



March 11 Guild Meeting

10:00 AM

St. Andrew's Church
8231 Callaghan Rd.

Program

Quilts and Pictures
with our own Larry
Beauchamp

Remember to bring to
the meeting:

- Nametag (wear it)
- Library books, videos & patterns
- Door prize if you won one
- QPC and Bright Hopes Projects
- Smiles for your friends

Why Do WE Quilt?

Last month my topic was on past quilters and their motivation. A friend suggested that I follow that topic by researching current motives. Since that seemed like a good idea, I decided to ask everyone at winter retreat to give me their reasons for quilting.

As I read through the responses I became aware that things have changed very little. Yes, women made quilts because of a need to keep their families warm but they also thrived on the social aspect of quilting bees. That has not changed.

Enjoy just a few of the inspiring responses from our fellow quilters:

"Quilting is my way of expressing nature's wondrous designs to feed my soul."

"It's a form of stress relief, and I also enjoy the feeling of creating something unique."

"...gives me a creative outlet that I so desperately need."

"if I didn't I'd have no excuse to buy fabric"

"to stay in contact with my friends"

"to give my family and friends permanent hugs for the times I can't be there"

"it keeps me from doing house work"

"because most quilters have a great appreciation for life and beauty"

"I love the companionship and creativity of quilters"

"my daily problems dissolve away. It gives my mind the rest it needs."

"it is cheaper than therapy"

A special THANK YOU to all who provided the above inspiration. They said it all!

Ruth

Calico Rose Award

For many years this individual has done a tremendous amount of work for the guild. Not only does she bring boxes of books to every meeting, she keeps the library current and functional.

Thank you Mary Ruth Flores!
Mary Ruth was nominated by Betty Brister.





Program Notes



Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2006

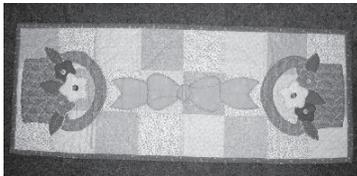
March Larry Beauchamp on "Quilts and Pictures". We'll be talking about some old and new ways of incorporating photographs and drawings in your quilts.

April will be Mini-Demos with Ida Blankenship, Charlotte Keener, Marcia Stanley, and Holly Nelson.

May will feature Judith Lester with two workshops and a lecture. Friday, May 12 she will teach her Posey Basket Table Runner and on Saturday the workshop is Cowboy



Boot Stockings. Her lecture is called "Quilt is a 5 Letter Word". We will take sign-ups for her workshops beginning at the March meeting. Regular price of \$25 for Friday and \$15 for Saturday.



We will also take reservations for August and November workshops. No spots guaranteed until paid, and once paid there is no refund! If you can't attend you can transfer your reservation to someone else!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR DUES \$20 SENIOR (over 65) \$15
Check your Newsletter mailing label for the current expiration of your membership. Send your check with SASE to: Gloria Hammond
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NEWSLETTER INPUT

DEADLINE: Midnight Monday (after Guild Meeting)
email to quiltnews@satx.rr.com is preferred.
Or mail -Dea Jae Shore,
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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

	monthly	yearly
Full Page Ad	\$60.00	\$660
1/2 page Ad (Horizontal - 7 x 4 3/4 Vertical - 3 3/8 x 9 1/2)	\$30.00	\$330
1/4 page Ad	\$15.00	\$165
Business Card (2 x3.5)	\$10.00	\$110

Board members present: Ruth Felty, Dea Jae Shore, Lois Beauchamp, Larry Beauchamp, Judith Miller, Karen Nanos, Barbara Gilstad and Teresa Tijerina. Mary Mc Carthy was absent.

President: The meeting, held at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was called to order at 5:01. The January Meeting Minutes were approved as published. Mary Ruth Flores will receive the Calico Rose this month for her many years of work with the guild library.

An error in the guild financial statements was discussed. Further research is still needed.

Dea Jae will generate a calendar of events from input provided by board members.

President Pro-Tem: The report on a new storage facility was deferred to the March board meeting.

