Common Threads Volume 32 July 2010 Issue 7

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President's Notes

The trunk show of 30 auction guilts was a treat at the June meeting. It was obvious Lori Branson and her Auction Team have been busy and well on their way to their 60 quilt goal. Please let Lori know if you are making a guilt for the Auction, she may be closer to the 60 quilt goal than she realizes.

Thanks so very much to Carolyn Komada for volunteering to co-chair the Magazine and Book Sales. Gail Daniel volunteered to be the back up for Ellen and Carolyn. Members continue to clean out your old magazines and books, gives you room to get more and benefits the Guild.

In August the Board will start the Bylaw's and policy review. If there are changes that you feel would make the Guild run more smoothly please submit them to any Board member by August. Any changes to the Bylaw's will require a vote by the membership.

Looking forward to the July program, The Guild Style Show. Am always gonna make a guilted garment so really enjoy seeing the creativity of my fellow Guild members.

Janet Miller President, GSAQG



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beginning quilter's all day class at the April work day, and to Charlene Carroll for jumping in with her camera at last month's meetina.





Program Notes 2010 Program Schedule

July - Style Show August - How the Guild Works September - Alice Kolb www.alicekolb.com/ Friday's Workshop - The Perfect Simple Vest

Take the most practical of garments and personalize it. We'll connect favorite stitch techniques to the vest and personalize for you. Let threads and squiggled stitches speak for you...and themselves **Saturday's Workshop -**



A La Crazy Quilt

Take a modern sewing machine down the traditional crazy path, but with INNOVATIVE uses of machine stitches, borders, bold patterns, etc. Stitch threads and fabrics with a difference, starting with simple foundation piecing to develop a personalized, custom piece. Remember, it's all about crazy.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE: Midnight Monday after Guild meeting. E-mail to quiltnews@satx.rr.com is preferred. or mail to Dea Jae Shore.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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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	\$110

ds Issue 6 GSAQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 7, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Janet Miller at 2:40 PM at St. Andrew's Church. Members present: Janet Miller, Sandra Bloom, Mary McCarthy, Linda Ethridge and Barbara Sumlin. Absent: Charlotte Keener, Dea Jae Shore, Carolyn Hammond, Cindy Schutt and Larry Beauchamp.

President: Janet Miller

· May minutes approved as published.

• Calico Rosebud nominee is Charlene Carroll for taking photos at last meeting.

President Pro-Tem: Charlotte Keener (absent) No report.

<u>1st Vice President – Special Events:</u> Sandra Bloom

 \cdot Summer Retreat – 34 signed up and room for one more – all is ready to go.

2011 Quilt Show – Ruth Felty is in charge of raffle quilt.

 Auction – June meeting program is trunk show of all completed quilts for auction

 Houston Quilt Show Bus Trip – meeting is set for final details later in month

<u>2nd Vice President – Newsletter/Directory:</u> Dea Jae Shore (absent)

No report.

<u>3rd Vice President – Programs:</u> Mary McCarthy

June – Auction Trunk Show

• July – Style Show (services will be limited due to set up for style show)

· August -- "How the Guild Works"

· September – Speaker from Kerrville

· October – Guild garage sale

4th Vice President – Services: Linda Ethridge

• Library - Duplicate books from Guild Library will be sold at the magazine table. Readdress missing and purged books at August board meeting.

 Magazines – volunteer needed to assist Ellen Hernandez with magazine sales

• Quilt-In – Investigate why it is listed as committee, consider moving to "bees" list.

5th Vice President – Community Outreach:

Barbara Sumlin

No report. Secretary: Carolyn Hammond (absent)

No report. Board meeting minutes compiled by Sandra Bloom.

Treasurer: Cindy Schutt (absent)

2009 Federal Taxes filed. No audit in April and May, so no audit report for June.

Current Guild Balances: Jefferson Operating -\$9667.40, Jefferson Savings - \$15,478.91,

SSFCU CDs and Savings - \$35,554.56, SSFCU Wright CD - \$10,000.

Total Guild Funds - \$70,700.87

Parliamentarian: Larry Beauchamp (absent) No report.

Unfinished Business:

Guild welcome packet - preliminary short descriptions of committees and Janet's welcome letter were reviewed. Need good descriptions of QPC and Bees. Discussed giving a guild pin to each new member and to each member as he or she renews membership.

New Business:

Will announce at June meeting that review of by-laws will take place in August. All members are encouraged to present any ideas for revision or alteration to by-laws in writing to a board member. This may be done anonymously and should include possible resolutions and/or improvements to any problematic issues that members bring to the board for the by-laws review.

Board meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM by Janet Miller.

