

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)

Taking The Bitter With The Sweet

Special points of interest:

- *Auction September Meeting*
- *Soft toys for charity*
- *Volunteer Needed*
- *Challenges and projects galore!*

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I belong to a number of quilting organizations. A member of one of them shared a bittersweet story with us and gave me permission to share it in this newsletter.

“This lady found my work through my website,” she writes, “contacted me, sent photos of her very loved Cavalier King Charles pet dogs. She wanted a fiber-quilted purse featuring one of her pets. On good faith, I made it, sent it to her along with a bill. She loved it, paid for it and wanted more fiber items made featuring her pets — ‘just do what ever you want’ were her orders.

“After a few more things were done, sent and paid for, I found out she had cancer. I found out she was spending a lot of time in bed and at the hospital away from her beloved pets. So, I made two quilted pillows, one of Jamie and one of Lace (her pets). I thought she might be able to take the pillows with her when she was away from home. ...

“I got a call today from her daughter. ... The daughter told me her mother died yesterday in the hospital hugging both pillows.”

My friend was saddened by the news, but also moved by how much her gifts had meant to someone she had never met. That’s why I wanted to share this story with you. Every once in a while we all need a reminder of how much people appreciate what we do.

Personally, I was moved beyond words when two dozen charity quilt kits were scooped up at our last meeting. I’ve already heard from some members that they’ve finished their quilts. And for those who wanted kits but missed out, we’ll have more at the September meeting. Thanks very much to the Common Threads bee for taking ten of those kits.

Thanks also to Shirley Carter for her diligence and energy in chairing our Nominating Committee, and to Sherry Twilligear, Garnet Szurek, Carole Van Buren and Susan Feeley for serving on that committee. We will elect our 2009 officers at the September meeting.

Until then, happy quilting—*Allison*

There’s still time for the Charity Challenge

If you haven’t already started the 2008 Charity Challenge, you still have time!

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 14 August, 2008 Business Meeting

President Allison Brown-Cestero called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She welcomed the visitors and new members.

The general meeting minutes were posted in the newsletter. Kay Rosene moved and Carole Van Buren seconded the motion to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Kelli Saffel reported that the guild moved its mature CDs valued at \$10,000 to [name of bank redacted for security] who offered 6 months at 3.75% interest. A member asked if money information can be published on the website - Allison said yes.

Dea Heller asked that members vote for the fabric challenge quilts before the break.

Charity - the guild is preparing for October's charity tie-in night. Prizes will be given this year. Jeanne Stephens ordered batting. Linda Sides cut batting and put in the kits. Several dozen kits are here tonight to be prepared for tying. More quilts are needed to be prepared for charity night. Allison asked for bees to volunteer to help - Common Threads Bee and Linda Sides' Bee volunteered. Thanks in advance for helping prepare the quilts. The guild needs a new charity chair as Lauri Smith-Panova resigned.

Quilt Show - Denice Brockmeyer said she has blank forms available tonight for entries to the quilt show and they are also available online. So far 71 entries from 24 members have been received. September 1st is the deadline for entries. The show is October 11th.

Auction - Linda Sides said that all donations for the September 11th auction need to be turned in tonight. Donated items include ruler racks from Karon O'Ferrall, quilts by Jeanne Stephens, 2 quilting certificates from Dea Heller and 2 binding certificates from Joyce Boyd. Linda has received many 5" squares and she thanked Dea Heller and Kay Rosene for quilting some tops. There will be 9 finished quilts and the rest will be tops. There will also be a surprise box full of good items. Bring friends. The auction will be in the gym.

Michelle Hanus said that publicity flyers/posters/bookmarks for the auction and quilt show are available for members to take to hang in businesses, friends and other guilds.

Allison said there was a bag of quilts for charity that need to be bound and a bag of fiberfill for stuffed toys.

Marque McKay said that the block of the month pattern was available tonight as well as copies of patterns from previous months.

Karla Henry-Reid said to see her if you'd like to join a bee.

Kris Gross announced a new door prize for people wearing the official guild nametag. If you forget your nametag you can donate \$1 and get a door prize ticket. This month's prize is a \$20 gift certificate to Quilter's Point.

