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**NO APRIL
Guild
Meeting
Will Be
Held**

April Program

Stay Home!

**COVID-19
is not invited!**

Remember to
bring to the
meeting

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

President's Letter

Quilting in the time of Covid-19.... Will your sewing room be empty soon? All those UFOs finally finished? Every scrap of fabric used and spool of thread emptied? Magazines, books and patterns catalogued properly?

I hope everyone is keeping well until we can safely meet again, whenever that might be. The board has been convening online in an effort to keep things rolling. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about workshops, retreats, and other guild activities.

If you are part of a bee, see if using an online service could keep you together and be sure to check in on each other regularly. Telephone and email fellow guild members to be sure they are safe and to break the monotony of quarantine. Share photos of all those quilts you've been working on for weeks.

Whenever a meeting can be held at Covenant Presbyterian again there will be an e-blast and a notice on our webpage. Until then –

Sew, sew, sew - - - Mary



**GSAQG Live Auction
September 19, 2020
Leon Valley Community Center
6427 Evers Rd, San Antonio, TX, 78238**

**Silent Auction and Boutique: 9:00 AM- 12:00PM
Live Auction: 1:00PM-5:00PM**

Auction: Jean Hardies lhardies@gmail.com
phone 210-885-0015

Thank all of you who have made and are making quilts for this year's auction.

I am asking that all of you to hold on to them for now because of Covid and keeping safe. Please email me if you have a finished a quilt for donation. If you can include a picture and dimensions in the email, that would be very helpful. Please also email me if you have a quilt in progress and let me know if you think you will be able to have it finished by August.

Once again, the committee thanks you for your efforts and helping us to get an idea of the number of quilts that have been created for donation.

GSAQG Board & General Meetings were canceled due to COVID-19.

No minutes submitted.

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

**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



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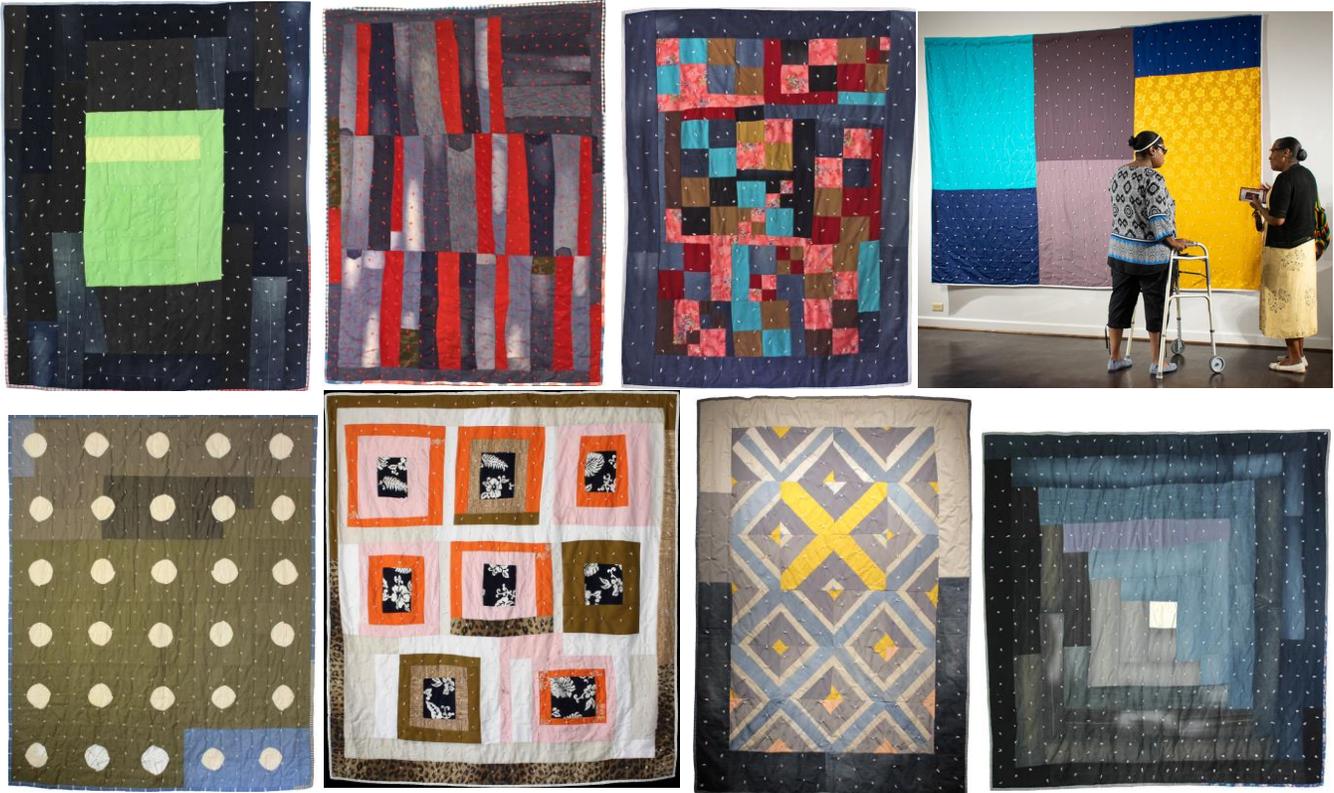
Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think...

