

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.

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January 11th Guild Meeting

9:00 am - Services
10:00 am - General
Business Meeting

at St. Francis Episcopal
Church, 4242 Bluemel
Road, San Antonio, TX
78242

January Program

Mini Demos

Remember to
bring to the
meeting

- Name tag (wear it)
- Library books, & DVDs
- QPC projects
- Bright Hopes quilts
- Smiles for everyone

We are Moving!

***February 2020 Meeting will be held at
Covenant Presbyterian Church on
211 Roletto Dr, San Antonio, TX 78213***

President's Letter

And so a new year is begun. Hello 2020! Is everybody ready? This is the year for our auction. Please plan on attending and if you would like to volunteer to help with it see Jean Hardies as soon as possible.

Thanks are due to our outgoing board members for jobs well done – Elaine Staller, Janet Miller and Karen Nanos. In their stead these next two years we have Sandy Doyle, Sandra Lowell and Cindy Shutt. It's not difficult serving on the board of directors but it does require a commitment of time and a willingness to consider the best interests of the guild. I appreciate everyone who takes it on. At this time the position of Parliamentarian is open. If you have experience with the workings of formal meetings please consider attending one afternoon meeting a month to keep our board on the straight and narrow. A copy of Roberts Rules of Order can be obtained.

January is our final meeting at St. Francis Episcopal as we will move to Covenant Presbyterian in February. After many hours of investigation the board believes we have found a place to suit our needs. The gym we will be meeting in is directly off the parking lot with no steps or ramp required for entering. We will be allowed to sell things, we think there will be outlets enough for workshops and retreats, and the restrooms are new and handicapped accessible. The first meeting or two may be a bit topsy-turvy until we get the room layout just right so please bear with us.

See you soon - - Mary



From the Quilts Project Committee (QPC)...

We hope you are as excited about 2020 as we are! January is finally here and so is the QPC San Antonio Sue Applique Challenge. Be sure to come by the QPC and pick up a kit. Your finished block is due at the April 11th meeting.

Applique not your thing? No problem! We have 5 different blocks to offer.



Stars-Block A



Stars-Block B



Double Cross



Holiday Stars



Layers of Fun

- The **Stars Block A** and **B** give you the opportunity to work on matching points.
- The **Double Cross** has unique cutting instructions. Reference to a website with pictures is provided to make the process is simpler. Beautiful block, isn't it?
- The **Holiday Stars** block offers an opportunity to match points with using a folding technique to add dimension to the block. Very interesting block.
- The **Layers of Fun** block goes together easily. This pieced block complements an alternative block to make an awesome quilt.

The goal of QPC is to offer you something new to try, something to sharpen your piecing or applique skills, give you an opportunity to help the guild. The blocks you complete and turn in become Auction quilts to support the GSAQG.

Remember to turn in your QPC blocks! We appreciate you!!!

NEWSLETTER INPUT

**DEADLINE is Midnight the Monday after
Guild meeting. E-mail:
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)	\$10.00	\$110

Programs

December. No Guild meeting.

January. Mini Demos

February. Guild Garage Sale. Guild members may purchase a table for \$10.00 per table. Limit of two tables per member. Items for sale are limited to quilting, sewing, embroidery, knitting, and crocheting. Please no household items.

If you want to sign up for a class and can't make the meeting, contact Sandra Lowell, 3rd VP for Programs, 512-484-1307 or sandra.lowell@att.net.

Mary McCarthy, president, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. at La Madeleine Restaurant. Present were board members Dea Jae Shore, Janice Schwab, Ina Ramirez, Janet Miller, Leti Zavala and Gail Clover, and new board members Sandy Doyle and Sandra Lowell.