Secretary: Twenty-five calls were received in the last month.

Treasurer: January Report; Operating balance \$9,496.13, Reserve \$36,875.84, CD for \$20,000.00 and Total \$66,371.97.

Special Events: Bobbie Ashley continues in the planning of the Auction in June. A volunteer is still needed to chair Publicity and Stephanie Martin will be the Boutique Chair.

Newsletter: A motion was made and seconded, to delete the page in the Directory listing Area Quilt Shops ; the motion carried.

Programs: Karen Nanos will contact the Drury Inn to investigate corporate billing for lodging of Program guest speakers.

Community Outreach: Mary McCarthy and Sandra Retzloff organized volunteers for the Pro Show held January 19-21 and made many good contacts. The Storybooks and Quilts To Go project was presented at the Mid-Winter Conference of the American Library Association, and at a January luncheon of Kappa Kappa Iota, a sorority for retired teachers.

Unfinished Business: Corrected job descriptions are to be turned in to Ruth by the end of the month. A motion was made and seconded, to gather copies of all annual reports of committees and organize them in a 3-ring binder. The report will be available for members to view by the March meeting. The

motion carried.

New Business: Lori Branson and Sandy Mehall volunteered for the Parliamentarian position. A motion was made and it was seconded, to ask Sandy to be the Parliamentarian while Lori attends Parliamentarian classes. Lori will then fill the Parliamentarian position and Sandy will chair the By Laws Committee. Both will be invited to attend board meetings; the motion carried. It is unknown if volunteers are still needed for the Welcoming Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Teresa Tijerina, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes February 11, 2006

President: The meeting was held at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church meeting hall and called to order at 10:02 am. The January minutes were approved as published. Mary Ruth Flores will receive a Calico Rose for her many hours of work with the guild library. Lori Branson gave a report on the March 18 National Quilt Day project. She has determined there are 11 different local hospitals that deliver babies and has contacted each one on the phone. Five heart quilts have been received and at least six more are needed.

President Pro Tem: Members are to submit recommendations for a new storage facility to Lois Beauchamp.

Treasurer: January Report - CD \$20,000.00, Operating Fund \$9,448.33, Reserve \$36,964.61, and Total \$66,412.94

Newsletter: The next Block Party will be in April. Members were offered a paper piecing pattern.

Special Events: Bobby Ashley gave a report on the Auction planned for June 24, 2006. A chair for Publicity is still needed. Volunteers interested in chairing the Style Show and the Houston Bus Trip, please see MaryMcCarthy. The Summer Retreat is planned for June 25-30, 2006 at the Lone Star Camp in La Grange. Reservations are still being taken, please see Jean Powell.

Programs: Karen Eckmeier will present her "Accidental Landscapes, Meadows and Moun-

tains" lecture today. Programs for the remainder of the year are printed in the February newsletter. Members were encouraged to reserve their spot for these future programs.

Community Outreach: Work on a quilt for the June Auction has begun at the Institute of Texan Cultures.

Old Business: Sandy Mehall has volunteered to be the Parliamentarian for 2006 as Lori Branson continues working on the National Quilt Day project. Mary Ruth Flores, Ida Blankenship and Dea Jae Shore have volunteered for the ByLaws Committee. Mary Ruth Flores gave an update on Renee Bradley.

There were 123 members and eleven guests present. Name tag fines collected - \$3.25.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

Teresa Tijerina, Secretary

Treasurer's Report January 31, 2006

Income	
Interest	\$ 88.77
Membership income	\$ 855.00
Newletter Ads	\$ 180.00
Other Income	\$ 2.00
Program income	\$ 305.00
Summer Retreat	\$ 935.00
Winter Retreat	\$ 2,260.00
Total Income	\$ 4,625.77
Expenses	
Administraion	\$ 693.77
Postage-bulk	\$ 160.00
Programs	\$ 215.80
Rent	\$ 125.00
Storage Facility	\$ 365.00
Telephone	\$ 62.51
Web Page	\$ 251.35
Winter Retreat	\$ 80.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,953.43
Ending Jefferson Operating	\$ 9,448.33
Ending Jefferson Savings	\$ 36,964.61
Jefferson CD	\$ 20,000.00
Total Guild Funds	\$ 66,412.94

