

## Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.



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### April 8th Guild Meeting

9:30 Services  
10:00 General Business  
Meeting @ Saint Andrew  
Presbyterian Church  
8231 Callaghan Road,  
San Antonio, TX 78230

April  
Program  
*Holly  
Nelson*

Remember to  
bring to the  
meeting

- Name tag (wear it)
- Library books, & DVD's
- QPC projects
- Bright Hopes quilts
- Smiles for your friends

Well, let me begin by apologizing for being such a flibbertigibbet at last month's meeting. (My, isn't flibbertigibbet a lovely onomatopoeic word?) Apparently I need to take up coffee drinking!

Speaking of coffee, some of you will be glad to hear the pot will be on this month thanks to Pamela Holschuh. I know she would welcome any help. And cookies are always appreciated if you find yourself in a baking mood. Yum!

The guild has so many opportunities for volunteering that there really is no excuse for not getting involved. It is a great way to meet fellow members and feel useful as well. Whether you are a new or a long time quilter there is sure to be a place for your talents. Please consider stepping up.

This may be a record breaking short letter but tha-tha-that's all folks!  
Keep on Quiltin'. - - - Mary

New Member  
Sherry Cantrell  
receives her guild  
pin. WELCOME!

*Calico Rose ~ Linda Kirk*



Door  
Prize  
Winners  
Congratulations!

## 2017 Program Notes

**April:** Friday's class by Guild member Holly Nelson will be a 25" square wall hanging, Hill Country Bluebird. You will use the liquid starch applique method and learn how to hand stitch six basic shapes. Cost \$35.00. A \$5.00 pattern fee payable to Holly. If you want Holly will provide a kit with all fabrics plus pattern for \$30.00. Saturday's class is "It's All About The Stitch". You will learn two hand applique stitches that will see you through any project. Perfect class to learn one method of hand applique. Cost \$25.00. Kit fee is \$5.00 payable to Holly.

**May:** Guild Birthday and Work Day. Lunch and birthday cupcakes will be provided. Several Guild committees will have tables set up with projects that Guild members can help with. Projects will vary, some require sewing machines. The Guild will have an Quilting 101 Class, sign-up started in March. Cost will be \$10.00.

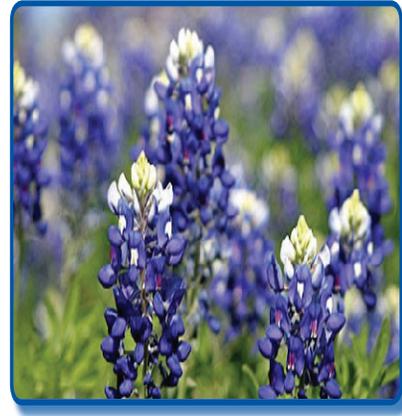
**June:** Carol Bryant and the quilt show committee

**July:** Paint Chip Challenge Reveal. Make a 12 1/2 inch unfinished block based on a paint chip color, Guild members will vote for the winner. \$25.00 prize for the winner. At the April, May and June Guild meetings you can still pick up a paint chip and rules at the Program table.

If you want to sign up for a class and can't make the meeting, contact Janet Miller, 3rd VP for Programs, 210 492-7684 or jjmiller@satx.rr.com.

# 19th Annual Bluebonnet Patchwork Trail Shop Hop

## April 6-8, 2017



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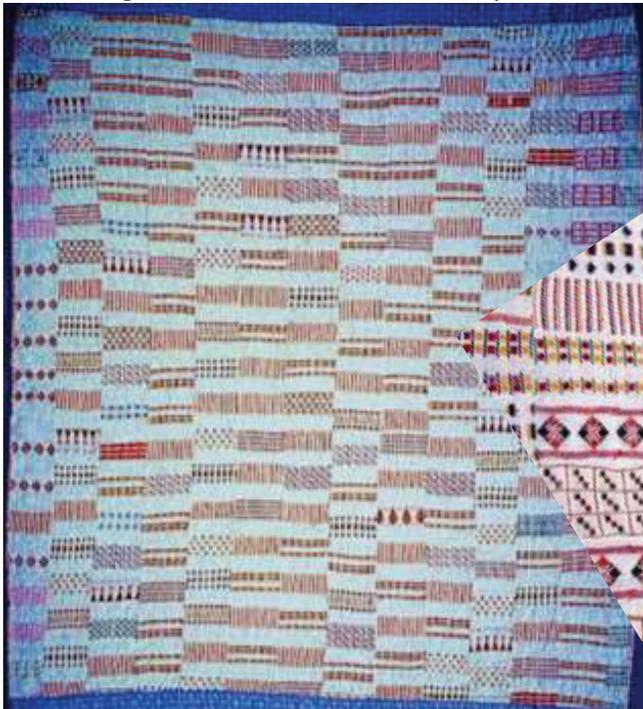
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## 4.17 Pieces of the Past, 84: Sock Quilts, by Ellen Hernandez



