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### December 14 Guild Meeting

9:00 Secret Sisters  
11:00 Party  
@Saint Andrew's  
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### Party



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bring to the  
meeting

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- Your potluck dish
- Bright Hopes quilts
- Smiles for your friends

Dear Quilters,

November's meeting was our very important business meeting where we elected the half of our officers that change biannually. We also approved the money to be spent in our plans for next year. Our own cosmos of democracy.

Vicky Owen presented a very good program on paper piecing techniques for the projects we make. Many members shared their examples of paper piecing. Inspiring!

The survey that we did in October showed a great deal of interest in forming more small interest groups. BEEs. Many stepped up to say YES, they will help form new ones, with leadership and locations that should help. I will be talking to many of you soon about that. We hope to set details, to have a meaningful offering in January. Please think about how YOU can help.

December should be a real Christmas luncheon party. I hope t see you there.

Sincerely yours,

Ida

## Membership Drive

As of the November Guild meeting we have 144 members renewed for 2014. We still have 122 current members who have not renewed. If you are one of those members please send your renewal into the guild address with your check or call Cindy Shutt if you would like to charge the dues on your credit card.

The address is on the last page of the newsletter. Cindy's number is in the directory.



Pick up your membership card at the  
December meeting.

## 2014 Program Notes

January - Ruth Felty's Ethel Howey Grant presentation

February - Mini Demos

March - Gyleen Fitzgerald

Sign ups will begin at the January meeting for the classes with Gyleen Fitzgerald

For information on workshops or to suggest teachers or lecturers contact the 3rd V.P. for Programs, Rebecca Cook at [becca4464@gmail.com](mailto:becca4464@gmail.com)

As outgoing 3rd Vice President for Programs it has been my honor to serve the guild these last four years. From those first uncertain steps in office I have felt the support of all my fellow board members. I want to thank everyone who made suggestions and who gave me feedback. I especially give thanks to those wonderful members who attended the workshops - I couldn't have done it without you! I said once or twice that being the vice president for programs is the best office in the guild. I know that Rebecca Cook as the incoming 3rd VP will soon find that to be true. Thank you all. - - Mary McCarthy

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## GSAQG Board Meeting Minutes

**November 4, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Ida Blankenship, President. Members in attendance were Melanie McInnis, DeaJae Shore, Mary McCarthy, Sherry Durringer, Gail Dickman, Sylvia Jolet and Ida Blankenship.

**President – Ida Blankenship:** A Calico Rose was approved for Ellen Hernandez for the Pieces of the Past column she writes for the monthly guild newsletter. The results of the survey taken of the members at October's meeting have been reviewed and there is great interest in joining bees, creating new bees, and offering bees at new/different locations and times. An effort will be made to organize these to begin in January. We had 63 members renew in October. A more complete list of deceased members is in progress for use in updating the Memorial Quilt. A process to followup on visitors is being made. The Joint Board (returning and new) will be held in December at Cindy Shutt's home. More details are coming. Current board members leaving office were asked to update notebooks, job descriptions and any specific procedures needed for new officers. These will be made available at the December board meeting.

**President Pro-Tem – Melanie McInnis:** no report  
**Secretary – Sylvia Jolet:** There were 8 phone calls during the month requesting general information. One inquiry on Story Book Quilts by a librarian was referred to Linda Kirk for followup.

**Treasurer – Cindy Shutt:** Total cash and savings on hand is \$69,198.89. The September financials were checked and approved. Final Budget for membership approval is as reflected in October newsletter with one change. The DVD/Videos budget was corrected to \$250.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Special Events – Carol Bryant:** no report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Information – Dea Jae**

**Shore:** The webpage is due to change reflecting our Auction information very soon.

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

A number of cancellations from members for the paper piecing workshops was discussed. However, the classes are full. The Guild Christmas Party committee will include Ida Blankenship, Carol Bryant and Rebecca Cook. The Secret Sisters will not have a breakfast but meet to reveal secrets from 9:00-10:30. All other members will arrive at 11:00 with lunch service beginning at 11:30. Christmas fabric received from QPC will be used in table decorations. All board members will assist with

party preparations and presentation.

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Services – Gail Dickman:**

Requested that the budget for DVD/Videos be returned to the \$250 amount as last year. Board approved this change. The Christmas fabric was distributed to board members to prepare for table decorations.

