

# Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild



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JOIN US ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH—WE MEET AT 7:00 P.M. AT ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (2738 BITTERS ROAD, BETWEEN BROADWAY AND NACOGDOCHES)

## Kits galore! Get 'em while it's hot!

### Special points of interest:

- *New door prize drawing*
- *Soft toys for charity*
- *Auction items*
- *Challenges and projects galore!*

## AUGUST 2008

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Our guild has a lot going on right now, including the fabric challenge, the mystery quilt, and our upcoming auction (September) and quilt show (October). But let's not forget about the other big event — Charity Night, which takes place during our October meeting.

As many of you know, Lauri Smith-Panova resigned as Charity Chair last month. I, for one, will miss her exuberance and enthusiasm. Her departure leaves us in need of someone to take on the Charity functions, which are among the most important in the guild.

Recently I sorted through all of the Charity bins (they're full of fabric—who could resist?). I was able to pull together about two dozen kits. We already had another three dozen or so kits, so we now boast quite an inventory of kits for members to put together. Some kits contain a panel and a length of fabric for backing; some kits include pieced tops; a few contain blocks to be stitched together. We also have plenty of fabric available if you want to make something yourself.

We've ordered batting to add to all of the kits. Linda Sides has offered to cut batting to size for each kit. What we especially need is for members to sew the quilts together in the "stitch and turn" method (also called "quick turn" or "pillowcase" style). Then we can tie them during Charity Night in October. Individual members can take kits, and this would be a great project for one or more of the bees to take on.

Our Charity efforts are a big part of the guild's identity. This year (as in most years) we're donating to the Battered Women's and Children's Shelter of Bexar County. Our quilts provide emotional comfort as well as physical warmth.

Kits will be available at every meeting, and I'll be happy to deliver additional kits to a Bee. Just call or e-mail, or see me at meetings.

And if you're interested in chairing the Charity committee, please call or e-mail me. It's the most rewarding job in the guild. Happy quilting — *Allison*

## Charity Challenge Announced

Start your creative engines for the 2008 Charity Challenge!

The rules are simple: Choose any children's book, make a quilt based on that book, and turn in both the book and the quilt.

There are no size restrictions on the quilts, but they should be of appropriate and usable size—for instance, a quilt

based on a book for adolescents will likely be larger than a quilt illustrating a toddler's book.

All quilts and books will be donated to the Battered Women's and Children's Shelter.

The deadline is our October 2008 meeting.

## Minutes of July 10, 2008 Business Meeting

### Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild—Quorum Board Meeting

July 10, 2008 - 6:35pm

Present: Karen Lambdin, Kelli Saffell, Denice Brockmeyer, Dea Heller, Janet Rutherford, Shirley Carter, Allison Brown-Cestero.

Kelli presented that the roll-over interest rate for the 2 \$5000 CD's that mature Aug 5/6 will be 1.84%. Action was tabled until August 2008 Board meeting while Kelli researched other bank interest rates.

Adjourned 6:40p

### Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild—General Meeting

July 10, 2008— Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

New members and guests were welcomed, and Sherry Twillegear was introduced as the new Quilt Angel. She will take newcomers under her wing and show them around at the meetings.

Karen Lambdin and Elizabeth Bradley were introduced as the newsletter co-editors.

Shirley Carter moved for approval of last month's minutes, and Kay Rosene approved. Motion carried.

Roster quarterly updates were located at the sign-in table, and Betty Skeistatus had two Christmas in July redwork books for the newsletter drawing that were won by Estella Gomez, a visitor from California and Linda Kraly.

Denice Brockmeyer reminded us that we need to get our entry forms with photos in as quickly as possible, with August meeting the deadline. Entry forms are available on the website. She asked for volunteers to 'cover the event' with a camera, and Shirley Carter stepped up. Pam Grunwald and Karla Henry-Reid will be helping with the layout for the quilts, and Kay Rosene may help with the guild table where we will have guild information and tote bags and redwork to sell to the general public. Michele Hanus said that show flyers will be available at the Aug meeting so anyone who has a spot to advertise be sure to pick some up.

Karen Lambdin is making some fun award ribbons, and if you'd like to help, please let her know.

Janice Cuterer reminded us of the New Braunfels quilt show, July 25-27 at the civic center.

Susan Feeley (Librarian) was not at the meeting, so please hang on to the guild books and return them next month.

Linda Side was in Sisters Oregon scoping out their show for us... auction items may be turned into Marcia Meier or Allison Brown-Cestero. We have a couple hand-carved antique quilt frames in the auction already.

Shirley Carter has filled the Board position vacancies with the

exception of Parliamentarian. She has too much on her plate to continue, so, check the by-laws to find out what is required and let her or Allison know if you'd like to give this position a try. Slate of nominees will be published in August.