**BEE'S
REPORT FOR 2006 CHARLOTTE
KEENER BEE KEEPER**

1. HAND QUILTING BEE — Charlotte Keener
Meets at Creative Sewing Center on West Ave. at
1:00 pm every other Weds. Open Call 490-2312
2. ZION BEE — Ruth Felty
Meets at 9:30, every other Fri. at Zion Lutheran
Church Call 688-2288 OPEN
3. BITS AND PIECES — Jill Fritz, Karen Nanos,
Donna Christophel
Meets the 4th Tues. from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at
the Hancocks on Bandera. They work on projects
for the auction. Call 690-9030 OPEN
4. HOOP AND HOLLER BEE — Joyce Glessner
This Bee is full. Need new report
5. NEEDLE BENDERS — Kolodzie Harper
Non Smokers Meet at the Army Retirement
Community Every Thursday 9:30 Help each other
Quilt and Baste their quilts. Hand quilt on a
frame. Call 946-2785
6. PINDROPPERS BEE — Doris Patterson
May be full—Need new report
7. WEARABLE ARTS BEE — Ida T. Blankenship
Meets the 3rd Tues. evening of each month at
Creative Sewing Center at 6:00 pm OPEN
8. CUT UP APPLIQUE BEE — Jean Powell
Bee is full- Need new report
9. NOVEL STITCHES BEE – Janet Miller
Bee is full. Need new report
10. STITCHNG ROUND THE BEND – Elizabeth Miller
More information is needed on this bee. Is it still
going?
11. FRIDAY NIGHT BEE-FRIDAY — Lovetta Fowler
Fridays at 7:00 pm Meets at Alamo Stitching Post
-OPEN- They do all kinds of things???
12. BEE GEE'S -- Donna Christophel CLOSED
13. APPLIQUE BEE -- Donna Christophel CLOSED
14. SNAPPY SCRAPPERS — Donna Christophel
Meet at Hancocks on Bandera every other Weds.
10:00 am OPEN Call 690-9030 They do lots of
different things!
15. SCRAPS FOR LIFE -- Clarice Whitten
Meets at Lackland Baptist Church -Mondays at
9:00 am OPEN Call 674-1963
16. Sew What?Bee -- Terri Ryan
523-5253. Meets at Ann Parkers Home—Closed
It is hoped that each Bee make at least one thing for
the Auction each year. Please!!!
I would like all Bee chairmen or contact people to fill
out a new report for the year.

**QUILTERS SHOW
CALENDAR**

March 2-5 Federation of Fiber Artists Confer
ence, Menger Hotel

April 22-23 FLIGHTS OF FANCY *Handcrafts
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"Scrap Assassin"

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Saturday, April 8

9:30-5:30

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Layout Design Contest

GSAQG 25th Anniversary Quilt

A friendly reminder...

- Members must submit their entries before the end of the general meeting on **March 11, 2006**.
- Designs selected by the Board will be displayed at the general meeting on **April 8, 2006**.
- Guild members will cast their votes by secret ballot at the general meeting on **May 13, 2006**
- The winner will be announced as soon as the ballots are counted on **May 13, 2006**.



Summer Retreat 2006

Location : Lone Star
Camp, LaGrange,
Texas

Cost: \$285.00 (\$50
deposit; last payment
due at May meeting)

Date: Sunday, June 25 -
Friday June 30

Contact: Jean Powell -
684-6425

Storybooks And Quilts On The Go*



The annual Mid-Winter conference of the American Library Association took place in San Antonio in January. Among those attending were librarians with a special interest in the Northside Independent School District Library Services. Northside was the winner of the 2004 AASL** National School Library Media Program of the Year Award for a Large District. This award is considered to be the library equivalent of the Academy Awards. It is particularly noteworthy that Northside received this award while simultaneously enduring budget cuts and some understaffed libraries. By means of staff development seminars and administrative workshops, the District's library personnel have managed to convey information to teachers about the numerous possibilities for using a modern school library.