**5<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Community Outreach –**

**Sherry Duringer:** The letter received from the Eye Bank requesting assistance was read. Sherry will contact them for a little more information to again bring to the membership since no one responded to the first request. Sharon Ross and Carol Steely are continuing the transfer process for Bright Hopes. The Community Education chair is Kitty Janiga.

**Parliamentarian – Linda Ethridge:** no report.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by Sylvia Jolet, Secretary.

## GSAQG Guild Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:am by President Pro-Tem, Melanie McInnis. All guests were welcomed.

President Pro-Tem – Melanie McInnis: The first order of business is the election of the slate of officers as presented at the October 2013 meeting by Linda Ethridge, chair of the nominating committee. The candidates are: President Pro-Tem: Judith Miller; 1<sup>st</sup> VP for Special Events: Carol Bryant; 3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Programs: Rebecca Cook; Treasurer: Cindy Shutt. A motion was made, seconded and members present elected these officers by acclamation. Next order of business was to approve the 2014 budget. A motion was made, seconded and approved by members to accept the budget as presented in October newsletter with one change for DVD/Videos to be \$250. The October minutes were approved as published. Membership renewal continues today. No dues will be accepted at December Christmas Party and no other services will be opened. Members were asked to give any information on deceased members to Lisetta Ennis and Helen Baker and they will make sure that we get a block for every member who has passed away.

President Pro-Tem – Melanie McInnis: no report  
Secretary – Sylvia Jolet: 8 phone calls to guild phone for general information.

Treasurer – Cindy Shutt: Total cash and savings on hand is \$69,198.89. The September financial reports were checked and approved.

1<sup>st</sup> VP for Special Events – Carol Bryant: Houston Bus Trip was a success. Winter Retreat is full with a waiting list.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Information – Dea Jae Shore: Work is currently underway to retrieve guild newsletters by to 2000 and have them available on the website for general access under Archived Newsletters.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Programs – Mary McCarthy: The Friday Paper Piecing workshop went well. The December Holiday Party include Friday night setup by board members. Secret Sister reveal 9:00-10:30 (no breakfast); final party set up 11:00-11:30; lunch begins at 11:30. The Guild will provide the meat and there are sign-up sheets for the potluck items from members.

4<sup>th</sup> VP for Services – Gail Dickman: Mary McCarthy assisted Carol Rouse with Golden Carrot drawing and door prize drawings.

5<sup>th</sup> VP for Community Outreach – Sherry Duringer: Carol Steely is the new chair of the Bright Hopes Committee. Story Books and Quilts to Go committee needs assistance with end-of-semester pick up at schools. Contact Linda Kirk to help.

Parliamentarian – Linda Ethridge: no report

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: A member requested that the “Block of the Month” be started again in the Newsletter. DeaJae Shore will followup on this item.

Adjourned: 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Sylvia Jolet, Secretary





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Services > Bring and Brag > November 2013

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For the Ten Months Ending October 31, 2013

	YTD Actual	2013 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Interest		\$ 500.00
Savings	22.56	
CD Interest	472.54	
Other income		1,000.00
Magazine Sales	419.50	500.00
Nametage fines	27.75	25.00
Newsletter Postage	90.00	450.00
Contributions	(1,055.00)	
Pins	13.00	
Technology Fund	583.51	
Dues - Membership	2,831.50	5,000.00
Newsletter/Directory Ads	2,730.00	800.00
Quilt Show	46,187.28	56,450.00
Mini-Retreat	1,345.12	
Workshops	2,110.00	4,000.00
Retreat - Summer	8,331.04	8,000.00
Retreat - Winter	8,311.15	8,000.00
Houston Bus trip	3,349.00	2,400.00
Auction		0.00
Total Revenues	\$ 75,768.95	\$87,125.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Administration:</b>		
Administration	\$ 5,158.61	\$ 3,700.00
Janitorial	\$ 125.00	\$ 300.00
Sunshine & Shadows		\$ 75.00
Memorial Quilt & Bios		\$ 25.00
Permanent Quilt		\$ 50.00
Charitable Contributions		\$
collection	(20.00)	
Door Prizes	200.55	220.00
Telephone	336.20	600.00
Storage facility	2,682.50	3,030.00
Rent (Meetings)	1,400.00	1,765.00
Rent (Board)	140.00	
Rent (Workshops)	455.00	980.00
Rent (Mini retreats)	280.00	560.00
<b>Membership expenses:</b>		
Membership supplies	11.68	150.00
Newsletter/Directory	812.05	1,000.00
printing		
Postage	315.20	500.00
Webpage		300.00
Quilt Show	31,952.25	37,820.00
<b>Community activities:</b>		
Bright Hopes	972.50	1,000.00
Storybook Quilts	174.89	400.00
Community Outreach	126.93	0.00
<b>Membership services &amp; activities:</b>		
Sherry Alfred Grant		325.00
Ethel Howey Grant	490.00	1,000.00
Library	68.60	300.00
QPC	283.28	500.00
Video Library	124.48	250.00
Programs	6,393.36	7,000.00
Workshops	2,970.26	6,000.00
<b>Self-sustaining activities:</b>		
Retreat - Summer	8,331.04	8,000.00
Retreat - Winter	8,381.87	8,000.00
Mini Retreats	772.90	
Houston bus trip	2,815.55	2,400.00
Auction	322.83	200.00
Total Expenses	76,077.53	86,450.00
Net		\$ \$ 675.00
Ending Jefferson	(308.58)	
Operating	\$ 4,851.69	
Ending Jefferson Savings	14,744.77	
SSFCU CD's & savings	37,210.31	
SSFCU Wright Class CD	12,967.12	
Total Guild Funds	\$ 69,773.89	

Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer



Pieces of the Past, 44: Bendigo Signature Quilt  
Ellen Hernandez



*Who?* Mary Ann Hill and sewing ladies of Bendigo  
*What?* An embroidered signature quilt  
*Where?* Bendigo, Victoria, Australia  
*When?* 1895  
*Why?* Fundraiser at the Golden City Fancy Fair for the Sisters of Mercy Convent School.

Basic questions answered. Is this story complete? No way! This quilt mystery is still evolving. Read on.

In 2003 Evelyn Carwardine Leamon of Bendigo, Australia passed away in a nursing home. At the bottom of her closet was a pile of what was thought to be rags. Instead, the muslin piece was an antique embroidered patchwork quilt. Evelyn's family donated the red and white quilt to the Strathdale Quilters who began its restoration. Historian Robyn Ballinger concluded that this quilt is one of only two Australian signature quilts from before 1900. Ms. Ballinger, along with the Bendigo Regional Genealogical Society set out to find information on the 270 people who signed the quilt. Some names were known to be prominent people of the area, such as DB Lazarus, the mayor of Bendigo and AJ Peacock who became Victoria's first premier. The guild began publicly displaying the quilt in hopes that viewers could add more details about the signers. In 2012 Betty M. Jackman compiled the research in a book, *Heritage Signature Quilt 1895: History of the Signatories*.



After ten years, the Strathdale Quilters needed to find a home for the restored quilt. Rejected by the library and art gallery, the quilt was donated to the Aspire Foundation in 2013. Having no physical place to display the quilt, Aspire temporarily put the quilt in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. An official unveiling ceremony was conducted in October with about 10 descendants of the signatories attending. The Strathdale Quilters announced that they will auction a new signature quilt in the same pattern as the original, charging \$500 to \$1000

per signature. All the funds will be donated to Aspire to help build a Museum of Faith. The original quilt will be permanently displayed there.

Research continues on finding the descendants of the signatories. A facebook page keeps people updated: *aspire heritage signature quilt 1895*.

Bendigo Town Hall, 1895. It became a boomtown in the 1850s when gold was discovered.



The centerpiece is the St. John's Cross.

## COMMITTEES

Advertising	Nancy Beasley	685-2345	Photographs	Charlene Carroll	325-6870
Archivist	Dea Jae Shore	590-3013	QPC	Carol Rouse	699-9363
Bee Keeper	Bernie Farris	695-4323	Summer Retreat	Sherry Duringer	347-9830
Bright Hopes	Sharon Ross	542-1464	Winter Retreat '14	Janet Miller	492-7684
Community Ed	Donnis Todd	661-3530	Secret Sisters	Melissa Allo	681-5722
Folk Life Festival	Kay Allison	733-1744	Storybook Quilts	Linda Kirk	647-4844
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Library-Books	Jeanette Jay	924-2451	Videos & DVD's	Jackie Randall	492-8073
Magazine Sales	Lynn Komada	492-6794	Webmistress	Dea Jae Shore	590-3013
Membership	Gloria Hammond	590-6406	Member Sign In	Kitty Janiga	710-1909
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Guest Welcoming	Terry Hooge	279-6458		Sandra Lowell	512-484-1307
	Lani Nunley	680-4182			

## Guild Pins

We have many beautiful pins from previous shows that we would like to sell. Look through your pin collection and see if you are missing any of these beauties. For sale in January.

