilt Angels - Janet Miller - nothing to report.

Parliamentarian - David Dela Garza

1. Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business - None; **New Business** - Standardized email addresses for positions will be published with the new directory.

Announcements - If interested in purchasing a long arm, contact Barb Shrout for information.

Members attendance: 87; Guests: 7; Zoom: 2; Name tag donations \$0.75

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm. Minutes submitted by Linda Maldonado, Secretary

Common Threads

| Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| Treasurer's Report | | | | | |
| For the One Month ending January 31, 2025 | | | | | |
| | YTD Actual | 2025 Budget | | YTD Actual | 2025 Budget |
| REVENUES | | | Membership expenses: | | |
| Ordinary Income: | | | Door Prizes | | \$200.00 |
| Interest | | \$1,000.00 | Membership Supplies | | \$100.00 |
| CD Interest | | | Stationery Purchase | | |
| Other income | | | Newsletter / Directory Printing | | \$200.00 |
| Donations | | | Postage | | \$50.00 |
| Stationery Sales | | | Zoom Subscription | \$170.70 | \$175.00 |
| Magazine Sales | | | Webpage | | \$180.00 |
| Nametag Fines | \$3.00 | | Quilt Show | \$522.98 | \$50,480.00 |
| Dues - Membership | \$3,260.00 | \$4,280.00 | Auction | | |
| Newsletter / Directory Ads | | \$250.00 | Community Activities: | | |
| Workshops | \$315.00 | \$3,300.00 | Bright Hopes | \$203.26 | \$1,500.00 |
| Fund Raising: | | | Storybook Quilts | | \$250.00 |
| Quilt Show | \$6,760.00 | \$68,370.00 | Community Education | | \$150.00 |
| Auction | | | Quilt Angels | | \$500.00 |
| Self-Sustaining: | | | Membership Services & Activities: | | |
| Retreat - Summer | \$4,180.00 | \$10,000.00 | Ethel Howey Grant | | \$0.00 |
| Retreat - Winter | \$11,800.00 | \$12,500.00 | QPC | | \$150.00 |
| Mini-Retreats | \$1,300.00 | \$2,000.00 | QPFC | | \$300.00 |
| Total Revenues | \$27,618.00 | \$101,700.00 | Programs | \$24.97 | \$3,075.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | Workshops | | \$3,900.00 |
| Administration: | | | Teacher Travel | | \$3,000.00 |
| General Administration | | \$500.00 | Self-Sustaining Activities: | | |
| Bank & CC | \$28.28 | \$500.00 | Mini-Retreats | | \$2,000.00 |
| Church Rental | \$250.00 | \$3,500.00 | Retreat - Summer | | \$10,000.00 |
| Computer Equipment | | | Retreat - Winter | \$11,800.00 | \$12,500.00 |
| CPA / Tax Return | | \$600.00 | Total Expenses | \$14,171.92 | \$101,700.00 |
| Insurance | \$161.59 | \$2,000.00 | Net | \$13,446.08 | \$0.00 |
| Janitorial | | \$500.00 | Ending Frost Operating | \$16,403.78 | |
| Marketing | \$540.00 | \$500.00 | Ending Frost Savings | \$5,063.34 | |
| Office Supplies & Postage | \$74.94 | \$200.00 | SSFCU CD's & Savings | \$48,446.90 | |
| Storage facility | \$373.00 | \$4,476.00 | SSFCU Wright Class CD | \$11,819.48 | |
| Telephone | \$22.20 | \$214.00 | Total Guild Funds | \$81,733.50 | |
| Rent (Meetings) | \$3,100.00 | \$3,500.00 | | | |
| Janitorial | \$370.00 | \$500.00 | | | |
| Marketing | \$540.00 | \$500.00 | | | |
| Office Supplies & Postage | \$74.94 | \$200.00 | | | |
| Storage facility | \$373.00 | \$4,476.00 | | | |
| Telephone | \$22.20 | \$214.00 | Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer | | |

NOTE: Due to the revised distribution schedule of the Newsletter, the Treasurer's report published will be from a prior month.

