

Meeting Location

7:00 p.m., 2nd Thursday of the Month at **St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 2738 Bitters Road**
(between Broadway & Nacogdoches Road)

Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild

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The Quilting Den

I am a Yankee Doodle Dandy! Yankee Doodle, do or die! And I just may die before I finish all my quilt projects!

I love Independence Day! It reminds me of a time when women quilted by the light of an oil lamp ~ not for pleasure like us, but out of necessity. Their masterpieces, stitched with love, kept their husbands, children, and babies warm on those cold New England nights! But today, I'm in a real sweat as I look at my sewing room and almost panic. There are more projects than there is time! Which one do I tackle first? Do you find yourself in this scenario? Not only are there six projects currently in some state of construction, you have three more in the planning phase. How come you can't get one finished without more projects popping up? Haven't you said, "When I have more time I will be able to get caught up?" I wonder if this is a true statement. Doesn't more time only generate more quilt projects? And would we really want to be caught up? How boring it would be if you walked into your sewing room and didn't see a project screaming for your attention! How many times have you looked at quilt blocks and told them that they, too, will become a work of art once you finish the current masterpiece? I guess quilters always need more projects. But look on the bright side, quilters promote the economy with the purchase of fabric, notions, and sewing machines. Quilting also reduces the need for drugs! How many of us have not been able to sleep and get up in the middle of the night, sew for awhile and then go back to bed and sleep like a baby for the rest of the night? For some reason sewing is as good as any sleeping pill at 3:00 a.m. Now, there is one downfall to sewing in the wee hours of the morning ~ it can't be too detailed! The brain is not working on all cylinders. You may get up the next morning and look at your handy work and wonder, "Who put this together?" So you did complete one block, but you get to spend your spare time ripping out the second one you attempted to sew.

All your projects that you have in line waiting to be started are loved, but maybe they don't have the same inspiration that they once held. If this has happened to you, why don't you donate them to the charity auction so that someone else can take them home and love them the way you once did? Then your masterpiece can be completed and shown off at one of the guild's Show and Tell. Remember--one woman's trash is another woman's treasure! Happy Fourth of July!

Quilt away.

Denice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July's Little Firecrackers are:

Janet Rutherford	2 nd	Donna Semmes	11 th
Elizabeth Bradley	5 th	Beth Baron	15 th
Kathy Hayson	7 th	Joyce Boyd	28 th
Allison Brown-Cestero	8 th		

CHARITY

I hope you are all working on your charity challenge quilts that will be turned in completely finished at October's meeting. I failed to put a size limit on the instructions. The quilt should be at least be a crib sized quilt, 36" x 36". Our charity item for July is nail care items.

Karen Lambdin and Paulette Nash

VERY SPECIAL CHARITY

OPERATION HOMEFRONT QUILT UPDATE

About two years ago I saw an article in a quilting magazine about Operation Homefront Quilt and a special young lady named Jessica Porter. She lives in Hudson, Florida and was 19 years of age at that time. Her project was to give a quilt to every family of a fallen soldier in Iraq. I sent a quilt top to her as she requested patriotic tops or even just red, white, and blue fabric. Even though I do not know where my quilt now lives it gives me great satisfaction to know maybe someone is helped by receiving it in memory of their loved one's greatest sacrifice. The latest update from Jessica's family that I just received is this: to date she has quilted and sent over 1,700 quilts to 1,350 families of our fallen. They have been including quilts for any dependent children. What an undertaking – all of this while attending college and taking a full load of courses!

Just thought some of you would like to know what is happening with this project. They can still use more quilt tops. For more information and Jessica's address please contact me, Kay Perez 658-9959 or email kayperez@satx.rr.com

MEMBERSHIP

Please extend a gracious welcome to our new member: **Joanne Krepps**

Did you know --- Our very own Kelli Saffel is one talented lady. Check out the current issue of *QUILTMAKER* magazine Kelli has a quilt pattern design featured. It's on page 32 of the July/Aug '07 issue. When you talk to her ask her for more details.

The following is an excerpt of the minutes submitted by our Secretary, Beth Baron, for the June 14th meeting, and is just a small indication of the fun everyone is having. Why not come, enjoy the Show-and-Tell, take a chance on the raffle, make a difference in your guild, and experience one of the wonderful programs being brought to the members of the AHQG.

President Denice Brockmeyer called the meeting to order at 7 pm. She welcomed our visitors with a special greeting to our guest speaker, Pepper Cory. Those with birthdays were recognized.

Linda Sides said she needed more auction items. Please bring things that have a value of \$20 or more. Linda will not be at the July meeting so bring in all your items in August so she can prepare for the September auction.

Karen Lambdin showed the charity quilts that were turned in tonight. Charity Challenge began last month. The challenge is to pick a brown paper bag which contains a book and you are to make a quilt to go with the book. There are still some books available if you missed out last month – the challenge quilts are due in October.

Members on the 2008 nominating committee are Allison Brown-Cestero, Joyce Boyd, Shirley Carter, Kay Rosene and Michele Hanus. Dea Heller moved that we accept this nominating committee. Beth Barron seconded the motion – motion carried.

Janet Rutherford announced that she has a sheet of updates/new members for your rosters – you can pick it up at the back table.

Sandy Horan had blocks ready to pick up for the 2008 raffle quilt. She needs someone to collect the blocks next month. Kits for the 2009 raffle quilt will be available in October.

Susan Feeley announced that we have 9 new books in our library.

Denice Brockmeyer announced that we will have a guild booth at the auction. If you have items worth less than \$20 to donate we will sell them at that booth. Marcia Meier volunteered to organize the booth.

The guild will also have tables for members to rent for \$10 at the auction. This is a good time to clean out your closets. See Denice or Dea if you are interested in renting a table.

Door Prize Raffle Tickets available for \$1 for gift of : \$10 Fabric and Friends gift certificate.

Show and tell – 11 members brought items for show and tell.

After the Break, the Winner of the door prize drawing was announced: Sandy Horan.

Dea Heller introduced Pepper Cory.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm so we could all go home and watch the Spurs win their 4th championship.

NEWS FROM DEA HELLER

Block of the Month “Mystery Quilt”

All clues have been given out. . Call me if you missed the meeting, 651-6700. Remember only finished quilts will be eligible for the prizes. Showing them off will be at our November meeting. Please bring yours even if it is not finished.

Claudette Booker will be here in July

“Quilts I have known and a few I'm still hoping to meet.”

Claudette is a very talented quilter, her hand appliqué work is beautiful, and she has shown with the Hoffman Challenge.

Mini Retreat July 14th.

This mini retreat is free!!! Lunch will be pot luck. Come and have a wonderful day of fellowship and quilting with your guild members.

“From Russia With Quilts” by Marilyn Winthrow

Marilyn will be our featured speaker in August with her beautiful Russian quilts,

AUCTION! AUCTION! September meeting

Linda Sides has again taken on the auction! Please help, we need auction items, volunteers to assist that evening and help with the guild table. If you would like to have a table to sell your items, they are only \$10.00. Just let us know and we will get you the information. Remember this is a major fund raiser for the guild. And the raffle quilt will be given away that evening. Don't forget to get your tickets for it.

Wanted -- Volunteers to Host our Annual Home Tour

If you would like to volunteer to be hostesses for our annual home tour the first Saturday in December, which is December 1st, please see me at the meeting or give me a call. You do not have to do everything yourself, there are always some who can not have it but are willing to assist.

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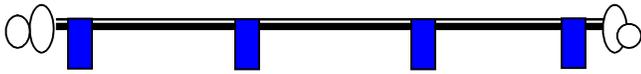
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