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# Common Threads

**Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.**

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## Next Guild Mtg April 12, 2025

9am Doors Open  
9:30am Guild  
Services Open  
10am Program &  
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

**April 12  
PROGRAM:  
Cynthia England  
*Getting the  
Most Out Of  
Your Stash!*  
WORKSHOP:  
*Dragonflies***

## *President's Letter*

Have you ever heard of The100DayProject? I heard about this challenge last year for the first time and then forgot about it. Then it came up in my feeds again this year, so I took another look at what it is. It is committing to doing a project for 100 days. Note, it is NOT about making 100 finished projects in that time. It is about working on a project for 100 days. Why would I do that? On <https://the100dayproject.com/about/> explains it the best:

"Creativity is a skill. The more we practice, the more skilled we become. Practice takes time. Practice takes commitment. Practice is a radical act in this speeded up world. Through practice, we develop a creative habit. Through habit, we reconnect with and know ourselves again as a creative being."

And more about the why of doing the challenge from <https://www.robenmarie.com/blog/how-to-successfully-participate-in-the-100-day-project>

It helps you develop a creative habit: Our lives are complicated, and before you know it, time goes by and you find that you haven't been in your studio in weeks. By participating in an art challenge, you will find yourself working on something each day, which will help you develop a creative habit. Consistency is key!

It helps boost your inspiration: When you are participating in a challenge, and you search the hashtag that has been assigned by the creator of the challenge, and you see that grid of all that color and all those different responses to a single prompt... inspiration begin. You get wildly inspired, and you want to try different things that you have not tried before!

It helps you gain new friends or a new community: The most popular art challenges usually take place on Instagram, making them easy to participate in and easily searchable. You'll quickly find yourself making new friends and building your community. You never know, your best friend might be just a like or a comment away.

It helps you stretch creatively depending on what the challenge is about: Committing to a challenge for a particular period helps you stretch your ability to commit and be disciplined. Art challenges vary in length from as many as 100 days to as few as seven days. When you join a challenge that is outside your comfort zone or focuses on a topic new to you, it will help you stretch your creative muscles.

So I hope you will join me in our own 100DayProject! Let's start with getting our project idea between now and the April meeting, then start our 100DayProject at the Guild meeting on April 12th.

Well, it's time to go think of my project!

Melissa

**CONGRATULATIONS TRIPLE PLAY CHALLENGE WINNERS!**



**1st Place: Trixie S.**



**2nd Place: Teresa C.**

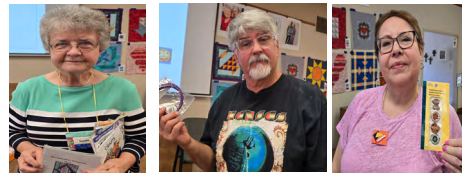


**3rd Place: Bernie F.**



**Congratulations Block of the Month Winner Trixie S.**

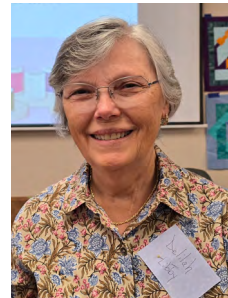
**Congratulations Door Prize Winners (Left to Right) Lynn G., Patrick S., Sandra R.**



**Congratulations Golden Carrot Winners Teresa R.**



**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS!**



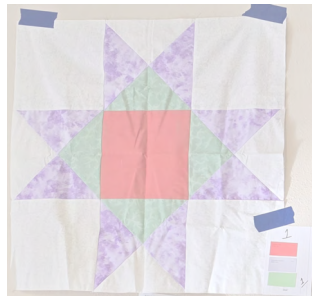
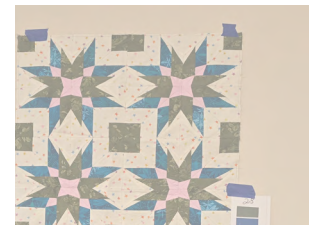
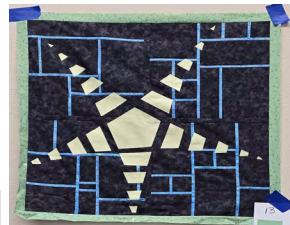
**Top Row(L to R): \*Judy B., \*\*June B., \*Denise P., \*\*Yvonne K., \*\*Irma P., Rachel D.**

