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Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild

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)

Summertime...and the sewing is easy

Special points of interest:

- *Guild name tag kits*
- *Soft toys for charity*
- *Auction items*
- *Challenges and projects galore!*

JUNE 2008

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Summer has arrived with a vengeance in South Texas. Many of us will try to beat the heat by staying in our air-conditioned sewing rooms. If you run out of project ideas, consider the following.

If you don't already have a guild name tag, this is a terrific project to stitch up before the next meeting. Quite a number of survey responses indicated that it was helpful when members wore their name tags. Our new members, in particular, appreciate this. You can make your name tag as simple or as elaborate as you like.

To make it even easier, we have kits available for you. The name tag kits were put together and donated by **Sharry Provines**, who will have them at the June meeting. Please join me in thanking Sharry for her thoughtfulness and generosity.

For a fun and easy summertime project, try one of the stuffed toys described on page 7. Patterns will be available at the meeting, and we hope to have them on our website soon.

And don't forget our auction! This is a great time

to clean out your sewing room. Let go of those UFOs, the patterns you won't make again, those extra notions...you know you need room for new things! See page 5 for more information.

Finally, remember our fabric challenge, our charity challenge, and our monthly collection of charity quilts. There are plenty of projects to keep you cool and sewing all summer long.

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. For more information, call Lauri Smith Panova at 210-545-9033.

Minutes of May 8, 2008 Business Meeting

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

Allison thanked those who helped with retreat.

The general meeting minutes were posted in the newsletter. They need to be amended/corrected at the meetings. A copy is posted tonight and after the break a motion will be entertained to accept the minutes.

Shirley Carter introduced the slate of nominees for the nominating committee: Garnett Szurek, Sherry Twilligear, Susan Feeley, Carol Van Buren and Nancy Legge, alternate. Marcia Meier moved and Kay Rosene seconded the motion to accept the nominating committee. Motion carried.

Allison gave an overview of the by-laws. A brief summary follows, details can be found in the by-laws.

Board of Directors consists of six elected officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. They serve a one year term from January to December and can serve two consecutive terms in the same position. There is a provision to allow an extension to the two consecutive year rule should no other candidate for the position be available.

There are six standing committees: Charity, Fundraising, General Membership Enterprises, Library, Membership and Newsletter. These appointed chairs comprise the rest of the board.

The slate of elected officers is presented to the board in July, published in the August newsletter, presented to the membership at the general meeting and open to floor nominations at that time. Election is held in September with installation at the December general meeting.

Allison presented several new results from the membership survey: Those participating in Show and Tell need to introduce themselves and new members requested nametags. Sharry Provines volunteered to make nametag kits. Janet Rutherford and Allison also have patterns.

Project group updates:

Website project group: Anna Luna and Regina Luna volunteered to serve - one more member is needed.

Fundraising Calendar: Sandy Horan and Karon O'Ferrall volunteered to serve - several more members are needed.

Quilt Angels: Carol Van Buren volunteered to head up quilt angels. Angels will meet and greet visitors and introduce them to our activities and members.

Beekeeper: Karla Henry-Reid volunteered to be the queen bee. Let Karla know about existing bees even if they are closed. Call Karla at 826-4148 to join a bee.

Tonight's \$1 drawing is for a book - see Beth Barrón at break.

Charity Challenge: This year each person participating will purchase a book and make a quilt interpreting that book. Quilts are due in October and will be given to the Battered Women's Shelter.

Kay Rosene brought in charity quilts that need binding - see Allison if you would like to finish a quilt.

Linda Sides is still looking for 5" squares for towers for the auction and she will now be taking any items you wish to donate for the auction. If you brought anything this evening, give it to Allison.

Denice Brockmeyer showed the pins for the quilt show on October 11 at Bracken Village. Please keep sending in your entries.

Marque McKay showed the next block of the month pattern. See her at break to get your copy.

Program news by Dea Heller:

Dea thanked Joyce Boyd and her sisters for their great work with the retreat and Las Tres Amigas for adding fun. She is sending pictures to Susan Feeley to post on the website.

There are still openings for Janet Worley's workshop on Saturday, May 10. Lunch will be potluck and the workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, 16245 Nacogdoches.

Karen Stone will be our June speaker. Her presentation is entitled "On a Lark". Karen will do a mystery workshop on June 14, also a potluck at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Holly Nelson will do a trunk show for our July program. A workshop on hand appliqué is also being planned.

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AHQG 2008 Fabric Challenge

Blank Quilting has donated the fabric for our challenge this year. There are two 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 money collected going towards prizes. Be sure to see Joyce Boyd for your kit. There are only a few left.

Membership updates

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

And this month, 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

by Lauri Smith Panova
Chair, Charity Committee

Hello everyone! With the heat bearing down on us, I know that summer is just around the corner. Another hint is the countdown to the last day of school! The kids can't wait, but I'm wishing I could put it off just a few more weeks.

However, being stuck inside the house for most of the day because of the heat can have its advantages—like making quilts!

