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Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.

December 8 **Guild Meeting**

8:30 Secret Pal Breakfast 10:30 Guild Holiday Party

St. Andrew's Church 8231 Callaghan Rd.

Party



Remember to bring to the meeting:

- Plan to pay your dues.
- Smiles for your friends

Twas the Night Before Christmas

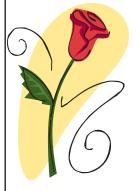
Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, The only one sleeping was a Quilter's dear spouse. The Log Cabin stockings were almost completed, "Just a few stitches left," our sweet guilter repeated. When from out in the kitchen there arose such a crashing, she sprang from her work, and she dropped all her sashing. When what to her wondering eyes should appear, but Old Mrs. Claus and her bag of quilt-gear... With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen she came, she directed and pointed and called them by name. "Now Elna, now Pfaff, now Bernina and Vlking, the Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her liking. To the sewing room - there, it's just back of the hall, now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

"My Dear," said The Claus (as she liked to be called),

"There really is no need to worry at all". She thought she was dreaming, our dear Quilter did, In fact she guite feared that she near flipped her lid! But the flash of the needles and twist of the thread Soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread. The stitches, how fine! The corners, how straight! This Claus-woman's talent was awfully great. They finished the pillows, then started to quilt. Before they all knew it, the whole thing was built! They tidied their thread snips, and picked up the scraps and chased our dear quilter's six cats from their laps. As they scurried away with their thimbles still gleaming dear Mrs. Claus paused, her cap ribbons streaming. "Merry Christmas, my dear, now just have a ball!"

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season! The 2008 GSAQG Quilt Board

- Nametag (wear it)
- Memberships expire.



Calico Rose Award

Janet Miller was awarded the Calico Rose for her tireless exceptional work on the Quilt Show.



December Program - PARTY!!!





Fat Quarter Exchange

Bring fat quarters and put your name in the basket for each one you bring. Win a group of fat quarters at the drawing. The colors for December are red and

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

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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Board Meeting Minutes November 5, 2007

Meeting called to order at 12:54. Members present: Bobbie Ashley, Mary McCarthy, Karen Nanos, Bernie Farris, Dea Jae Shore, Linda Ethridge, Larry Beauchamp, Lois Beauchamp, Barbara Sumlin, and Lori Branson.

<u>President:</u> Bobbie Ashley read the by-laws regarding the Calico Rose. Calico Rose will go to Janet Miller for her exceptional work on the Quilt Show.

Rose Bud & Certificate will go to Geneva Guzman for doing a fantastic job on the Houston Bus Trip and Donnis Todd for her work at the Greater Northwest Library.

<u>President Pro-Tem</u>: Lois Beauchamp received some 9/11 blocks from Amy Cotrell and has given them to Bobbie for the Loving Arms Project.

<u>1st Vice-President – Special Events</u>: Some discussion re. the Auction and guild brochure printing. Will look into some printing possibilities.

<u>2nd Vice-President – Newsletter/Directory</u>: Dea Jae Shore announced that membership dues are due for the coming year. It would be very nice if all or as many as possible to be paid before Dec. General meeting.

3rd_Vice-President - Programs: NRG

4th <u>Vice-President – Services</u>: Carol Rouse will need supplies for QPC to get kits together.

5th Vice-President – Community Outreach:
Barbara Sumlin reported that Geneva Guzman did a beautiful job organizing the Houston Bus trip and will do the same next year. Barbara Gilstad will be taking Gundy Cleven position as Community Response Chairman beginning in January 2008.

<u>Treasurer</u>: \$20,000.00 & \$15,000.00 CD'S, Operating Acct. \$18,458.48, Savings Acct. \$16,193.18 Total: \$69,651.66

Karen will renew the AQS magazine for this coming year.

Unfinished business: None

New Business: Loving Arms Project will have a workshop on Nov. 28th **and** Dec. 10th from 10am – 2pm at Creative Sewing Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44pm

General Meeting Minutes November 10, 2007

<u>President</u>: The meeting was held at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church meeting hall and called to order at 10:01 am. The October minutes were approved as e-mailed and published. Slate of new officers for the board next year, were voted in by acclamation.

Janet Miller was awarded the Calico Rose for her tireless exceptional work on the Quilt Show, however she was absent to receive it. Geneva Guzman received the Rose Bud award for her wonderful work organizing the Houston Bus Trip, and Donnis Todd received a Rose Bud Award for her work at the Great Northwest Library.

<u>1st Vice-President Special Events:</u> Mary McCarthy welcomed Gail Daniel to the board filling her position this coming year. Charlotte Keener announced the **Secret Pals breakfast** will begin at 8:30am Dec. 8th and requested that if you plan on giving a gift to the secret pal you received from this year to keep the cost to between \$10.00 & \$15.00.

Christmas Party: Judie Miller announced that the Christmas Party would begin at 10:30am. The entertainment will begin at 11:45am. We will have the same group we had last year. If you plan to bring a guest please notify Judie via phone before the party.