President – Mary McCarthy

1. November board minutes were approved.
2. New board members Sandy Doyle, 1st VP for Special Events and Sandra Lowell, 3rd VP for Programs, were introduced.
3. Farewell to outgoing board members Karen Nanos, Elaine Staller and Janet Miller.
4. Next board meeting will be Monday, January 6 at Igo Library.
5. 4th quarter and end of year reports due January 6.
6. Contract for Covenant Presbyterian Church, 211 Roletto Drive, will be signed Tuesday, December 3 for use of gym (Friendship Hall), on second Saturdays 8-4 through March. The guild meeting for April will be held on April 18th (Easter falls on the second Saturday of April).
7. The cost of rental is \$250 per day with an additional set up/take down fee of \$100 payable directly to Israel Palomino.
8. There is no room in the Covenant schedule for a mini retreat in the Spring but there may be in the fall.

President Pro Tem- Dea Jae Shore ~ Nothing to report.

Secretary- Janice Schwab ~ Nothing to report.

Treasurer- Karen Nanos – Not present.

1st VP for Special Events – Elaine Staller – Not present.

1. Sandy Doyle, assuming new board position for 2020-21, reports that the bus trip was a success. Although there were last minute cancellations, she was able to obtain refunds from the show tickets and Jason's Deli.
2. The Winter Retreat will be held in New Braunfels.

2nd VP for Information – Ina Ramirez

1. Ina, Dea Jae Shore member of technology committee, and Sandra Lowell 2019 Quilt Show committee member, discussed the need for a new guild projector, a digital camera, and a better microphone that is wireless or equipped with an off/on switch. Options will be researched.

3rd VP for Programs – Janet Miller

1. January program at St Francis will feature mini demos. Guild members volunteer to present quilting techniques such as English paper piecing, batting tips, etc.
2. February program at Covenant Presbyterian – Guild garage sale.
3. Incoming 3rd VP Sandra Lowell, reviewed those programs that have already been scheduled for 2020-21.

4th VP for Services – Leti Zavala ~ Nothing to report.

5th VP for Community Outreach – Gail Clover ~ Nothing to report.

Parliamentarian – Sylvia Jolet- Not present.

This position is open for 2020.

New Business – None.

Old Business- None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Janice Schwab, Secretary.

And Thus It Began ...

I joined the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild at the 2003 Show. I attended meetings regularly beginning in January. At the meetings, Barbara Gilstad and Ruth Felty were asking for help with the Storybooks and Quilts to Go committee. Having a deep appreciation for the concept, I volunteered. Through my involvement I got to know those two ladies, local school librarians and great little quilts and children's stories. As members handed in items I got to know them as well. Later there were 9/11 quilts to be made from blocks donated by a Japanese guild and I participated in that endeavor, too. I spent many days at the ITC folding paper cranes for the children who passed through the exhibit. My circle of guild acquaintances increased. And so by gathering my courage and volunteering, a whole world of friendship was discovered. - Mary

The Friday Night Bee is looking for new members.
 We meet on Friday Nights 5:30ish- 8:30ish
 With a potluck dinner, sewing and fun.
 We're located at Alamo Stitchin Post
 5315 Walzem, San Antonio, Tx 78218
 Point of contact is: Andrea Brown,
 210-316-7096

Thanks, Andrea E. Brown

Patterns for bibs to make for patients at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital are available on a check out and return basis.

We were given 30 quilt patterns recently by Nancy Dill Designs. We will be using these in several areas, including the quilt project committee and bright hopes committee.

Thanks for her generosity!
 Sandra Lowell



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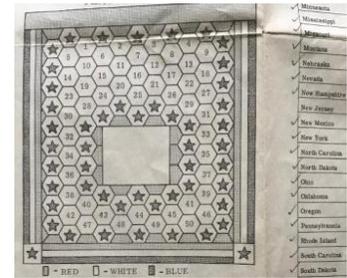
Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think...

