

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.

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www.sanantonioquilt.org
210-984-6149

December 9th Guild Meeting

10:00 am - Doors Open
10:00 am - Secret Pals Meeting
11:00 am - Christmas Get Together
Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church
8231 Callaghan Rd,
San Antonio, TX 78230

NO Business Meeting

Secret Pals at 10 am

Christmas Cookies Party at 11 am

Remember to bring:

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

President's Letter

Some business meetings are all work, but not ours! Outgoing 3rd VP Sandra Lowell planned a spectacular activity for us. Panel Palooza drew 22 beautiful entries. Thank you to all who accepted the challenge and made it so special. Congratulations to our winners: Deborah Woodward in first place, Laurel Spencer in second place, and Bernie Farris in third.

Janet Miller, chair of Community Quilt Angels, presented beautiful patriotic quilts to three of our members who have served in the armed forces. This year's recipients were Laura Pacha, Kathleen McClendon, and Brenda Young. The presentation was especially moving because our meeting fell on November 11, Veterans Day.

My Christmas tree is already up! To be honest, it currently has only two ornaments. The first is a glass chili ristra that escaped our detection when we put the tree away last year. The second is a black glass Egyptian cat that was just given to me. In other words, all we have done is bring the tree in from the garage and add one item. By the time the newsletter is published, though, it will be covered with sparkling ornaments.

I hope to see you all at our December meeting on the 9th. We'll have no business or services, but there will be plenty of cookies and fun. Secret Pal participants will meet at 10 a.m. for the gift exchange, and all other members are welcome at 11 a.m. Bottled water will be provided. Bring your own beverage if desired. Board members will provide cookies. If you bake a favorite Christmas cookie I hope you will bring some to share. Bring your Secret Pal information form if you haven't already turned it in. You won't want to miss out on the fun in 2024!

Elaine

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!



Golden Carrot & Door Prize
Nancy & Bernie

2024 Programs

December

December 9 - No business meeting.
Secret Sewing Pals Christmas get together,
then Guild Cookie Party.

January

January 13 - Biggie Bag Challenge
Speaker to be announced

February

February 10 - Speaker to be announced

March

March 10 - Karen Miller, Aurofill
Friday free motion quilting on a panel class
Saturday lecture and trunk show.

Mary McCarthy

WINTER RETREAT 2024

In need of some cooler weather? If so, come
join us at Winter Retreat!

January 25-28, 2024
Newks Tennis Ranch, New Braunfels

Thursday - Sunday \$350
Friday - Sunday \$260
Final winter retreat payment is due at
November Guild meeting.

If you would like to be added to the wait list,
see Melissa Allo.

Questions? Email Melissa at melissa_777@earthlink.net or call 210-387-6495!

Secret Pals 2023 participants
will exchange their final
gifts at 10 am on Saturday,
December 9, just prior to the
guild cookie party. There will
be forms available for the
2024 round.

I have a question and one of the shops here
in San Antonio told me to reach out to you. My
mother started a T-shirt quilt after my dad passed
away. Two days ago, she was diagnosed with
pancreatic cancer and the one thing she asked
of me was to get the quilt finished. I believe it is
basted and maybe stitched in the middle, is there
anyone you can recommend who could complete
the quilt in a quick manner? My phone number is
210-269-9240.

Thank you, Tricia

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

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

GSAQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2023

President Elaine Staller called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present: Elaine Staller, Dea Jae Shore, Melissa Allo, Cindy Shutt, Sandy Doyle, Sandra Lowell, Jean Hardies, Ina Ramirez, Mary McCarthy, Gail Clover.
Guests: Ida Kujawski

President – Elaine Staller –

1. October Board Meeting Minutes were approved as written.
2. Calico Roses and Buds will be awarded to Linda Kirk and Jackie Randall for work on Mini Retreat.
3. Two Tips of the Month have been submitted.

President Pro Tem – Dea Jae Shore –
No report.

