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# Common Threads

## Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.



[www.sanantonioquilt.org](http://www.sanantonioquilt.org)  
210-695-8737

### May 14 Guild Meeting

9:30 Services  
10:00 General Business Meeting  
@Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church  
8231 Callaghan Rd.

Anniversary  
and Work day

Remember to bring to the meeting

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

## President's Letter

April Bluebonnets, beautiful spring days, quilt projects, and quilt guild!!!

These are a few of the things we were thinking about at our recent meeting.

142 of you members were there to share the fun, plus 6 guests, and

**2 new members** as we heard national teacher **Linda Poole** tell us about wonderful travel-inspired quilts. She showed us lovely quilts that she had designed with her special applique and painting techniques.

Members who took her classes were delighted with the projects.

May will bring us a very special guild meeting, celebrating our own birthday.

Remember to wear your calico rose and guild pin, to stay to help with our projects. To share lunch and birthday cake.

May's program will inspire you. Happy quilting. See you then!

We welcomed new members were Joyce Himes (pic) and Judy Gloor.

Sincerely, *Ida*

## New Members

Joyce Himes and  
Judy Gloor (not  
pictured)



## 2016 Program Notes

**May.** Guild Birthday celebration and work day. Past Calico Rose winners will be honored. Member with the oldest Rose and the most Roses will receive a prize. So dust off your Calico Roses and wear them proudly. Bright Hopes community partner, The SA Children's Shelter, will present short program. Cupcakes for our birthday celebration, lunch and great door prizes for all guild members who stay and work on various committee projects.

**June.** Friday, June 10, Karen K. Buckley will present a paper pieced and machine applique class, Ocean Sunrise, cost \$35. and kit fee \$20. Saturday's class will be Fiesta Mexico Block Three, \$25. and kit fee of \$24.

**July.** Program: Who Has the Oldest UFO? Will have a sign-up sheet at the program table, 15 Guild members can sign-up to show and tell their UFO during the July program. Tell why you haven't been able to finish that

bed quilt you started 20 years ago. Prize for the oldest UFO.

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

### GSAQG Board Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2016

Ida Blankenship called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. Others in attendance were Karen Lambdin, Dea Jae Shore, Janet Miller, Sherry Durringer, Cindy Shutt, Jeana Kubik, Virginia Oehlke, Linda Ethridge, and Elaine Staller.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. There were no Calico Rose nominations this month.

Janet Miller discussed the number of chairs at our meetings and the need to get an accurate head count at the meeting. Dea Jae will send an eblast to remind members to sign in.

**President Pro Tem** – Virginia Oehlke reported that the mini retreat is full and she has 5 people on her committee.

**Secretary** - Karen Lambdin received a phone call with donations. She forwarded this information to several committee members. Ida issued a reminder that if anyone accepts a donation for the guild, that member is responsible for the storage of those items. Jeana has a possible purchaser for the big quilting frame in storage.

**Treasurer** – Cindy Shutt reported cash and savings balance of \$62,845.32. The February financials have been checked and approved. Lockaway Storage is increasing the price of rentals. The CDs have been reinvested with \$2000 interest.

**1st VP for Special Events** – Elaine Staller. The contract has been signed for the quilt show venue and the raffle quilt is progressing well. The summer retreat is full with a waiting list. The information booklet is on the website. Auction 2016 - \$5 ticket in advance and \$7 at

### NEWSLETTER INPUT

**DEADLINE** is Midnight the Monday after Guild meeting.

E-mail [quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org](mailto:quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org)

### 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 x 3.5)	\$10	\$110

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**REGULAR DUES \$24**

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**YOUTH (6-18) \$6**

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**PO Box 380522**

**San Antonio, TX 78268**

the door. 200 tickets will be printed. Ida will be in charge of advertising. She is looking into having yard signs printed and getting some finished quilt photos for the website. Ida will be making bookmarks to distribute all over town.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Information** – Dea Jae Shore accepted input on the eblast to be sent before the meeting.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Programs** – Janet Miller reported on the April workshops. In May, there will be a speaker from the Children's Shelter, a Calico Rose honoring, a workday, and guild birthday party cupcakes and lunch for those who stay and work. Janet will have sign-ups for the June Karen Kay Buckley workshops.

**4<sup>th</sup> VP for Services** – Jeana Kubik. Magazine sales brought in \$185 in the first quarter. The library committee transition is going well. She reported on the progress of the QPC and QPFC.