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

1.20 Pieces of the Past, 117: **Rita's Quilt**, by Ellen Hernandez



In September 2019 Chicago resident Shannon Downey purchased an unfinished embroidery quilt project (for \$6.) at an estate sale of Rita Smith who had died in August at age 99. The partially finished pieces were of fifty United States with birds and flowers, and fifty blue stars, all on hexagon shaped blocks. The block pieces had been cut and some of the designs had been transferred. Two states had been completed, Georgia and Alaska, for what would be a queen-sized quilt. Believing Rita would have wanted her quilt



completed, Downey vowed to complete it, but reached out to crafters by Instagram. "Anyone interested in helping Rita rest in craft peace?" Over 1,000 people responded in one day. One hundred were chosen, fifty to complete the states and fifty to make the stars. Work was to be completed by 15 November and returned to Downey. Rita loved French knots and volunteers were asked to include them in each block. Volunteers had touching personal stories about why they were adamant to request a certain state block, such as where their grandmother was from, or where they grew up, etc. In December, Downey, a non-quilter, and thirty-eight local quilters began assembling the blocks by hand. An embroidered state sampler US map made by Rita that Downey had also purchased from the sale (for \$5.) was placed in the center of the quilt.

The quilt project made headline news across the country, featured in major newspapers and news channels. People researched Rita Smith and discovered she was from Michigan and had been a school nurse. Her mother was Canadian, her husband died in 2009, and she had one son, William, who was still alive. He relayed that his mother was always sewing and often reupholstered furniture.

When the quilting is completed, the quilt will be displayed in Chicago on December 21 at a local gallery, *Women Made*. In March 2020 it will be shown at the National Quilting Museum in Paducah, KY. Downey plans on donating the quilt to a museum to honor Rita, her story, and the outstanding community effort made to complete the quilt.



2020 Summer Quilt Retreat June 14-19 in Camp Wood, Texas

We're Having a Beach Party!!!

The cost is \$440.00, the same as last year. Sign up will begin at the February 8th Guild meeting. To register for summer retreat, a \$50 deposit AND your completed Information Sheet must be turned in to be entered on the Retreat Roster. Incomplete registrations will be put on a Waiting List until paperwork is completed. If the Roster is filled before your complete paperwork is received you will stay on the Waiting List & be moved to the Roster (in the order of who completed their paperwork first) if there is a cancellation.

The Information Sheet will be posted on the Website Summer Retreat Page. You can fill it out in advance: <http://www.sanantonioquilt.org/pages/SummerRetreat.html> Dual sign up is allowed, one person can register two people with complete information for both parties to be added to the Roster. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Casias by email at lcasias2000@satx.rr.com or by phone and text at 210-381-3519.

I'm a Gemini. Born under the sign of the twins. That's the astrological equivalent of a schizophrenic with ADD! I know I'm not the only Gemini out there. How can you spot a Gemini quilter? What are the symptoms? What help or solace exists for those who possess this malady?

A Gemini quilter wants to (and actually believes she can) do it all. You name it -- trapunto, paper-piecing, applique, etc. -- a Gemini's projects run the gamut! Her sewing room is crammed with unfinished projects (UFOs) because she is so busy being "all she can be" as soccer mom or working mother or hospital volunteer (or maybe all three)! However, the organized side of her has carefully prepared a numbered list of those UFOs. (I myself have 25!)

Geminis own every new quilting tool on the market. Often we actually purchase as many as three of the same one. That's because we forgot we bought the first one on a whim, so we purchased a second one. The second one got lost somewhere in the fabric-cluttered sewing room. So when we really needed it, we had to go buy a third!

Look around that sewing room. Organizational aids are everywhere! Shelves line the wall. There are clear plastic bins, woven baskets, filing cabinets, rolling carts, and every other organizational device known to mankind! Yet fabric is spilling over into the center of the room (which brings us to symptom number four)!

Geminis do not buy fat quarters. Oh, we may start out looking at fat quarters but the quilter who actually believes she can do it all thinks in terms of YARDAGE. This quilter would never make a small quilted wallhanging. The block is so striking (who cares that it has 64 tiny pieces and inset seams)! The Gemini must make a bed sized quilt! And that fabric is so cute! It is just perfect for the person she has in mind! Furthermore, it will make a wonderful backing. But how much to buy? One yard? No, make it one and a half . . . No, wait! How much do I need for a back? If I get two yards for the front and six yards for the back, that ought to cover whatever I decide for this quilt. But wait! There's only another three yards left on the bolt and I can get an extra 10% off. Yeah, go ahead and give me the whole bolt.