4.2020 Pieces of the Past, 120: **Eviction Quilts**, by Ellen Hernandez

When not at work as the Director of Communications for the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas, James Matthews of Little Rock enjoys photographing his neighborhoods as a documentary artist. In 2015, after noticing several piles of household articles left from a family's eviction, he decided to pick up some of the items and set up a display at a local library to humanize the event. He also decided to make a quilt out of some of the bedding fabrics and clothing to display as well.

No one in his family made quilts but Matthews credits his interest in quilts from studying folklore at UNC. He went on to make eight more quilts, backed, filled, and tied, each one representing items from one eviction in Little Rock.

Items include hospital scrubs, a bathing suit, a satin nightgown, pillowcases. The quilts are named after the street where the eviction occurred. He sees his eviction quilts as the loss of home, stability, history, and tradition. In tragedy comes beauty.



Matthews does not have a plan for the quilts, but does not want to profit from someone else's tragedy. He would prefer that the collection be displayed with the context of eviction to begin a conversation and increase understanding. Without that back story, the quilts lose their point.

The bold colored Green Medallion quilt won honorable mention in 2018 at the Arkansas Arts Center's Annual Delta Exhibition. In June 2019 the quilts were exhibited at the Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas to raise awareness about eviction. All nine quilts will be displayed at the Historic Arkansas Museum in Little Rock in the summer of 2020 as part of a three person show.

Quilt AUCTION

Auction 2020 - Sept. 12, at Leon Valley Community Center
Jean Hardies, Chairwoman. 210-694-4707

During this stay-at-home time, we can plan for it, even with the pause. Thinking positively, it will happen and we must be ready for it. The Auction is our only fundraiser for this year. So what can you do during this special hiatus?

- **Finish Projects** bags for GSAQG projects. They might contain quilts that you planned to do, for the QPC, QPFC, AUCTION, or SHOW. Finish them, to be ready when our guild meetings resume. You could also send an email to the chairwoman to confirm that you have said project. All the committees have projects out; the new orange bags are eye-catching, but there may be kits out older than those from last fall.
- **Plan on donating a quilt** to the Auction. It might be just an idea now, or it might be an older project that needs to be finished; but the Auction will need lots of help to be ready for September.
- **Set aside smaller quilts and gift items** for the silent auction or boutique. The dollar sum we get from these is substantial.
- **Make a list** of your friends and relatives that you would like to have attend our auction. Later when we are more certain, they can be contacted to encourage their attendance and participation. Every auction needs more people who are outside our member circles. (At several auctions, some member's mother was a good "customer.") Add to this list possible ways and places where we can advertise the auction. It's helpful be thinking of these possibilities now.
- **Mark your calendar now**, to be sure you plan to be there. At the next meeting, Jean Hardies, Auction Chair, will have a sign-up chart to plan for the tasks needed.
- If you need a project, please call Jean. We have several just waiting for your time.

New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild

QUILTFEST 2020 "A Kaleidoscope of Color"

QuiltFest 2020 "A Kaleidoscope of Color" will be held Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25, 2020 at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission is \$10 per day or \$15 for both days. Children age 10 and under are free. Judged quilt show, antique bed turning, quilts for sale, vendors, concessions available. For more information, go to www.nbquiltfest.com.