**5<sup>th</sup> VP for Community Outreach** – Sherry Durringer reported on Bright Hopes and Storybook committee. The ITC will be quilting an auction quilt. The QSOS and Community Education committees have been busy. The Community Quilt Angels made a raffle quilt for Fisher House and plan to work with two new organizations.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Lambdin,  
secretary

## GSAQG Guild Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2016

Ida Blankenship opened the meeting at 10:02 am with a welcome to visitors.

There was one correction to a misspelled name in the March minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer** – Cindy Shutt reported total cash and savings at \$62,845.32.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP for Special Events** – Elaine Staller thanked the ladies who provided treats at today's meeting.

Mini-retreat – full, and members were

reminded that no drinking or smoking is allowed.

Summer Retreat- full and Secret Stitcher information is due today. There will also be a nametag decorating contest at summer retreat.

Quilt Show 2017 – the raffle blocks were turned in today. A silent auction of mini quilts is in consideration for the show.

Auction – fliers are available today. It will be called the Bluebonnet Quilt Auction and bookmarks will be available soon.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Information** – Dea Jae gave some website instruction and encouraged everyone to sign in for an accurate head count.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Programs** – there was one opening in today's workshop. Janet Miller discussed the May program with a workday, guild birthday party and a speaker from the Children's Shelter. Janet encouraged members to sign up for workday so she can get a lunch estimate. Sign-ups are ongoing for the June Karen Kay Buckley workshops.

**4<sup>th</sup> VP for Services** – Janice S. won the Golden Carrot. QPFC has lots of kits for members to check out. Members were invited to attend the next QPFC meeting.

Gail Dickman from QPC is debuting a new Japanese quilt kit.

Jeanette Jay is turning over the librarian position to Janet Craig.

The magazine sales made \$185 in the first quarter of 2016.

**5<sup>th</sup> VP for Community Outreach-** The Community Education Committee needs help at an elementary school rodeo days event, contact Kitty Janiga if interested. The ALS challenge is due in July. The Community Quilt Angels displayed a quilt top to be donated to Fisher House to be raffled. A member suggested selling raffle tickets at a guild meeting. A new Storybook quilt was also displayed.

There were 142 members and 6 guests. Ida welcomed 2 new members.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Lambdin,  
secretary

## Treasurer's Report

For two months ending February 29, 2016

**YTD Actual 2016 Budget**

### REVENUES

#### Ordinary Income:

Interest		\$	500.00
	Savings	0.14	
	CD Interest	73.22	
Other income		0.96	1,500.00
	Magazine Sales	185.75	450.00
	Nametag fines	9.50	30.00
	Newsletter Postage	61.00	300.00
Dues - Membership		5,610.00	5,300.00
	Pins	10.00	
Newsletter/Directory Ads		915.00	1,500.00
Workshops		1,075.00	6,000.00

#### Fund Raising:

Quilt Show		0.00	0.00
Auction			20,000.00

#### Self-Sustaining:

Retreat - Summer		4,690.00	13,088.00
Retreat - Winter		8,265.00	8,500.00
Mini-Retreats		735.00	0.00
Houston Bus trip			3,000.00

Total Revenues \$ 21,630.57 \$ 60,168.00

### EXPENSES

#### Administration:

Administration		\$	5,000.00
	Bank & CC \$	111.57	
	Insurance \$	484.78	
	Coffee Fund \$	55.68	
	Ofc Supplies & Postage \$	60.00	
Equipment Purchase		\$	250.00
Charitable Contributions			
	Janitorial \$	25.00	\$ 175.00
	Sunshine & Shadows		\$ 25.00
	Memorial Quilt & Bios		\$ 25.00
	Permanent Quilt collection		\$ 25.00
Door Prizes			220.00
Telephone			150.00
Storage facility		1,524.00	6,000.00
Rent (Meetings)		665.00	2,100.00
Rent (Workshops)		140.00	700.00

#### Membership expenses:

Membership supplies		90.47	200.00
Newsletter/Directory printing		405.11	600.00
Postage		100.01	300.00
Webpage		119.50	400.00

#### Quilt Show

798.68 1,000.00

#### Auction

72.58 10,000.00

#### Community activities:

Bright Hopes			1,200.00
Storybook Quilts		132.23	400.00
Community Outreach			
	Community Education		300.00
	Community Response		50.00
	Save Our Stories		300.00
	ITC		25.00

