March 2008

Volume 30 Common Threads

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.

CONTROLL TO COMPANY TO

March 8 Guild Meeting

9:30 Services 10:00 Guild Meeting followed by Bring & Brag and the program open to all

> St. Andrew's Church 8231 Callaghan Rd.

> > Amy Winsor Oops, Now What?

Remember to bring to

- the meeting:Nametag (wear it)
- Library books, videos
 & patterns
- QPC projects and Bright Hopes guilts
- Smiles for your friends

Thank you, Thank you

I am so thrilled to have my wonderful husband home again! Thanks to everyone who offered prayers and well wishes during the past 6 months. It means more than anyone will ever know. Quilters are the best sort of people, we love to share, take classes, fondle fabric, eat good food and most of all, and we are always there for those who are in need.

The Loving Arms Project is doing well and I hope to share with everyone in the coming months the letters and thanks from all of our Guys and Gals who are so proudly serving our country and keeping us safe. War is never pretty and I am proud to belong to such a wonderful group of people, who always are willing and very lovingly donate their time and efforts. So, thank you, thank you, thank you, we are making a difference, one quilt at a time.

Blissfully Stitching, Bobbie





2008 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

March 7 Amy Winsor workshop - Playtime Neighborhood

March 8 Amy Winsor lecture - Opps, Now What? Workshop - Crooked Log Cabin

April 12 TBA

May 10 Local Quilt Shop presentation

June 13 Sue Nickels - workshop - Machine Applique

June 14 Sue Nickels - lecture - Follow the Tradition

Workshop - Drawing Fabulous Feathers July 12 Mini-Demos

August 9 Michelle Watts - workshop TBA

August 10 Michelle Watts -

lecture and workshop TBA September 13 Style Show October 11 The Almost Annual

Garage Sale November 8 TBA December 13 Holiday Party



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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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 x3.5)	\$10.00	\$110	

Board Meeting Minutes February 23, 2008

Board members present: Bobbie Ashley, Larry Beauchamp, Lori Branson, Bernie Farris, Gail Daniel, and Dea Jae Shore. Absent were: Karen Nanos, Barbara Sumlin, Nechia Dawson, and Linda Ethridge.

Meeting called to order at 8:34 a.m.

<u>President</u>: Bobbie Ashley - Minutes approves as published. Quarterly reports due in April.

<u>President Pro-Tem</u>: Larry Beauchamp - Guild quilts appraised at a cost of \$17440.28

<u>1st Vice-President – Special Events</u>: Gail Daniel - No report given.

<u>2nd Vice-President – Newsletter/Directory</u>: **Dea Jae Shore** – Power Point projector purchased. Still need to purchase monitor extension cord, power cord, and small table. Still within the allowed budget. Directory has been sent to the publisher.

3rd Vice-President – Programs: Nechia Dawson – No report given

4th Vice-President – Services: Bernie Farris – Call from Mae Lively was received asking if we could make use of some knits for childrens clothing or did we know of anyone who sews for children. We will pass information on to Peggy True.

5th Vice-President - Community Outreach:
Barbara Sumlin - No report given

<u>Treasurer</u>: Karen passed treasurer's report on to Bobbie Ashley to deliver to the board and to the guild in her absence.

Operating Account: \$13,610.16; Savings: \$16,642.64; CD \$20,000.00 and CD \$15,000.00 **Total**: \$65,252.80

Unfinished business: None stated.

New Business: Lori Branson made a motion to keep storage unit as is. Motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned : 9:02a.m. Lori Branson - Secretary



General Meeting Minutes February 23, 2008

The meeting was held at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church meeting hall and called to order at 10:00 am. The January minutes were approved as e-mailed and published.

President - Bobbie Ashley presented Judith

Miller with her Rose Bud from

Rose Bud from last month for the fantastic Christmas Party

President Pro

Tem: Larry
Beauchamp
announced that
the guild quilt
collection has



been appraised at a bit over \$17,000.00.