<u>2nd Vice-President - Newsletter/Directory:</u>
Dea Jae Shore stated that many had renewed their membership today and hoped more would do so before leaving so that Gloria Hammond can enjoy the Christmas party also. If you mail your dues please enclose a S.A.S.E. so that your membership card can be mailed to you.

3rd Vice-President - Programs: Larry
Beauchamp welcomed Nechia Dawson to the
Board in his position next year and stated that
her 1st year was already laid out for her. The
January program will be Marsha Kalaki from
Austin to speak on quilt judging, Feb. will be
Fabric & Friends from Castroville, and March will
be a workshop with Amy Windsor.

<u>4th Vice-President</u> - Services: Bernie Farris thanked Jeanette Jay for helping Mary Ruth

Flores with the library in her absence. Carol Rouse will be holding a QPC kit making party after the Feb. program. Please try to stay and help out.

<u>5th Vice-President</u> - Community Outreach: Barbara Sumlin again thanked Geneva Guzman for the wonderful Bus Trip to Houston. She also announced that Barbara Gilstad would be taking Gundy Cleven's place as chair for Community Response. Nechia Dawson announced that she would be going to Dallas and to Beaumont in the coming months to detail the Story Book Quilts program so that these guilds can start their own program. She also announced that the books and quilts would be available to check out by members at the Dec. meeting to be returned at the Jan. meeting. Mike Mitchell announced that he still had 11 pieces of fabric at a cost of \$5. for the challenge guilt. Sandra Retzloff asked for volunteers for the Pro Show January 17th-19th.

Treasurer: Karen Nanos is in Mexico so Bobbie took her place for the treasurers' report. Bobbie apologized that the budget did not get into the Nov. newsletter however there were enough printed for the meeting. A motion was made to add a "transfer" line to make funds balance. Motion failed. Another motion was made to accept the budget as published. Motion carried. Budget approved.

Unfinished Business: Bobbie talked about the "Loving Arms" quilt project. Twenty-five quilts have already been shipped to Iraq. Quilts must measure 44" by 72" for anyone making a quilt to donate - must be patriotic theme. (Red, White, and Blue) A total of 250 quilts will be sent as they are made. There will be a workshop at Creative Sewing Center Nov. 28th and Dec. 10th from 10am to 2pm to make quilts. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to come. (Bring tools and sewing machine.)

Announcements: Mona Stewart has had 2 rounds of Chemotherapy so far and is doing as well as can be expected. There are 104 members present, 4 guests and we made \$1.75 in fines.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

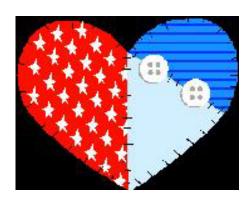


Donnis Todd received a Rosebud award for her work and dedication to the Northwest Library Project



Geneva Gusman received a Rosebud award for her work and dedication to the Quilt Festival bus trip.

Loving Arms Project



Come join us at Creative Sewing on the 28th of November and 10 December from !0:00a.m.-2:00p.m.. We will be kitting and sewing together quilts for our soldiers.

Each quilt will be made of Patriotic fabrics or Red, White and Blue and any type of batting. Be sure to bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies.

Tied, quilted or any other method is acceptable.

These quilts will be used aboard the Aerovac planes from Iraq to various other places in Europe.

Each quilt will help keep our husbands, sisters, brothers and children warm. Our goal is 250, to be used permanently on

each plane. If you can't make it and would like to donate a finished quilt or contribute supplies, please contact me at

the following e-mail address.

vintageblissdesigns@satx.rr.com

The finished dimensions are 44 wide and 72 long. Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks ever so much.

Bobbie Ashley

Check It Out!!!! By Nechia Dawson, Chair-StoryBooks and Quilts to Go

Check out a story book and quilt at the December Holiday Party. The Storybook committee would like to invite you to check out a storybook and companion guilt for the month of December. If you are interested in sharing a quilt with a child, grandchild, niece or nephew, come by the Storybook table during the Holiday Party. We will have the collection available for you to check out. A current list is posted on the website under the 'Community Outreach/Story Books and Quilts to Go' link. If you would like to reserve a particular book and quilt, please contact me by email at barefootquilter@satx.rr.com. I will try to reserve your first choice; otherwise the books will be available on a first come-first serve basis. We hope that you will enjoy the books and quilts during the Holiday Season. You will need to be able to return the books at the January meeting so we can make our Spring distribution to the schools.



We will have new books that will need new quilts beginning in January. The local interest in our project is growing and we need to add new quilts to our collection. We will also have a Story Book Challenge in January so make sure to attend the meeting to *check out* the rules.