Consorting with Geminis can be an intensely exhilarating experience (or so we like to think)! We are enthusiastic, creative, passionate, opinionated, and downright flamboyant! We do our share to keep the quilting stores in business. Our friends will tell you that we're crazy but they like us this way. So keep your eyes peeled at the fabric store this month! Playing "Spot the Gemini" can be an extremely entertaining game! See you on second Saturday!

Barb

Whew! Summer's here! The teachers among us usually spend the end of school and beginning of summer wondering "Did I do enough to prepare my students for the coming year?". I also find myself wondering about "doing enough" from a quilting perspective. So today I've decided to mesh the two together and give you an English literature/quilting lesson.

John Milton, the great 17th century English poet, became blind at the age of 43. A very religious man, Milton wrote some wonderful poems about how we squander the time and talent that the good Lord gives us. In "When I Consider How My Light Is Spent", he worried about having to answer to the Almighty for how he had spent the talents with which he had been blessed. He spoke of the "talent which is death to hide, Lodged . . . useless" inside him. In an age without typewriters, computers, or voice recorders, he still managed to find a way to release his gift for poetry.

We, as quilters, have also been given talents that need to be put to fruitful use. It's easy to say "I don't have time to work on quilts for other people" or "I have too many UFOs to finish before I can start something else!" Many of us are stingy with our time. We want to work on our own projects. But John Milton has got me thinking.

I don't want to wind up with a final tally sheet that says I was stingy and uncharitable with the talent the Lord gave me. It's easy to give things to your family and friends but to give of your stash just because someone you didn't really know needed it – that is true charity.

The idea is to be generous with your time, talent, and stash. There are a variety of ways that you can use your talent and help our guild at the same time. Donate some time to help the Quilt Project Committee (QPC) or the Quilt Project Finishing Committee (QPFC). Make a Bright Hopes quilt or Linus Quilt. Volunteer to serve in some guild position that needs filling. Look around you! The opportunities are endless to make a difference in our guild, our city, and our world.

This is not a TOTALLY selfless act. In the process, you will be clearing out some fabric from your overflowing stash, practicing your quilting techniques, and polishing your halo. (As a Catholic, I'm hoping there's a plenary indulgence involved!) See you on second Tuesday.

Barb Shrout

Dear Texas Quilt Guilds,

The Texas Quilt Museum has opened a call for entries into a special exhibit that will be hung in the Museum in 2020. "Texas Grand Masters" will focus on the work of quilters age 75 and over. You can find information and the entry form on our homepage at www.texasquiltmuseum.org.

We are also open for entries into our bird-themed exhibit, "Flying High," and you'll find information there as well.

Please pass along to your Guild members who might want to submit their work for consideration. Thank you!

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Dear GSAQG Bees:

The Guild has not had an accurate list of GSAQG bees in some time. It has been a challenge to try to contact every bee. Some have disbanded, new ones have been created, dates/times change, contact information has changed.

Let’s change that in 2020! Please EVERY bee fill out the form below, email it, or mail it (I am in the Directory) to me as soon as possible. We want this information to be accurate.

Thank you! Charlene B. Carroll; GSAQG Bee Keeper

GSAQG BEES

Charlene B. Carroll – Bee Keeper

E-mail: charquilter@gmail.com

Text: 210-325-6870 (identify yourself)

NAME OF BEE: _____

- AVAILABILITY:**
- OPEN
 - CLOSED
 - NEED MEMBERS

DATES WHEN MEET: _____

TIMES WHEN MEET: _____

LOCATION (If residence, homeowner): _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION (Preferred method of contact: please check either e-mail or telephone, or both):

Mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Looking Forward to: Quilt Show 2021

Janet Miller did an *incredible* job on the 2019 Quilt Show. As 2021 Quilt Show Chair, I have big shoes to fill.

2021 Theme: "Quilts Around The Block." Think of house quilts, medallion quilts, quilts with community, quilts made by your neighborhood bees, and more.