One way to make it easier for everyone to make the Charity quilts is to pick up a package of the pre-cut

squares that are just waiting to be sewn together. Quick and easy! With some simple machine quilting, these become perfect gifts for the women and children in the shelter. I have plenty to go around, and also have fabrics that you can use to cut and piece your own designs or to use for backing.

So far this year we have donated 17 quilts to the Battered Women's and Children's Shelter. Thank you to all the quilters who have donated their time,

their fabric, and their skill to make these quilts.

If you would like a package of pre-cut materials or uncut fabric for backing or designing your own charity quilt, and can't make the next meeting, please let me know and I'll get it to you.

I also have unfinished quilts...anyone want to practice quilting or binding???

To contact Lauri, call 210-545-9033 or e-mail smithpanova@yahoo.com

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Meeting minutes, *continued from page 2*

See Joyce Boyd for challenge fabric. Challenge quilts are due the 1st of August and will be judged by De LeClair.

Our next retreat will be the 1st weekend in May and has a theme, "Kitty went a-quilting." There is a challenge to make 12" finished blocks depicting the theme and will be judged by retreat attendees.

Mystery quilts are due in November.

The doll pins are available for sale by Janet Worley for \$10 each.

Allison announced that there are some tote bags available for sale tonight for \$10 each. There are several guild pins still available - they will be at June's meeting.

Marcia Meier reminded members that she is collecting items for the rummage table at the auction - she will take donations anytime.

Eleven members participated in Show and Tell.

- Break-

Lauri Smith Panova has charity kits available tonight. She also talked about the charity challenge quilts due in October. Ball and pig patterns are available tonight.

Due to the resignation of Ruth Ann Willey, a newsletter editor is needed. The newsletter editor also works with the website. Allison will temporarily fill in but this position needs to be filled as soon as possible.

Karon O'Ferrall moved and Kathy Smith seconded the motion that some of the charity items donated this month be given to Seton Home in support of the FLDS children displaced from their homes. Motion carried.

Ruth Ann Willey moved and Janet Rutherford seconded the motion that business be suspended so that the program can begin. Motion carried.

Dea Heller extended the guild's condolences to Kay Rosene and Karla Henry-Reid on the loss of Kathy Fullwood, their sister/aunt.

Dea then introduced our guest speaker Janet Worley.

Winner of the newsletter raffle was Carol Medeiros.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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Upcoming AHQG Programs and Workshops

June 2008

Karen K. Stone

June 12: Trunk Show at AHQG general meeting

June 14: Workshop titled "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. Lunch will be pot luck.

July 2008

Holly Nelson

July 10: Trunk Show at AHQG general meeting

July 12: Workshop on hand appliqué

Holly won both Best Of Show and Viewer's Choice at the 2007 Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild's Quilt Show. Sign up at the meeting and pick up your supply list for her workshop on hand appliqué. Lunch will be pot luck.

Workshops are held at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, 16245 Nacogdoches Road just south of Rolling Oaks Mall.

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.



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. If interested, call her at 210-479-4072.

Survey says...

How often do you take classes?

- A few times per year: 45%
- As often as I can: 26%
- Rarely or never: 29%

2008 AHQG Board

President	Allison Brown-Cestero 210-259-8710
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Newsletter Editor	Open

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Quilt Show 2008—Fall Harvest of Quilts

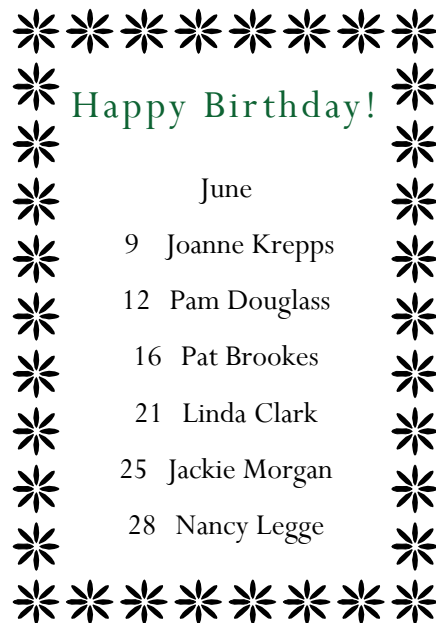
by Denice Brockmeyer
First Vice President

Just a reminder to submit your entries for the first Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild Quilt Show, to be held at Bracken Village on Saturday, October 11, 2008. Even if you have not completed your quilt, take a picture and turn in an entry form *for each entry*. All quilts are welcome.

Should you need additional entry forms they are available at the general

meeting and on the AHQG website at www.alamoheritagequiltguild.com. Click on Quilt Show for instructions and the form.

I hope everyone turns in at least one quilt to display, hopefully five. This is our time to display the members' talent and workmanship. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 830-981-8063 (this is a metro number) or by e-mail at wbrockmeyer@satx.rr.com.



Happy Birthday!

 June

 9 Joanne Krepps

 12 Pam Douglass

 16 Pat Brookes

 21 Linda Clark

 25 Jackie Morgan

 28 Nancy Legge

Have Fun Making Soft Toys

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

Lauri Smith Panova has 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 Lauri 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

June 12

Remember to bring your...

Name tag

Show and Tell items

Library books

Charity items — Soaps and gels