**Bottom Row(L to R): \*\*Denise S., \*Anissa H., \*Angelina O., \*Delilah L.,\*Linda G., \*\*Melissa A., \*\*Barb S.**

**\*New Member  
\*\*Current Member**



**THANK YOU** to everyone who submitted these beautiful and creative Triple Play Challenge Entries!



## APRIL PROGRAM



**Cynthia England**  
of  
**[www.EnglandDesign.com](http://www.EnglandDesign.com)**

Friday, April 11 Workshop (6 hrs):

Picture Piecing a Small Landscape - Roadrunner or Bluebonnet

Saturday, April 12 Lecture: "Getting the Most Out of Your Stash"

Saturday, April 12 Workshop (3 hrs): "Dragonflies"



### **Enrichment Scholarships Available**

Applications for *Ida's Enrichment Scholarship* are available for every workshop this year. Please pick up a form from Mary McCarthy at the Programs table or use the form in this newsletter on page 22.



## 2025 Programs

Scholarship Applications are available for every workshop in 2025.  
The class fee of \$35/\$25 is covered as is any supply fee.  
To apply, see Mary McCarthy for the form.

### **May 10 Guild Birthday/Workday**

**June 13 Jean Impey** Raw Edge Applique Workshop 6 hrs

**June 14** Lecture: "An Insider's Look at the Textile Industry"

**July 12 Eva Paige** Lecture: "Consistency in the Chaos"  
and Scrap Slap Sewing Workshop 3 hrs

**August 8 Cheryl Matson** Butterfly Bouquet Workshop 6 hrs

**August 9** Lecture: "911 for Quilters"

**September 12 Dana Jones** Machine Foundation Paper Piecing Workshop 6 hrs

**September 13** Lecture: "Around the Block"

**October 10 Melissa Allo** Ethel Howey Grant Award Workshop 6 hrs

**October 11 Melissa Allo** Ethel Howey Grant Presentation

**November 8** Veterans' Quilts Presentation

**December 13** Holiday Party

\$35 for 6-hour Friday Workshops

\$25 for 3-hour Saturday Workshops

-- Mary McCarthy, 3rd VP for Programs



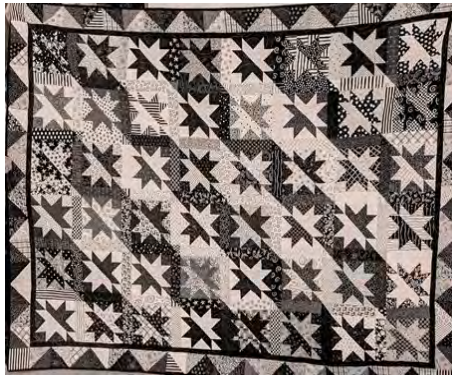
### **APRIL Block of the Month - House Block**

Bring your BOM blocks to the April meeting for a chance to win them all. Make as many blocks as you like. For every block you submit, you get a chance to win ALL the blocks turned in. No restrictions apply to what you do with the blocks – use them for a your own quilt, create a charity quilt, let them sit in their UFO box waiting for inspiration to strike.

If you didn't get a copy of the instruction sheet, no worries. You can find the BOM instructions on the home page under the "Project Instructions" link.

Good luck!





**Online Auction !! May 2025**  
**Cheers for our guild!!**  
**Online AUCTION is set for**  
**April 26-May 4, Sat. --/-- Sun., spanning 2 weekends.**

The online auction is ready to roll! At the April guild meeting, members will see the remaining entries for the auction so don't miss the preview. Your job is to encourage all your friends and family to view and bid on auction items and encourage their friends to do the same.

**Plan now for how you can promote this event.**

- Visit the Auctria.com site yourself. Register as a bidder.
- Download the flyer (on next page) so you can share it with others.
- Pass on photos to your Facebook, Instagram, and other social connections.
- Email to all your email contacts the flyer with QR code and quilt photos.
- Save your \$\$ so you can bid on special quilts you love.
- Think about your gift plans that might be filled with quilts.
- Tell all your friends and business friends. Invite them.