GSAQG MEETING MINUTES June 12, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Janet Miller at 10 AM at St. Andrew's Church. 111 members and 6 guests were present. \$3.75 was collected in name tag fines.

President: Janet Miller

· May minutes were approved as published.

 The New Braunfels Guild is here today with their Raffle/Donation guilt.

 Calico Rose Buds were awarded to Barbara Sumlin for organizing the beginning quilter's all day class at the April work day, and to Charlene Carroll for jumping in with her camera at last month's meeting.

 Sunshine and Shadows – Larry Beauchamp is featured in the latest Quiltmaker Magazine;

however he is currently in the hospital.

· Ethel Howey Grant – Applications are in the newsletter and online. Bobbie Ashley, previous winner of the grant, is presenting a workshop todav.

President Pro-Tem: Charlotte Keener No report.

Secretary: Carolyn Hammond No report. Treasurer: Cindy Schutt

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1st Vice President - Special Events: Sandra Bloom

 Summer Retreat – Barbara Sumlin – Retreat starts tomorrow – attendees pick up information sheet today.

 Auction- Lori Branson – Date is October 2, 2010. Tickets are available to buy or check out today. Cost is \$25., which includes lunch, auction, valet parking, and door prizes.

 Houston Quilt Show Bus Trip – Brook Courchaine – 15 people have signed up – you do not have to be a guild member to go. Need 45 people. Trip is November 6th, 2010, from 6 AM -10 PM. Flyers are available today. Price will include bus fare, show entry fee, and box lunch. Next month Brook will start accepting money for the trip. Tell your friends!!

· 2011 Quilt Show – Judith Miller – "Call to Colors" is the theme – dates are September 16 – 18, 2011. Committees are coming together. Ruth Felty is in charge of the raffle quilt and would like to have it ready for display at our Auction in Oct. There will be a work day to assemble the raffle quilt on Monday, June 28th at 10 AM at Memories By the Yard. Sylvia Jolet has kits available today to be completed for the quilt.

2nd Vice President - Newsletter/Directory: Dea Jae Shore (absent) No report.

<u>3rd Vice President – Programs:</u> Mary McCarthy Today – Auction Trunk Show and Bobbi Ashley Workshop

July – Style Show – Kitty Janiga needs garments turned in before July 1st. She also needs volunteers to help set up the day before.

August -- "How the Guild Works"

September – Alice Kolb from Kerrville – Friday workshop – "Vests"; Saturday workshop – "Ah La Crazy Quilt"

October – Guild garage sale

4th Vice President - Services: Linda Ethridge

• QPC – Carol Rouse – Today's Golden Carrot winner is Cindy Herrera. Kits are available to complete the Guatemalan Flower Quilt.

• Magazine Sales – Ellen Hernandez needs a volunteer to assist with magazine sales at each guild meeting.

5th <u>Vice President – Community Outreach:</u> Barbara Sumlin

Storybooks and Quilts to Go – Sherry Duringer
2 new books are available for adoption. Sherry explained where the quilts go – they are checked out by school librarians. They each have a tote bag with the book, the quilt, and a log book. Currently, 18 new storybook quilts are ready to go out to libraries. Volunteers are needed to make kits.
"Grandmother's Kits" are also being made to be checked out when children are coming to visit. Please contact Sherry Duringer for more information.

Parliamentarian: Larry Beauchamp (absent)

Nominating committee will be organized next month.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Second quarter finishes this month. Committee chairs please get reports to their board member before next meeting. We especially need records of hours donated.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM by President Janet Miller.

Carolyn Hammond, Secretary

Sunshine and Shadows

Ellen Hernandez, 210-520-1335, ellenhernandez@hotmail.com

We send healing good thoughts to each of the following:

Marian Burns has recovered from pneumonia and was back on her feet, able to attend the June meeting.

Carrie Villarreal is recovering from back surgery (mid-May), continuing physical therapy as an outpatient.

Larry Beauchamp was hospitalized the first of June requiring more frequent dialysis. FYI - you can see Larry on YouTube: My HQ Story Larry Beauchamp.

Second VP for Information

This board position will be open for the next term. This position involves use of technology and we are looking for someone with the following abilities:

1. Nodding acquaintance with MS Access. This is where we keep the membership information.

2. Some understanding of Web authoring. We use Dreamweaver now but it can be authored on software you are familiar with.

3. Ability to use Desktop Publishing software.

4. Ability to provide PowerPoint presentations at Guild meetings.

5. Consistent attendance at Guild meetings.

6. Ability to take newsletters to Bulk Mail at the main post office.

The Guild will provide any software that you don't already have. The projector used at the meetings is the Guild's but your own laptop or netbook will be needed for presentations. I will be happy to train whoever may be interested in this position. Any questions, ask Dea Jae Shore

Bright Hopes News

When making a quilt for Bright Hopes please put a label on it, and please put the label on the back of the quilt. For those who provide quilts from their own materials I have labels to pick up at meetings and will mail them to you if you ask.