2025

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

2025

Bees: groups of friends who share their love and quilting

Contact each for more details.

Contact **Ida Kujawski, Beekeeper**, if you would like help to start a new BEE.

ibkbbk@yahoo.com

Morning Bees

| Bee | Day | Time | Location | Contact |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--|
| Great NW Library Bee | 3rd Saturday | 10 am – 1pm | SA Library 9050 Wellwood St. SA, TX 78250 Grissom//Culebra | Alicia Santiago 2109138508@spectrum.net |
| Villa Bees | 2 nd & 4th Monday | 1-3pm | Villa de San Antonio Retirement Home | Linda Nash 1014lindanash@gmail.com |
| Queen Bees <i>closed</i> | Every Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 | Members take turns hosting | Elaine Staller restaller@aol.com |
| Piecemakers (charity quilts) | 2 nd & 4 th Fridays | 9am-1pm | St.Andrew Presbyterian Church | Lani Nunley booandpiesmom@yahoo.com |
| Crazy...Bee | 1 st & 3 rd Fridays | 9am-1pm Low Bldg Fee | St.Andrew Presbyterian Church | Lani Nunley booandpiesmom@yahoo.com |
| Finishing Bee | 4 th Friday | 11am-1pm | Members' home | Jean Hardies ljhardies@gmail.com |

Afternoon and Evening Bees

| Bee | Day | Time | Location | Contact |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| QPC Bee | 1 st Monday | 1-4 pm | Western Hills Christian Church 8535 Huebner | Mary-Ruth Flores mrlf357@gmail.com |
| Hand Bee | Every Wednesday | 12:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. | Encino Branch Library on Evans Road | Beverly Uhl mikebevu@gmail.com Naimah Ahmad naimah_k@yahoo.com |
| Landa Bee | 1 st Sunday | 2-5pm | 233 Bushnell | Viki Ash vikiparis13@gmail.com |
| Shavano Bee | 2 nd Monday | 2-4pm | Member's home | Ida Kujawski ibkbbk@yahoo.com |

Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Texas Quilt Shows

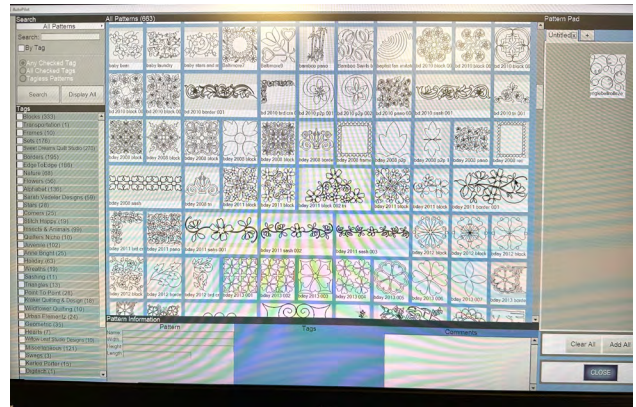
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| March 28-29, 2025 | Heirloom Stitchers Guild of Cuero, 934 US Hwy 183, Cuero |
| April 4-5, 2025 | Quilting Among Friends, Piecemakers Quilt Guild, 1017 U.S. 59 Loop North, Livingston |
| April 25-26, 2025 | Highland Lakes Quilt Festival, 401 East Jackson St, Burnet |
| April 25-26, 2025 | Brownwood Quilt Show, Brownwood Coliseum, 500 East Baker Street, Brownwood |
| May 2-3, 2025 | Reflections, Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Williamson County Expo Ctr, Taylor |
| June 6-7, 2025 | Stars Over Abilene, 4857 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene |
| July 11-12, 2025 | All Roads Lead to Texas, Frank W Mayborn Covention Center, 3033 North 3rd Street, Temple |
| July 18-19, 2025 | Winter Wonderland, Wildflower Quilt Guild, 3303 North 3rd Street, Temple |
| Aug 8, 2025 | Quilt Plano 2025, Plano Event Center, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano |
| Sept 19-20, 2025 | Autumn Splendor, Happy Stitchers Quilt Show, American Legion Post 276, 1502 U.S. 77, Giddings |