One of these possibilities pertains to participation in the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild community outreach project: "Storybooks And Quilts To Go." Cathy Fielding, librarian at Monroe May Elementary School, used her experience with the quilt project to prepare a learning station for some of the ALA attendees. She chose three books and their corresponding quilts to represent the program; The Keeping Quilt, The Quilt, and The Josefina Story Quilt. She included a sample of a log book that accompanies each quilt and handouts about the program's origins in San Antonio. Ms. Fielding included in her display some photos of the quilts being used by librarians in the Northside District and copies of curricular involvement activities.

She explained how the quilts are delivered by the Guild committee and how they are distributed among the librarians. She took care to explain the importance of the log books in keeping track of the numbers of children exposed to the quilts and how the logs books bring back suggestions and comments to the Guild. Many of her listeners were amazed at how many children had seen the books and quilts: 12,199 students throughout San Antonio in 2005 Fall semester. Several of the librarians had books in mind which they thought would be perfect for a quilt.

Ms. Fielding emphasized that children were allowed - even encouraged - to touch the quilts (with clean hands!). This simple statement elicited warm approval from the elementary school librarians who know children are so very tactile.

Just how does the Storybooks And Quilts To Go program fit into a school's curriculum? An imaginative teacher can find several ways to use the Storybooks And Quilts To Go. First, of course, are the storybooks themselves. Children develop their listening skills and discuss story elements during story time. They also learn to appreciate reading, and when the quilts are presented the story is reinforced. New concepts are learned from the quilts themselves. Ms. Fielding (pictured below) says she has seen four-year olds that have been shown a seam in a quilt and days later the children are still pointing out seams on skirts and blue jeans, absolutely excited by their new knowledge.

The older the children are, the more possibilities the storybooks and quilts present. Many teachers use the quilts as writing and discussion prompts. For example:

- What is an heirloom? Tell of your family's heirlooms.
- Quilts tell a story. Using pictures and words tell us four things about yourself. These drawings are then put together to make a class (paper) quilt.
- The Keeping Quilt is about Jewish holidays. Write about the traditions of a different culture.
- Quilts often use geometric shapes. Where else can you find these shapes?



During its Pioneer Days the teachers at Oak Hills Terrace Elementary School use the quilts to get children thinking about how basic needs were met in earlier days.

Ms. Fielding's presentation ignited a desire among many of the ALA members to seek out quilt groups in their own areas and develop a similar program. Perhaps some day every district will be involved in a Storybooks And Quilts To Go project. Wouldn't that be wonderful!

*Article written by Mary McCarthy. Pictures provided courtesy of Melinda Dawson.

**American Association of School Librarians

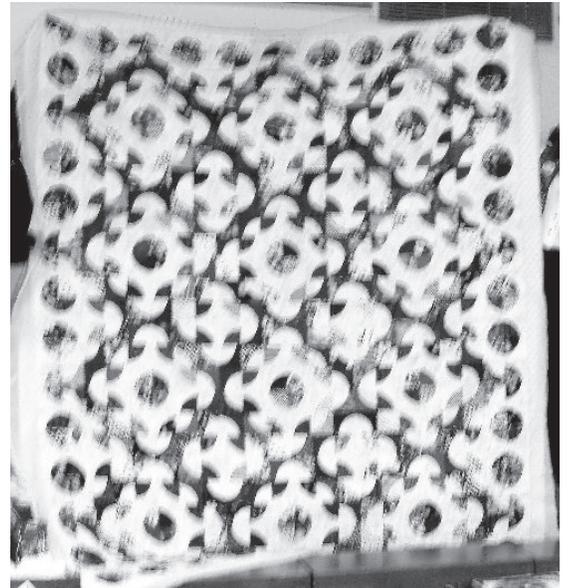
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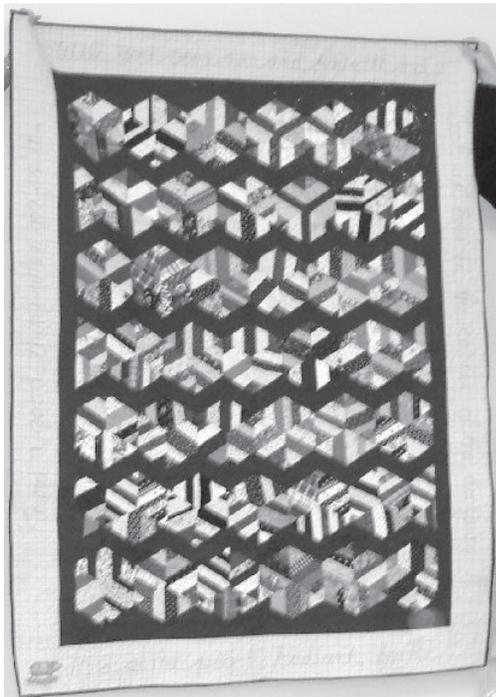
Bring and Brag



