

### Meeting Location

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

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## Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild

<http://www.alamoheritagequiltguild.com/>



Established 1995

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May 2008

### *ABC QUILTING*

Okay, inquiring minds want to know: How many guild members went to all 12 shops on the Bluebonnet Trail Shop Hop? This year, the weather was beautiful and made driving the circuit so much more pleasant for quilters who made a point of visiting out-of-town shops.

Right on the heels of Shop Hop comes Fiesta—and for the guild, that means it's time for our nominating committee. Shirley Carter, our Parliamentarian, chairs the nominating committee. During the April meeting, we filled the committee positions (the bylaws require four members in addition to the chair). It's important to any guild that the members participate as fully as they are able to—we're a volunteer organization and therefore depend on the volunteer labor of our members. A guild thrives when its members offer the rich variety of their experiences to help the guild grow and evolve. So if you have any interest in serving on the board, or on one of the permanent committees, or on a task force, please talk to me or to Shirley.

Speaking of task forces, we created two at the April meeting. One of them is charged with working on the website update. The work of this task force will probably be complete in three or four months. We would benefit from another member in this group. The second task force is looking into the viability of publishing a quilt calendar as a fund-raiser. This group's first responsibilities are to brainstorm ideas and research costs. We need two more members for this group. Please let me know if you're interested in either task force. This is a perfect solution for those who would like to volunteer but aren't able to commit long-term.

Finally, be sure to check out our survey results: Three more surveys came in after I wrote last month's letter, which brings us to 40—an outstanding 50% response rate. This month we're focusing on Internet usage. You'll find a chart later in this newsletter.

Happy quilting—  
Allison

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**10 APRIL 2008**

President Allison Brown-Cestero called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She welcomed the visitors and new members.

Allison thanked those who filled out their surveys - 40 were turned in. She will be revealing a few results every month. The first result is that members are interested in helping with short term projects. Therefore, task forces will be created.

***Rules of a task force:***

1. Consist of 3-5 members.
2. Cross section of the organization
3. It will have a specific goal, task and timeline.
4. Will last less than 6 months.
5. It will be self regulating.

Two task forces to be established tonight: Website and fundraising.

1. Website task force will help with developing the website. This task force will be tied in with the newsletter since both share common information. Anna Luna is one member of the task force. Allison will head up the first meeting - this task force could last 4-6 months.
2. Fundraising task force will help develop a calendar. The task force will plan, brainstorm and research the calendar with the goal of the calendar being ready for the quilt show in October.

If anyone is interested in serving on these task forces, see Allison at the break.

Shirley Carter announced that she needs 4 members to serve with her on the nominating committee. See her at the break.

Denice Brockmeyer said that forms are slowly coming in for the quilt show. Entry forms are on the website - she doesn't have hard copies tonight. Please keep submitting - not a judged event.

Charity - turn in items to Anna Luna, quilts to Allison.

Allison said that Linda Sides is taking items for the auction. She has only received 2 quilt tops so far. She also needs 5" squares.

Judy Miner is organizing a trip to the Nashville Quilt Show in August.

Christie's Hope has requested a quilt for the auction for Battered Women's Shelter. Spicy Ladies of Thimble Hill donated a quilt that they made from fabric donated by Blank for the guild's charity challenge. The quilt will be donated on behalf of the guild.

Dea Heller:

- Retreat - please pay. Retreat begins on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Joyce and her sisters have fun planned. Please give Dea your T-shirt size tonight.
- Mystery quilt clues are available - sign up and receive your clue
- Janet Woorley is our May speaker. She will have a "Chocolate Ripple" workshop on Saturday, May 10.
- Karen Stone will have a trunk show at our June meeting. A Saturday workshop is being planned.

Joyce Boyd - Challenge fabric is available. Quilts are due on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Several quilt shops have coordinating fabric: Seventh Heaven, Memories by the Yard, Fabric and Friends, Quilt Haus. Dee LeClair will judge the challenge.

Block of the Month patterns available at break.

14 members brought show and tell.

\$1 drawing is a book - see Betty Skeitaisis at the break.

Linda Clark's father, Bob Short, died last night.

Marcia Meier announced that she needed sewing items for the guild table at the auction.