**Auction Chairs - Ruth Felty , Ida Kujawski, & Dee Leclair**

**APRIL Birthdays to Celebrate**

CINDY SHUTT	4-Apr	LINDA KIRK	11-Apr
DENISE IVONE	23-Apr	LISETTA ENNIS	1-Apr
DENISE RICHARDS	13-Apr	LORA OLSON	16-Apr
DEVA BROWN	25-Apr	TERESA CRAIG	23-Apr
GRETCHEN ESCRIBANO	28-Apr	VICKI ORTIZ	12-Apr
IRMA PAYTON	25-Apr	VIKI ASH	10-Apr
JUDY HOOD	24-Apr		







**GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD**

**Join us on April 26th - May 4th  
for our online auction.**

**We have a plethora of quilted  
treasures waiting for you!**



**QR Code for Auctria.  
Our online auction platform.**





A Walk In The Park  
GSAQG Quilt Show  
September 26-27, 2025



Time is flying by for this year's Quilt Show! I hope you have had the opportunity to look over the categories and the rules. Which quilts will you be entering? The category descriptions and show rules are on the guild website. Also the entry form is now live! Can you feel my excitement! Website link: <https://www.sanantonioquilt.org/pages/QuiltShow.html>

Want to help, but not sure where help is needed? Here are areas that are looking for help!

Area	Contact	Help Needed
Raffle Quilt - traveling	Janet Miller	Sell raffle tickets at other guild meetings
Raffle Quilt - ticket sales	Janet Miller	Ticket sales during shop hop
Advertising	Yvonne Krzywonski	Delivering rack cards to shops
Advertising	Linda Casias	Program Ads
Reception/Awards Ceremony	Melissa Allo	Chair needed
Wearable	Melissa Allo	Paper piecers needed
Volunteers	Patrick Shell	Help with sign ups
Silent Auction	Sandra Lowell	Items needed to auction
Boutique	Jeanette Jay	Items needed to sell
Admission Ticket Sales	Cindy Shutt	Must be comfortable taking cash and credit card payments

**Quilt Show Chair: Melissa Allo**



Look for signup sheets at the guild meeting to volunteer for a helper positions. Lots of volunteers are needed for many quilt show duties. **Volunteers Contact: Patrick Shell.**

The **Guild raffle quilt** has started it's tour of other Guilds in the area. We need Guild members to step up and help. You'll get to attend other Guild meetings, talk about the show, sell raffle tickets and sit in on their program. There is only one week left for the Bluebonnet Shop Hop, March 19-29. The quilt will be at Memories by the Yard at Bandera Road and Mainland. On April 15 at 9 am, it's scheduled for Castroville.

Each day there will be two-2hr. shifts and one-3 hr. shift, we would like two people per shift. Please, please, please step up and help with one or more of these events.

Will have sign-up sheets at April Guild meeting or contact:

**Janet Miller, call 210 492-7684, text or call 210 204-0299, or email [jjmiller@satx.rr.com](mailto:jjmiller@satx.rr.com)**



## 2025 Summer Retreat

Dates: June 8-12, 2025

Location:

Valley Ranch Retreat & Event Center  
Camp Wood, TX 78833



Pricing:

\$440 6/8 Sunday - 6/12 Thursday

\$330 6/9 Monday - 6/12 Thursday

\$100 Deposit due at sign-up.

***Final Payment due at May guild meeting.***

**Only 1 spot left!**

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Co-Chairs:  
Linda Casias 210-381-3519 or Linda Maldonado 210-716-1407

Did you read the article in this newsletter on  
Ida B.'s Quilting Guild Enrichment  
SCHOLARSHIP Fund?



Recipients awarded a scholarship  
can have a retreat paid for!  
For *Application for Scholarship* form,  
see pg 22 of this newsletter -or- your respective Retreat Chair.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2025 Fall Mini Retreat**

**Friday 10/24/25 - Saturday 10/25/25**

**Come sew with other quilters & make new  
friends!**

**Friday times: 8am - 8pm  
Saturday times: 8am - 4pm**

**More details coming soon!  
Mini-Retreat Chair: Deborah Woodward**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2026 Winter Retreat**

**Thursday 1/22/26 - Sunday 1/25/26**

**Location: John Newcombe Ranch,  
New Braunfels, TX**

**More details coming soon!  
Retreat Chair: Melissa Allo**

## Monthly Spotlight

### Q P F C: Quilt Projects Finishing Committee



QPFC was begun in 2014 to fill the need for more finished quilts from our guild, which is given lots of unfinished projects, sets of blocks, kits, and sometimes fabrics. Our QPFC committee sometimes passes a set of blocks to us to finish. Challenge quilt tops are often given to be finished.