Nominating Committee Report:

Our current 2nd Vice President has served 3 terms. According to the by-laws a person can only serve 2 consecutive terms unless the board and membership approve. The board approved the nomination by a vote of 6 for, 1 against and 1 abstention. Michelle Hanus moved and Rickie McGinty seconded the motion to allow Dea Heller to run again for 2nd Vice President. Motion carried.

Garnet Szurek read the slate of officers for the 2009 board: Joyce Boyd, President; Garnet Szurek, 1st Vice President; Dea Heller, 2nd Vice President; Karen Lambdin, Secretary; Pam Douglass, Treasurer; Parliamentarian still open. The floor was opened for nominations - none were made and the slate was closed pending a volunteer for Parliamentarian. The election will be held at the September general meeting.

Programs- Dea Heller announced that the September program is our auction to be held in the gym. October is our Charity tie-in. Please pick up kits to prepare quilts for tying. October is also the reveal night for our charity challenge which is select a book and make a quilt to go with it. There is also leftover challenge fabric that can be made into a charity quilt. The last quilt made from the challenge fabric raised \$750. November's meeting is the mystery quilt reveal and December is the Holiday party. Dea has one volunteer for the Holiday Home tour. Several more volunteers are needed.

There were 8 people displaying Show and Tell quilts.

- Break-

Allison announced that Karon O'Ferrall had volunteered to be Parliamentarian for 2009.

Challenge quilt results: Beth Barrón and Denice Brockmeyer gave out the ribbons and gift certificates to the winners of the challenge. De LeClair was the judge and all prizes came from the \$184 collected from participants for the challenge fabric.

Honorable Mention Quilts	Linda Kraly
3 rd Place Quilts	Lorna Westfall
2 nd Place Wearables/Accessories	Janet Rutherford
2 nd Place Wall Hangings	Michelle Hanus
2 nd Place Quilts	Joyce Boyd
1 st Place Wearables/Accessories	Karon O'Ferrall
1 st Place Wall Hangings	Kathy Smith
1 st Place Quilts	Dea Heller
Judge's Choice	Lorna Westfall
Viewer's Choice	Dea Heller
Best of Show	Dea Heller

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Allison announced that all charity kits are gone for this evening but that she and Linda Sides have more. The school supplies donated tonight will go to Battered Women’s Shelter.

Door Prize: Karen Lambdin

Newsletter Prize: Tilly Mathewson

FYI - batting in the charity quilt kits needs to be quilted 4” or closer.

Dea Heller introduced our guest speaker Annette Ornelas from Southwind Designs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, *Beth Barrón*



Door Prize Drawing

Thanks to all who participated in the **NEW WEAR YOUR NAME TAG** door prize drawing!

KAREN LAMBDIN was the lucky winner of a \$20 gift card at Quilter's Point!!

Remember to wear your name tag at the next meeting as you'll get a free ticket for the next drawing. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$1 and anyone not wearing a name tag can purchase tickets at \$1 each. Funds raised will be used for future door prizes.

Name tag kits are free and can be picked up at the sign-in table. We are cooking up another great prize for September!!! ~Sharry Provines

Update on Our Charity Efforts

At the August meeting, members took two dozen kits home to turn into charity quilts. We’ll have more kits available at the September meeting. Many of them can be stitched pillowcase-style to prepare them for tying.

Remember that we’ll be tying quilts at our October meeting. There will be prizes, so you won’t want to miss it!

Meanwhile, it took four trips to load my car with our latest donations to the Battered Women’s and Children’s Shelter. I could barely lift the box of school supplies that our members brought in for the children, which included:

- 21 folders and report covers
- 3 loose-leaf binders
- 12 packages of loose-leaf paper
- 18 spiral-bound notebooks
- 4 pencil cases
- 8 boxes of crayons
- 7 boxes of colored pencils
- 3 boxes of markers
- 4 bottles and 4 sticks of glue
- 5 packages of pencils
- 7 packages of pens
- 3 scissors

We also donated a heavy box loaded with personal care items, including many hotel-size products. (This is a great idea for those who travel; the small soaps and shampoos are already calculated into the price of your hotel room, so why waste them? Bring them back for someone who can use them.)