As of the 6/12 meeting we had 45 quilts submitted. Nine of those 45 quilts came from a friend who isn't a member of the guild - can't talk her into joining because she's "just not a joiner". Three members submitted four, six and seven quilts each. So four individuals provided 55% of our monthly goal of 40 quilts. The ladies and the number of quilts they turn in vary from month to month, but each of these "angels" is precious to me, not only for their charitable hearts but for their willing hands and warm smiles. Without them my task would be much, much more difficult. Thank you, my angels!

Sharon

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild Treasurer's Report For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2010			
	YTD Actual		2010 Budget
REVENUES		•	0.00.00
Interest Savings	12.46	\$	800.00
CD Interest			
Otherincome	100.00		500.00
Garage Sale	84.54		
Eleanor Wright Memorial Gift	10,000.00		
M. Parsons Estate Sale	739.90		
Magazine Sales			
Nametage fines	9.00		
Dues - Membership	2,010.00		4,200.00
Newsletter/Directory Ads Quilt Show	365.00		500.00 500.00
Workshops	1,575.00		3,000.00
Workshops	1,57 5.00		3,000.00
Retreat - Summer	6,980.00		7,500.00
Retreat - Winter	7,130.00		8,000.00
Houston Bus trip			2,400.00
Auction			12,000.00
Total Revenues	\$ 29,320.33	\$	39,400.00
EXPENSES			
Administration:	¢ 74040	¢	2 4 50 00
Administration Door Prizes	\$ 718.13 144.75	\$	3,450.00 110.00
Telephone	195.20		600.00
Storage facility	1,687.00		5,200.00
Rent (Meetings)	500.00		1,650.00
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Membership expenses:			
Membership supplies			50.00
Newsletter/Directory printing	1,146.90		3,400.00
Postage, Bulk	185.00		800.00
Webpage	251.35		270.00
Quilt Show			1,500.00
Community activities:	120.00		800.00
Bright Hopes Community Response	138.98		0.00
Storybook Quilts			400.00
Community Outreach			350.00
			000.00
Membership services & activities:			
Sherry Allred Grant	325.00		300.00
Ethel Howey Grant	1,000.00		1,000.00
Library	56.28		300.00
Patterns			50.00
QPC			500.00
Video Library	0 70 5 5 9		250.00
Programs Workshops	2,735.58 3,100.00		8,000.00 4,000.00
Workshops	3,100.00		4,000.00
Self-sustaining activities:			
Retreat - Summer			7,500.00
Retreat - Winter	8,209.47		8,000.00
Houston bus trip			2,400.00
Auction	464.36		6,000.00
Total Expenses	20,858.00	<i>~</i>	56,880.00
Net	\$ 8,462.33	\$	(17,480.00)
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Ending Jeffers on Operating	\$ 8,387.79		
Ending Jeffers on Savings SSFCU CD's & savings	15,477.06 35,554.46		
SSFCU Wright Class CD	10,000.00		
Total Guild Funds	\$ 69,419.31	•	
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Treasurer's Report For the Five Months Ending May 31, 2010 YTD Actual 2010 Budget REVENUES \$ 800.00 Interest Savings 14.31 CD Interest 193.63 500.00 Otherincome 8854 Garage Sale Eleanor Wright Memorial Gift 10,000.00 M. Parsons Estate Sale 73990 Magazine Sales 220.80 Nametage fines 12.55 Library Sale 382.00 Dues - Membership 2.060.00 4.200.00 Newsletter/Directory Ads 365.00 500.00 Quilt Show 500.00 3,000.00 Workshops 1,575.00 Retreat - Summer 10,500.00 7,500.00 Retreat - Winter 8,000.00 7,130.00 Houston Bus trip 2,400.00 Auction 12,000.00 **Total Revenues** \$ 33,281.73 \$ 39,400.00 EXPENSES Administration: Administration \$ 1,568.13 \$ 3,450.00 Door Prizes 144.75 110.00 Telephone 244.00 600.00 Storage facility 2,120.00 5,200.00 Rent (Meetings) 625.00 1,650.00 Membership expenses: Membership supplies 50.00 Newsletter/Directory printing 1,581.60 3,400.00 485.00 Postage, Bulk 800.00 Webpage 251.35 270.00 Quilt Show 1,500.00 Community activities: **Bright Hopes** 138.98 800.00 Community Response 0.00 Storybook Quilts 400.00 Community Outreach 350.00 Membership services & activities: 325.00 300.00 Sherry Allred Grant Ethel Howey Grant 1.000.00 1.000.00 Library 182.04 300.00 50.00 Patterns QPC 185.96 500.00 Video Library 250.00 2,817.44 8,000.00 Programs Workshops 3,100.00 4,000.00 Self-sustaining activities: Retreat - Summer 7,500.00 Retreat - Winter 8,209.47 8,000.00 2,400.00 Houston bus trip Auction 55922 6.000.00 Total Expenses 23,537.94 56,880.00 9,743.79 \$ (17, 480.00)Net \$ Ending Jeffers on Operating \$ 9,667.40 Ending Jeffers on Savings 15,478.91 SSFCU CD's & savings 35,554.56 SSFCU Wright Class CD 10,000.00 Total Guild Funds \$ 70,700.87

Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

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

MISSION

The Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild 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, work-shops, etc.), travel, lodging, meals, materials and books. The grant(s) will be awarded annually, not to exceed \$1000. **ELIGIBILITY**

- 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.
- 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.
- Recipient must submit in writing a final report of the project and expenses by March 1 of the following year.
- If recipient fails to fulfill requirements any advanced funds must be returned.

• Grant recipients are ineligible to reapply for grants for three years. Grant committee members are ineligible for grants while serving on the committee.

PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

Applications must be submitted on or before November 1 (current year), and the grant will be awarded at the following January guild meeting. The grant recipient's final report is due by March 1 of the year **after** the grant is awarded.

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

Applicant must submit all requested information including this page. Application may be typed or hand written, not to exceed two pages.

Name		
Address		
Phone	Email	
Number of years as a member of the GSAQG		

- 1. Write a paragraph explaining why you would like to receive this grant.
- 2. Explain briefly how you will use the grant funds.
- 3. Describe 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: Barbara Wofford, Chairperson, GSAQG Foundation Grant Program 1551 Yosemite Oaks Circle San Antonio, TX 78213

Pieces of the Past: Thread Ellen Hernandez



Issue 6

Early sewing threads were made of thin strips of animal hide. The ancient Egyptians made thread from plant fibers and spun wool and hair from animals, dyeing them with berries and plants. The Chinese and

Japanese discovered silk fibers which were spun as thread and made as cloth. With the development of machines, thread production improved by being made faster, more uniform, stronger, and with truer dye colors.

Many thread companies took pride in the appearance of their spools. They were, and are, valued as much as the thread wound on them. Made of birch and maple, some spools had intricate carved scrollwork on one end. Spools were colored to help dressmakers identify the type of thread. The hourglass shaped spool sparked the creation of the Spool Quilt.

Threads are made from animals, plants, or

synthetics, and combinations such as poly/cotton. The animal thread, silk, is best for animal fabrics, such as silk and wool. It is strong and can be used for buttons and decoration.



Thread from cotton plants are

used with linen, rayon, and cotton, all which may shrink. Since cotton thread does not stretch, it's not a good choice for knits.

Nylon and polyester threads are preferred for synthetics and stretch knits. These threads do not shrink, are strong, and are able to stretch and recover. Of the two, polyester invisible thread is a better choice because it does not melt at low temperatures and does not get brittle or yellow. Kevlar and Nomex threads are fire-resistant and retardant, often used in making children's linens and clothing. Other specialized threads include metallic, upholstery, embroidery, and cotton perle.

Most cotton threads today are mercerized. This means it has been swollen and stretched in caustic soda and singed over an open flame to remove the fuzz. This strengthens the thread and gives it luster.

Wonder about the numbers on spools, such as 40/3 or 60/2?

1st number refers to the size of the thread - the higher the number the finer the thread.

2nd number refers to the number of plys twisted together. The more plys, the stronger and thicker the thread. Three ply thread is suitable for garment construction, 2 ply thread is generally used for decorative purposes.

When threading your hand needle, remember to **knot the end that you cut off** the spool to keep tangling at bay. Here's a mnemonic for you: Remember, **the end you Kut is the end you Knot**.

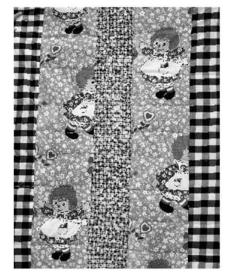
Interesting: A bale of cotton weighs 613 pounds and will produce 25,000 spools of thread.

Today wooden spools are sold as fun toys for parrots to chew on.

