Common Threads

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.



January 10 Guild Meeting

9:30 Services
10:00 Guild Meeting
followed by Bring &
Brag and the program
open to all

St. Andrew's Church 8231 Callaghan Rd.

Brenda Papadakis Dear Jane Quilt

Remember to bring to the meeting

- Nametag (wear it)
- Library books,
 DVD's and patterns
- QPC projects and Bright Hopes quilts
- Block Party block
- Smiles for your friends

President's Message

As we start 2009, I look forward to being your new President. I have some ideas percolating in my mind that I'd like to work on during my term. Nothing radical but as an organization we cannot remain static. Change is good.

Special thanks to Bobbie Ashley and her elf helpers for a super Holiday Party. The Santa pins were a special treat, mine is on the tree so I can see it every day. Everyone received a door prize, lots of hard work making all those pin cushions and I know Sherry Allred is looking down from Quilter's Heaven, pleased with how some of her stash was shared with all the Guild.

Best wishes as Janet Craig, Sunshine and Shadows, moves to Australia. Please support Ellen Hernandez as she takes over Sunshine and Shadows. Her e-mail address, ellenhank@gmail.com, will be used exclusively for Sunshine and Shadows. Home phone, 210 520-1335.

One of the perks of President is the opportunity to look at all the other Guild newsletters we receive. The Austin Area Quilt Guild had a short write up about Marcia Kaylakie in their November newsletter. Marcia was one of our 2007 show judges, presented a program to the Guild and did the appraisal of our Guild Collection. Marcia's book, Texas Quilts and Quilters-A Lone Star Legacy, won the 2008 Writers' League of Texas Violet Crown Award for non-fiction. A copy of the book is in our Library so check it out and read about Texas quilts and quilters.

Looking forward to serving you and the Guild. Janet Miller





Program Notes







2009 Program Schedule

January 10 - Brenda Papadakis - Dear Jane

February 13 Hawaiian Applique Workshop - Keri Duke

February 14 - Lecture & Workshop - Keri Duke

March 14 - Dot Collins TBA

April 11 - TBA

May 9 - Studio Design - Connie Silber

June 12 - Art Quilt Design - Esterita Austin

June 13 - Lecture & Workshop - Esterita Austin

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULARE DUES \$20 SENIOR (65+) \$15 Send your check with SASE to Gloria Hammond

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More Ways to Support Your Guild

In the December newsletter, Karen Nanos presented the financial facts of what it takes for the guild to continue its activities. She encouraged you to support the guild's two main income producing events - auction and quilt show. Here are some additional ways for you to not only help the guild continue its many activities but fully reap the benefits of your membership. These only require some of your time. Think about why you joined the guild.

First, if you joined the guild to learn techniques:

- a. check out the projects offered by the Quilt Projects Committee. Most of these its take less than an hour and a half. The returned pieces are set together as tops which when finished not only go to the auction but to community response or the guild collection. Currently when we plan a project we base it upon a technique and figure how many blocks we need for a quilt. Therefore there is always a need for people to pitch in and complete the final blocks or set them together. Since we learn something from every quilt we work on, think of this as a free class.
- b. The GAAS committee was formed to see that tops and miscellaneous blocks get finished for the auction. Here you have the opportunity to create and design, i.e., plan the setting for blocks or the quilting pattern for a quilt. It doesn't have to cost you anything but your time.

If you are not able to donate a quilt for the auction, actively support the committees that are producing items for the auction — Quilt Projects Committee and the Guild Auction Action Squad.

Second, if you joined the guild to meet other quilters and make friends, helping at a work day or event gives you plenty of opportunity to get to know other members. This is easier while you are working than during a meeting. Everyone benefits: you make friends, learn from others, and leave with a sense of accomplishment. The guild benefits from a successful event or a finished quilt or whatever the goal is.

Third, utilize the resources the guild offers. These are part of our budget, so make it count! The libraries (books, patterns, and videos) give plenty of sources for project ideas and instructions at no cost (unless you return them late). Magazines are currently sold during meetings. Bees

offer a chance to get to know others in a small group. Some meet in quilt shops, some in homes — all over town. Some have a specific focus. In all, you make friends. Help the community: Bright Hopes provides comforters for the Children's Shelter, Community Ed and Storybook Quilts do presentations on quilting and quilts; at the Folklife Festival and Fall at the Alamo we demonstrate quilting to the public. The quilt show has lots of opportunities for you to get involved.

As you can see this is a very active guild with many diverse elements. I've only mentioned a few. It needs many activie membrs to realize its full potential and continue to offer all of these benefits.

Carol Rouse Quilt Projects Committee

Quilt Projects Committee News

New projects are being planned so be sure to check our table each month.

There are still kits available for the Cat Challenge. The deadline for turning in these blocks in the February meeting. Some of the these fabrics make wonderful blocks with just a frame so it doesn't have to be an elaborate or time-consuming project. The block can be any size up to 15". We are asking for \$1 to use for the prizes.

Help us organize our stash. We have many kits with pieces that need to be cut into whatever size squares or strips you can get. Each can be done in approx. one hour.

Carol Rouse

Sunshine and Shadows

Janet N. Craig 210-370-3114 jncraig@airmail.net

This will be my last Sunshine and Shadows for I am resigning from the Guild and the column. For those of you that have not heard I will be leaving the country and relocating to Canberra, Australia. Thank you to all who had kind words for me over the last year. So, G'Day Mates! I hope you have great adventures here for I will be thinking of you all when I am stitching Down Under.