2021 is also going to celebrate our guild's 40th year! Yes. 40 Years. **The Ruby Anniversary.** Look for a special project to commemorate our group coming soon.

We do not currently have a firm location or date for the show, just know that it is 2 years away. We do have a few committees in place for planning, and I'd love your help. The show is an incredible fundraiser, and it really does take a small army of quilters to organize it. Please, please, please consider helping out. Vacancies need chair-people and existing committees could always use extra help. Email me at jen.eskridge@gmail.com

Check out this list below:

Vacant:

- Co-Chair
- Publicity
- Raffle Quilt
- Ruby Anniversary Coordinator
- Workshops (possibility)
- Special Exhibit Coordinator (possibility)
- Featured Quilter (possibility)
- Bus Trip Liaison (possibility)

Additional areas that have a chair, but need additional help:

- Vendor Coordinator/Sponsorship - Ida Blankenship
- Judges - De LaClaire
- Volunteers - Beverly Taft
- Data and Show Floor Organizing/Data Entry Program - Holly Nelson
- Boutique - Jeannette Jay
- Appraisals - Glenda Harris
- Hospitality - Linda Maldonado
- Demo Stage Schedule for free classes on the stage - Sandra
- Quilt Check In and Out - Dea Jae Shore
- Quilt In - Linda Nash
- Silent Auction at Show - Suellis Moore
- Challenge Fabric Sales - Candy Reinhard
- Treasurer - Cindy S
- Story Book - Linda Kirk
- Memorial Quilt - Lisetta Ennis
- Awards Ceremony - Dea Jae Shore

Fall is on the way! WAHOO! Time to sign up for Winter Retreat or October's mini retreat and get some serious quilting done OR grab a couple of friends and shop hop 'til you drop! Each requires a sacrificial offering from the checking account. So choose wisely, young grasshopper! (Pardon the old school TV reference.) Each option also provides the chance for fun, prizes, laughter and exhaustion PLUS the chance to make new friends and cement old relationships.

Most people don't "get it". They think quilting is about transforming a bunch of old scraps of fabric into a "blanket". Those of us who truly participate in guild activities know that it's much more. It's a chance to rub elbows with some of the finest women in the area . . . a chance to share creativity and inspire each other . . . a chance to stretch and grow . . . and (most importantly for me) a chance to laugh, eat, hug, and cry TOGETHER with friends. I can't imagine that I would feel such passion for my chosen "sport" if I were required to do it alone as a singular activity.

It is the camaraderie of my quilting sisters that keeps me addicted. Granted, it's a POSITIVE addiction (unless your husband has recently seen a sales slip from the fabric store). So, I'll look forward to visiting with you and getting my "fix" on second Saturday.