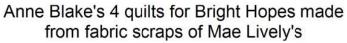


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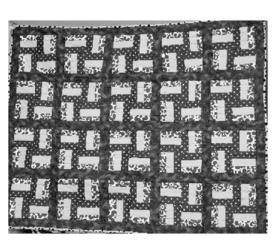


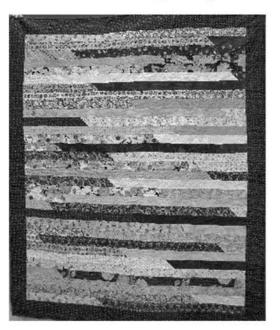




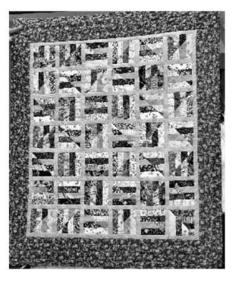


Check out these quilts in color at sanantonioquilt.org

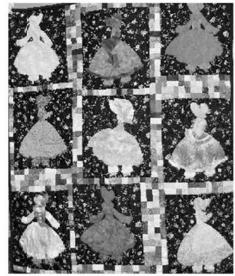




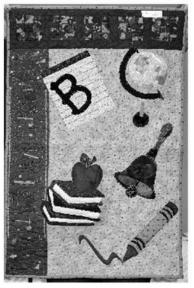
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Ellen Hernandez' Garden Walls for Bright Hopes



Susan Keck's Dancing Girls



Sandra Bloom's School Theme



Joan Duringer's Brown Bag project for Lani Nunley



Great NW Library Bee's Auction project



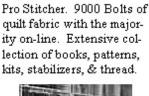
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Memories by the Yard

Come join the fun and support the Leukemia Society Sunday, July 18^{th} , from 10 - 4, for a bordered table runner and a wonderful lunch. Cost is \$50.00, kits will be available.

Come in and see the two newest Block of the Month programs. WOW!

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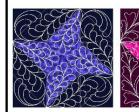
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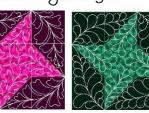
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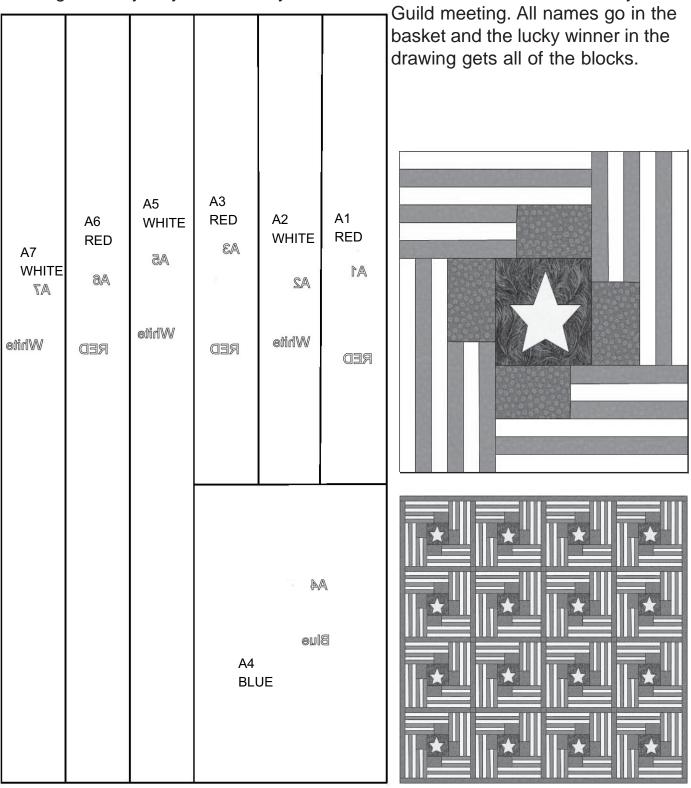
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July 2010 Block Party

Block party in July is an easy sew. It is a perfect paper piecing block. It's 4"x8" finished and can be made up to look like a 12 inch quilt block and then they can be made into a quilt, both pictured below. Look on our web site for a link to a pdf file of the foundation pattern. Center square will be 4" x 4".

Bring as many as you like with your name attached to each one to the July



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July Schedule

- July 5 BOARD MEETING 2:00 PM St. Andrew's Church
- July 10 Guild Meeting 10:00 AM St. Andrew's Church
- July 20 Wearable Arts 6:30 PM Creative Sewing Center 117777 West Av. Hostess - Ida Blankenship

July 28 Quilt In 10:00 AM Memories by the Yard Hostess - Shirley Carter

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