Spring Mini-Retreat

Spring mini retreat was canceled due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please be safe - Stay Home!

2020 Summer Quilt Retreat **August 9-14**
Valley Ranch Retreat
Camp Wood, Texas

We're Having a Beach Party!!!

I hope everyone is well and staying safe during these unprecedented times. I want to let you know that due to the current situation with Covid-19, we made a decision to postpone Summer Retreat. A June retreat is at risk if the stay at home/social distancing orders are extended. Even if orders are lifted by May, many might still be uncomfortable being away from home or attending retreat in June. Our revised summer retreat dates are Sun August 9- Fri Aug 14. I'll reach out to everyone who has signed up. *Those unable to attend on the new retreat dates will get a full refund.*

Those currently signed up should look for an email from me soon with more details. The cost is \$440.00. To register for summer retreat, a \$50 deposit AND your completed Information Sheet must be turned in to be entered on the Retreat Roster. The Information Sheet is posted on the Website: <http://www.sanantonioquilt.org/pages/SummerRetreat.html>

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.

Hello,

Our world is currently taking thousands if not millions of precautionary measures to keep the immunocompromised safe from COVID-19. My name is Jenna DeCastro and I am reaching out to you on behalf of my Keystone care family. We are network of 65 nursing taking care over 7,000 residents every day in Texas. My current administrator, Joshua Every, worked for a Quilt thread company for over 10 years and could not think of a group of people better equipped than the Quilt Guild community to help us. There is currently a high demand for facemasks that can be used to not only protect the staff, but our residents as well. I am hoping to reach out to you and your Guild Members to see if you could use some of your fabric stash and your sewing and quilting skills to make facemasks to help with COVID-19 preventions. We are asking this as a volunteer service to help us protect the community. I have attached both a copy of the pattern taken from Deaconess.com that provides a pattern and video tutorial. Thank you and we appreciate all you can do for us.

Please reach out to me preferably by email: jendecastro@ensignservices.net OR call at (210) 545-4800 and ask for Jenna Decastro. If I am not available, please leave a message with the receptionist so I can get back to you ASAP.

GSAQG AUCTION

Special Event- a continuing project normally sponsored by the guild. (As determined after a discussion by our board in Dec. 2006.)

Under the purview of 1st V.P. vs. Outside event sponsored by someone or group outside the guild, under the Community Outreach Committee. 5th V.P.

Ruth Felty wrote in September, 2006:

“For 23 years our Greater San Antonio Guild had three major events: 2 for the public and 1 fundraiser. The quilt show and the style show were set up on alternating years to exhibit our skill in quilt making. The annual AUCTION served as a fundraiser. Over the years, a lack of participation and rising restaurant costs made it necessary to change the style show format from a luncheon to a guild program. The quilt show continues to stimulate interest and generate revenue.”

At the Sept. meeting in 2006 the guild members voted on a paper ballot to have the Auction in even numbered years only. And the style show by then had become a guild program presentation.

AUCTION CHAIRWOMEN

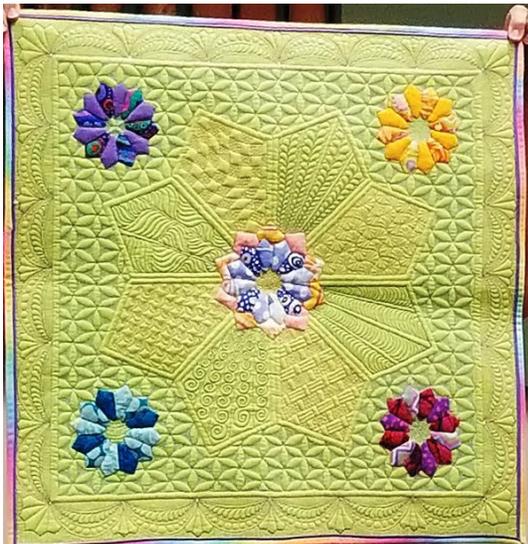
1998- Betty Opiela	UUMC	June
1999- Betty Opiela & Bernie Farris	St. John's Church	June
2000- Bernie Farris	Harvest Fellowship Church	June 10 7200
2001- Jean Powell	Leon Valley Community Center	June 30 - No Guild meeting
2002- Renee Bradley	Leon Valley Community Center	June 29
2003- Terri Ryan	Leon Valley Community Center	June 28
2004- Renee Bradley & Kit Ryan	Leon Valley Community Center	June 26 7000
2005- Holly Nelson	Leon Valley Community Center	June 25 2400
2006- Bobbie Ashley	Leon Valley Community Center	June 24 !!same time as retreat!
2008- Lori Branson	Oak Hills Country Club	Sept. 27 w. Luncheon
2010- Lori Branson	Oak Hills Country Club	Oct. 2 w. Luncheon
2012- Ellen Hernandez	Oak Hills Country Club 6200	Oct.6 w. Luncheon
2014- Linda Ethridge	La Quinta @ Callahagn 10,900	Sept. 27 w.Luncheon
2016- Mary McCarthy	La Quinta @ Callahagn 8000	Sept. 17 w. \$5 tickets
for all		
2018- Jean Hardies	La Quinta @ Callahagn	Sept. 15 Tickets FREE
2020- Jean Hardies	Leon Valley Community Center	Sept. 19

