

July
2024

Volume 46
Issue 7

Common Threads

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.
Incorporated August 1980



www.sanantonioquilt.org
210-984-6149

Next Guild Mtg
July 13, 2024

8:30am Doors Open
10am Gen Bus Mtg

Meeting Location:
St Andrew
Presbyterian Church
8231 Callaghan Rd,
San Antonio, TX
78230

Mailing address:
Greater San Antonio
Quilt Guild, Inc
P.O. Box 380522
San Antonio, TX
78268

JULY PROGRAM
GSAQG Annual
Treasure Hunt
(aka Garage Sale)
Turn the
unwanted and no
longer needed
into *your own*
treasure!

President's Letter

I'm hoping you had a safe and happy July 4th. The summer fun will continue at our July Guild meeting. Our annual Garage Sale/ Treasure Hunt is a great place to browse and pick up some quilt-related bargains in the process. There will be no free table at the July meeting.

Kevin Westmark, winner of our May challenge block of the month drawing, has already made a quilt from those blocks. He will bring it to the July meeting, where we can each draw a ticket for a chance to win the quilt! He says we're so busy doing things for others that we deserve to have something nice done for ourselves. Believe it or not, Kevin also won the June challenge block drawing. The more blocks you turn in, the greater your chance of winning. Well done, Kevin!

As most of you know, our librarian Janet Craig is still recovering from shoulder surgery. Storybook Quilts Chair Viki Ash and Treasurer Cindy Shutt have conferred with Janet and continued the work of culling our book collection during her absence. Viki, a professional librarian, has volunteered to serve as our Guild librarian. I know all of you will join me in thanking Janet for her years of service, and welcoming Viki as she assumes her new role. She will be leaving her position as Storybook Quilts chair, but she and Cindy King will continue coordinating the Monthly Challenge Block Project. Please contact Viki if you are interested in learning more about Storybook Quilts.

Once again it's Christmas in July! Bright Hopes Chair Frances Contreras and the committee are now focusing on Christmas quilts for Roy Maas Youth Alternatives. Their goal is 100 quilts with a Christmas theme. We want each child to find a Christmas quilt on the bed when returning to his or her room after dinner on Christmas Eve. For many of these children this will be their most precious Christmas gift ever. I'm told a child has never turned down a quilt because some seams were uneven or the quilting wasn't show-quality! Christmas panels are a great place to start if you are short of time or experience. Let's all get on board with making this project a success. Contact Frances Contreras if you have questions.

Sincerely,
Elaine

Special Drawing at the July Meeting

At the May Guild Meeting, Kevin Westmark won thirty Disappearing Nine Patch blocks in the BOM drawing. At the June meeting, Kevin showed us the colorful quilt he created from those blocks.



That all sounds great – but here is the really exciting part – Kevin asked that the quilt be used as a DOOR PRIZE at the July Meeting! How generous and how terrific!

So, in addition to the Guild's Annual Garage Sale in July – you won't want to miss the meeting for a chance to win Kevin's quilt.

The quilt measures approximately 76" by 86.5" and features a bright purple border and binding. The backing is emerald green and Kevin's long arm skills are on display in the swirling, machine quilting.

Don't miss the meeting and your chance to win!



QUILT AUCTION IS COMING SOON!!!

The Auction Committee is busy preparing for the upcoming online auction.

If you donated or worked on a quilt for the auction, the committee is asking you to share the quilt's story. Here is the **[LINK TO THE AUCTION WEBPAGE](#)**. Click the SIGNUP SHEET to view the quilts. If you see a quilt you worked on or donated, contact Kami Ricks at wonderkami@gmail.com to schedule your video recording. The team will assist you to create a short video (about a minute long) before the guild meeting. THANKS!

Kami Ricks, Quilt Auction Chair

SAVE THE DATES!

Online Bidder Registration and Quilts Previewing
Begins August 1, 2024

Online Bidding OPENS!
Midnight Aug 31, 2024 thru Midnight Sept 8, 2024



Quilt Auction link is coming soon!

05-29-2024

**Community Outreach
ITC Quilters
2nd Quarter Report**

The Institute of Texan Cultures quilting group last met in early 2022.