Alaine Perry's Love of Quilting



Betty Brister's Apple Betty



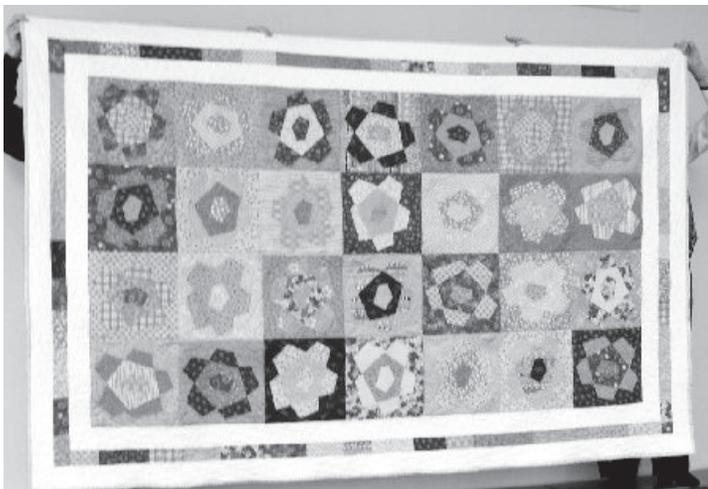
Kay Allison & Valerier Arcenment's Charlotte's Web and its reverse side



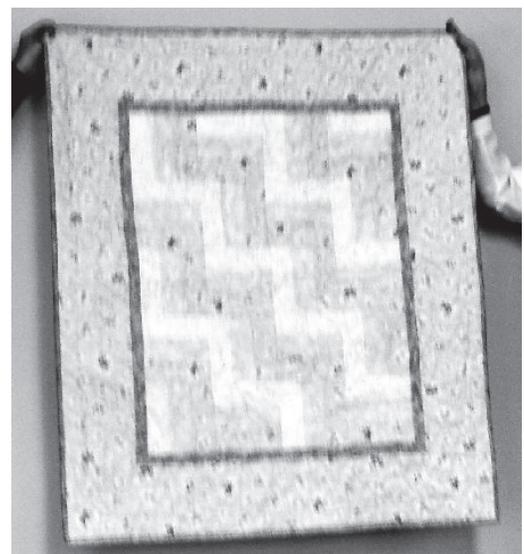
*Welcoming Committee's Stars
Doris Patterson, Carrie Lyons, Ellie Williams*



Marcia Stanley's White and Pink Teddy Bears



Stephanie Martin's Flower Garden



Marie McDonald's Rail Fence Baby Quilt

Karen Eckmeier



*Marilyn Bellows and
her class project*

We had two great workshops and an interesting lecture from Karen Eckmeier in February. All those who attended her workshops were high in praise of her skill and techniques. As an aside, Karen enjoyed our sunny Texas weather a little longer than she planned. Her scheduled Sunday morning flight back to Connecticut was cancelled because of the tremendous snow storm which hit the northeast. She didn't get to leave San Antonio until Tuesday morning. Our extra thanks to Barbara Wofford, her hostess, for entertaining her an extra two days!