- To be the main fund-raiser, the auction was kind of “taken for-granted.” Not much focus on it in the meetings or in the newsletters. Recognition of the auction chair was not often mentioned. Board minutes show that rarely was the calico rose given to her. (or else it was not reported as such.)
- Entry/attendance to Auction was free, with luncheon being added later, to attract viewers to be-longed to the “country club” set of people, hoping to sell more. Ticket Sales began in 2016.
- Bee groups were encouraged, even “expected” to make a group quilt for the auction.
- Quilt tops were accepted and sold, the records do not show how many or what \$\$ they sold for. Boutique items were added, then silent auction donations.
- Joey, our real, live auctioneer has been doing it for us for many years.
- Participation by members for items and the event work done has been and still is the highlight of the auction.

- Attendance of outside people who are willing to buy quilts at “market” values is still the most needed thing about this event. How to reach quilt buyers is still our goal.
- We are our own best customers...we love the quilts and love to own more of them. And we appreciate the beauty of our guild’s works.

Compilation from Archived GSAQG newsletters, 2018

Ida Blankenship Kujawski



Two opportunities for sewists to sew fabric face masks for interested guild members:

1. There is a Facebook group call Sewing Face Masks in San Antonio. They have a link to a You Tube video for making a mask. The Sew Special Quilt Shop has agreed to be a drop off point. These masks go to University hospital.

2. Christus hospital has also expressed a need for masks. My contact is JoAnn King in the public relations office at their children’s hospital. I can be the point man for this hospital if needed. They have 3 adult hospitals in town and one in New Braunfels, with 1000 Doctors and medical staff.

I would recommend that if you are sick from anything, please do NOT participate. No germ sharing.

FYI: Joann’s has a free mask pattern on their website also. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgHrnS6n4iA>

Here are some other links with facemasks with ties if you don’t have elastic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCJcE-r7kcg>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRdpEqwuF_0

<http://www.joscountryjunction.com/mask-update/>



Christ Fellowship United Methodist Church wants to host a quilt bee. Besides tables, the church is also providing extension cords and power strips. The details are

4th Fridays 10am - noon,
CFUMC

10915 Shaenfield (across from Ward Elementary) Northwest San Antonio, close to Alamo Ranch

Starting Friday March 27

See Sandra Lowell for other questions

Garment sewing anyone? A bag of semi-completed sweat shirts have been donated and are waiting for a guild member to finish them. The completed shirts will be given to a guild charity.

For more information, contact Janet Sullivan, 210-287-4312.

So, like many of you, I am making cotton facemasks for different groups, including my own family. There is now a Facebook group "Sewing Face Masks for San Antonio" that is organizing drop off points and requests. I've now made about 100.

I am also working on a SQUIRREL CLUB project. The Squirrel Club was coined after the behavior of the dog DUG in the movie UP. He would shout SQUIRREL and go chasing it, and forget what he was doing. So, for us quilt folks, this is when you stop working on your current project and start a completely new one because it looks interesting and fun. I usually have at least one squirrel club project every year. Last year I made notebook covers for those small lab notebooks. LOTS of them.