All past volunteers received an invitation to attend an ITC Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. The building known as the Texas Pavilion will close permanently on May 31, 2024.

Gail Dickman, Sherry Durringer, Carol Anne Koehl and Cathy Wallace attended the luncheon representing the ITC Quilters. They greeted us each with a gift bag of books on various cultures of the early settlers in our state. They showed photos of the early events at the Texas Pavilion while we heard brief speeches and ate lunch catered by Naco on Grayson. They thanked us for serving the ITC and advised they would keep us informed as to future events.

The temporary move of the ITC to the Frost Bank building will take place in 2025. A permanent location has not yet been determined. Kandice Howard-Fambro, the Manager of Volunteer Services, advised that there is a possibility of our renewed participation as quilters in the Frost Bank location. Stay tuned - We may be looking for volunteers next year!

**Cathy Wallace
ITC Quilters**

PROGRAMS 2024

July: Treasure Hunt (aka Garage Sale)

Many have cleared out draws and closets to sell quilt related items at this event. What a great opportunity to find some hidden treasures. Tables will be "open for business" shortly after the general meeting.

August: The Joy Of Modern Quilting, by Joy of Stitched in Schertz

September: "Triple Play" Challenge.

In September this challenge will be introduced. It involves working with the unknown, a bit of luck, and a dash of creativity. It will conclude in March with members voting the winners and cash prizes being awarded. Not long to wait now!

- Mary McCarthy, 3rd VP for Programs

**Look for Fred Swaney's Table
At the Treasure Hunt/Garage Sale
Singer Feather Weights
Singer 301s
Berninas
& More**

All sewing machines serviced by
Ceasar Martinez who has 25+ yrs Service Training

BUSY FINGERS WORKSHOP



**JEANNETTE JAY - BAGINEER
BAG MAKING CLASSES IN MY HOME STUDIO**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 210-219-8880
busyfingerssa@sbcglobal.net

[instagram.com/mamajay55](https://www.instagram.com/mamajay55)
[etsy.com/shop/busyfingersworkshop](https://www.etsy.com/shop/busyfingersworkshop)

THE
QUILT GAL

**Singer 221 Featherweight Parts and Repair
Art Quilt Supplies, Fabrics, Books & Patterns
Lectures & Workshops**

Kathleen Clendennen

kathleen@thequiltgal.com

www.thequiltgal.com

512-757-4531

**Congratulations
Kevin Westmark!
Winner
of the
Block
of the
Month
Drawing**



**Congratulations!
Door Prize Winner Julie Melchor**



Golden Carrot Winner Irene Moffitt



**Lots of July Birthdays to Celebrate
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

ANN MARIE MATONAK	07/14
BARBARA SUMLIN	07/11
CATHY BAISLEY	07/26
EILEEN LINARES	07/04
IRENE MOFFETT	07/14
ISABEL PEREZ-MCNUTT	07/12
JAY BEATTY	07/12
JEANNE CANTU	07/29
JEANNETTE JAY	07/26
JERRI MATTHEWS	07/27
JULIE ROBINSON	07/13
LISA KARP	07/29
MARGIE SWANEY	07/27
MARIE SCHICKEDANZ	07/19
SHIRLEY WITTENBER	07/06
SUELLIS MOORE	07/18
SYLVIA JOLET	07/03
YVONNE MAGLINTE	07/06

GUILD BOOK CASE FOR SALE

All wood. Very sturdy.
82"H x 73"W

You will have to come to the guild storage on De Zavala, disassemble it, and move it.

We are asking \$100 OBO.

Call or email Dea Jae Shore at
210-364-1847 or deajae47@gmail.com



**WELCOME
NEW
MEMEBERS!!**



Ethel Howey Grant

The two-year \$2000.00 grant has a deadline for application of August 1, 2025. Now is the time to begin thinking of classes that might be available to further your quilting skills. A browse of the web will yield many teachers forming their workshop schedules a year or two ahead. Please consider this wonderful opportunity.

GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD, INC ETHEL Y. HOWEY GRANT PROGRAM

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 in even numbered years, not to exceed \$2,000. The Grant Committee may divide the monies between more than one recipient. The GSAQG is not obligated to award the entire \$2,000 or any part thereof, if the quality of the proposals does not merit it.