QPFC assesses each set, records it, then makes it into a kit. A member takes it to work on, doing maybe just one step, such as assembly; then another member might quilt it, another bind it. Sometimes several members have worked on it, sometimes only one. Finished quilts are used by the guild for our online quilt auction, and other requests from the community for charity fund raising.



QPFC plans projects for guild workday in May, where members bring their sewing machines ready to FINISH some quilts. (or almost!)

In the recent 2-3 years QPFC has been handling more projects than ever before, making them into kits ready-to-finish. We have a large number ready to quilt. They will be lovely quilts when completed.

QPFC is open to all guild members; it feels more like a bee, as we plan and share and work together. The projects keep coming. We meet monthly on the 4th Friday each month, 11am–1pm, at Jean Hardies' home. Yes, we need more members to help, and yes, it's fun. Call or text Ida Kujawski (210-381-9618) or Jean Hardies (210-885-0015) or just come.

*Thank you QPFC, and all who contribute to this committee, for the great team work and support you provide to our community and charity organizations!*



4.2025 Pieces of the Past, 179: **The Women of Etzatlan**, by Ellen Hernandez

Veterinarian Lorena Ron and her mother, Concepcion Siordia known as Paloma, now 93, have changed the face of the small town of Etzatlan, Jalisco, Mexico and decorated other cities around the world. In 2015 these women, both recently widowed, wanted to turn their sadness into something beautiful. They decided to make a special display for their town's feast of their patron saint, The Lord of Mercy. Based on some photos of a town that had been decorated with umbrellas suspended in air, they resolved to make large crocheted circles for a similar display. They used raffia made from recycled plastic bottles, which would withstand the outdoor elements. The circles didn't hold together well, and they

changed the design to hexagons. Eventually a group of 200 women were working on the project and their canopy was almost 3,000 square meters – more than 8,000 hexagons. In 2019 their crocheted canopy was declared the world's largest by Guinness World Records.



After the Guinness success, a Mexican artist asked the women to decorate the Mexican Pavilion for Expo 2020 Dubai. They decided on a crocheted "hug" – their crochet canopy completely wrapped the Mexican Pavilion.



The women have continued making artistic canopies at Ron's workshop called Cielo Tejido – Woven Sky. Originally the women did not take payment for their community work, instead they considered it an offering to The Lord of Mercy. Now they receive an income for the pieces made for their many commissioned projects. In 2022, they made 24,000 hexagons for displays. The local officials have helped with supplies for the group, including poles, cables, and labor to install the canopies. The crochet projects help relieve stress and provide emotional satisfaction and a feeling of success as part of a group. Originally it was the grandmothers that were crocheting, but younger people and men have



joined in. The beautiful displays have drawn large crowds and tourism is revitalizing the small town. Shops, restaurants, and hotels are all profiting. The women of Cielo Tejido are now making dolls and placemats and selling them to their many tourists. They have also made white/tan/beige canopies that can be rented for wedding canopies.



In October 2024 the women displayed a canopy at Atlanta's Celebration of Diverse Cultures. The design was 650 feet of colorful octagons covering the Peachtree Creek Greenway Bridge. There was also a canopy at Burning Man 2023 in Nevada as well as displays in Milwaukee and in Belgium.



Designer Benito Santos from Jalisco featured the crochet of Cielo Tejido workers in his Spring-Summer 2025 dress collection *Entretejidos*. Sixty-four hippie-chic designs include pale pink, ivory, green, and yellow crochet from minidresses to evening gowns.

Follow the stories at Facebook *Cielo Tejido*.





## FUN FINDS!

50 ways to keep a quilter happy on vacation:

<https://quiltsocial.com/50-ways-to-keep-a-quilter-happy-50-48/>

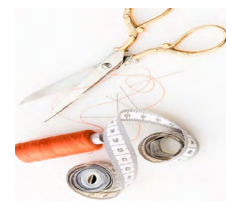
Barbara Blackman is offering a free sew along featuring the birds from our historic quilts. It starts the last Wednesday of March. It is on her Civil War Quilts blog.

<http://civilwarquilts.blogspot.com/2025/01/2025s-applique-block-of-month-starts-in.html>

Did you know Moda has quilt alongs? This website lists 2024 and some starting in 2025. This might be the place to find your next project!

<https://my.modafabrics.com/quiltalongs2024>

Thank you Sandra Lowell for sending these “fun finds”!



# Quilter:

Someone who uses fabric, thread,  
and a little bit of magic to stitch  
together stories that warm the  
heart and cover the soul.