Ellen Hernandez will be taking over the exciting job of Sunshine and Shadows for the Guild. I

wish her great success. Please contact her with future news at:

Ellen Hernandez ellenhank@gmail.com 210-520-1335

Sunshine

Ellen Hernandez had a quilt, 'Snippet Trails', for the Alliance for the American Quilt, "My Quilts" contest on display at Houston International Quilt Festival! 67 quilts from the contest were behind the Silver Star Salute display. Previously, the quilts were displayed at the Virginia Quilt Museum, and all will be up for auction on eBay, with funds going to support the Alliance.

Congratulations to our Guild Sister on her Excellent work!

Shadows

Mary Rodriguez had a triple bypass surgery. Please include her in your good thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Midge Mosley is still recovering from hip surgery and would like cards and good wishes. She is not recovering as fast as what she would like too. Please include her in your good thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Mona Stewart is undergoing another round chemotherapy.

Fern Waitschies husband Norris passed away Oct 17th after a long illness.

Marcia Stanley's mother has died Nov 27th, and she has gone to CA. to settle her estate.

Lois Beauchamp's mother died Dec 3rd in Lafayette IN.

Doris Patterson is the POC for the Memorial Quilt blocks (8 X 8 finished block) 210-656-0334

Please be aware that there is now a Sunshine and Shadows Basket At the meeting for any announcements if you cannot find the person.

Please remember that Sunshine and Shadows is for personal announcements of Guild members only and not for business announcements. Thank you.

Please remember to share Sunshine's - birthdays, graduations, anniversaries and awards as well as our Shadows. Take Care - Janet

Janet N. Craig 210-370-3114 Sunshine and Shadows

You must have the shadows to appreciate the light.

Secret Pal Party



Beautiful setup - ready to go



Gathering early in the morning



Fellowship among the pals



Yummy breakfast potluck

The Guild Party



Entertainment - the Dulcimer group



Everyone received a doorprize



Down the line one more time - yum yum



Enjoying the fellowship



Outgoing President Bobbie Ashley and her President's quilt. Thanks to Carol Rouse and all the guild members who made and set blocks. All those owls will surely make Bobbie very wise.





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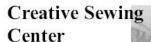
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GRAND PRIZE -- A GREAT BAG OF \$1,200 IN GIFT CERTIFICATES AND MERCHANDISE -- TOTAL VALUE OVER \$2,300. 12 OTHER MERCHANDISE BASKETS VALUED AT OVER \$300.

The challenge fabric is available in December at each store for the challenge blocks. CHALLENGE BLOCK CONTEST WITH THE WINNERS CHOSEN IN MARCH. THE "BEST OF BLOCKS" WINNER WILL RECEIVE A QUILTER'S FABULOUS FABRIC BASKET WITH MERCHANDISE VALUED AT \$350.00. DETAILS AT ANY OF THE STORES.

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*EXTENDED SHOPPING HOURS: Thursday, Friday, & Saturday 9:00AM – 8:00PM Sunday 10:00-4:00

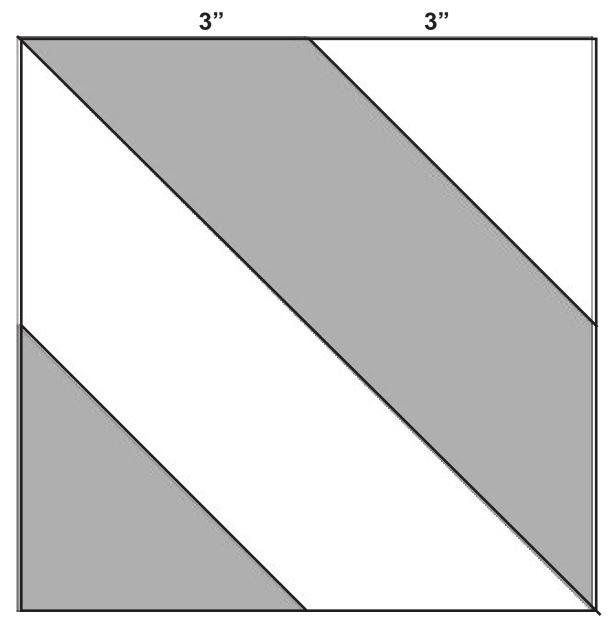
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January 2009 Block Party

Try your hand at a diagonal block. It can be papaer pieced. Make it a 6 inch block finished - 6.5 unfinished. Let's make it in light and dark blues. You should be able to make an interesting geometric quilt if you win.

Bring as many as you lke with your name attached to each one to the January Guild meeting. All names go in the basket and the lucky winner in the drawing gets all of the blocks.



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		President ProTem	
January 5 BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM St. Andrew's Church			Larry Beauchamp
		1st Vice President for Special Events	
C ,			Gail Daniel
January 10 Guild Meeting	10:00 AM	2nd Vice President	t for Newsletter
St. Andrew's Church			Dea Jae Shore
		3rd Vice Presiden	t for Programs
January 20 Wearable Arts	6:30 PM		Nechia Dawson
Creative Sewing Center		4th Vice President for Services	
117777 West Av.			Linda Ethridge
Hostess - Ida Blankenship		5th Vice President for Services	
			Barbara Sumlin
January 28 Quilt In	10:00 AM	Secretary	Donna Brown
Memories by the Yard		Treasurer	Karen Nanos
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Hostess - Shirley	Bold offices expire Decemb		December 2009