Secretary – Melissa Allo –

1. One phone call received.

Treasurer – Cindy Shutt

1. The balance in all accounts as of October 31st is \$79,196.32

1st VP for Special Events – Sandra Doyle

1. Mini Retreat had 24 attendees. Great food and fellowship occurred.
2. Winter Retreat – January 25-28th, 2024 4 days - \$350, 3 days \$260. Newks Tennis Ranch, New Braunfels. Wait list available. See Melissa Allo
3. 2023 Quilt Show Raffle Quilt winner was Maureen Christian. Still waiting for delivery information.
4. 2025 Quilt Show Chair will be Melissa Allo.
5. Auction 2024 – In person Auction does not have a Chair. Ida Kujawski and her committee have been researching online auction options.

2nd VP for Information – Ina Ramirez –

1. Newsletter review to be sent out Tuesday.
2. Ina will not be present at November

meeting.

3rd VP for Special Programs – Sandra Lowell

1. November – Business meeting, Veterans Quilts presented, Panelpalooza showcase.
2. December – Bingo and fellowship
3. Concerns were brought up that a majority of meeting attendees are leaving before the speaker presents. Suggestions needed to help discourage this and show support for the teachers we bring in.

4th VP for Services – Jean Hardies

1. Bee Keeper is needed.
2. List of library books published before 2000 is due to Jean by 2/1/24.

5th VP for Community Outreach – Mary McCarthy

1. Position of Community Education Committee chair is open.

Parliamentarian – Gail Clover –

1. Officer nominations will be taken from the floor in November.

Unfinished Business:

- Policies and General Information will be looked at and revised in February 2024.
- Ida Kujawski presented ad hoc committee findings for online auction opportunities.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned: 8:19 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Melissa Allo, Secretary



BUSY FINGERS WORKSHOP

JEANNETTE JAY - BAGINEER
BAG MAKING CLASSES IN MY HOME STUDIO

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[etsy.com/shop/busyfingersworkshop](https://www.etsy.com/shop/busyfingersworkshop)

GSAQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 11, 2023

President – Elaine Staller – President

1. Elaine Staller called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. October General Meeting Minutes were approved as published..
3. Visitors were introduced.
4. Officer candidates were introduced and there were no nominations from the floor. Slate of officers approved by acclamation.
5. A Calico Rose was presented to Linda Kirk and a Calico Bud was presented to Jackie Randall for their work on the Mini Retreat.

President Pro Tem – Dea Jae Shore –

1. If you are not receiving the newsletter please see Dea Jae Shore to verify your email address.

Secretary – Melissa Allo –

1. One phone call received asking for help getting information about their grandmother's quilt.
2. Elaine Staller received 1 phone call from Valerie Arcement about selling a hand made quilting frame.
3. Mary McCarthy will be running Secret Pals for 2024.

Treasurer – Cindy Shutt

1. The balance in all accounts as of October 31st is \$79,196.32.
2. The 2024 Budget was presented and discussed. Motion was made by Jeanette Jay to accept. Membership voted and approved the Budget as printed.

1st VP for Special Events – Sandra Doyle

1. Mini Retreat had 24 attendees. Great food and fellowship occurred.
2. Winter Retreat – January 25-28th, 2024 4 days - \$350, 3 days \$260. Newks Tennis Ranch, New Braunfels. Wait list available. See Melissa Allo.
3. Auction 2024 – In person Auction does not have a Chair. Ida Kujawski presented her committee's findings on online auctions.
4. Spring Mini Retreat – tentative dates are March 22-23, 2024.
5. 2025 Quilt Show Chair will be Melissa Allo.

2nd VP for Information – Ina Ramirez – report sent

1. Ina asks that if you send a picture in for the newsletter, please provide a small blurb about

it.

2. Please use 12 point Calibri type face font for any items sent for the newsletter.
3. There is a need for an IT person to take over in 2024.

3rd VP for Special Programs – Sandra Lowell

1. 40 challenge blocks were won by Cathy Wallace. Next block will be due in January.
2. November – Business meeting, Veterans Quilts presented, Panel Palooza showcase.
3. Biggie Bag Challenge was introduced. Signups start today in order to get an estimate of the number of bags to make.
4. December – Secret Pal Reveal will start at 10 am. Holiday Party for all will begin at 11 am.
5. Programs set through July 2024.