Marque McKay presented the Jun/Jul Block of the Months. If you would like to have a Saturday get-together to have her help you walk through these blocks, please contact her.

Laurie Panova-Smith resigned as the Charity chairman. Any interest, please contact Allison. Someone with storage space would be ideal. There are a couple quilts that need bindings, please see Allison.

Dea Heller announced that the Fabric Challenge entries will need to be dropped off at Seventh Heaven August 4<sup>th</sup> so they can be judged.

The Mystery Quilt clues have been given out. If you don't have a complete set, email/call Dea and she'll see that you get all the clues. Remember, the finished quilts will be displayed at the November meeting.

August workshop with Annette Ornelas has been cancelled because of lack of participants. This is the second workshop recently that has had to cancel.

Volunteers are needed for the Holiday Home Tour. Decorate your home and share your sewing space with fellow quilters. Three homes are usually selected with progressive type refreshments. This need not be elaborate, so see Dea if you'd like to participate. It's a great incentive to get the holiday cleaning done and over with before the holidays—more time to sew!

Fabric 'n Friends has a new location in Castroville—813 Paris—behind the McDonalds. Fri/Sat they're having a grand relocation sale.

Charlotte Pittman has a bee that meets days 1604 & Bandera. Contact her for more info.

Twelve members shared their show/tell.

Allison presented two "President's Surprise" gifts: Hand-made Ott light carriers. Karon O'Farrell and Lenice Larkin now have a way to get that light to classes.

8:10pm

Holly Nelson from the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild and winner of the Best of Show and Viewer's Choice awards from the 2007 show presented a trunk show.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Rutherford, July 10, 2008



## Volunteers Needed

Looking for 3 or 4 volunteers to open their homes for AHQG's annual Home Tour the first Saturday in December. We all have so much fun visiting and seeing the homes we live in and where we do our quilt making. Please let me know if you are willing to volunteer your home for this occasion.

Call Dea Heller at 210-651-6700

## Membership updates

Be sure to let Janet Rutherford know if your information changes for the roster.

And remember to pick up the roster updates when you check in for the monthly meeting. Janet issues these updates once each quarter.

Janet can be reached by phone at 210-490-2237.

## Charity Quilts Update

At the August and September meetings, we will have bins full of kits available for members to take home and turn into quilts for residents of the Battered Women's and Children's Shelter.

Some of these kits include blocks to be stitched into tops; some contain panels and a backing; most include batting. We're also providing instructions for sewing these quilts so they can be tied.

The article on page 1 gives more information about these quilts. We'd like to sew our way through the entire stockpile of kits before year's end—wouldn't a carload of quilts be a great holiday surprise for the folks at the Shelter?



## Don't forget!

This month's Charity items are school supplies—please help these children get a good start at school by donating pencils, paper, binders, bookbags, rulers, erasers, crayons, calculators, staplers, etc.

New items only, please!



## New

## Door Prize Drawing!

Starting in August Members who are wearing their AHQG name tags will be eligible to participate free of charge in the new door prize drawing. We encourage everyone to wear an official AHQG name tag.

The door prize for August will be a \$20 gift certificate to a local quilt shop!

Kits including the pattern are available at the sign-in table. Members without name tags can still be eligible for the drawing by donating \$1 toward the door prize fund.

## AHQG 2008 Fabric Challenge

The time is coming to turn in your finished quilts. **Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> at Seventh Heaven Quilt Shop.** They will be judged and returned to our meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. For display and enjoyment for us all to see your finished quilt. Remember it does not matter what size. Any questions please call Dea at 651-6700.

### *Memories by the Yard*

“Fun in the Sun Summer Cool Down”

August 17 12-5pm

Join us for a Special Event as we cool down from a long, hot summer.

Be pampered as you have fun making -

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Glenda Harris will teach the class which will include lunch, a free relaxing shoulder & upper back massage and a pedicure (offered at a discount).

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## *Quilt Bee*

The new quilting Bees are up and buzzing. We have had a wonderful response to starting new groups and we want to encourage everyone to jump in and join the fun. Often when you start a new Bee you look for ideas and projects to tackle as a group, so I want to introduce you to one of our long time Quilt Bees called "BE ALL YOU CAN BE". This Bee is full right now but they are always doing great projects and Sharry Provines shared some of their past project ideas with me to pass along.

A nine patch exchange. Each month each Bee member brought 2 completed 9 patch blocks to exchange with every other Bee member. You needed to have one 9 patch block have darks in the corners and the other block with lights in the corners. They exchanged the blocks for a whole year and then used them to make whatever quilt they wanted with them. What I love about this idea is the pattern is easy and you can finish quickly. The blocks you receive have great variety of fabrics when they are used in a quilt. Then they brought in all the finished quilts made with the same blocks and they were incredible! It really inspired all of us.

Currently Sharry said they are working on hand applique blocks with a Santa and antique toys and each person is working on their own blocks to keep.