ELIBILITY

- 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 criterion for selection.
- Grant recipients are ineligible to reapply for grants for four 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 timeline 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 three (3) months before** the scheduled Guild workshop or program, a lesson plan and class sample will be presented to the Ethel Y. 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 timeline, submit a typed or handwritten 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:

Mary McCarthy
GSAQG Foundation Grant Program
1123 Creek Cabin
San Antonio, TX. 78253-5835

Time Line Example

1 August 2025- Application due
1 January 2026- Grant awarded
2026 – Grant used/classes attended
March 2027- Written final report due
August 2027- Proposal Presentation to Review Committee
November 2027- Workshop/Presentation to Guild Membership



Guild Veterans

Guild member: Are you a veteran who served honorably in any of the five branches of the US military or US Coast Guard? You have not received a Veteran's Honor Quilt or Quilt of Valor but you would like to receive a quilt. If you answer yes, please complete this form.

Name _____

Phone _____

email _____

The Guild will honor veteran members at the November meeting.

Return to: Janet Miller or Barbara Sumlin or
Mary McCarthy or mail to GSAQG, PO Box 380522,
San Antonio, TX 78268

ATTENTION: ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**Do you have a special upcoming activity, event?
Is there a teammate you would like to recognize?
Are you looking for volunteers?**

This newsletter is the perfect place to publicize all of the above.

Send a write up of your activity, event, recognition, and/or the skills you're searching for to augment your committee.

Include pertinent details such as dates/times, locations, and contact information.

As a bonus, these details will be added to the slide presentation for the guild general meeting.

**Email your write up to:
quiltnews@sanantonioquilt.org
or contact Linda Casias, 2nd VP of Information**



**Modern Quilt Guild
AUSTIN, TX**

The Austin Modern Quilt Guild is hosting an exciting workshop on July 12, 2024. Ashelyn Downs from Urban Dwell Studios will teach her Large Scale Minimalism workshop at Austin Sewing and Quilting in Round Rock, TX. Please pass this information along to your membership that would be interested. Registration is now open to the public and there are a few spots available!

Details can be found by clicking this link:
<https://austinmodernquiltguild.wildapricot.org/event-5509369>

2024 GSAQG Summer Retreat Rock Around the Block

Everyone had a great time at this year's summer retreat held at Valley Ranch Retreat in Camp Wood. Many enjoyed sewing in their pj's, the breeze on the patio, no cooking, and of course the quilt shop upstairs.

A HUGE thanks to the retreat committee that helped organize this event:
Bernie Farris, Vonnie Maglinte, Barbara Sumlin,
Judie Zedeck, Cyndie Salomon, TJ Wolff

Linda Casias and Linda Maldonado - Co-Chairs



Schedule a Road Trip to Visit an Upcoming Quilt Show

- July 26-27, 2024** New Braunfels Quilt Show, 375 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels
- August 23-24, 2024 Crossroads to Texas Show, 3601 South W.S. Young Dr., Killeen
- August 30-31, 2024 Vereins Quilt Guild Show, 1407 E. Main St., Fredericksburg
- Sept 27-29, 2024 AAQG QuiltFest, 900 Barton Springs Rd., Austin
- Oct 31-Nov 3, 2024 International Quilt Festival, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston

2024

*Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild***Bees:** groups of friends who share their love and quilting

Open for new members; contact each for more details.

Morning Bees

Bee	Day	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
Great NW Library Bee	3rd Saturday	10 am – 1pm	SA Library 9050 Wellwood St. SA, TX 78250 Grissom//Culebra	Alicia Santiago 2109138508@spectrum.net	210-219-2875
Villa Bees	2 nd & 4th Monday	1-3pm	Villa de San Antonio Retirement Home	Linda Nash 1014lindanash@gmail.com	210-722-4741
Queen Bees <i>closed</i>	Every Friday	9:30 a.m. - 12:30	Members take turns hosting	Elaine Staller restaller@aol.com	210-863-5102
Piecemakers (charity quilts)	2 nd & 4 th Fridays	9am-1pm	St.Andrew Presbyterian Church	Lani Nunley booandpiesmom@yahoo.com	210-680-4182
Crazy...Bee	1 st & 3 rd Fridays	9am-1pm Low Bldg Fee	St.Andrew Presbyterian Church	Lani Nunley booandpiesmom@yahoo.com	210-680-4182
Finishing Bee	4 th Friday	11am-1pm	Members' home	Jean Hardies ljhardies@gmail.com	210-885-0015