<u>1st Vice-President Special Events</u>: Kitty
Janiga announced Summer retreat dates: June
22 − 27, 2008, cost \$295.00; \$50.00 non refundable deposit required at sign-up.

<u>2nd Vice-President – Newsletter/Directory:</u> Dea Jae Shore announced that the directory has been sent to the printer and hopefully will be mailed out in about 2 weeks.

3rd Vice-President - Programs: No report given

4th Vice-President – Services: Mae Lively has childrens' clothing and or fabric to donate.

5th Vice-President – Community Outreach: Carol Rouse showed tops that QPC has made and plans to make. Sandra Retzlof announced that she has paperwork for anyone interested in making a block, quilt top, or quilt for the Ovarian Cancer Research program in Houston. The color is Teal.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Savings Account: \$16,642.64 Operating Account: \$13,610.16 CD: \$20,000.00, CD: \$15,000.00 Total Guild Funds: \$65,252.80.

We had 117 members and 9 guests today. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The Difference Between Chain Store Fabrics and Quilters' Grade Fabrics

by Jim Salinas, Marketing, Moda Fabrics

I'm often asked, "Is there really any difference between the printed cottons found in chain stores for \$2.99 to \$5.99 per yard and those found in quilt shops and the best mail order catalogs for \$7.99 to \$9.99?" You bet there is!

Premium brands start with high quality greige (gray) goods. Premium greige goods have a thread count of at least 60 by 60 threads, and most have thread counts higher than, "60 square." Higher thread counts produce a silkier hand, less bearding when quilted, longer fabric life and better printing definition. Most chain store cotton prints are made from less expensive greige goods that have 60 square construction or less. In chain stores, 60 square construction is considered to be the benchmark of high quality.

In addition to thread count, fabric quality is also determined by the diameter of the yarns used, the size of the cotton filaments and the length of the cotton staple. Although premium raw materials are more expensive and add to the final price you pay, you get a far superior finished product.

Premium brands typically make use of a higher number of screens (the number of colors used in the print) and more complex and sophisticated engravings. High screen counts and complex engravings require using slower and more exacting flat bed presses than the high speed rotary presses used by domestic printers for most chain store fabrics.

Once the greige goods are printed, they have to be, "finished." The printed fabric is placed in a chemical bath that sets the dye into the cotton fibers. Unfinished or poorly-finished goods bleed badly and have a very coarse, "boardy" hand. Premium brands are finished using more time-consuming and expensive processes that create the silken hand of quilters' grade fabric in addition to superior colorfastness.

It is, of course, an over-simplification to divide the cotton print industry into chain store brands and quilt shop/mail order catalog brands. Indeed, chain stores often carry a limited range of premium brands. But, generally speaking, chain store offerings are price driven. They cannot easily sell the higher priced fabrics to their clientele. As a result, chain stores tend to carry the lower priced (and therefore lower quality) cotton fabrics.

Consider also the element of design. Premier designers tend to design for premium fabric companies. The technical aspects-the use of premium greige goods, printing many screens with fine definition, creating a silken hand through more sophisticated finishing processes-all these elements enhance a designer's efforts. World-class design brings a unique dimension to premium quality fabric. It comes with a price, but it adds immeasurably to the special nature of quilters' grade fabric.

There is one more point that should be addressed. That is the issue of service and expertise. Most quilt shops and mail order quilting catalogs, the prime sources of premium fabrics, are well staffed with knowledgeable, friendly, quilting experts. Most shops provide classes and expertise unmatched by the chains. Quilt shops and mail order catalogs generally do not sell jobber goods. They offer only first quality, premium brands at fair prices. These firms deserve your support.

In conclusion, there is most definitely a difference in fabrics. You get what you pay for. Premium brands offer a vast quality advantage over cheaper alternatives for just a modest increase in cost, especially when you consider the effort, skill and love that will go into your use of the fabric.

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Summer Retreat

"Quilts Warm the Home" is the theme for summer retreat this year.

Dates — June 22-27, 2008 with arrival time after 6:00 Suday and departume is after lunch on Friday.