4th VP for Services – Jean Hardies

1. Ida Kujawski volunteered to serve as Bee Keeper.
2. Door prize: Nancy Beasely; Golden Carrot: Bernie Farris.
3. Ida Kujawski and Gail Clover volunteered to join library committee.
4. List of library's books published before 2000 is due to Jean Hardies by 2/1/24.

5th VP for Community Outreach – Mary McCarthy

1. Bright Hopes, Linda Nash – nothing to report.
2. Education Committee, Oralia Aves – nothing to report.
3. Storybook Quilts, Viki Ash – nothing to report.
4. Community Quilt Angels, Janet Miller - nothing to report.

Parliamentarian – Gail Clover – nothing to report.

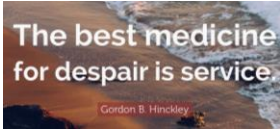
Unfinished Business:

- Ida Kujawski reported findings of the ad hoc committee report on online auction opportunities.

New Business: Survey of members' interests and skills will be coming.

Meeting adjourned: 11:03 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Allo, Secretary.

12.2023 Pieces of the Past, 163: **19 Quilts for Natalie**, by Ellen Hernandez

An expression for the current global trying times could be *'World on Fire'* – like the name of a recent WWII PBS series. With the changing of seasons, fall and winter usher in many cultural events and traditions that embrace the **hope of peaceful gatherings**. May you find a way to feel peaceful in periods of unrest, and perhaps take inspiration from these stories about how two women turned their grief into comfort for others. A quilt is a great *comforter*. Interestingly, scientists recognize that making a quilt is also beneficial for the quilter.

Kelly Lambert, PH.D. is a professor of behavioral neuroscience at the University of Richmond. She states that hand movements and thought processes made while quilting, painting, knitting, and crafting trigger our brains to release dopamine and serotonin, the feel happy neurotransmitters. The repetitive motions of crafting also lower levels of stress-inducing cortisol.



Audrey Matthews, an oncology nurse, had been living in Salt Lake City for 25 years. Her husband's work required a relocation to a small desert Utah town many miles away. Audrey had recently learned to quilt and was enjoying her new sewing machine and trying different patterns. One night in 2014 Audrey and 19-year-old daughter, Natalie, were involved in a car accident. Natalie swerved to avoid hitting another car and a deer. Their car flipped and Natalie was killed instantly.

Due to the emotional trauma, Audrey did not go back to work. She decided to make quilts for Natalie's grieving friends and family members, about 19. Her go-to pattern was a heart with a missing piece. The number of friends that had been touched by Natalie kept growing and Audrey ended up making 100 quilts. Audrey eventually started a non-profit, *19 Quilts for Natalie*, assisted by volunteers to make quilts for other grieving mothers. Additionally, chemo quilts have been donated to two hospitals every year on Natalie's February birthday and her July death anniversary. Donations are used to buy fabric, batting, thread, and shipping supplies. Quilt tops and finished quilts for infants through twin size are accepted. www.19quiltsfornatalie.com



Sherri Lynn Wood is a modern quilt artist and author with a Master's Degree in Theology. After making quilts from her mother's and grandmothers' clothing in 2003 she started helping others experiencing grief. To make a quilt, clothes of the deceased are put together without a pattern or ruler, a project even non-quilters are able to complete. Wood calls her process *Passage Quilting* and she provides consultation, workshops, and commissions.