INNOVA M24 LONG ARM QUILTING MACHINE FOR SALE

INNOVA M24 on 12' Pro-Frame for sale. Excellent condition. Very low stitch count: 1,438,268. I'm down sizing, must sell. Bought new in Houston in 2021. Upgraded with computerized robotics Mach 3 AutoPilot in 2023. Has electric lift, lightening stitch, micro-handles, Spectra LED lights, mini front laser, large ruler plate, high performance tension assembly, red snappers, 5 feet and shank adapter. Also has locking casters for movability. Invested \$47,000. I'm asking \$35,000. Call me if interested.

I live near Austin, Tx.

Patrice 907-978-8512





QUILT SHOW

HEIRLOOM STITCHER'S GUILD

Cuero Quilt Guild Showing Quilts At:

***GREAT LOCATION WITH LOTS MORE ROOM FOR MORE QUILTS,
MORE VENDORS, & MORE PARKING, ETC***



VFW HALL
934 US HWY 183N
CUERO, TX



*"Vendor's will be selling a great variety of
goods you just can't live without"*



**DRAWING FOR
NEW SEWING
MACHINE
SAT. MARCH 29 - 2PM**



**NEED SCISSORS
OR KNIVES SHARPENED?
THE SCISSOR GUY
WILL BE THERE!**

MARCH 28 - 10AM TO 4PM

MARCH 29 - 9AM TO 3PM

ADMISSION: \$ 6.00



2025 Quilt Show

Reflections

Traditional ♦ Modern ♦ Fiber Art



May 2-3

Fri. 10AM to 5PM — Sat. 10AM to 5PM

Admission: \$10 (Children under 12 Free)

Williamson County Expo Center

5350 Bill Pickett Trail

Taylor, TX 76574

Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild

www.ctquiltguild.org

CTQG



- Quilts, Quilts & more Quilts
- Special Exhibits
- Vendors
- Boutique
- Silent Auction
- Granny's Attic
- Free Parking



Rainbow Reflections 79" × 79"

Drawing May 3. Need not be present to win!



As a quilting guild, you know how much heart goes into every quilt. That's why we're excited to introduce you to Madeira Quilting Thread—a new division of Madeira USA dedicated to meeting the unique needs of quilters and sewers nationwide.

Madeira Quilting & Sewing Thread is now available online at QuiltingThread.com, providing hobbyists and professionals with a wide selection of premium piecing and quilting threads, as well as accessories and notions to support every creative project.

For over 100 years, Madeira has been a trusted name in embroidery, and now we're bringing that same dedication to quality and innovation to quilting. Our threads are designed for rich color, durability, and smooth, precise stitching, whether you're piecing intricate blocks or quilting your finished masterpiece.

A Special Offer for Your Guild Members - We're offering your members a 25% discount on their first order at QuiltingThread.com!

🔗 - Enjoy 25% off your first order with your guilds code: [SAVE-SAQA](#)

🔗 - Click to load your discount code: [Add Discount Code to Shopping Cart](#)

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Plus, we make shopping easy with flat-rate shipping starting at just \$5.95—and orders over \$65 ship FREE!

Why Quilters Everywhere Are Choosing Madeira Quilting Thread - Whether you're crafting a delicate heirloom or a bold modern quilt, Madeira piecing and quilting threads provide smooth, even stitches and long-lasting beauty. Give us a try and see the difference for yourself!

Have You Used Our Thread in a Project? - We love seeing the artistry of quilters like you! Share your stunning quilt creations with us, and we may feature them in our Customer Project Gallery. [Click here to submit your photos!](#)

Ethel Howey Grant

The two-year \$2000.00 grant has a deadline for application of August 1, 2025. Now is the time to begin thinking of classes that might be available to further your quilting skills. A browse of the web will yield many teachers forming their workshop schedules a year or two ahead. Please consider this wonderful opportunity.

GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD, INC ETHEL Y. HOWEY GRANT PROGRAM

MISSION

The Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild (GSAQG) has established a grant program in honor of a loved and esteemed founding member, Ethel Y. Howey, whose accomplishments and influence extended into the international quilt world. The grant is to encourage the pursuit of education in the study of quilt making and to recognize the importance of quilting in today's society as an art form, as an instrument of healing, as part of our legacy, and as a common thread which binds all in friendship.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the grant program is to fund projects that will have long term impact on preserving the heritage and further the art of quilt making. The grant may be used to cover expenses such as fees (including conferences, workshops, etc.), travel, lodging, meals, materials, and books. The grant(s) will be awarded in even numbered years, not to exceed \$2,000. The Grant Committee may divide the monies between more than one recipient. The GSAQG is not obligated to award the entire \$2,000 or any part thereof, if the quality of the proposals does not merit it.

ELIBILITY

- Applicant must be an active GSAQG member in good standing for the previous **two (2) years** immediately preceding the grant deadline.
- An applicant must show evidence of an interest in continuing to improve and innovate in the field of quilt design, construction, history, or technique.
- Financial need will NOT be a criterion for selection.
- Grant recipients are ineligible to reapply for grants for four years. Grant committee members are ineligible for grants while serving on the committee.

PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

- Applications must be submitted **on or before August 1** (current year), and the grant will be awarded at the following January Guild meeting.
- If the recipient fails to fulfill the requirements or is unable to attend the proposed project or program, the grant money must be returned within **three (3) months** of the cancellation, or on a timeline agreed to by the committee and the applicant. If an alternate applicant is available, the money may be transferred to the alternate with approval of the committee.
- Recipients must be willing and able to share with GSAQG the new skills, techniques, or information gained. This may be in the form of a presentation, a workshop, or other process that disseminates the information to the members in **the year following receipt of the grant**. Scheduling must be coordinated with the 1st Vice President for Programs.
- If a workshop or program is being presented, **at a minimum of three (3) months before** the scheduled Guild workshop or program, a lesson plan and class sample will be presented to the Ethel Y. Howey Chairperson, the 1st Vice President for Programs, and one Guild member-at-large.
- Recipient must submit, in writing, a final report of the project and expenses **by March 1** of the year following receipt of the grant.

GSAQG ETHEL Y. HOWEY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

Following the stated timeline, submit a typed or handwritten application, not to exceed two (2) pages. Include the date, your name, address, phone numbers, email, number of years a GSAQG member, and explain:

1. Why you would like to receive this grant.
2. How you will use the grant funds, including a specific budget.
3. How you will share your new skills, techniques, and information with the membership.

Feel free to provide any additional information that will help the selection committee.

Mail to:

Mary McCarthy
GSAQG Foundation Grant Program
1123 Creek Cabin
San Antonio, TX. 78253-5835

Time Line Example

1 August 2025- Application due
1 January 2026- Grant awarded
2026 – Grant used/classes attended
March 2027- Written final report due
August 2027- Proposal Presentation to Review Committee
November 2027- Workshop/Presentation to Guild Membership

Ida B.'s Quilting Guild Enrichment SCHOLARSHIP Fund



One MISSION of GSAQG

- To stimulate an interest in quilts and to advance the art of quiltmaking.

Recognizing the importance of active participation in quilt guild events and activities, Ida Blankenship Kujawski has provided funds to establish a Scholarship Account. This scholarship fund will enable guild members to apply for financial assistance to cover fees for workshops and retreats, further encouraging engagement and skill development within our community.

PURPOSE

- Enhance Guild Membership Experience: Foster greater enjoyment of guild membership by promoting skill development and friendships through active participation in guild activities.
- Encourage Participation: Motivate members to attend workshops and retreats, enhancing their skills and connections within the guild.
- Financial Support: Provide financial assistance to members who may be on a tight budget, helping to alleviate the costs associated with workshops and retreats.
- Establish a Donation Fund: Create a Scholarship Fund that can receive additional donations in the future. These donations can come from anyone for various reasons, further supporting the guild's activities and members.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be active member of GSAQG for the (1) year preceding the date of the event.
- Special consideration to "First-time attendee"
- Scholarships for guild workshops and retreats are available each year. Workshop required kit fee provided by instructor could be included in Scholarship amount.
- Guild Workshops offered as 2 sessions (Friday/Saturday) would qualify for two scholarships, to help two members.
- One scholarship per member in a calendar year.
- Scholarship recipients are ineligible to reapply for:
 - 3 years for Winter or Summer Retreat
 - 2 years for Mini-Retreats
 - 2 years for Guild Speakers' workshops

Paper copy of Applications available by chair at onset of enrollment.