Cost is \$295 and include all meals from Monday breakfast to Friday Lunch Swimming is additional and the cost of the lifeguard will be shared by those who swim. The kits for the retreat quilt should be ready in February. There will be patterns for 9.5" house blocks.

We will be at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange. For more information contact Kitty Janiga, Retreat Chair. 622-9522, 710-1909 or kittyandernie@earthlink.net



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Quilt History Project: Documenting quilts and quilt maker stories of those 80+years via oral interviews and photos

Please contact me if you know of someone in the greater San Antonio area willing to share pieces of their past. Lets save our legacy.

Ellen Hernandez 210-520-1335 or 210-601-5960 ellenhernandez@hotmail.com

QUILTS WARM THE HOME 21ST ANNUAL CHARLOTTE FLESHER QUILT RETREAT JUNE 22 TO JUNE 27, 2007 CAMP LONE STAR in La Grange, Texas

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The fee for retreat is \$295 A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit this form and return to Kitty Janiga, along with the depot. If contact	
Kitty Janiga, 941 Nelson Rd, San Antonio, Texas, 7829 home phone 210-622-9522 Cell 210-710-1909	52
email kittyandernie@earthlink.net	

















The Loving Arms Quilt Project

The Loving Arms Quilt Project was created to fill a need for quilts on Airovac planes carrying wounded soldiers being flown from Iraq to neighboring countries. Quilts are provided by quilters in the surrounding San Antonio metro area. This project insures that each soldier will have the warmth and comfort that they need during the first stages of their recovery.

The goal is 200-250 quilts which will be permanent fixtures to each aerovac plane. Though there may be a few quilts sacrificed, due to blood and bodily fluids. The remainder of the quilts provided will be rotated and washed for future use along with the other linens the military uses.

This is a wonderful project that provides a channel for those who want to contribute their efforts in a very personal and useful way. Each quilt measures 44 inches wide and 72 inches long. Patriotic fabric themes with various quilting methods are acceptable.

Thank you ever so much for your interest and support of all of our sons, daughters, husbands and brothers in arms.

For further information, please contact: Bobbie Ashley 3700 Olde Moss Schertz, TX 78154 vbd@satx.rr.com 210-836-5658



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March Workshops with Amy Winsor

Friday, March 7 - \$25

Playtime Neighborhood in Fusible Applique

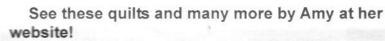
(Very suitable for "Precision Impaired" quilters!).

A 6-hour workshop.

A guaranteed smile-inducing workshop. Play like a kindergartener while you make these delightful houses from fusible applique.

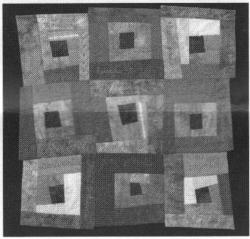


Saturday, March 8 - \$15
Crooked Log Cabin for the Precision Impaired
A three-hour workshop if I don't teach the crooked borders



http://winsorartquilts.com/index2.htm

Call Dea Jae Shore you want to attend. 590-3013



Daffodil Cake

This daffodil cake recipe is easily made with an angel food cake mix and lemon and yellow food coloring.

- 1 package angel food cake mix
- 1/4 teaspoon yellow food coloring
- 1 teaspoon water

Prepare cake mix according to package directions; divide batter, spooning half into another bowl. In small cup, blend food coloring with 1 teaspoon water; add to half of the batter. Spoon batters alternately into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan. Bake according to package directions. Invert to cool.

Daffodil Cake Frosting

- 2 egg whites
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- dash salt
- 1 cup mini marshmallows
 - 1/2 teaspoon finely grated orange zest

Make frosting; combine egg whites, lemon juice, sugar, cream of tartar, and salt in the top of a double boiler.

Beat for a minute with an electric <u>mixer</u>; cook over boiling water, beating until stiff peaks form. Fold in marshmallows and orange zest. Spread frosting over top and sides of the daffodil cake.