www.sherrilynnwood.com



Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild				YTD Actual	2023 Budget
Treasurer's Report			Storage facility	\$3,451.00	4,000.00
For the Ten Months ending October 31, 2023			Rent (Meetings)	\$2,435.00	3,360.00
	YTD Actual	2023 Budget	Rent (Workshops)	\$125.00	500.00
REVENUES			Janitorial	\$200.00	600.00
Ordinary Income:			Quilt Stand	\$76.99	
Interest	\$12.78	200.00	Membership expenses:		
CD Interest	\$577.40		Membership Supplies	\$21.00	50.00
Other income			Stationery Purchase	\$300.91	350.00
Garage Sale	\$190.50		Newsletter / Directory Printing	\$170.00	200.00
Stationery Sales	\$160.00		Newsletter Prize	\$25.00	
Magazine Sales	\$94.00		Postage	\$23.37	50.00
Nametage Fines	\$15.70		Zoom Subscription	\$160.02	160.00
Newsletter Postage	\$30.00		Webpage		280.00
Dues - Membership	\$4,603.50	3,000.00	Quilt Show	\$34,419.72	41,970.00
Newsletter / Directory Ads	\$225.00	250.00	Auction		0.00
Boot Block Challenge	\$101.26		Community Activities:		
Workshops	\$880.00	1,100.00	Bright Hopes	\$448.65	901.26
Fund Raising:			Storybook Quilts		250.00
Quilt Show	\$53,921.00	51,480.00	Community Education		150.00
Auction		0.00	Programs	\$1,909.63	\$2,500.00
Self-Sustaining:			Workshops	\$1,920.00	\$1,000.00
Retreat - Summer	\$11,455.00	\$12,000.00	Self-Sustaining Activities:		
Retreat - Winter	\$13,235.00	\$12,000.00	Mini-Retreats	\$845.14	\$1,000.00
Mini-Retreats	\$1,815.00	\$1,000.00	Retreat - Summer	\$11,448.02	\$12,000.00
One Time Donation	\$5.00		Retreat - Winter	\$13,235.00	\$12,000.00
Total Revenues	\$87,321.14	\$87,120.00	Total Expenses	\$74,399.16	\$87,221.26
EXPENSES			Net	\$12,921.98	\$(101.26)
Administration:			Ending Frost Operating	\$13,337.49	
Memorial Poster	\$43.50	400.00	Ending Frost Savings	\$15,005.55	
Computer Equip	\$108.24		SSFCU CD's & Savings	\$39,140.05	
Bank & CC	\$366.93	500.00	SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$11,713.23	
Insurance	\$1,544.60	2,000.00		\$79,196.32	
Office Supplies & Postage	\$166.00	200.00	Liabilities		
CPA / Tax Return	\$600.00	600.00	winter retreat funds	\$(7,810.00)	
Door Prizes		0.00	Total Guild Funds	\$71,386.32	
Telephone	\$100.44	250.00	Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer		

Zoom Information for the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild Meeting

Wendy Quilter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

When: Sat, January 13, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Where: On Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054868999?pwd=RHU1d3BMMzNlOUC9VRkhpS2VlaHJHdz09>

Meeting ID: 880 5486 8999

Passcode: 607875

**2024 GSAQG Summer Retreat
Rock Around the Block!!**

Sunday June 9 - Thursday June 13, 2024
(4 nights)
Valley Ranch Retreat & Event Center
105 Mockingbird Lane
Camp Wood, TX 78833

\$415/person

Accepting \$150 deposits at Feb 2024 Guild



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Kudos to Landa Bee!



Members of the Landa Bee, Jari O'Connor, Viki Ash, Jay Beatty, Donna Anderson, and Trish Nicolson (not pictured) made holiday mug rugs for the staff of the Landa Branch Library in appreciation of their hospitality. The Landa Bee, co-sponsored by GSAQG and the branch, meets at the library on the first Sunday of each month from 2:00 to 5:00.

Teacher Wanted

I inherited a Bernina Q20 and while I know a bit, I really need someone to help me learn about it. I have manuals but don't seem to be able to get too far. I will pay \$25 an hour to someone who will come to my home/studio and help me along. Please call or email me if you are able and interested

210-643-2128

Susie Monday
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210-643-2128
www.susiemonday.com

WALKER RANCH BEE

Come one come all, we need to get our numbers up, for the quilting group on the Third Wednesday of the month. This month will be the 15th of November, a week before Thanksgiving.

Now you know that you all have handwork to do, so if you don't want to bring machines. Or get your fabric and patterns out, and bring your cutters, and scissors, and cut the next quilt.

This will be our last meeting of the year, as we'll take December off, and begin again with a fresh start on January 17th, just in time to start our valentine sewing.

Call Shirley if you have any questions,
210-452-3801.

Rock Around the Block!

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild 35th Annual Charlotte Flesher Summer Quilt Retreat

Valley Ranch Retreat Center, Camp Wood, TX

Sunday, June 9, 2024, to Thursday, June 13, 2024.