Fort Payne, Alabama coined itself ‘Sock Capital of the World’ in the early 1900s. The companies peaked in the 1990s with 120 mills and 7500 employees. In 1934 Ada Jones of Fyffe, Alabama used sock tops from the W.B. Davis hosiery factory in Fort Payne to make two quilts. At the time, the colorful sock tops with dots, squares, diamonds, and other shapes were made separately and attached to knitted white sock bottoms. Ada’s sock tops were samples from the showroom that were no longer needed. She

hand stitched the sock tops into strips and then combined them to make her quilts. She used home grown cotton for the filler. Ada’s family donated the two sock quilts, the one on the left to the Smithsonian, and the one on the right to the State of Alabama Department of Archives and History.



Cheaper foreign production and financial crisis eventually lead to the collapse of most sock mills. About 10 years



ago Fort Payne resident Gina Locklear decided to bring sock production back using organic cotton and dyes. Her parents had had a successful mill making sport socks. With their help, Gina’s *Emi-G Knitting* produces *Zkano* and *Little River Sock Mill* items that sell for \$14 to \$30 a pair. The cotton is from Lubbock, TX. In 2015 Martha Stewart awarded Gina with an *American Made Award*. The most recent line was based on quilt patterns. Gina is mindful of reducing waste, especially textiles. If your socks can’t be reused as a dust rag, drink cozy, heat pack, draft protector, or dog toy, *Emi-G Knitting* will recycle your past-their-prime socks, reworking, reusing, and composting the cotton fibers.



### GSAQG Meeting Minutes March 11, 2017

Mary McCarthy, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The February minutes were approved as presented in the newsletter.

A Wonder Box has been added to the back sign-in/membership table area for questions/ideas about which members are *wondering*.

The Calico Rose was presented to Linda Kirk for her work on the winter retreat.

**Treasurer** - Cindy Shutt reported guild cash and savings of \$66,041.10 as of February 28.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP for Special Events** - Elaine Staller. Elaine's committees reported:

Mini-Retreat: Full

Summer Retreat: There is 1 opening remaining. Retreat is Jun 11-16 and costs \$390.

Guild Auction. A chair is needed for the next auction.

Guild Quilt Show: Volunteer signups for the quilt show are available now and at future meetings.

Sellers are needed for raffle tickets and advertising in the show program. Quilt show rules and entry blanks are now available on the website.

Members can enter a quilt for \$7 before June 1, \$10 afterwards. The Silent Auction chair, Suellis Moore, will accept donations up to and including the meeting before the show.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Information** - Ina Ramirez. Due to a printing glitch, directories are not available yet and will be available at the April meeting.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Programs** - Janet Miller.

Upcoming events were discussed for March, April, and May.

After the meeting on the Guild Workday/Birthday in May there will be a Quilting 101 Class that will cover rotary cutting, piecing, and other basics. Please sign up for the class at the programs table; cost is \$10.

There are still paint chips available for the paint chip challenge ending at the June meeting.

**4<sup>th</sup> VP for Services** - Letty Zavala. Committees reported:

QPC. Gail Dickman announced that the guild workday in May would include 5 QPC projects, including one involving handwork. The March Golden Carrot was won by Cindy King.

Library. Janet Craig announced that the books that were for sale last month are all gone, and the online library information is up to date as of March 10. If you are looking for a book, you can check for it online, contact her, or visit her during the meeting at the library table.

New mentoring program update. Kitty Janiga is coordinating this and will be matching mentors and members who want a mentor. Please contact her if you'd like to participate.

**5<sup>th</sup> VP for Community Outreach** - Pat Alva's committees reported on:

Mini Maker's fair. Kitty Janiga needs volunteers to help at this event at the Central Library on March 25 from 10 am - 4 pm. The activity will be to make

bookmarks in a quilting design using foam paper. StoryBook Quilts. Linda Kirk reported that the storybook quilt deliveries for the semester were done. There are two books available that need quilts. If you have delivered quilts for this program in the last quarter and have not turned in your miles and hours, please do so quickly so Linda can wrap up her quarterly report. Linda will step down from chairing this activity at the end of the year; if you are interested in doing this, please contact her.