Quilters World

## QUILTER'S PSALM

Quilting is my hobby, I shall not want.  
It maketh me to walk in the isles of a  
fabric shop and buy yards of calicos and  
solids to put into drawers for future  
quilts. It satisfyeth my soul.

Yea, though I walk through my dusty  
and messy house, I will not be ashamed  
for my quilting friends sake, for I know  
that they are in the same mess I am in.

I have before me a table where I cut  
hundreds of pieces to sew together and  
then I make a beautiful quilt. My cup  
runneth over.

Surely quilting shall fill my days as  
long as I am physically able and I shall  
snuggle under the warmth of a quilt all  
the days of my life.

Sara Miller



**GSAQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 3, 2025**

**President Melissa Allo called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm**

**Present : Melissa Allo, Linda Casias, Linda Maldonado, Judy Hood, Mary McCarthy, Cindy Shutt, Dea Jae Shore.**

**Not Present: Kami Ricks, David De la Garza**

**President – Melissa Allo**

1. Approval of Feb. Board Meeting minutes, with the clarification of Storybook Quilts, be singular not Storybooks Quilts and after this time of reduction of the Storybook Collection, quilts become property of the Guild when donated.
2. Calico Rose/ Buds none .
3. A group of quilters from New Zealand are interested in meeting with us. They will be here in Oct. and they will be staying at the Drury Inn at the Riverwalk. More info to follow once we speak to them.

**Marketing Chair Report - Linda Casias**

1. Bling Fest April 19. From 9-4pm. Volunteers needed.
2. Putting Quilt Show vendors on FB.
3. Bidding for the Auction Quilts opens April 26.

**President Pro Tem - Dea Jae Shore**

1. A link will be on the Auction site.
2. Directories will be available at the March general meeting.
3. We have 166 members in the Directory.

**Treasurer - Cindy Shutt**

1. Balance \$83,017.14.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP for Special Events - Kami Ricks (not present)**

1. We have 32 quilts for Auction, finalizing details. A new gmail for Auction may be created.
2. Mini Retreat – Deborah Woodward - Retreat is full with a wait list.
3. Summer Retreat has 1 opening, with 26 attending.
4. Quilt Show focusing on Ads. 21 Vendors, 39.5 Booths sold, 22.5 remaining.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Information - Linda Casias**

1. Confirming pick up of Directories for Wed.
2. Dea Jae is making the labels for the directories.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Programs - Mary McCarthy**

1. Cynthia England class is full, with 1 opening for her Saturday class.
2. May - Guild birthday and work day.

**4<sup>th</sup> VP for Services - Judy Hood**

1. All photos and writings are done for the Auction.

**5<sup>th</sup> VP for Community Outreach- Elaine Staller**

1. No report.

**Parliamentarian - David de la Garza (not present)**

1. No report.

**Unfinished Business** - Still pending Board Member Gmail accts.

**New Business** - none

**Meeting adjourned: 7:29 pm. Minutes submitted by: Linda Maldonado, Secretary**

### GSAQG General Meeting Minutes March 8, 2025

#### President - Melissa Allo

1. Meeting called to order at 10:16am at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church
2. February General Meeting Minutes were approved as written.
3. Nine new members and guests were welcomed and introduced.
4. Secret Sister Coordinator is now Cyd Hughes.
5. Patrick Shell- The students at Brennan High School are having a fashion show of clothing they have created for patients of Spina Bifida.
6. Quilters are coming to San Antonio from New Zealand, in October and would like to spend some time with us and exchange ideas and fabrics.

#### Marketing Chair Report- Linda Casias

1. Bling Fest at the San Antonio Garden Center, across the street for the Botanical Gardens, April 19th , from 9-4pm.

#### President Pro Tem- Dea Jae Shore

1. Auction preview is now available in Auctria. The link is on our website.
2. Board Members email addresses will be on the Membership page.

#### Secretary- Linda Maldonado

1. No calls

#### Treasurer- Cindy Shutt

1. Balance \$83,017.14.

#### 1st VP for Special Events- Kami Ricks (not present)

Spring Mini Retreat -Deborah Woodward

1. Spring Mini Retreat is full with a waiting list. Retreat starts at 9am.
2. We need volunteers to bring snacks and help with take down.

Online Auction- Ida Kujawski

1. Auction preview is now available in Auctria. The link is on our website.
2. Please share the event on your social media accounts (FB and Instagram) and with flyers to physical locations.