SIGN-UP AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____ Home/Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Phone(s) _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Any medical conditions that we need to know about _____

Do you need a shower chair? YES _____ NO _____

Can you wear a MAGNETIC name tag? YES _____ NO _____

Roommate Preferences _____

Tablemate Preferences _____

The fee for the 2024 Summer Retreat is \$415/person. Deposit is \$150.
This registration form must be received along with your deposit to reserve your spot.

Participants Agreements:

- 1) Guild membership is required in order to register for summer retreat.
- 2) Full payment is due no later than our May 11, 2024 guild meeting.
- 3) **Waiting List:** No money is required from waiting list participants, but the Information Sheet *and* payment are required in order to be moved to the Roster. **Refunds:** Your slot may be filled from a priority waiting list or you must have a designated replacement participant who encumbers all required fees. In the event there is no waiting list or you have no designated participant that is paid in full, no refund will be given due to contractual responsibilities as the event is self-supporting. _____ **(Initials)**
- 4) Any person(s) creating a verbal or physical situation that leads to the disruption of or the feeling of being unsafe at a retreat will be immediately removed from the premises of the retreat.
 - a) No monetary fees for the retreat will be returned.
 - b) The person(s) in charge of such retreat has the responsibility to enforce the above and gain assistance from legal enforcement, if necessary, to maintain the safe and productive environment.
 - c) The board may reserve the option of barring the said individual(s) from attending an event for a period of time and/or removing such individuals from guild membership. _____ **(Initials)**
- 5) I understand that I am voluntarily participating in this event/ meeting. In doing so, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless GSAQG, guild officers, event chairs and co-chairs against any and all claims, suits or actions of any kind whatsoever for liability, damages, compensation or otherwise brought by me or anyone on my behalf, including attorney fees and any related costs, if litigation arises pursuant to any claims made by me or by anyone else acting on my behalf. If GSAQG, guild officers, event chairs and co-chairs incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse the amount being charged. _____ **(Initials)**

If you have questions, call/email Linda Casias at 210-381-3519 or lindacasias2021@gmail.com.

Secret Pal Information

Your Name: _____

Your Phone: _____

Your Email: _____

Name/phone of friend to contact for gift suggestions:

Name/phone of friend who can pick up your gifts for you:

Please list your Favorites!

- ◇ Colors
- ◇ Fabric line
- ◇ Quilt designer
- ◇ Quilt shop
- ◇ Quilt magazine

What would you like to receive? (Select as many as you'd like!)

- ◇ Fabric
- ◇ Thread
- ◇ Patterns
- ◇ Tools/gadgets
- ◇ Other (please specify)

Would you like fabric for a specific project? Describe

Would you like to receive blocks of a specific color, pattern, or size? If so, describe :

Choose your favorite method in each:

- Piecing: hand or machine
- Quilting: hand or machine
- Applique: hand or machine

What else would you like your pal to know about you? _____

CALICO ROSES AWARDED



Calico
Rosebuds
Awarded



CONGRATULATIONS!



Cathy Wallace - Block of the Month Winner!

Interested in Joining us for a meeting but can't seem to be able to make it in person? No worries, just go to our website: <https://www.sanantonioquilt.org/> click on the CALENDAR link in the page, then click on the ZOOM meeting link on the date of the meeting. Our Zoom person will be available 15 minutes prior to the meeting itself to let you in. Come join us and have some camaraderie via ZOOM!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

December Schedule

December 2 Board Meeting **1 PM**
at Sandy's Home
December 9
Secret Pals Unveiling **10 AM**
Christmas Cookies Gathering **11 AM**

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

Board of Directors

President	Elaine Staller
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1st Vice President	
for Special Events	Sandra Doyle
2nd Vice President	
for Information	Ina Ramirez
3rd Vice President	
for Programs	Sandra Lowell
4th Vice President	
for Services	Jean Hardies
5th Vice President for	
Community Outreach	Mary McCarthy
Secretary	Melissa Allo
Treasurer	Cindy Shutt
Parliamentarian	Gail Clover

Term expires December 2023

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR DUES	\$ 28
SENIOR (65+)	\$ 21
YOUTH (6-18)	\$ 7

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