A special thank you to Carolyn Hammond, who surprised us with a copy of 'How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?' and a precious companion quilt. We look forward to checking it out to the schools in the Spring.







































Bright Hopes

Bright Hopes held a quilt kit party following the November guild meeting. There were about 20 people who stayed to help in many different ways, and in just over 2 hours they sewed, measured, cut, sorted, ironed, tied, wrapped, folded and stuffed their way through fabric, batting and other things to put together 75 quilt kits.

Bright Hopes wishes to thank all of the folks who helped.

Michael D. Mitchell,

GSAQG Bright Hopes Committee Chair

Holiday Party at December Meeting

The plans are in the works for the December Holiday Party. It will be held at our normal GSAQG meeting on December 8th. The only difference is that the party will be a little later than the normal meeting. The Secret Pal breakfast will be taking place on the same day......so we will enter the building at 10:30, and will set up the food tables at that time. We will have the Reagan High School music group and lots of fun for everyone. It is a great way to get into the holiday spirit early this year!

In case you missed the November meeting and did not get a chance to see the sign up sheets..... you can still sign upor just bring along a pot luck dish for 6 to 8 people. You can call Judie Miller or e-mail at Quiltjam@aol.com to let us know what you plan to bring. And let us know also if you will be bringing a guest.

The Guild will provide coffee, iced tea and bottled water. We will also be offering shrimp plates and cold meats and condiments. Be sure to bring along some serving spoons or forks for your pot luck dish.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party!!!! 10:30 A.M. on Sat. December 8!!



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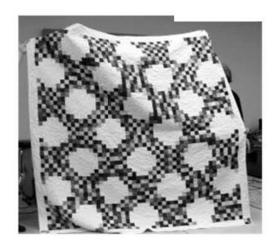
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Charlotte Keener's Irish Chain



Diane LePage's Turning 21 Again

Ellen Hernandez' Flag Scrap donated to Loving Arms project



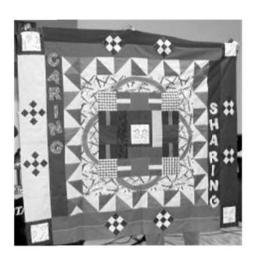
Lucille Shean's Grandmother's Flower Garden



Lois Beauchamp's Memory Quilt for her grandson



Marie McDonald's Baby Blessings



Mary McCarthy's four quilt tops donated to CRC



Sherrry Duringen's Jigsaw for her daughter's graduation









You're Invited...

Saturday, December 15 12noon - 2pm

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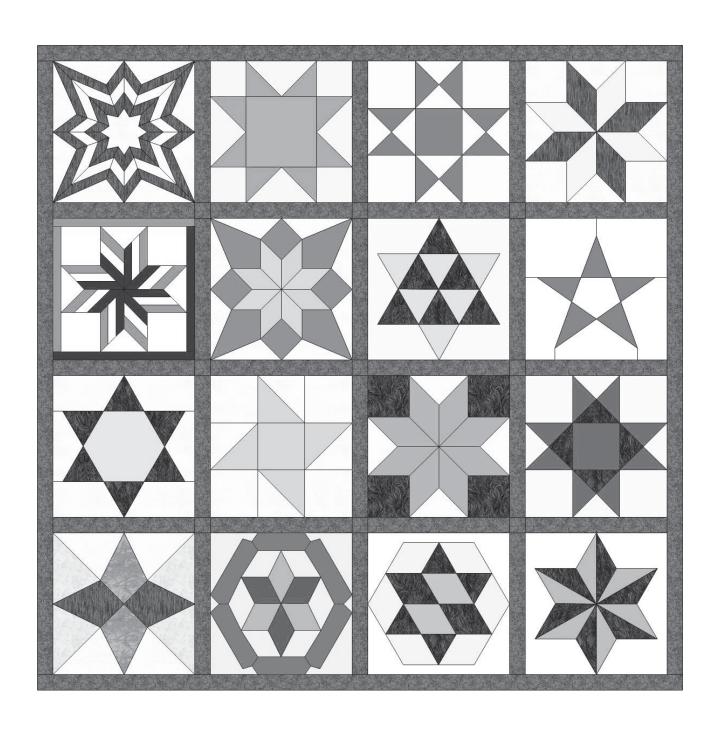
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January 2008 BLOCK



We'll try something different this time. Try your hand at a star block of any kind. Make an easy one or a difficult one. This is a good way to practice. Below are some suggestions or examples. Feel free to experiment. Let's make them 8.5 inches square unfinished. Background should be WOW (white on white) Bring as many as you like 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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December Schedule

December 3 BOARD MEETING-1PM

St. Andrew's Church

December 8 GUILD MEETING-10AM

St. Andrew's Church 8231 Callaghan Rd.

December 18 - Wearable Arts 6:30pm

Creative Sewing Center 11777 West Ave. Hostess - Ida Tyson Blankenship

December 25 - Quilt-In 9:00 AM Quilter's Point 15614 Huebner Rd, Suite 112 Hostess - Shirley Carter

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