Summer Retreat- Linda Casias

1. Summer Retreat is full, with a wait list.
2. Application for Scholarship for Retreat are available.

Quilt Show- Melissa Allo

1. Shantel Trust - Rack cards are available to sign out to bring to shops.
2. Ask your business contacts to purchase Ads for Quilt show.
3. Raffle Quilt will be at Memories by the Yard during the Bluebonnet Shop Hop (March 19-29). Volunteers needed to sell Raffle tickets , 2 people per shift, 64 slots available, 2 hour shifts.

#### 2nd VP for Information- Linda Casias

1. Directories available, please pick up during March meeting.

#### 3rd VP for Programs- Mary McCarthy

1. Triple Play Results: First Place: Trixie Shell, Second Place: Teresa Craig, Third Place: Bernie Farris.
2. April - Cynthia England. Classes on Friday and Saturday, Check with Mary McCarthy for availability.

#### 4th VP for Services- Judy Hood

1. Door Prizes- Lynn Gerrard and Patrick Shell.
2. Golden Carrot- Teresa Reynolds.
3. BOM- March – Trixie Shell, April block is a house, pattern is on the website.

#### 5th VP for community Outreach - Elaine Staller (not present)

1. Nothing to report.

#### Parliamentarian - David de la Garza

1. Nothing to report.

#### Unfinished Business - None

**New Business** - Standardized email addresses for positions will be published with the new directory.

**Announcements** - None.

**Members attendance: 102; Guests: 9; Zoom: 1; Name Tag Donations \$.25**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm. Minutes submitted by Linda Maldonado, Secretary**



## Common Threads

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild					
Treasurer's Report					
For the Two Months ending February 28, 2025					
	YTD Actual	2025 Budget		YTD Actual	2025 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			<b>Membership expenses:</b>		
<b>Ordinary Income:</b>			Door Prizes		\$200.00
Interest		\$1,000.00	Membership Supplies	\$116.05	\$100.00
CD Interest			Stationery Purchase		
Other income			Newsletter / Directory Printing		\$200.00
Donations			Postage		\$50.00
Library Book Sales	\$80.00		Zoom Subscription	\$170.70	\$175.00
Stationery Sales			Webpage		\$180.00
Magazine Sales			<b>Quilt Show</b>	\$1,270.40	\$50,480.00
Nametag Fines	\$3.00		<b>Auction</b>	\$41.34	
Dues - Membership	\$3,785.00	\$4,280.00	<b>Community Activities:</b>		
Newsletter / Directory Ads	\$60.00	\$250.00	Bright Hopes	\$203.26	\$1,500.00
Workshops	\$710.00	\$3,300.00	Storybook Quilts		\$250.00
Fund Raising:			Community Education		\$150.00
Quilt Show	\$8,842.00	\$68,370.00	Quilt Angels		\$500.00
<b>Auction</b>			<b>Membership Services &amp; Activities:</b>		
Self-Sustaining:			Ethel Howey Grant		\$0.00
Retreat - Summer	\$5,590.00	\$10,000.00	QPC		\$150.00
<b>Retreat - Winter</b>	\$11,800.00	\$12,500.00	QPFC		\$300.00
<b>Mini-Retreats</b>	\$1,435.00	\$2,000.00	Programs	\$499.97	\$3,075.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$32,305.00	\$101,700.00	Workshops	\$700.00	\$3,900.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			Teacher Travel	\$844.57	\$3,000.00
Administration:			<b>Self-Sustaining Activities:</b>		
General Administration		\$500.00	Mini-Retreats		\$2,000.00
Bank & CC	\$60.35	\$500.00	Retreat - Summer		\$10,000.00
Church Rental	\$500.00	\$3,500.00	Retreat - Winter	\$11,800.00	\$12,500.00
Computer Equipment			<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$17,975.28	\$101,700.00
CPA / Tax Return		\$600.00	<b>Net</b>	\$14,329.72	\$0.00
Insurance	\$161.59	\$2,000.00	Ending Frost Operating	\$17,687.42	
Janitorial	\$60.00	\$500.00	Ending Frost Savings	\$5,063.34	
Marketing	\$540.00	\$500.00	SSFCU CD's & Savings	\$48,446.90	
Office Supplies & Postage	\$216.65	\$200.00	SSFCU Wright Class CD	\$11,819.48	
Storage facility	\$746.00	\$4,476.00	<b>Total Guild Funds</b>	\$83,017.14	
Telephone	\$44.40	\$214.00			
Janitorial	\$370.00	\$500.00			
Marketing	\$540.00	\$500.00			
Office Supplies & Postage	\$74.94	\$200.00			
Storage facility	\$373.00	\$4,476.00			
Telephone	\$22.20	\$214.00	<b>Cynthia Shutt, Treasurer</b>		

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

2025

*Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild*

2025

**Bees:** groups of friends who share their love and quilting

Contact each for more details.

