

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

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



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February 2008

ABC QUILTING

What a great meeting we had last month! The room was packed with members old and new, just in time to kick off a block-of-the-month program. This is just one of the special activities we're planning throughout the year.

Our January speaker was Lisa Erlandson, whose entertaining and educational program sparked a lot of audience participation. She used vintage quilts to illustrate "the good, the bad, and the ugly" in quilt design. To be honest, I liked some of the ugly quilts best! They make me wonder about the people who made them—who they were, what their lives were like, whether this was a first quilt or a last quilt.

Coincidentally, the very next day someone gave me an old issue of *Quilter's Newsletter*, in which a quilter named Deborah Clark described her most memorable quilt. She had put it together from old blocks she found in a box in her mother's attic—mismatched blocks that someone had pieced from scraps of worn-out clothing. Deborah used black cotton for the sashing and backing. She tied the quilt with purple embroidery floss and bound it with fabric cut from an old purple skirt. Then she stuck the ugly, uncoordinated quilt in the back of the closet.

But then her daughter caught a cold, and the ugly quilt came out of the closet to cover the child as she lay on the couch. A few days later, another child caught the cold and wanted the quilt. Then Deborah herself used it as a lap quilt while she was sewing, and then her husband wanted it as an extra cover at night.

One thing led to another, and the ugly quilt never went back into the closet. Deborah concluded: "So my most memorable quilt is not my best or worst, not the newest or oldest, not the prettiest or the one that won a prize. It's the one my family has loved the hardest."

As we move into February, the month when we celebrate love, isn't that a nice sentiment?

Happy quilting—
Allison

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday Greetings to:

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| Mildred Moczygemba | 4 th | Marque McKay | 13 th |
| Maxine Sabol | 11 th | Lenora Daly | 22 nd |
| Betty Boytos | 12 th | Star Todd | 23 rd |
| Kay Rosene | 12 th | | |

MEMBERSHIP

Shirley Carter's husband has taken a fall and had surgery to repair his hip Thursday morning. He will be moved to a rehabilitation facility for therapy. Please keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers.

CHARITY

I would like everyone to know the guild's charity program will remain the same as last year. I have been cleaning out, rearranging, organizing/whatever it takes to make room for the fabric bins and things I'll be getting. This year I would like to add something new to the program – stuffed animals for the kids. Depending on the interest, I can make up some easy-to-make patterns and pass them out at the meeting. Please let me know at the next meeting if you are interested. This month's charity item request is for feminine products (tampons, pads, etc.) – the women will really appreciate them.

Thanks,
Lauri

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Don't forget Ann Barnett is the Chair for our guild's Sunshine and Shadows. Contact her at the number listed below if you know of someone who needs a get well card, or a sympathy card, etc.

NEWS FROM DEA HELLER

February Speaker is: Debbie Maddy. "No Diamonds, No Y Seams"

Debbie is a very talented quilter, and has designed several patterns using this technique. Come to our Valentine's Day meeting and enjoy a great presentation.

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 the meeting.

Quilt Retreat - First weekend in May 2008

Taking back ups only at this time, please let Dea know if you want to be on the list. Everyone has a great time at our retreats.

2008 Mystery Quilt

2008 Mystery Quilt has begun, if you missed your first clue just let me know and be sure to sign up at the February meeting.

AUCTION NEWS

The new year brings resolutions to get organized and clean-out our “stuff”. When you have sewing and quilting related items that you want to get rid of, please remember that your guild auction can use them. We can use them in the auction or place them on the sale table - depending on their value. Patterns, books, fabric, unfinished projects, laces, rulers – you name it and we’ll take it! The auction is in September so hold onto it until May, when Linda Sides will start taking auctions items. Your help in making our auction a success is much appreciated!

Orphan blocks are leftover blocks that you do not use in a project. Perhaps the colors are not what you expected, you made too many blocks, or you started on a project and decided not to finish it. For whatever reason, you have blocks that need a home. If you donate these blocks to our guild “Orphanage”, they will be put with other similar blocks to make charity quilts, auction quilts, or sold at the sale table at the auction. Please do not throw them away! Linda Sides is the keeper of these blocks, so if you have any, please give them to her for a guild project! If any bee group wants to volunteer to make a quilt top using orphan blocks, Linda has some ready for assembly! See her at a meeting or call 210-805-9090.

Five-Inch Blocks & Fabric Scraps: The last auction was so successful with a “tower” of 5-inch blocks. We are getting an early start on building another tower! As you cut fabric for a project, keep our tower in mind and cut some 5-inch squares from your leftovers. Or, just set aside 30 minutes to cut some squares from your stash for the tower. Please --- quilt shop quality fabric only.

The 2007 auction had a HUGE bag of fabric scraps that we would like to repeat this year. Save your 2-inch or larger scrap pieces in a bag – taping or hanging a plastic bag near your cutting area will make it easy to remember to save these! You will be surprised how much you collect!

Bring your squares and/or your scraps (separately please) to Linda Sides at any guild meeting. Thanks for your help!

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Dea Heller -- 651-6700

FOR SALE

HandiQuilter and custom oak table for sale - \$425. Set up as a double size, but have parts etc for a queen. I will sell the Handi Quilter separately, but it so easy to set up with the tracks installed. Legs of table can be removed and items placed in table base so you can store under most beds.

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New Block of the Months

Be Attitudes – the new Nancy Halverson BOM features her wonderful fusible appliqué and runs for 12 months.

Flight of Fancy – this beautiful appliqué and pieced quilt has pink roses on a black background and appliques of flowers, fruit and black birds and runs for 12 months.

Itty Bitty Flakes – Each month, for 12 months, you make three coordinating little quilts with fusible appliqué, embroidered details, and fun button embellishments, each measuring 3½” x 7½”.

Moda Mystery Quilt – This quilt, also running 12 months, is appliqué and pieced in purples, yellows, blues and greens. Some of the blocks will have baskets of flowers. The rest is a mystery that gets revealed over the year.

Garden Friends and Kindred Spirits – These two BOMs both use the sunflower line from EE Schenck, Full Sun. Garden Friends has pieced and appliqué birdhouses, birds, honeybees and flowers. Kindred Spirits has pieced blocks surrounding a large center block. Both BOMs run 6 months.

Come in and see the samples, plus the samples of Butterfly Kisses, Amelia's Rose Garden, Playtime Quilt, Scenes of the Orient and Marti Michell's new Medallion Quilt BOM.

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