QPC Projects

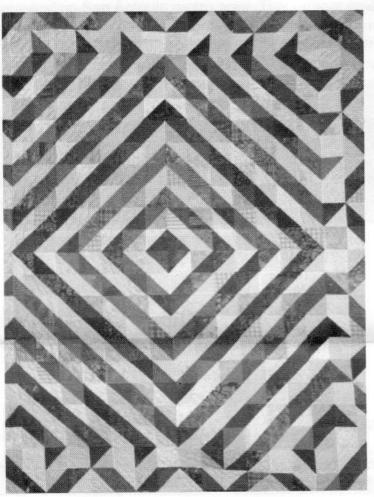
Quilt Project Committe, known to most of us as QPC, showed two quilts and the beginnings of another at the guild meeting in February. Carol Rouse, committee chair, showed the finished quilt below left. It is a scap quilt with white background. The industrious ladies at the Institute of Texan

Cultures just finished quilting it. It will be a valuable asset to our auction is September.

Below right is the finally finished quilt that includes the embroidered blocks of the states including bird and flower, the other blocks are collages of the state products. Your editor completed North Dakota. It is always a thrill to see the quilt finished when you know you have had a small part in the making.

Carol is holding a Dresden plate made of men's ties. Absolutely beautiful!! The finished quilt should be outstanding. Your editor's contribution was ripping ties open and pressing them. Again a small contribution, but I have some ownership in the quilt.

Everyone in the guild should pick up at least one item to work on. Carol has piecing work, applique work and even putting all the piece block together. Pick something you enjoy or learn a new skill. These quilts go to the auction and are a benefit to all.



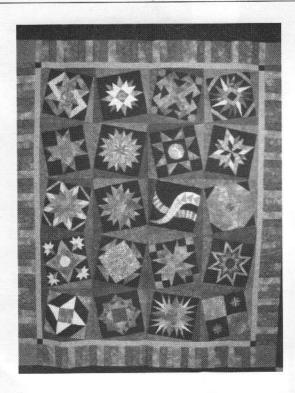




Storybooks and Quilts to Go

Did you check out the three quilts that were given to storybooks this month. Go to the Bring and Brag pages and take a look. They were all fabulous. The Quilt for Queen Victoria was all hand appliqued. Grandpa's Quilt you have to see to believe. It changes as you fold sections over! I never realized the Mama Bernstein Bear was a quilter. Now she evidently owns a quilt shop, too. The quilts by Ellen Hernandez and Kit Kucinkas are wonderful. Be sure to take a look for a book you would like to make a quilt to illustrate.





Kerrville guild's auction quilt was a guest at guild this February. A beautiful sampler.

QUILTERS SHOW CALENDAR

'Honoring her Legacy: Quilts from the Kathleen McCrady Quilt History Collection' Winedale Center for the Quilt

February 16 - March 31. Roundtop, TX www.cah.utexas.edu/about/who_we_are.php

'Following the Threads: A Quilt History Sampler'

Winedale's Center for the Quilt
March 8, 2008
www.cah.utexas.edu/news/
press_release.php?press=press_threads

'31st Annual Lampasas Needle Art & Quilt Show'

Lampasas Keystone Square Museum March 7 & 8, 2008 Lampasas County Courthouse & the Keystone Square Museum & the County Annex Bldg, Lampasas, Texas

'Dallas Quilt Celebration: Timeless Traditions'

Quilter's Guild of Dallas
March 14-16, 2008 Dallas Market Hall
Dallas, TX
www.quiltersquildofdallas.org/

'Hats off to Quilting'

Quilter's Guild of East Texas
March 28-29, 2008 Harvey Convention Center
2000 West Front Street, Tyler, TX
www.ggetx.org

'Fabulous Florals'