Contact **Ida Kujawski, Beekeeper**, if you would like help to start a new BEE.

ibkbbk@yahoo.com

### Morning Bees

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

### Afternoon and Evening Bees

Bee	Day	Time	Location	Contact
QPC Bee	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	1-4 pm	Western Hills Christian Church 8535 Huebner	Mary-Ruth Flores mrlf357@gmail.com
Hand Bee	Every Wednesday	12:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Encino Branch Library on Evans Road	Beverly Uhl <a href="mailto:mikebevu@gmail.com">mikebevu@gmail.com</a> Naimah Ahmad naimah_k@yahoo.com
Landa Bee	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2-5pm	233 Bushnell	Viki Ash vikiparis13@gmail.com
Shavano Bee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	2-4pm	Member's home	Ida Kujawski ibkbbk@yahoo.com

### Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Texas Quilt Shows

March 28-29, 2025	Heirloom Stitchers Guild of Cuero, 934 US Hwy 183, Cuero
April 4-5, 2025	Quilting Among Friends, Piecemakers Quilt Guild, 1017 U.S. 59 Loop North, Livingston
April 25-26, 2025	Highland Lakes Quilt Festival, 401 East Jackson St, Burnet
April 25-26, 2025	Brownwood Quilt Show, Brownwood Coliseum, 500 East Baker Street, Brownwood
May 2-3, 2025	Reflections, Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Williamson County Expo Ctr, Taylor
May 23-24, 2025	Stars Are The Journey, Hill Country Quilt Guild Quilt Festival, 3685 Hwy 27, Kerrville
June 6-7, 2025	Stars Over Abilene, 4857 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene
July 11-12, 2025	All Roads Lead to Texas, Frank W Mayborn Covention Center, 3033 North 3rd Street, Temple
July 18-19, 2025	Winter Wonderland, Wildflower Quilt Guild, 3303 North 3rd Street, Temple
Aug 8, 2025	Quilt Plano 2025, Plano Event Center, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano
Sept 19-20, 2025	Autumn Splendor, Happy Stitchers Quilt Show, American Legion Post 276, 1502 U.S. 77, Giddings





# QUILT SHOW

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**MARCH 28 - 10AM TO 4PM**

**MARCH 29 - 9AM TO 3PM**

**ADMISSION: \$ 6.00**



# 2025 Quilt Show

## Reflections

Traditional ♦ Modern ♦ Fiber Art



**May 2-3**

Fri. 10AM to 5PM — Sat. 10AM to 5PM

Admission: \$10 (Children under 12 Free)

**Williamson County Expo Center**

5350 Bill Pickett Trail

Taylor, TX 76574

**Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild**

[www.ctquiltguild.org](http://www.ctquiltguild.org)

# CTQG



- Quilts, Quilts & more Quilts
- Special Exhibits
- Vendors
- Boutique
- Silent Auction
- Granny's Attic
- Free Parking



## Rainbow Reflections 79" × 79"

Drawing May 3. Need not be present to win!





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**Have You Used Our Thread in a Project? - We love seeing the artistry of quilters like you! Share your stunning quilt creations with us, and we may feature them in our Customer Project Gallery. [Click here to submit your photos!](#)**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



## Ida B.'s Quilting Guild Enrichment SCHOLARSHIP Fund



### One MISSION of GSAQG

- To stimulate an interest in quilts and to advance the art of quiltmaking.

Recognizing the importance of active participation in quilt guild events and activities, Ida Blankenship Kujawski has provided funds to establish a Scholarship Account. This scholarship fund will enable guild members to apply for financial assistance to cover fees for workshops and retreats, further encouraging engagement and skill development within our community.