#### Membership services & activities:

Ethel Howey Grant			1,000.00
Library		40.75	300.00
QPC		17.90	350.00
QPFC			350.00
Video Library			250.00
Programs		1,245.02	4,725.00
Workshops		1,025.00	6,675.00

#### Self-sustaining activities:

Mini-Retreats			0.00
Rent (Mini retreats)			0.00
Retreat - Summer			13,088.00
Retreat - Winter		8,265.00	8,500.00
Houston bus trip			3,000.00

Total Expenses 15,378.28 67,683.00

Net \$ 6,252.29 \$ (7,515.00)

Ending Jefferson Operating	\$	20,479.65
[2015 Technology Fund Inc]	\$	(3,045.71)
Ending Jefferson Savings		1,111.49
SSFCU CD's & savings		30,944.90
SSFCU Wright Class CD		13,354.99
Total Guild Funds	\$	62,845.32

Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer

## Ethel Howey Grant

The Ethel Howey Grant was created by the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild in 2006 to honor founding Guild member, Ethel Howey. The Grant is a monetary award that allows a Guild member to further their quilting skills and share these quilting skills with the Guild.

The deadline for the Ethel Howey Grant is August 1 and is open to any Guild members meeting the guidelines.

If you are applying for the Grant take the time to talk with Guild members, VP for Programs and previous winners to learn what skills/techniques are needed or wanted. Review national teachers the Guild has had in the past year so you don't repeat their teaching.

Please consider applying and giving back to the Guild.



**MISSION**

The Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild (GSAQG) has established a grant program in honor of a loved and esteemed founding member, Ethel Y. Howey, whose accomplishments and influence extended into the international quilt world. The grant is to encourage the pursuit of education in the study of quilt making and to recognize the importance of quilting in today's society as an art form, as an instrument of healing, as part of our legacy, and as a common thread which binds all in friendship.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the grant program is to fund projects that will have long term impact on preserving the heritage and further the art of quilt making. The grant may be used to cover expenses such as fees (including conferences, workshops, etc.), travel, lodging, meals, materials and books. The grant(s) will be awarded annually, not to exceed \$1000. The Grant Committee may divide the monies between more than one recipient. The GSAQG is not obligated to award the entire \$1,000 or any part thereof, if the quality of the proposals does not merit it.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicant must be an active GSAQG member in good standing for the previous **two (2) years** immediately preceding the grant deadline.
- An applicant must show evidence of an interest in continuing to improve and innovate in the field of quilt design, construction, history or technique.
- Financial need will NOT be a criteria for selection.
- Grant recipients are ineligible to reapply for grants for three years. Grant committee members are ineligible for grants while serving on the committee.

**PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES**

- Applications must be submitted **on or before August 1** (current year), and the grant will be awarded at the following January Guild meeting.
- If the recipient fails to fulfill the requirements or is unable to attend the proposed project or program, the grant money must be returned within **three (3) months** of the cancellation, or on a time-line agreed to by the committee and the applicant. If an alternate applicant is available, the money may be transferred to the alternate with approval of the committee.
- Recipients must be willing and able to share with GSAQG the new skills, techniques, or information gained. This may be in the form of a presentation, a workshop or other process that disseminates the information to the members in **the year following receipt of the grant**. Scheduling must be coordinated with the 1st Vice President for Programs.
- If a workshop or program is being presented, **at a minimum of (3) three months before** the scheduled Guild workshop or program, a lesson plan and class sample will be presented to the Ethel Howey Chairperson, the 1st Vice President for Programs and one Guild member-at-large.
- Recipient must submit, in writing, a final report of the project and expenses **by March 1** of the year following receipt of the grant.

**GSAQG ETHEL Y. HOWEY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS**

Following the stated time line, submit a typed or hand written application, not to exceed two (2) pages. Include the date, your name, address, phone numbers, email, number of years a GSAQG member, and explain:

1. Why you would like to receive this grant
2. How you will use the grant funds, including a specific budget
3. How you will share your new skills, techniques and information with the membership.

Feel free to provide any additional information that will help the selection committee.