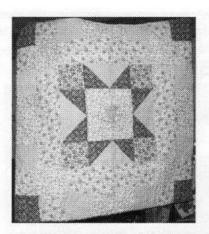
Lakeview Quilters Guild

April 25-26, 2008 Victory Camp at Living

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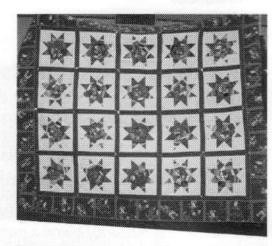
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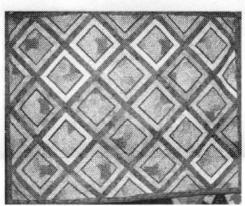


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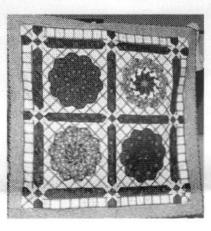
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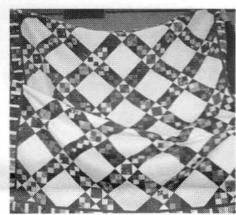
Cheryl Macpherson Walker's Scrap Strip Star and Christmas Scrap



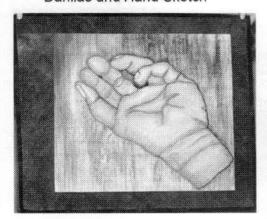
Carrie Beltran's Floating Dahlias and Hand Sketch

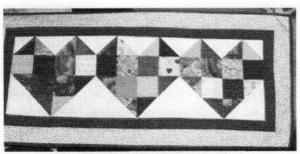


Barbara Wofford's Florascope

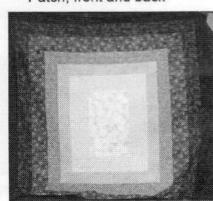


Charlotte Plttman's Blooming 9 Patch, front and back

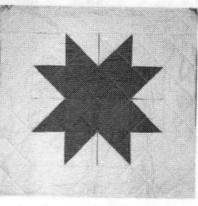




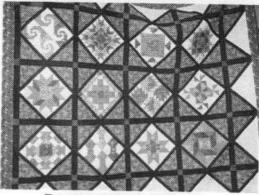
Dale Flashberg's Hearts tablerunner



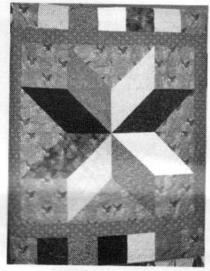




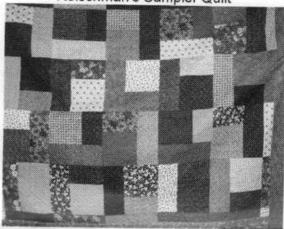
Ellen Hernandez' Story book quilts for Mama's New Job and Grandpa's Quilt



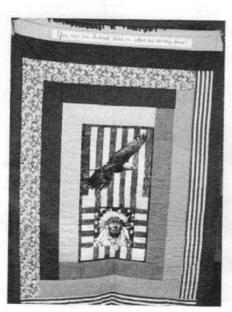
Front and Back of Dorothy Reischman's Sampler Quilt



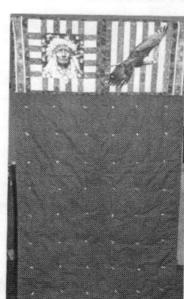
Jan Brett's very first Quilt!!! Yea!!

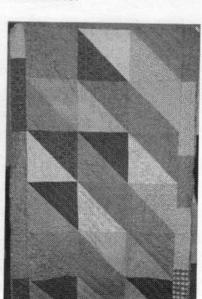


Mike Mitchell's Secret Pal Tablerunner



Loving Arms Quilts



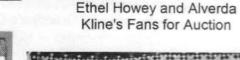






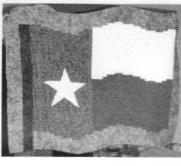
Kit Kucinkas' Civil War reproduction, Pixie and Quilt for Storybook Quilt for Queen Victoria