### PURPOSE

- Enhance Guild Membership Experience: Foster greater enjoyment of guild membership by promoting skill development and friendships through active participation in guild activities.
- Encourage Participation: Motivate members to attend workshops and retreats, enhancing their skills and connections within the guild.
- Financial Support: Provide financial assistance to members who may be on a tight budget, helping to alleviate the costs associated with workshops and retreats.
- Establish a Donation Fund: Create a Scholarship Fund that can receive additional donations in the future. These donations can come from anyone for various reasons, further supporting the guild's activities and members.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be active member of GSAQG for the (1) year preceding the date of the event.
- Special consideration to "First-time attendee"
- Scholarships for guild workshops and retreats are available each year. Workshop required kit fee provided by instructor could be included in Scholarship amount.
- Guild Workshops offered as 2 sessions (Friday/Saturday) would qualify for two scholarships, to help two members.
- One scholarship per member in a calendar year.
- Scholarship recipients are ineligible to reapply for:
  - 3 years for Winter or Summer Retreat
  - 2 years for Mini-Retreats
  - 2 years for Guild Speakers' workshops

Paper copy of Applications available by chair at onset of enrollment.

Applications must be submitted to the individual retreat chair, or guild program chair, who will present to the guild board for final approval. Each chair should have committee of 2-3 to help evaluate applications.

Applications should be submitted at beginning of enrollment for each event. Awards can then be announced early enough to allow recipients and chair to plan accordingly.

GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD, INC.

APPLICATION for SCHOLARSHIP

Today's Date\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant must submit all requested information as needed and stated by the chair.  
Application available as digital document on website : copy and print.  
Application presented in guild newsletter; paper copy available from event chair at onset of event.  
Present paper copy application to specific chair.

NAME of Workshop or Retreat\_\_\_\_\_

DATE of Workshop or Retreat \_\_\_\_\_

\$\$ amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email\_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as a member of the GSAQG \_\_\_\_\_

-----FOLD HERE by committee to enable anonymity-----

Have you attended workshops?\_\_\_\_\_ retreats?\_\_\_\_\_ How many?\_\_\_\_\_

Tell us what you'd like to accomplish at Retreat or Workshop.



GREATER SAN ANTONIO QUILT GUILD, INC.  
Members Who Provide Quilting Services  
Information Form

Information provided below will be shared on the GSAQG website [sanantonioquilt.org](http://sanantonioquilt.org) – Quilting Services Listing page. The GSAQG does not sponsor or assume responsibility for any services provided by those listed on our website. Businesses listed are fully responsible for their own goods and services and do not in any way represent the GSAQG organization.

Your Name	
Business Name	
Business Address	
Business Email address	
Business Phone Number(s)	
Business Website	
<p>Quilting Related Services Provided</p> <p>Quilting services: Such as longarm E2E, custom, FMQ, computerized, binding, personalized quilt labels, longarm rentals, quilt repairs, hand quilting, etc.</p> <p>Other: Experience level, lectures and/or workshops offered, judging, appraisal services, embroidery, fabric photo printing, etc.</p>	
<p>Online Shop: Etsy, Shopify, Squarespace, etc.</p>	

## Board of Directors



### Top Row:

Melissa Allo - President  
 Kami Ricks - 1st VP Special Events  
 Linda Maldonado - Secretary  
 Linda Casias - 2nd VP Information  
 Elaine Staller - 5th VP Community Outreach

### Bottom Row:

Cindy Shutt - Treasurer  
 Dea Jae Shore - President Pro Tem  
 Judy Hood - 4th VP Services  
 Mary McCarthy - 3rd VP Programs  
 David dela Garza - Parliamentarian

### Email Contact List

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 GSAQGPrograms@gmail.com  
 GSAQGParliamentarian@gmail.com

### April Meeting Schedule

**April 7 Board Meeting 7:00 PM on Zoom**  
**April 12 General Meeting 10:00 AM**  
 Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church  
**Zoom starts at 9:30am:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054868999?pwd=RHU1d3BMMzNlOCV9RkhpS2VlaHJHdz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 880 5486 8999

See the guild 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



## MAY Newsletter Submissions

Deadline: *Apr 19, 2025*

[GSAQGInformation@gmail.com](mailto:GSAQGInformation@gmail.com)

### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

	Monthly	Yearly
Full page ad	\$60	\$660
1/2 page ad	\$30	\$330
1/4 page ad	\$15	\$165
Business card (2 x 3.5)	\$10	\$110

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

### Mailing Address:

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

**Phone:** 210-984-6149

**Website:** [www.sanantonioquilt.org](http://www.sanantonioquilt.org)