Afternoon and Evening Bees

Bee	Day	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
QPC Bee	1 st Monday	1-4 pm	Western Hills Christian Church 8535 Huebner	Mary-Ruth Flores mrlf357@gmail.com	210-410-4337
Hand Bee	Every Wednesday	12:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Encino Branch Library on Evans Road	Beverly Uhl mikebevu@gmail.com Naimah Ahmad naimah_k@yahoo.com	830-438-3667 210-883-6404
Walker Ranch BEE	3 rd Wednesday	1pm	835 Rhapsody	Shirley Carter shirley.carter9243@gmail.com .	210-452-3801
Landa Bee	1 st Sunday	2-5pm	233 Bushnell	Viki Ash vikiparis13@gmail.com	210-315-7533
Shavano Bee	2 nd Monday	2-4pm	Member's home	Ida Kujawski ibkbbk@yahoo.com	210-381-9618

WALKER RANCH BEE**Update**

We are still struggling along, trying to get more people on the third Wednesday as a month at 9 o'clock till 12 in July. It will be Wednesday, July 17. Please remember to bring your own drinks snacks as they have nothing there except water; they do have a beautiful large room. If you don't wish to bring your machine for such a short period think about bringing cutting projects running out projects things that you might need some advice on.

Call Shirley at 210-452-3801 if you need more information.

**GSAQG Board Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2024**

Present: Elaine Staller, Dea Jae Shore, Cindy Shutt, Kami Ricks, Linda Casias, Mary McCarthy, Jean Hardies, Ida Kujawski
Absent: Melissa Allo, Gail Clover

Call to Order at 7 p.m.

President—Elaine Staller

1. May Board meeting minutes were approved via email prior to publishing.
2. Marketing Committee Report by chair Linda Casias. Linda will post list of officers with email addresses and job descriptions. Ida has digital copies of job descriptions. Linda will provide templates to include roles and responsibilities. Discussed use of Guild emails for Board members and committee chairs to facilitate communication. Discussed how we follow new members and how to improve in that regard. Facebook posts to include meeting dates, event dates, and photographs.

President Pro Tem—Dea Jae Shore

1. Four additional fabric bins in storage have been emptied.
2. Volunteers needed to empty the free table at each meeting and donate left-overs.

Secretary—Melissa Allo

1. Kami Ricks reported one phone call received.

Treasurer—Cindy Shutt

1. The Guild has received an anonymous donation of \$2,000. \$1,000 will be allotted to the 2025 Quilt Show, and \$1,000 to Bright Hopes Committee. There is a donate button on the web page.
2. Cash and savings total is \$67,586.03. Deposits out equal \$7,600. Cash available is \$59,986.03.

1st VP for Special Events--Kami Ricks

1. Summer retreat has 21 paid attendees, which meets the minimum requirement.
2. In July Board members will serve as the test

group in for the online auction.

2nd VP for Information--Linda Casias

1. Linda plans to update the Guild's newsletter and website formats.

3rd VP for Programs--Mary McCarthy

1. Arrangements are set for Beth Cunningham's June beading programs.
2. Seven tables have been reserved for the July yard sale.
3. In August Joy from Stitched in Schertz will speak on Modern Quilting and offer a pop-up shop.
4. September's program will feature mini-demos by members.

4thVP for Services—Jean Hardies

1. Ida Kujawski reported that QPFC received 21 quilt tops from the Biggie Bag Challenge and has seven ready to quilt, but the committee is out of batting.
2. Board members agreed by consensus to give the committee \$200 to purchase batting.

5th VP for Community Outreach—Gail Clover

1. No report.

Parliamentarian—Ida Kujawski

1. No report.

Unfinished Business - Discussed further changes to revised documents. Also discussed the importance of including revised documents in the minutes after approval.

New Business - None.