Curiously, I have not worked on my stash buster blocks. Maybe I will get back to them after facemasks. If you have been sewing or quilting, and not just watching TV, good for you! You deserve a gold star for making good use of your time. (I wonder where I put those after I retired.)

Sandra Lowell

TIMESo Little? or So much?

By Ida B

How many times have you thought "So much to do....So little time? Or was it So Much Fabric...so Little Time? Maybe now it's Too Much TIME. For most quilters, more time at home is not likely a problem. How they think about it, though, might be where the adjustment is needed. I've been thinking of this and what we've learned through the years about using time wisely. These ideas may not be different from your thoughts, but perhaps there's a nugget here for you. Lists are helpful: What to do daily. Weekly. Things needed. Foods in the freezer. Also Quilts to Finish. Projects to finish and so on to your personal lists. Keeping these lists on colored paper or on a special app is helpful for updating. Try making a list of Things you can DO in 5 minutes; 15 minutes, 30 minutes, and 60 minutes.

I was surprised that it only takes 15 minutes to dust, then vacuum a room. (not deep cleaning, but enough for weekly.) I can stitch 3 nine-patch blocks in 15 mins. Professionals advise us to break up big tasks into small segments. Another useful list for me in time segments is "What brings me JOY?"--in 5, 15, 30 min. segments? Or more? What things can I do also? Two things at the same time?

Quilting projects have become my special focus. I hope to use this special time to finish some of those that were already begun. I really want to do them. First out was a "Plaid Cats" quilt begun with a block swap on AOL in 1995. We actually slept under it last week! Then I worked on a Friendship Quilt from the Midland, TX quilt guild in 1996; I have it ready to quilt. There are lots of UFOs on my list some of those are round-robin projects done with many of you in this guild.

Then there are GSAQG projects...especially those for the upcoming Auction. There's a large quilt for that on the quilting frame now. See the article about the Auction for more ideas.

So for me, even staying home more, there are: "So many quilts to finish, So Little TIME !!"

From the Quilts Project Committee (QPC)...

We've got a few new ideas in the brewer. In the meantime, our current blocks are:



Holiday Stars



Layers of Fun



Snowball 4-Patch



San Antonio Sue

- The **Holiday Stars** block offers an opportunity to match points with using a folding technique to add dimension to the block. Looking for a new technique with a bit of challenge...this block is for you!
- The **Layers of Fun** block goes together easily. This pieced block complements an alternative block to make an awesome quilt. It is like its title...fun to make.
- The **Snowball 4-Patch** has colorful, fun prints. It is a sew-cut-sway-sew again block. Has easy to follow instructions.
- **San Antonio Sue** block is an applique challenge. You are provided a blank canvas and can use any applique technique you prefer. We have stabilizer and precut "Sues" at the QPC table if you are interested. We do ask you not add any hard material such as buttons or metal trim to allow for longarm quilting. Due to a later rollout than planned the April deadline will be extended.

If you have any questions, or need assistance on any of these blocks, please stop by the QPC table at the guild meeting.

May is normally our workday. Hopefully, COVID-19 will lose interest in our city so we can enjoy meeting together and putting together a quilt for the Auction. We plan on offering 2 quilts for members to complete. Stop by the QPC table and sign up for workday. This assists with planning, i.e., number of plug ins required for sewing machines, tables, chairs, and most of all lunch!!!

Until then...Happy Stitching!!! 😊

Here is a Pinterest Pin submitted by a member: <https://pin.it/gAY5O3x>

Looking Forward to: Quilt Show 2021

Thank you to all the members who volunteered and have made quilt blocks for the raffle quilt. Many of you have been asking how to turn in the blocks, since we aren't having our regular guild meetings. Karen Lamdin has placed a labeled box on her front porch where you can turn them in, and still maintain safety protocols. Blocks can be mailed to her address if you prefer. Please include your name when turning in any blocks so that Karen can mark you off the list. And a reminder; please leave the paper attached to the sewn block(s) to help keep them stable. If you have any concerns or difficulties turning in your block(s) please refer to the contact information that was included in your block packet. Once again, thank you to everyone for your support, efforts and patience as we try to adjust to this ever changing situation. More quilt show details will be shared in the future. Stay safe everyone!