Mail to: Janet Miller, Chairperson  
 GSAQG Foundation Grant Program  
 16942 Hidden Oak Woods  
 San Antonio, TX 78248

Time Line example:  
 \*1 Aug. 2016-application due  
 \*1 Jan. 2017-grant awarded  
 \*2017-grant money used/classes attended  
 \*Aug. 2018-presentation to review committee  
 \*Nov.2018-workshop or presentation to Guild membership  
 \*March 2019 Final Report due to committee

### 5.16 Pieces of the Past, 73: 'Worst Quilt' Contest, by Ellen Hernandez



The *Worst Quilt in the World Contest* was held annually from 1995 to 1997. Ami Simms was promoting her book, *How Not to Make a Prize-Winning Quilt*. As she wrote it occurred to her that other quilters might have examples of things that can go wrong with a quilt project. Calling on the assistance of well-known manufacturers such as Omnigrid, Gingher, and Bernina, Ami was able to assemble over \$5000 in cash and prizes for her unique contest. The first year over 700 entries were submitted. Points were awarded for bad design, awful color combinations and sloppy workmanship. There were extra points for quilts with pet hair or stains.

Some quilts were immediately placed in the *Too Good to Win* category. It was an honor NOT to win this contest! Those quilters received a lapel pin stating "Thank Goodness I Didn't Win the Worst Quilt in the World Contest."



The 1995 winner from Georgia entered *Cracked China*. The color choices were described as wild and the poorly sewn quilt had no batting in the sashing. No matter what, the quilt would not lay flat!

The 1996 Grand Prize winner was *Penrose Folly*, a puckered ugly green polyester quilt. When the quilter ran out of green fabric, she used navy blue for this challenging tessellation pattern.



Over the years the judges played along with tongue-in-cheek categories for *Abominable Mention Awards* and Special Recognition Awards such as: *Knot on Your Life*

for hand stitching without any knots, *Seamed Like a Good Idea at the Time* for using the wrong side of the fabric with seams facing outward, *Now We've Seen Everything* for binding with duct tape, *Pathetic Piecing*, *Mangled Miter*, *Inept Applique*, *Most Obnoxious Use of Three Dimensional Embellishment*, *Most Distorted Block*, *Yes You Can Make Stunning Quilts from Simple Patterns but Didn't*, *Close but no Cigar*, *Most Disgusting Name for a Quilt*, *Most Bizarre Use of Bias Binding*, *Fur Ball*, *Most Peculiar*, etc.



Not all winners were novice quilters. John Flynn, now known for his quilting frame and prize winning quilts, won *Most Disgusting Name for Kitty in the Blender*, a swirling Christmas runner using cat fabric.

This compass quilt entry didn't look too bad UNTIL you viewed it from a different angle.



Ami's comments on the contest are no matter how bad your work, it could be worse, and at least you can laugh.

In 2014 Ami revisited her contest by gathering former *Worst Quilt* entries for a special exhibit at AQS QuiltWeek in Lancaster, PA.

(Ami is also known as the creator in 2006 of the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. More than \$1.1 million was raised for research by 2013.)

## Reports for Community Outreach – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016

The first quarter of 2016 has already come to an end, and your outreach committees have been very busy in San Antonio. Bright Hopes delivered 89 quilts and 159 tote bags to the Children's Shelter. Storybooks and Quilts to Go distributed totes to 21 schools this semester and received 6 new quilts for the collection. The ITC Quilters finished two member quilts and have begun interacting with numerous school groups as spring field trips are getting into full swing. Quilters Save Our Stories conducted interviews with three members to record for The Quilt Alliance. Community Education continues to lead a quilt class at Golden Manor and attended a Mini Maker Faire at the Main Public Library. Community Quilt Angels met with a representative of GenCare to plan their goals for the year, and constructed a top to be quilted for a fund raiser for Fisher House. All told, the committees reported a combined 1,860 hours of volunteer service this quarter!

If you would like to get involved with any of these groups, the contact information for each chairperson is listed on page 3 of your membership directory. Any of them would be thrilled to add you to their group. Don't forget the workday at our May meeting – most of these groups will be working on projects. And we are looking forward to hearing about the work of The Children's Shelter and how our Bright Hopes quilts contribute to their mission.

Sherry Durringer, 5<sup>th</sup> VP for Community Outreach

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hopes and Dreams Quilt Challenge for ALS presented by Quilters Dream Batting & J.N. Harper Co.

You are invited to donate a quilt to warm the lives and hearts of ALS patients while raising awareness and research money for ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease, plus have a chance to win fabulous prizes!

Details and entry form are available at [www.hopesanddreams.quiltersdreambatting.com](http://www.hopesanddreams.quiltersdreambatting.com).