Announcements - Q2 committee reports are due in July. Lisa Fallon will visit the June Guild meeting with the Austin Area Quilt Guild raffle quilt. Reminded members to take photos of Guild and Bee activities for the newsletter.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine Staller for Melisso Allo.

**GSAQG General Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2024**

President – Elaine Staller

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church.
2. The May general meeting minutes stand approved as published in the newsletter.
3. New members were introduced.

President Pro Tem – Dea Jae Shore

1. Please look at the bookcase the guild has for sale.

Secretary – Melissa Allo

1. 1 phone call received.

Treasurer – Cindy Shutt (not present, read by President Elaine Staller)

1. The balance as of May 31st is \$67,286.03 with \$59,986.03 available to the guild.

1st VP for Special Programs – Kami Ricks

1. Online Auction – requesting videos for information about the quilts.
2. Fall Mini Retreat will be held 10/26-10/27.

2nd VP for Information – Linda Casias

1. Newsletter deadline is June 15th.

3rd VP for Programs – Mary McCarthy

1. July – Scavenger Hunt – tables \$10.

4th VP for Services – Jean Hardies

1. Vicki Ash will be the Librarian for the guild.
2. Please consider running for 4th VP next year – Jean Hardies will not be continuing in the position.
3. Door Prize – Julie Melchor
4. Golden Carrot – Irene Moffett
5. QPFC received 21 quilt tops from the Biggie Bag challenge.

5th VP for Community Outreach – Gail Clover (not present)

1. Block of the Month winner – Kevin Westmark won 32 blocks! Next month is patriotic friendship blocks. Directions are on the website.

Parliamentarian – Ida Kujawski –

1. Ida will form a nominating committee to put together a slate of officer nominees.

New business – None.

Old business – None.

Announcements - 2nd Quarter reports are due to officers.

Member attendance – 61

Guests – 3

Zoom - 4

Name tag fine collection \$0.00

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Allo

**NEW TIME
for
Quilt Projects Finishing Committee!**

AFTER the guild meeting EACH MONTH THAT WE DO NOT HAVE additional activities. Plan to stay for an hour or so to see what QPFC has to share with everybody.

This is a fun way to get more involved... you can do as much or as little as you wish, and you'll get to know people and see what quilts and projects are in progress.

We will meet about 30 minutes after the guild's full meeting ends. Plan to stay, bring sack lunch if you'd like. Everyone welcome. Please come.

Thanks, Ida

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild					
Treasurer's Report					
For the Five Months ending May 31, 2024					
	YTD Actual	2024 Budget		YTD Actual	2024 Budget
REVENUES			Membership expenses:		
Ordinary Income:			Membership Supplies	\$114.53	\$100.00
Interest	\$32.61	\$600.00	Stationery Purchase		\$150.00
CD Interest	\$498.41		Newsletter / Directory Printing	\$170.00	\$200.00
Other income			Postage	\$14.50	\$100.00
Donations	\$2,002.00		Zoom Subscription	\$170.70	\$160.00
Garage Sale			Webpage		\$0.00
Library Book Sale	\$82.08		Quilt Show		\$0.00
Stationery Sales			Auction		\$3,500.00
Magazine Sales	\$26.00		Community Activities:		
Nametag Fines	\$3.90		Bright Hopes	\$744.41	\$1,800.00
Newsletter Postage			Storybook Quilts		\$250.00
Dues - Membership	\$4,145.00	\$3,500.00	Community Education		\$150.00
Newsletter / Directory Ads	\$90.00	\$250.00	Quilt Angels		\$500.00
Workshops	\$500.00	\$1,100.00	Membership Services & Activities:		
Fund Raising:			Ethel Howey Grant	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Quilt Show	\$5.00	\$1,000.00	QPC		\$150.00
Auction	50.00	\$10,000.00	QPFC		\$150.00
Self-Sustaining:			Programs	\$2667.12	\$2,500.00
Retreat - Summer	\$8,420.00	\$12,000.00	Workshops	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
Retreat - Winter	\$11,281.56	\$13,500.00	Self-Sustaining Activities:		
Mini-Retreats	\$1,050.00	\$2,000.00	Mini-Retreats	\$992.40	\$2,000.00
Total Revenues	\$28,186.56	\$43,950.00	Retreat - Summer		\$12,000.00
EXPENSES			Retreat - Winter	\$11,281.56	\$13,500.00
Administration:			Total Expenses	\$23,826.09	\$52,611.00
General Administration	\$30.00	\$500.00	Net	\$4,360.47	\$(8,661.00)
Bank & CC	\$165.26	\$500.00	Ending Frost Operating	\$5,032.56	
Computer Equipment	\$108.24		Ending Frost Savings	\$10,833.18	
Insurance	\$161.60	\$2,000.00	SSFCU CD's & Savings	\$39,964.82	
Office Supplies & Postage	\$15.49	\$200.00	SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$11,755.47	
CPA / Tax Return	\$600.00	\$600.00		\$67,586.03	
Telephone	\$50.28	\$125.00	Liabilities		
Storage facility	\$1,865.00	\$4,476.00	prepaid deposits	\$(7,600.00)	
Rent (Meetings)	\$1,350.00	\$3,500.00	Total Guild Funds	\$59,986.03	
Janitorial	\$125.00	\$500.00	Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer		