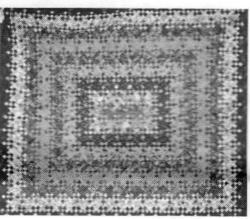




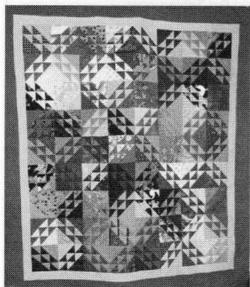
Shirley Carter's T-Shirt quilt



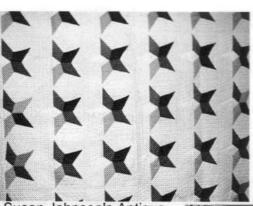
Marlene Azzuolo's Flag



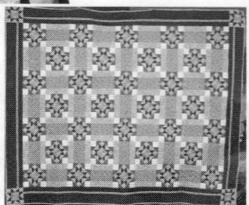
Dot Collins' donated for Auction



Ruth Felty's Helotes y Frijoles



Susan Johnson's Antique Eastern Star



Sally Tullos' Floating Stars



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We will once again join in the Race for the Cure and would love to have you join our team!

The race is March 29

Walk or run – you can even "sleep in" for the cure! Call or come by for information on how you can help

Shop Hop 2008!

Our 10th Anniversary Shop Hop is just around the corner with extended hours to celebrate!

April 10, 11, 12 & 13

Thursday 9-6, Friday & Saturday 9-9, and Sunday 10-5

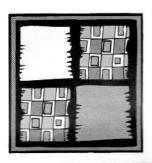
Join the fun and become eligible to win fantastic prizes. See demos, get free fat quarters, and enjoy the food.

> 8015 Mainland (Just off Bandera Road)

Store hours: Monday and Friday, 10-7 Saturday, 10-4 www.memoriesbytheyard.com

Permanent Collection Tubes

Janet Miller showed the muslin tubes that are needed for the permanent collection. Use washed muslin. Cut them 6 inches wide and 15 or 30 inches long. Sew with the batting inside. It should be soft to be a cushion at the folds. Bring them to Guild Meetings in March or April.



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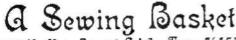


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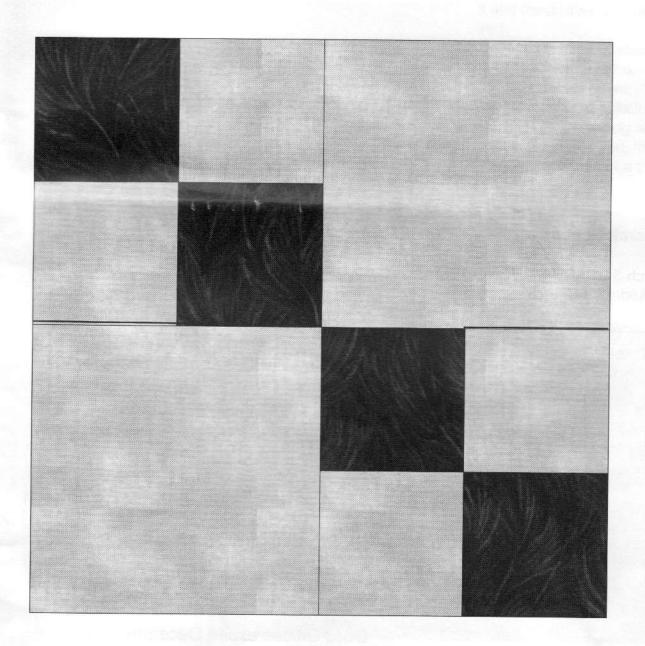
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Try your hand at a block that is the basis of a simple Irish Chain. This is a good way to practice getting those points just right. Let's make them 6.5 inches square unfinished. Background should be off white. Make the small dark squares dark blues. 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.



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March Schedule

March 3 BOARD MEETING-1PM St. Andrew's Church

March 8 GUILD MEETING-10AM St. Andrew's Church 8231 Callaghan Rd.

March 18 - Wearable Arts 6:30pm Creative Sewing Center 11777 West Ave. Hostess - Ida Tyson Blankenship

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

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