Thanks for the input Sharry! Anyone who has a current Quilting Bee and would like to pass along ideas please let me know.

The Bee Keeper

Karla Henry-Reid 826-4148



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For more information, call Dea Heller at 210-651-6700.

**Auction Items Needed**

If you're cleaning out your sewing room this summer, don't forget about the guild's annual auction. It's an important source of revenues for AHQG. The funds we raise through the auction help support guild programs and workshops.

Linda Sides is once again leading the auction effort. She is collecting donated items related to quilting and other forms of stitchery.

Here are just some of the items you can donate:

- Completed quilts
- Quilt tops
- Kits you no longer want
- Fabric—a popular item in the past was a tower of five-inch squares of fabric
- Sewing equipment

And don't forget smaller items, like magazines and patterns—Marcia Meier will be running the rummage table at the auction.

This year's auction will be held September 11, immediately after our regular monthly meeting. It's open to the public, so be sure to invite your friends!

To donate items for the live auction, the silent auction, or the rummage table, call Linda Sides at 210-805-9090 or just bring your items to the monthly meetings.

**Slate of Officers**



**President:**

Joyce Boyd

**1st Vice President:**

Garnet Szurek

**2nd Vice President:**

Dea Heller

**Secretary:**

Karen Lambdin

**Treasurer:**

Pam Douglass

## Board Elections

Elections will be held during our September meeting. Shirley Carter, our Parliamentarian, chairs the Nominating Committee.

“We have several people interested in positions on the board, but would welcome more volunteers,” says Shirley. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the August meeting.

## Area Quilt Shows Coming Up!

Killeen Sept. 19-21

Sulphur Springs-Sept 10-20

Caldwell - Sept 11-13

Austin - Sept 26-28

Fredericksburg - Aug. 29-31

Luling - Oct 10-11



## Custom Quilts

**Machine Quilting**  
**Edge to edge or custom**  
**Discount to AHQG members.**

### Special Occasion Quilts

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

**Dea Heller -- 651-66700**

## 2008 AHQG Board

<b>President</b>	Allison Brown-Cestero 210-259-8710
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## Quilt Show 2008—Fall Harvest of Quilts

by Denice Brockmeyer  
First Vice President

Just a reminder, Quilt Show application forms need to be turned in at the August General Meeting. Should you be unable to attend, please mail the forms to my home address with a picture of your quilt attached to each form. All quilts are wanted! We really want a variety of quilts and no quilt will be turned down!

Remember that this is our first Quilt Show and we want to show off the beautiful work that our Members produce. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 289-4902.

Bring on the quilts! Denice Brockmeyer

### August

## Happy Birthday!!

- 10 Lenice Larkin
- 13 Sherry Little
- 17 Jan Owen
- 17 Carol Meredios
- 18 Susan Feeley
- 19 Susan Hall
- 19 Lauri-Panova Smith



## Have Fun Making Soft Toys

Here's a fun little project to make along with your charity quilts!

Lauri Smith Panova gave us patterns for a stuffed ball and a small stuffed pig. These quick and easy-to-make soft toys are great for any age group, including infants, as long as you

embroider the eyes on the pig instead of using buttons.

You can use any fabric you would like for these cute little items. These patterns are great for using up your scraps, or we can find something from the Guild's stash. The balls are fun when you mix and match

the different panels, and the pigs are cute made with all one fabric or patchworked in any kind of way!

See Allison at the meeting to get your patterns.

*Fun, easy, cute, and they use up scraps—could there be a better summer project?*

### Mystery Quilt

The 2008 Mystery Quilt is well under way.

If you missed any clues, let Dea Heller know and she will e-mail them to you.

You can reach Dea by phone at 210-651-6700 or by e-mail at rheller@satx.rr.com.

### Beekeeper

Many members indicated in their survey responses that they would like to be part of a bee.

Karla Henry-Reid has volunteered to be AHQG's Beekeeper. She'll keep up with news about bees (open or closed) connected to AHQG, help members find bees that suit their needs, and facilitate the formation of new bees.

If you're in a bee, please make sure that Karla has information about it. And if you want to belong to a bee, don't be shy! Karla has great ideas and energy, so take advantage of her enthusiasm!

You can reach Karla by phone at 210-826-4148, or by e-mail at khreid@grandecom.net.

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### Quilt Angels

Our Hospitality Chair, Carole Van Buren, has offered to coordinate the Quilt Angels as well.

Quilt Angels are AHQG members who greet visitors at our monthly meetings and answer questions about the guild. They also mentor new guild members.

Please take visitors and new members “under your wing” by volunteering to be a Quilt Angel. See Carole at meetings, or call her at 210-822-4486.

### Next meeting

**August 14**

Remember to bring your...

Name tag

Show and Tell items

Library books

Charity items — School supplies