Jen Eskridge

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

Treasurer's Report

For the Three months ending March 31, 2020

	YTD Actual	2020 Budget
REVENUES		
Ordinary Income:		
Interest	\$0.89	400.00
CD Interest		
Other income		
Garage Sale	\$160.00	
Magazine Sales		50.00
Nametag Fines	\$4.00	25.00
Newsletter Postage	\$30.00	
Dues - Membership	\$1,362.00	5,500.00
Newsletter / Directory Ads	\$135.00	1,400.00
Workshops	\$380.00	3,000.00
Fund Raising:		
Quilt Show		
Auction		16,500.00
Self-Sustaining:		
Retreat - Summer	\$3,260.00	\$13,000.00
Retreat - Winter	\$1,200.00	\$12,000.00
Mini-Retreats	\$30.00	\$1,000.00
Houston Bus Trip		\$3,000.00
Total Revenues	\$6,561.89	\$55,875.00
EXPENSES		
Administration:		
Administration		500.00
Bank & CC	\$61.33	800.00
Insurance	\$1,602.00	3,100.00
Office Supplies & Postage		500.00
CPA / Tax Return		600.00
Permanent Quilt collection		25.00
Door Prizes		200.00
Telephone	\$19.99	120.00
Storage facility	\$578.00	4,900.00
Rent (Meetings)	\$535.00	3,600.00
Rent (Workshops)		1,400.00
Janitorial	\$200.00	
Membership expenses:		
Membership Supplies		50.00
Newsletter / Directory Printing		350.00
Postage		100.00
Webpage		400.00

Quilt Show

\$80.00

1,500.00

Auction

\$341.35

3,200.00

Community Activities:

Bright Hopes	\$94.09	500.00
Storybook Quilts		250.00
Community Education		150.00
Quilt Angels		400.00
ITC		25.00

Membership Services & Activities:

Ethel Howey Grant		\$1,000.00
Library		\$200.00
QPC		\$275.00
QPFC	\$21.65	\$275.00
Video Library		\$150.00
Programs	\$989.20	\$5,000.00
Workshops	\$650.00	\$3,000.00

Self-Sustaining Activities:

Mini-Retreats	\$140.00	\$1,000.00
Retreat - Summer		\$13,000.00
Retreat - Winter	\$7,647.00	\$11,000.00
Houston Bus Trip		\$3,000.00

Total Expenses

\$12,959.61

\$60,570.00

Net

\$(6,397.72)

\$(4,695.00)

Ending Jefferson Operating

\$20,787.49

[2015 Technology Fund Inc]

\$(472.66)

Ending Jefferson Savings

\$3,110.87

SSFCU CD's & Savings

\$32,048.09

SSFCU Wright Class CD

\$12,144.86

Total Guild Funds

\$67,618.65

Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer



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



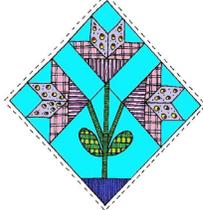
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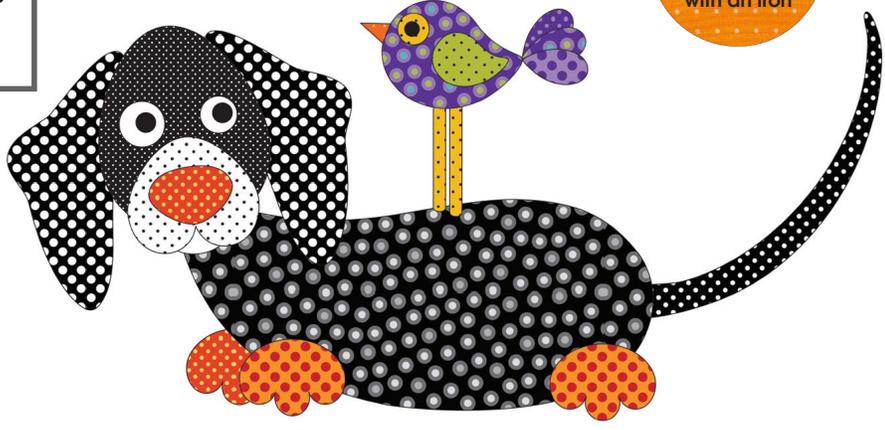
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April Schedule

April 6 Board Meeting 7:00 PM
on Zoom

April 18 Guild Meeting CANCELED
@ Covenant Presbyterian 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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