Barb ShROUT

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

Treasurer's Report

For the nine months ending September 30, 2019

	YTD Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Proposed Budget	2018 Actual
REVENUES				
Ordinary Income:				
Interest	\$ 3.49	400.00	400.00	647.00
Savings				
CD Interest				
Other income	\$ 10.00		100.00	238.00
Garage Sale	\$ 148.00			
Magazine Sales	\$ 48.15	250.00	100.00	102.00
Nametage Fines	\$ 16.25	30.00	25.00	28.00
Newsletter Postage				
Dues - Membership	\$ 5,592.40	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,396.00
Newsletter / Directory Ads	\$ 775.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,325.00
Workshops	\$ 947.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,316.00
Fund Raising:				
Quilt Show	\$ 64,589.90	59,025.00		\$ 650.00
Auction			16,500.00	16,327.00
Self-Sustaining:				
Retreat - Summer	\$ 12,985.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	13,010.00
Retreat - Winter	\$ 12,735.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 12,000.00	11,070.00
Mini-Retreats	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	1,400.00
Houston Bus Trip	\$ 770.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	3,640.00
Total Revenues	\$ 99,250.19	\$ 92,605.00	\$ 56,025.00	\$ 58,149.00
EXPENSES				
Administration:				
Administration	\$ 507.26	500.00	500.00	335.00
Bank & CC	\$ 682.21	800.00	800.00	881.00
Insurance	\$ 2,705.78	3,100.00	3,100.00	5,726.00
Office Supplies & Postage	\$ 415.47	500.00	500.00	158.00
CPA / Tax Return	\$ 600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Permanent Quilt collection	\$ -	25.00	25.00	
Door Prizes	\$ -	100.00	200.00	285.00
Telephone	\$ 60.31	150.00	120.00	
Storage facility	\$ 3,135.00	4,176.00	3,800.00	4,504.00
Rent (Meetings)	\$ 2,885.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	2,810.00
Rent (Workshops)	\$ 550.00	500.00	1,400.00	550.00
Membership expenses:				
Membership Supplies		100.00	50.00	
Newsletter / Directory Printing	\$ 255.00	300.00	350.00	255.00
Postage	\$ 72.00	100.00	100.00	72.00
Webpage	\$ 519.55	400.00	400.00	
Quilt Show	\$ 32,184.31	40,610.00	1,500.00	1,879.00
Auction	\$ 273.72	800.00	3,200.00	6,204.00
Community Activities:				
Bright Hopes	\$ -	500.00	500.00	476.00
Storybook Quilts	\$ 134.97	250.00	250.00	168.00
Community Education	\$ 31.34	150.00	150.00	
Quilt Angels	\$ 131.43	400.00	400.00	290.00
ITC		25.00	25.00	
Membership Services & Activities:				
Ethel Howey Grant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	480.00
Library		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
QPC	\$ 132.59	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	267.00
QPFC	\$ 99.07	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	
Video Library	\$ 43.14	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	26.00
Programs	\$ 3,564.75	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	1,587.00
Workshops	\$ 3,059.25	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	3,053.00
Self-Sustaining Activities:				
Mini-Retreats	\$ 909.11	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	1,141.00
Retreat - Summer	\$ 12,847.09	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	13,225.00
Retreat - Winter	\$ 10,049.66	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	10,543.00
Houston Bus Trip	\$ 414.40	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	3,246.00
Total Expenses	\$ 77,262.41	\$ 93,486.00	\$ 59,470.00	\$ 58,761.00
Net	\$ 21,987.78	\$ (881.00)	\$ (3,445.00)	\$ (612.00)



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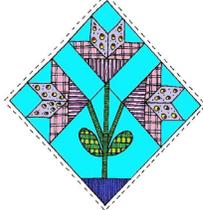
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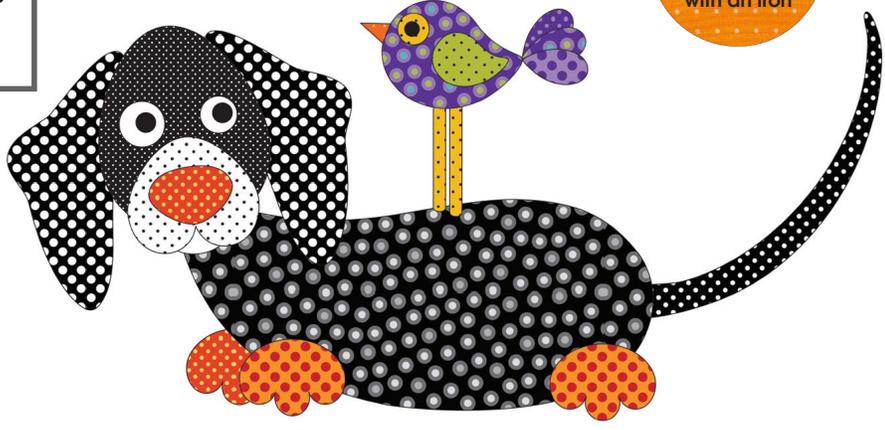
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January Schedule

January 6 Board Meeting 3:00 PM
@ Igo Library

January 11 Guild Meeting 10:00 AM
@ St. Francis Episcopal Church

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR DUES \$ 24
SENIOR (65+) \$ 18
YOUTH (6-18) \$ 6

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Term expires December 2020