1. The Guild Pin \$5
2. An unknown pin \$1
3. Quilt Show 1991 \$1
4. Quilt Show 1993 \$1
5. A Victorian Texas 1997 \$1
6. Quilt Show 1999 \$1
7. Reach for the Stars 2001 \$1
8. A Fiesta of Quilts 2007 \$1
9. A Garden of Quilts 2005 \$1
10. Kaleidoscope of Quilts 2009 \$1
11. Call to Colors 2011 \$2
12. A Rainbow of Quilts 2013 \$3



If anyone knows anything about Pin 2 please let Dea Jae know. Email her at [quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org](mailto:quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org) or track her down at a guild meeting. She's usually at the computer table up front

If you would like to have some ideas on how to display your pins, try this link to see some stellar ideas for small display wall hangings.

[www.quiltmaker.com/blogs/quiltypleasures/2011/11/pin-it/](http://www.quiltmaker.com/blogs/quiltypleasures/2011/11/pin-it/)

This one is by Gyleen X. Fitzgerald



## GSAQG Sunshine & Shadows



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or call **Melanie McInnis @ 210-219-2365**

### Sunshine:

Kitty Janiga's skirt won honorable mention at the show in Houston in the wearable arts category! Congratulations Kitty!

Holly Nelson's Boot Quilt was also in the Houston show,  
in all its boot scoot'n beauty!  
If you had a quilt in a show let me know so I can share it with the rest of the guild in the news letter.

### Shadow:

GSAQG Member Kay Pizzini passed away on Wed 10/9/13 after a heart attack on Mon. evening. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and many friends after this unexpected sudden loss.

New GSAQG Member Peggy Silva's mother passed away on 10/23/13. Please let us know if we can be of any help Peggy.

Karen Lambdin's mother (Brenda Alene Comiskey) passed away on Fri. 10/25/13. We are so sorry for your loss.

Condolences can be left at [www.palmsfuneralhome.com](http://www.palmsfuneralhome.com)

Kathy Baisly's mom fell and broke her foot on 10/26/13.

Karen Nanos's father (Jack Branagan) passed away on 10/29/13 at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife, Helen that many of you may know.

## Quilt Project Committee News

(commonly called QPC)

(This committee provides members an opportunity to try new techniques or just practice what they know.)

Help! Our chickens have flown the coop! Some beautiful, funky chicken blocks were made at a previous summer rereat. Three ladies spent hours at the quilt show and September work day adding borders. That is the last time they were seen. If you have spotted them, please help them get home! We miss them.

## Golden Carrot winner

Golden Carrot  
winner Donna Ingram and  
Pam Hoelscher

Each time you turn  
in a project to Bright  
Hopes, Storybook  
Quilts, Auction, or Quilt  
Projects Committee,

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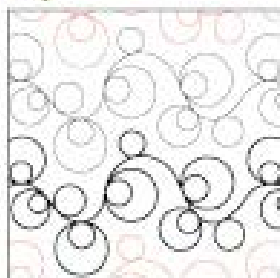
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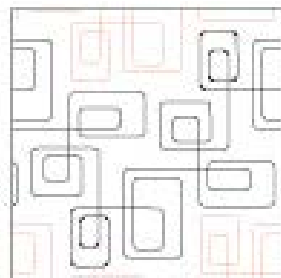
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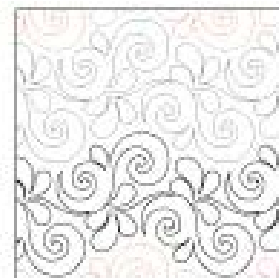
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**December Schedule**

**December 2 Board Meeting 6:00 PM**

@ Cindy Shutt's home  
All guild members can attend and observe a board meeting

**December 14 Guild meeting 11:00 AM @ St. Andrew Church**

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4th Vice President

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5th Vice President

for Community Outreach

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Secretary

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**\*Term expires December 2013**