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## Community Education

The Community Education committee has been asked to participate in the Rodeo Day program at Dr. Joe Ward Elementary. The date for this year is May 20, 2016. There will be 7 sessions throughout the day, thirty minutes each, beginning 8:30 am and ending at 1:45 pm. This is the second year the GSAQG has been invited to attend this event. Last year we covered the floor with quilts and the children came in and sat on them. We had quilts hung all over the room and talked about the history and background of various patterns. The school will provide a catered BBQ lunch for all the presenters. Anyone interested should contact Kitty Janiga at (210) 710-1909.



### Golden Carrot Winner: Janice Sternecker

Each time you turn in a project to Bright Hopes, Storybook Quilts, Auction, Quilt Projects Committee or complete any other service to the guild, you are given chances to win this prize. (Note: be sure to sign your name on the white side of each ticket you receive! I'd hate to draw a blank ticket or one that I can't read the name. If they are stapled together, remove the staple and sign each one.)



We hope you can join QPC at the May work day. Please bring your sewing machine, and favorite rotary cutter, and we'll provide the rest. If you've got the time, we've got the projects!

Check out the Bring and Brag items at [www.sanantonioquilt.org](http://www.sanantonioquilt.org)  
Click on the services drop down menu and the on the Bring and Brag link



## COMMITTEES

Sunshine & Shadows-Ellen Hernandez	520-1335	Photography-Denise Richards	352-5143
Ethel Howey Grant-Janet Miller	492-7684	and Ina Ramirez	621-5808
Memorial Quilt & Bios - Lissetta Ennis	650-9294	Bee Keeper-Charlene Carroll	325-6870
Beauchamp Collection TLC-Janet Miller	492-7684	DVD's-Jackie Randall	492-8073
Secret Pal-Mellisa Allo	681-5722	Books-Jeannette Jay	219-8880
Save our Stories- Ellen Hernandez	520-1335	Magazine Sales-Ellen Hernandez	520-1335
Mary McCarthy	679-8464	Quilt Project Committee-Gail Dickman	315-3607
Auction-Mary McCarthy	679-8464	and Nancy Beasley	685-2345
Houston Bus Trip-Sandra Lowell	512-484-1307	Quilt Projects Finishing-Jeanna Kubik	394-7399
Quilt Show-Carol Bryant	505-331-2215	Refreshments -Queen Bees	
Summer Retreat-Nancy Beasley	685-2345	Elaine Staller	863-5102
Winter Retreat-Linda Kirk	647-4844	Bright Hopes-Carol Steely	804-920-3637
Advertising-Nancy Beasley	685-2345	Community Education-Kitty Janiga	710-1909
Membership-Cathy Baisley	823-3977	Institute of Texan Cultures - Donnis Todd	218-9988
Web Page-Dea Jae Shore	364-1847	Storybook Quilts-Linda Kirk	647-4844
Welcoming-Lanie Nunley	680-4182	Youth Alternatives-Joan Parro	918-671-3914
Sign In-Sandra Lowell	681-1901	Comm. Quilt Angels-Barabara Sumlin	436-5884
and Kitty Janiga	710-1909	Archives-Dea Jae Shore	364-1847



All Guild members may advertise in the newsletter. One free business card size each year. Must be quilt related.

**Garage Sale**

I am having another of my garage sales on Friday, May 20th, and Saturday, May 21st. This time, besides MORE FABRIC, I will have lots of misc things that I have decided I need to part ways with,

This is BEHIND my house (off the cul de sac), at 11407 Whisper Valley. Off Wurzbach and Locke Hill Selma.

Shirley Carter 210-4452-3801



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**May Schedule**

**May 2 Board Meeting**      **3:00 PM**  
@ St. Andrew Church  
**May 14 Guild meeting**      **10:00 AM**  
@ St. Andrew Church

Check out the calendar on our web page for Bee meetings and other Guild related events.

**Board of Directors**

<b>President</b>	<b>Ida Blankenship</b>
President Pro Tem	Virginia Oehlke
1st Vice President for Special Events	Elaine Staller
<b>2nd Vice President for Information</b>	<b>Dea Jae Shore</b>
3rd Vice President for Programs	Janet Miller
<b>4th Vice President for Services</b>	<b>Jeana Kubik</b>
<b>5th Vice President for Community Outreach</b>	<b>Sherry Durringer</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Karen Lambdin</b>
Treasurer	Cindy Shutt
<b>Term expires December 2015</b>	