NOTE: Due to the revised distribution schedule of the Newsletter, the Treasurer's report published will from be a prior month.

7.2024 Pieces of the Past, 170: **Whiting & Davis**, by Ellen Hernandez



My mother grew up in small towns in rural East Tennessee and Northern Florida. This picture is at her high school graduation in 1934. She had very few opportunities to dress formally for events so I was surprised to find among her treasures a silver-type mesh evening purse. It was so captivating, made of tiny movable metal pieces with almost a silken feeling. When I saw it, I just wanted to hold it and caress it as it gently jiggled in my hands. Hmm, maybe it was an early prototype for our modern-day fidgets? A little investigation is needed.



Metal mesh can be traced to the Middle Ages when Knights wore garments of iron chain mail for protection. Hand crafted mesh bags were made in the 1700s, requiring hours of hammering and riveting small rings. Fast forward over 150 years and the Massachusetts Whiting & Davis Company became synonymous with the mesh purse. Jewelry manufacturers William Wade and Edward



Davis – known for their exquisite enameled serpent designs (such as this bracelet from 1910) - hired a young boy, Charles Whiting, in 1880. Whiting was bright, designed a mesh bag in 1892, and worked his way up to become part-owner of what became the famous Whiting & Davis Company. Whiting helped develop and patent a mesh producing machine with A.C. Pratt that revolutionized the mesh fabric production, using



silver, gold, gunmetal, brass, aluminum, and stainless steel. This patent also eliminated competition. The company had two types of mesh fabric, *ring mesh* and *flat spider mesh*. Later a more textured mesh was created called *bubble spider mesh*.

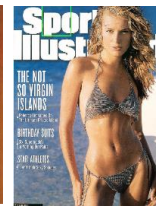
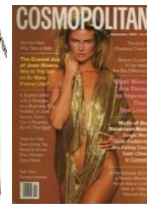
The silk lined bags sold for \$3.25 in the early 1900s and fit perfectly into the Art Deco world. The *Picadilly* purse of 1922 had a built-in compact with mirror. Their purses soon included hand painted designs called *Tapestry Mesh*. Other designs included jewels, beads, and fringe. The company soared with 800 employees and eight international offices, selling a million bags a year.



With the rationing of WWII, Whiting & Davis halted mesh bag production to make radar equipment. Mesh production resumed after the War, and continues today. The mesh fabric was also used for fashion clothing and industrial safety items such as gloves and aprons. Jane Russell wore a 21-pound fluid mesh dress in the 1952 movie, *Macao* (alterations had to be made with industrial pliers.) In the disco 1960s and '70s women enjoyed the cool, sensuous mesh halter tops, earrings, bracelets, and bib necklaces.



Celebrating 100 years of business in 1976, Whiting & Davis released a series of movie star image purses with Clark Gable, Charlie Chaplin, and others. Christie Brinkley wowed in a Whiting & Davis mesh dress for *Cosmo* in 1983 as did Rebecca Romijn in a bikini for *Sports Illustrated* in 1999.