Coffee. No one had volunteered to make coffee so there was none at the meeting. A suggestion was made from the floor that member bring their own coffee, which is what we will do going forward.

There were 151 members, 2 guests, and \$4 collected in nametag fines.

Mary welcomed 1 new member with a guild pin.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Komada,  
Secretary



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## Guild Block Exchange

Join us for a four patch of Christmas fabric exchange. We will make 2-1/2 squares of light and dark Christmas fabrics, sew them together into a four patch. You will end up with a 4 - 1/2 inch square.

Put them in a ziplock bag with your name, phone number, and number of squares.

Bring them to the next meeting and give them to Shirley Carter. She will sort them out and return the same number of squares, at the next meeting.

Questions? Please call Shirley Carter at 210-452-3801, or email Shirley.carter9243@gmail.com

Sign-ups for the Summer Retreat started in the February Guild meeting.

Dates are June 11-16, 2017 and the location is Valley Ranch Retreat in Camp Wood. Cost is \$390.00

If any questions, call Glenda Harris at 699-0030 or email her at geharris11@att.net.

### NEW MEMBER MENTORS

Joining a new group takes a lot of courage. A mentor can make one feel part of the group. The assignment would be for 3-6 months. Sitting with the new member is the initial step, but you also would need to introduce new member to others, explore interests and just be a friend. If you attend most meetings and can do this, please contact Kitty Janiga, Sandra Lowell or Lani Nunley. Please email Kitty at kittyandernie@earthlink.net or call her at 210-710-1909

Check out the Bring and Brag items at [www.sanantonioquilt.org](http://www.sanantonioquilt.org)



Click on the services drop down menu and then on the Bring and Brag link

**Found, green handled rotary cutter in the Guild ruler bin. To claim: Contact Janet Miller, 210 492-7684 or [jjmiller@satx.rr.com](mailto:jjmiller@satx.rr.com).**

### FREE!

I have a lovely Jasmine Heirloom quilting frame with 3 long rails. Fits a king, queen or regular size quilt. Rails can be cut if you want it smaller. Part of the arm has broken where I dropped it but any handyman could probably fix this with a brace or it could be used for parts or even converted into a quilt rack. I am moving to Idaho in a few months and am giving it away to anyone interested. Please call me at 210-373-6283 if interested. Thanks, Alicia Cantu.



**GSAQG Board Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2017**

Mary McCarthy, President, called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. In attendance were board members Ina Ramirez, Janet Miller, Letty Zavala, Patricia Alva, Cindy Shutt, Sylvia Jolet, Lyn Komada, and guest Yaya Walrafen.

**President - Mary McCarthy**

A motion was made to approve the February board minutes; the motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Board members were reminded to ensure the committees in their areas had contacted members who indicated interest on the survey.

A Wonder Box will be introduced for guild member questions and suggestions.

A decision was made to link to local quilt guilds on our Facebook page and invite them to reciprocate.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP for Special Events - Elaine Staller.**

Elaine's report was presented by Mary. Signups for quilt show volunteers will be at the March meeting. Help is also needed selling advertising in the show program and selling raffle quilt tickets.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Information - Ina Ramirez.**

Directories are expected back from the printer by Friday 10 March, and a table is needed at the March meeting to distribute the directories. Guild events are being updated on the guild Facebook page so followers can invite their friends to events.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Programs - Janet Miller.**

Upcoming activities were discussed for March, April, and May.

**4<sup>th</sup> VP for Services - Letty Zavala.**

A sample 30" tall sign for tables at guild meetings was shown and discussed. Twenty of them will be purchased.

**5<sup>th</sup> VP for Community Outreach - Pat Alva.**

A letter was presented to the board from the Quilt-A-Beasts bee recommending a broadening of the Bright Hopes outreach program. Yaya Walrafen, Bright Hopes chairperson, also recommended this and will come to a future board meeting with recommendations for charities to receive Bright Hopes quilts.

**Secretary - Carolyn Komada.**

There was a call from a new quilter for info about the guild. A Facebook group for the guild, in addition to the page we already have, was suggested to allow current members (and potential new members) to communicate online. Carolyn will set up the group, and she and Ina will be admins.