-BREAK-

Tilly Mathewson won the \$1 drawing.

The guild received a thank you note from the Battered Women's Shelter for our \$400 donation.

Dea Heller introduced the Spicy Ladies of Thimble Hill and their trunk show. Thanks for filling in at the last minute.

Nominating Committee filled. Members are: Garnett Szurek, Sharry Provines, Carole Van Buren and Susan Feeley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### ***Birthday Greetings to:***

Jackie Stahlecker  
Dea Heller

15<sup>th</sup>  
16<sup>th</sup>

Linda Sides  
Nancy Troyer

17<sup>th</sup>  
23<sup>rd</sup>

## **NEWS FROM THE PARLIMENTARIAN**

In accordance with the By Laws, the nominating committee is requesting five (5) volunteers willing to serve as officers of the Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild for the year 2009.

Shirley Carter -- Parliamentarian

## **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences go out to the families and friends of two former members, Kathy Fullwood, and Sherry Allred. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

## **NEWS FROM DEA HELLER**

### **2008 Fabric Challenge**

Blank Quilting has donated the fabric for our challenge this year. There are 2 beautiful pieces of fabric for you to use in a quilt of your choice. You may make a wall hanging, large quilt or wearable item. Rules and more information will be available at each meeting. Kits are \$8.00 with all collected going towards prizes. Be sure to see Joyce Boyd for your kit. There are only a few left.

## 2008 Mystery Quilt

2008 Mystery Quilt is well under way. Let me know if you missed any clues and I will email them to you.

### May Meeting and workshop

**Janet Woorley – presenting  
“Quilts for Chocolate Lovers”**

**Janet will have a work shop on  
Saturday “Chocolate Ripple”**

Please sign up for her workshop at the meeting it will be a lot of fun and very interesting. The workshop will be at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church on 16245 Nacogdoches Road just south of Rolling Oaks Mall. Lunch will be pot luck. Be sure to sign up and plan on a great class with this fantastic teacher.



### June Meeting and workshop

**Karen K Stone will have a Trunk Show  
Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> a workshop “On A Lark”**

Come and have a great time together with this marvelous teacher. It will be a mystery quilt. Come and sign up at the meeting and pick up your supply list.

## 2008 AHQG BOARD

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Alison Brown-Cestero	259-8710	<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN</b>	Shirley Carter	479-4072
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> VP</b>	Denice Brockmeyer	830-981-8069	<b>FUND RAISING</b>	Sandy Horan	352-5781
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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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▶ 1/4 Page Ad	\$10.00
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▶ Full Page Ad	\$40.00

Contact Newsletter Editor

### Newsletter Input

The deadline to submit articles and ads is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Email  
[alamoquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:alamoquilters@yahoo.com)

U.S. Mail

An email acknowledgment will be sent after we receive your email input. If you do not receive a response within 72 hours of the deadline, please call the newsletter editor.

## ...and the survey says...

- 40 members responded (that's 50% of the membership)
- Almost all (33, or 83%) use the Internet; 7 (17%) do not. This underscores the importance of our website update.
- 28 respondents (70%) shop for quilt-related items online, compared with 12, or 30%, who do not.
- The trend was reversed for the final question: 63% (25 respondents) do not belong to an online quilting group, while 35% (14 members) do. (One respondent didn't answer this question.)

# Marketplace

## Custom Quilts



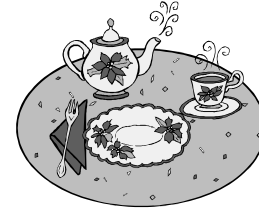
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### Special Occasion Quilts

- T-shirt Quilts
- Wall Hangings
- Memory Quilts
- Classes for all ages
- Lecturers & Presentations

**Dea Heller -- 651-6700**

Memories by the Yard  
210-520-4833



### Calling all Kids!

A one-day summer camp designed to teach the basics of quilt making.

**Saturday, June 14**

**1-4 pm**

**At Memories by the Yard**

Lois Smith will teach boys and girls, ages 8-15, the basics of quilting.

Call 210-520-4833 for more  
information.

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**Saturday, 10-4**

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Name Tag

Show & Tell Item(s)

Library Book(s)

Charity Item: **HAIR PRODUCTS**