Darrin Cutler, former plant manager, became the company's owner in 2010 and has focused on custom mesh items ranging from Las Vegas show curtains to unique jewelry. The current mesh machines are almost the same as the originals of the early 1900s. Much of the assembly still requires hand crafting which explains the products' high costs. Vintage Whiting & Davis bags

continue to be collector's items, and are flaunted by actresses, musicians, and others in the popular press.

New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild
QuiltFest 2024



“Peace, Love, & Flower Power”

July 26-27, 2024

Austin Area Quilt Guild

2024 QuiltFest

Sept. 27, 28 and 29

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

10AM to 6PM (4PM Sunday)

\$15 at door

Under 12 Free

Cash or Credit Card accepted

Pineapple Delight 90" × 100"

Raffle Tickets: \$1 each, \$5 for 6



Palmer Event Center

900 Barton Springs Road

Austin, TX 78704

Garage Parking: \$10



- ◆ **400 Quilts**
- ◆ **Vendors**
- ◆ **Boutique**
- ◆ **Silent Auction**

Drawing September 29, 2024.
Need not be present to win!

aaqg.org



Black Pioneers: Legacy in the American West

Quilt Exhibition On View March 2 - August 3, 2024

First exhibition of its kind at SMA!
Art Quilts from African American Women Artists.

BLACK Pioneers: LEGACY IN THE AMERICAN WEST

Organized by The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art
with gratitude to guest curator Carolyn Mazloomi, PhD.

STARK MUSEUM OF ART



This exhibition, the first of its kind, explores the path of Black history in the West with a timeline of original pictorial quilts. The timeline begins in 1528, with Esteban's dramatic story, which marks the arrival of Africans in the American West and continues through the Civil Rights Movement.

Dispelling the myth that Black people in the old West were mostly cowboys, *Black Pioneers: Legacy in the American West*, shows rich diversity in their occupations and achievements in society, religion, education, and the arts.

Choosing quilts as the visual medium for this exhibition accentuates the intersections of African Americans in the Western Frontier while informing others about the art form and its important role in African American history.

This exhibition is organized by The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art and Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi, curator, historian and artist. The quilts have been created by the Women of Color Quilters Network especially for this exhibition.

Admission is free to the Stark Museum of Art located at 712 Green Avenue in Orange, TX.

Special Events

10th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition

March 27 – May 15, 2024

Piece by Piece, in conjunction with the Black Pioneers Exhibition

Quilt Garden at Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

Beginning in April, Shangri La Gardens will feature a Quilt Garden. These gardens will showcase a fusion of traditional quilting patterns using plants as the medium. Among the myriad of quilting designs featured will include the North Star, Shoo y, Log Cabin, Bow Tie, Flying Geese, Pinwheel and 9 Block patterns. Each garden promises to be a kaleidoscope of color, intertwining the narrative of Black Pioneers, while fostering a deeper appreciation of both art forms. Visit shangrilagardens.org for more information.



Connie Horne, *Black Miners*, 2021, ©Connie Horne.

Board of Directors

President	Elaine Staller
President Pro Tem	DeaJea Shore
1st Vice President for Special Events	Kami Ricks
2nd Vice President for Information	Linda Casias
3rd Vice President for Programs	Mary McCarthy
4th Vice President for Services	Jean Hardies
5th Vice President for Community Outreach	Gail Clover
Secretary	Melissa Allo
Treasurer	Cindy Shutt
Parliamentarian	Ida Kujawski

Term expires December 2024

July Meeting Schedule

July 1 Board Meeting : 7:00 PM on Zoom

July 13 General Meeting 10:00 AM
Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church AND
on Zoom

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INFO

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

Sign-up at: <https://www.sanantonioquilt.org/pages/Membership.html>

Pay Online -OR- Send Check to:
GSAQG
PO Box 380522
San Antonio, TX 78268

Zoom Information for the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild Meeting

Wendy Quilter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

When: Saturday, July 13, 2024, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Where: On Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054868999?pwd=RHU1d3BMMzNlOC9VRkhpS2VlaHJHdz09>

Meeting ID: 880 5486 8999

Passcode: 607875

Newsletter Submission

Deadline for August Newsletter:

July 19, 2024

Email: 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

Guild members may run a business card sized AD for one month free each year.



Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc
P.O. Box 380522
San Antonio, TX 78268