Tips and Hints

- After drawing or tracing a pattern onto clear template plastic, it can be hard to see the lines to cut out the shape. Put masking tape on the wrong side of the plastic over the lines. The contrast allows you to clearly see the cutting lines. Remove the masking tape when you finish cutting so you won't have sticky residue on your new template.
- Protect the tips of your good scissors by covering them with a short length of 1/4" tubing (like that used with drip irrigation systems).
- After you've cleaned your sewing machine, put a couple drops of sewing machine oil on a Q-tip and go over the nooks and crannies again. You'll be amazed at the amount of "stuff" that was left behind.
- Pre-washing small pieces of fabric (like for your \$5 block)? Instead of the washing machine, use your salad spinner. You can wash, rinse and spin with very little fraying.

National Quilting Day

March 18, 2006 is National Quilting Day.

The following is an invitation from NQA. "You are invited to join us for a special project to celebrate the 15th birthday of National Quilting Day – 'Happy Birth Day, Baby!' Make a baby quilt, with at least one heart incorporated in the design, and donate it to your local hospital for the first baby born on National Quilting Day."



If you would like to participate in this event, make a small quilt, include a heart and attach a label that reads:

Happy Birth Day, Baby!
Presented in celebration of National
Quilting Day 2006
By the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild
San Antonio, Texas

Bring the completed quilt(s) to the March meeting. If we have more quilts than hospitals, the extras will be given to the Bright Hopes project so make lots. Lets celebrate National Quilting Day in a big way and let the community know that we care.

Lori Branson has contacted 11 hospitals and we have 6 quilts as of the February guild meeting. Please consider donating a quilt.



Lori Branson with Holly Nelson's quilt



8th ANNUAL BLUEBONNET PATCHWORK TRAIL SHOP HOP APRIL 7th – 9th, 2006

**ROUNDUP YOUR GANG AND HIT THE TRAIL. IT'S TIME
 FOR ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND OF FUN AND PRIZES!!**

*PICK UP YOUR "TRAIL TICKET" AT THE FIRST SHOP YOU VISIT, HAVE IT STAMPED AT EACH SHOP, AND TURN IT IN AT THE LAST SHOP. A COMPLETED TICKET WILL GET YOUR NAME ENTERED FOR THE GRAND PRIZE -- A GREAT BAG OF GIFT CERTIFICATES AND MERCHANDISE -- TOTAL VALUE OVER \$1,300. 9 OTHER MERCHANDISE BAGS VALUED AT OVER \$300.00.

*CHALLENGE BLOCK CONTEST WITH 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 ON THE TRAIL.

*RAFFLE QUILT AT EACH SHOP CONSTRUCTED USING LAST YEAR'S ENTRIES IN THE CHALLENGE BLOCK CONTEST. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE QUILTS WILL BE DONATED TO CHRISTUS SANTA ROSA CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL IN SAN ANTONIO.

*REGISTER AT EACH STORE YOU VISIT FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL DRAWINGS – TEN \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATES. EACH SHOP WILL BE GIVING AWAY A FAT QUARTER TO ALL "HOPPERS" AND A STEP TO THE OFFICIAL SHOP HOP QUILT. CHECK OUT EACH SHOP'S INTERPRETATION OF THE QUILT AND DON'T FORGET THOSE FAMOUS REFRESHMENTS.

*JEEP COLLINS, WELL KNOWN JEWELRY DESIGNER, WILL PRODUCE A LIMITED NUMBER OF STERLING SILVER CHARMS EXCLUSIVELY FOR STORES ON THE HOP. CHARMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF THE HOP. EACH STORE WILL HAVE THE OFFICIAL 2006 SHOP HOP PIN AS WELL. GO TO THE STORES' WEBSITES LISTED BELOW FOR MORE SHOP HOP INFO AND MAPS.