**Treasurer - Cindy Shutt.**

Savings and cash on hand is \$66,041.10. Judie Zedek will do the Guild's 990 forms.

**Unfinished Business**

Youth alternatives. We will continue to collect travel-size toiletries for Roy Maas Youth Alternatives. Leftover fabric from the free table will go to Jill Victor for her bee, which teaches children, and other salable items from that table will go to Roy Maas youth alternatives for their thrift store.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm.  
Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Komada,  
Secretary

Please plan on joining us at the Guild Work Day, on May 13th, following the meeting. QPC and other groups, will have projects available for you to work on. You can sign up this month at the QPC table, so we can better prepare for you. Bring your sewing machine. We will bring lots of prizes to be drawn for doorprizes, so join the fun, and we'll get a lot done!

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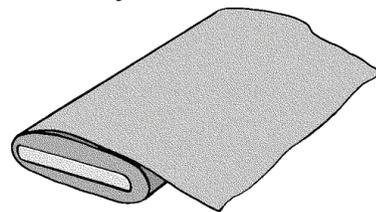
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<p>April 22, 2017                  9:30-12:30                  Cost is \$50</p>	<p>April 22, 2017                  1:30-4:30                  Cost is \$50</p>	<p>April 23, 2017                  9:30-12:30                  Cost is \$50</p>	<p>April 23, 2017                  1:30-4:30                  Cost is \$50</p>

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### Turning "If Only!" into "What If?"

Recently I was attending a seminar in which the instructor suggested that the best way to change a perception of a difficult problem was to change how we referred to it. By turning a negative reference into a positive reference, the way we would approach the solving would also become positive. Instead of referring to this as a problem but an actual opportunity it would give us a chance to grow and learn.

This started me thinking about my quilting (maybe not what the instructor was after but never far from my mind). How often do the words "If Only!" occur when you are working on a project? "If only" I had gotten that extra half yard now I am out of that color! "If only" I had signed up for that class last week now they are all full! "If only" I had gotten that other color before, now it won't match the (fill in the blank)! "If only" I had changed the fabric that I did not like in that Block of the Month, now I just don't like the quilt!

"What if's" look forward as positive opportunities for development of several things. We can take the occasions when the fabric runs out, to be creative (yes, you are, we will talk about that later) and say "what if" I use another color(s) and/or mixed borders and piecing? If you did not get into that class you can call your friend that did get in and say "what if" we work on a project together. This gives you an opportunity for the information to be passed on, colors to be discussed and creative (there is that word again) sparks to be struck between the two of you. If you got a pattern or kit in a color that isn't quite right you could say "what if" I add or change some of the fabrics? *You are the one making this after all!* (The quilt police are not watching. I sent them to get coffee and donuts because we were out.) Even when you sign up for a block of the month that might have a fabric that you really, really don't like but everything else is great, "what if" you changed out that fabric for one that you really, really love? Make yourself happy when you work. That is why we do this. Leave the sad "if only's" behind. Look forward to the happy "what if" opportunities to be creative. Yes, you are. Really.

Please remember that there are a wealth of ideas for "what if's" in the library. You can find it on our GSAQG website under <http://www.sanantonioquilt.org/pages/books.html> Just click on Library Link on the page. You can also call me and I will help you find anything we have available.

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Congratulations to CINDY KING, for winning the Golden Carrot award at the March Guild meeting.

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Projects Committee

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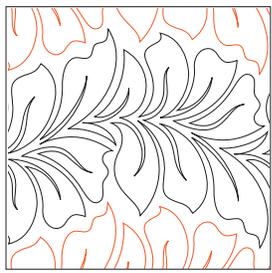
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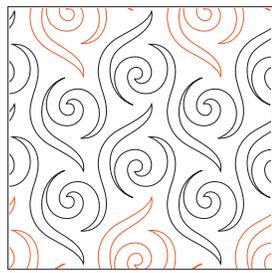



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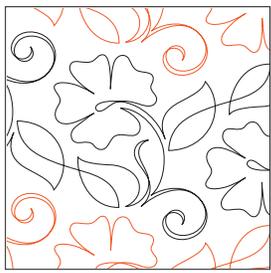
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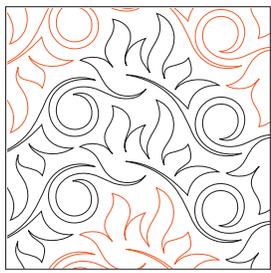
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**April Schedule**

**April 3 Board Meeting 2:30 PM**  
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