Applications must be submitted to the individual retreat chair, or guild program chair, who will present to the guild board for final approval. Each chair should have committee of 2-3 to help evaluate applications.

Applications should be submitted at beginning of enrollment for each event. Awards can then be announced early enough to allow recipients and chair to plan accordingly.

GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD, INC.

APPLICATION for SCHOLARSHIP

Today's Date_____

Applicant must submit all requested information as needed and stated by the chair.

Application available as digital document on website : copy and print.

Application presented in guild newsletter; paper copy available from event chair at onset of event.

Present paper copy application to specific chair.

NAME of Workshop or Retreat_____

DATE of Workshop or Retreat _____

\$\$ amount Requested _____

Name _____

Address_____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ email_____

Number of years as a member of the GSAQG _____

-----FOLD HERE by committee to enable anonymity-----

Have you attended workshops?_____ retreats?_____ How many?_____

Tell us what you'd like to accomplish at Retreat or Workshop.

GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD, INC.
Members Who Provide Quilting Services
Information Form

Information provided below will be shared on the GSAQG website sanantonioquilt.org – Quilting Services Listing page. The GSAQG does not sponsor or assume responsibility for any services provided by those listed on our website. Businesses listed are fully responsible for their own goods and services and do not in any way represent the GSAQG organization.

| | |
|---|--|
| Your Name | |
| Business Name | |
| Business Address | |
| Business Email address | |
| Business Phone Number(s) | |
| Business Website | |
| <p>Quilting Related Services Provided</p> <p>Quilting services: Such as longarm E2E, custom, FMQ, computerized, binding, personalized quilt labels, longarm rentals, quilt repairs, hand quilting, etc.</p> <p>Other: Experience level, lectures and/or workshops offered, judging, appraisal services, embroidery, fabric photo printing, etc.</p> | |
| <p>Online Shop: Etsy, Shopify, Squarespace, etc.</p> | |

Board of Directors



Top Row:

Melissa Allo - President
 Kami Ricks - 1st VP Special Events
 Linda Maldonado - Secretary
 Linda Casias - 2nd VP Information
 Elaine Staller - 5th VP Community Outreach

Bottom Row:

Cindy Shutt - Treasurer
 Dea Jae Shore - Pres Pro Tem
 Judy Hood - 4th VP Services
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Email Contact List

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 GSAQGO Outreach@gmail.com
 GSAQGTreasurer@gmail.com
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 GSAQGPrograms@gmail.com
 GSAQGParliamentarian@gmail.com

March Meeting Schedule

March 3 Board Meeting 7:00 PM on Zoom
March 8 General Meeting 10:00 AM
 Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church
Zoom starts at 9:30am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054868999?pwd=RHU1d3BMMzNIOC9VRkhpS2VlaHJHdz09>
Meeting ID: 880 5486 8999

See the guild Calendar on our web page for Bee meetings and other guild related events.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INFO

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

Sign-up at: <https://www.sanantonioquilt.org/pages/Membership.html>

Pay Online -OR- Send Check to:
 GSAQG
 PO Box 380522
 San Antonio, TX 78268



Mailing Address:

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc
P.O. Box 380522
San Antonio, TX 78268

Phone: 210-984-6149

Website: www.sanantonioquilt.org

Newsletter Submissions

April Newsletter deadline: Mar 15, 2025
GSAQGInformation@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

| | Monthly | Yearly |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|
| Full page ad | \$60 | \$660 |
| 1/2 page ad | \$30 | \$330 |
| 1/4 page ad | \$15 | \$165 |
| Business card (2 x 3.5) | \$10 | \$110 |

Guild members may run a business card sized AD for one month free each year.