*EXTENDED SHOPPING HOURS: FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 9:00AM – 9PM SUNDAY: NOON – 6:00PM

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

Pro Show Event at the Mall

If a picture is worth a thousand words, what is a collage of pictures worth? In this case, we'd like to suggest it's worth a thousand happy memories made by guild members who represented our guild at the Creative Inspiration Sewing, Quilting, and Embroidery Expo in January. Twenty-three guild members volunteered a grand total of 137 hours to this three day event at Crossroads Mall. Thank you all for a job well done. **Mary McCarthy and Sandra Retzloff, Pro Show Co Chairs**

Community Response Committee

We received a "Thank You" letter from the SA Children's Museum for the Leap Frog Quilt that we were able to create in record time for their auction in December. We currently have two more approved requests. We will be able to fulfill these requests with donations from our members.

The CRC is very pleased that quilt donations have been forthcoming; however, the requests from community organizations most often request large quilts but give us very little lead time to create them. **For that reason we need to plan ahead.** I would like to ask bee leaders to rally their bee members to make an entire full size or queen size quilt as a team. If not an entire quilt, maybe enough blocks to make a quilt top. Once we have a top we will ask for other volunteers to do the quilting.

Your help will be greatly appreciated by the committee members and the community at large. Please call me or a member of the CRC (Carolyn Richardson, Sandra Retzloff, Debra Pavelka) if you need additional information or have donations. **Gundy Cleven, CRC Committee Chair**

Quilting at the ITC

If you happen to stop by the Institute of Texan Cultures on any given Friday, you may just run into Lillis and Fred Atchley quilting at the frame on the





main floor of the museum just around the corner from the spinning wheel and a bail of cotton. On February 3 we found them sharing their knowledge of quilt history with visitors while adding tiny quilting stitches to Lillis' beautiful "Apple Core" quilt. If you are interested in joining the quilters at the museum, please contact **Kay Allison, ITC Quilters Committee Chair**. She will be happy to explain how to start

the ITC application process.

Open House Celebration

Barbara Jean Davis, librarian, spotlighted some of our story book quilts at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Elementary School during Catholic School Week. She has been involved in our story book program for the past two years. During her school's open house on February 1st, Barbara Jean shared her knowledge of the project with parents, grandparents, and visitors. Here she is shown visiting with Mr. Robert B. Guerra Jr., grandparent of a student currently attending St. Gregory's. It's so much fun delivering

buckets of books and quilts to Barbara Jean at the beginning of each semester because her sparkling eyes tell us that she's as excited about reading the stories and seeing the quilts as the children are.

Kappa Kappa Iota Luncheon

After reading about our storybooks and quilts program in the Express News, Agnes Wright (shown in picture), Program Chairwoman for Kappa Kappa Iota, a sorority for retired teachers, invited the Storybook And Quilts To Go Committee to present a program at her group's January luncheon. During the presentation, Mary McCarthy, Sandra Retzloff and Barbara Gilstad delighted in telling the story behind how the storybook project got started. They also shared stories about guild members who have donated books and made quilts for the project over the past six years. The quilts were well received by over 40 retired teachers; even the waiters and waitress at the restaurant expressed interest in them. **Barbara Gilstad, Storybooks and Quilts to Go Committee Chair** (storybooks@sbcglobal.net).



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Skill Builders

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, we are now offering our Skill Builders series. These are a series of lectures and demos designed to help you learn more about all aspects of quilting. On March 18 Ruth Felty will tell us all about battings. There is no charge, but we would appreciate your registration so that we have the correct number of handouts available.