Here’s a tally of those donations:

- 28 bottles of shampoo (both full-size and hotel-size)
- 26 bottles of conditioner
- 3 packages of feminine hygiene products
- 26 bottles of mouthwash
- 32 bottles of lotion
- 14 bottles of bodywash or shower gel
- 73 bars of soap
- 1 each hand sanitizer, toothbrush, deodorant

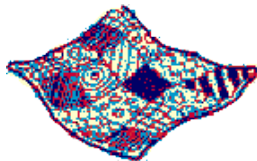
And on top of all that, we provided 16 quilts for residents at the shelter. One of the volunteers at the donation site pointed out, “The rooms at the shelter are painted all white.” She commented on how much brightness the quilts would bring to those rooms.

So get ready to tie some quilts in October!

~Allison Brown-Cestero

November Mystery

Quilt Showing



Your Mystery Quilt must be finished for the viewers to choose their favorite. There will be prizes and even some wonderful ribbons that Denice has made for it. If you need any of the clues please email Dea and I will send them to you. RHeller@satx.rr.com

Memories by the Yard

I've Always Wanted To...

Make a **Giant Dahlia Quilt** – let Brenda Asmus teach you how in a two part class on September 19 & 20, 10am-5pm

Learn how to **Needleturn Applique** – join in one of our many applique classes taught by Maria Connelly.

Beginning Applique - on Sat., Aug. 23rd, 10am – 1pm.

Interm. Applique - on Sat., Sept. 27th, 10am – 1pm.

Adv. Applique - on Sat., Aug. 23rd, 1:30-4:30pm or Thursday, September 11th, 10am – 1pm.

Learn how to **Machine Applique** – let Nancy Price teach you how on Friday, Sept. 5th, 10am – 4pm.

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QUILTING BEES

I hope everyone noticed that it was a Quilt Bee who volunteered to finish quilts for the charity night event. Thanks to everyone in that Bee for being so generous with their time! Our latest new Quilting Bee is going great and called the **WANNABEES**. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and have room for more quilters to join in the fun. Karen Lambdin is heading up this Bee so give her a call if you're interested. If you still aren't in a Bee yet don't be shy just let me know and we'll find the perfect quilting hive for you!

Karla Henry-Reid 826-4148

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- ▶ Business card size \$5.00
- ▶ Quarter page \$10.00
- ▶ Half page \$20.00
- ▶ Full page \$40.00

Deadline

15th of each month for next month's issue

Contact

Newsletter Editor at alamoquilters@yahoo.com

Board Elections

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

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.

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Fall Harvest Quilt Show!

We have received over 100 entries for the Quilt Show. Should you have a last minute quilt you would like to display in the show, please e-mail your information to: wbrockmeyer@satx.rr.com or mail entry form and picture to my home address: 27621 Autumn Glen, Boerne, TX 78006. You can also turn in the entry at the September General Meeting.

I will be at Seventh Heaven Quilt Shop on Tuesday October 7th and Wednesday, October 8th from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. to collect quilt entries. You can also turn in your quilts at the October General Meeting. Remember to have a label in the right hand corner of the back of your quilt which includes the name of the quilt and the quilt maker.

I want to thank you for all your support and hope this will be the start of future Quilt Shows for the Guild.

Once again thank you and let's have fun at our first show.

Denice Brockmeyer



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?

September

Happy Birthday!!

- 1 Ruth Wilkins
- 2 Marcia Meier
- 2 Shirley Carter
- 18 Trina Hibbard
- 18 Sandy Horan



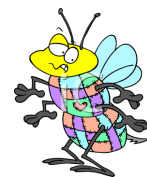
BEEKEEPER

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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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



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 September 11

Remember to bring your...

Name tag

Show and Tell items

Library books

Charity items - Sheets & Pillowcases



Please don't forget that Newsletter articles are due in by the **15th** of the Month!

Thank You!

Newsletter Editor—*Elizabeth Bradley*