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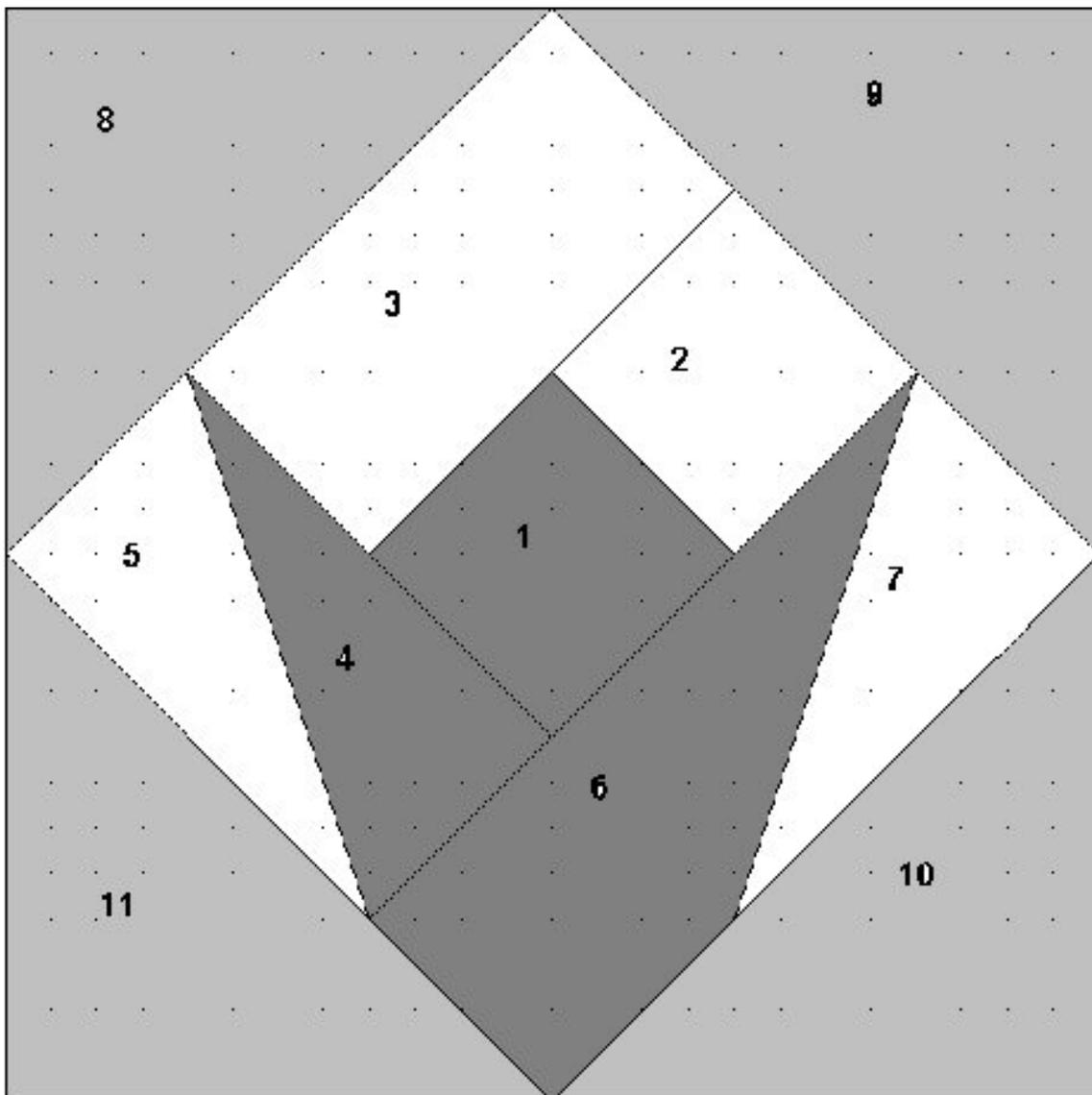
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BLOCK

PARTY

Try this simple block called The Crocus. The block should be 6" x 6" finished or 6.5" x 6.5" unfinished. It can be done as paper piecing. Make the light gray a pale blue, the white a WOW, and the dark gray a lovely spring pastel.

Bring as many as you like with your name attached to each one to the April Guild meeting. All names go in the basket and the lucky winner in the drawing gets all of the blocks. If you would like a paper piecing pattern see Dea Jae Shore at the Guild meetings and she will have some for you to try out your skills.



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March 11 GUILD MEETING-10AM

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