

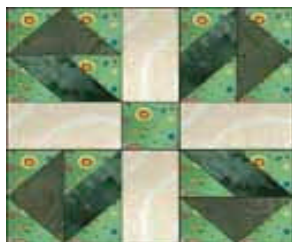
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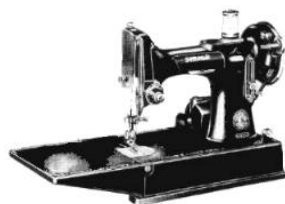
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June 2011

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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 MACARTHUR VIEW, BETWEEN BROADWAY AND NACOGDOCHES)



Time for Spring Cleaning and getting organized!



What a super game night we had at our May meeting! Thank you Jackie & Joyce for the fun evening, it was a great to have time to work together and get to know each other 

As I continued working on a scrap quilt, I got to thinking how many of us have a closet, spare room, attic or garage, where you store your treasure, two or three big boxes or bags of scraps — your collection for a scrap quilt. If you are as good (or as bad) as I am, it's five or six boxes. There are bits and pieces saved from previous projects, a paper bag of odds and ends a friend gave you; a bundle from a sale, etc. But the whole thing is such a hodge-podge. You dump it out on your sewing room counter or floor and you have a mountain of muddle — a resplendent heap of color and design.

A couple of years ago after mottling through my pile one day I decided to finally get most of them organized. My scraps are now sorted basically by size and shape. I have a drawer unit with strips in it according to size from 1 inch to 4 inches. My husband put strong shelves for my bolts where my design wall was, he also put a shelf above the window in my studio which I have placed my collection of metal boxes, fancy boxes and canisters. In these I put other scraps. At least two large ones have half square triangles. One even is overflowing with just 2 ½ inch squares, which I seem to use a lot of. 3 large flat tubs now contain my fat quarters and so on. Now that most is organized it is back to work on my scrap quilt.

There are several ways to reduce this confusion into a handsome quilt. The scrap quilt may be classified into several types, from a quilt that is made entirely from scraps, to one that uses scraps for only part of each block. You can choose the type of quilt to you enjoy making, and depending upon the size of the accumulation you have, you have an almost free quilt. I love free quilts. One of the most popular block patterns for scrap quilts is the log cabin. This quilt can be made entirely of scraps, being careful to separate the light and dark fabrics. There are several patterns that lend themselves to half square triangles also, etc., etc.

It is a lot of fun to pull out that scrap bag, to go through it and use up some of those beautiful fabrics long forgotten about. Try it! In fact in June Mary Massey is coming to do a workshop on blended quilts, another great quilt for some of those unused scraps. How about signing up and doing this great project with the rest of us. Workshops are a lot of fun. I almost always learn something new. And I have a lot of fun sewing with fellow quilters.

Be sure to be at our next meeting to see Mary Massey's collection of blended quilts.

Bring a friend with you.

Happy Quilting,

Dea

May Board Meeting Minutes

The monthly board meeting of the Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild was called to order by President Dea Heller at 6pm on Monday, May 2nd, 2011. Present were all board members and chairpersons.

Vickie had no report to give this evening. Jackie/Joyce reported that 15 people are now signed up for the Susan Cranshaw workshop on May 14th, and they have confidence that enough people will sign up to fill the class to capacity by the end of our general meeting on May 12th. The theme of that meeting is 'game night'. Mary Morrissey will be with us in June, at our general meeting on the 9th and for a workshop on the 11th. There will be two samples for viewing at our May 12th meeting for Mary's workshop.

There were no reports from the secretary/librarian. Karon presented the treasurer's report, with updates and adjustments because of the recent retreat activity over the past weekend. Kathryn has her nominating committee set and will e-mail Ruth so that the list can be published in the next newsletter. Members of the committee, besides Kathryn, are Carole Van Buren, Dee Duffy, Pat Tollette, Janice Cutrer, and Laura Riley as the alternate.

Joanne said she'd give another reminder about the book/quilt challenge coming up in November. Joanne now has some finished quilts to show at the May meeting, and then will pass them on to Jackie, so that they may be distributed at the children's hospital. She also suggested that we try a bit harder to make newcomers at our meetings feel more welcome, based on some comments she received at our last meeting. Bebe says she would like to have a quarterly charity night workshop. It was suggested that she put something in this next newsletter for one she'd like to have in August.

Ruth will be receiving quite a few updates and news items for this next newsletter, based on the discussion at tonight's meeting. Janet reported that we have a total of 74 members at this time. Michele didn't have a report tonight. Carole said that the new system for supplying food for the snack table at our meetings is working out nicely. Bebe says there are still 42 totebags with our AHQG logo available. Usually a guest speaker is presented with one of our totes. She will give five to Joyce for upcoming guest speakers. Some board members mentioned that they own multiple AHQG totebags, as they are so durable and attractive. Bebe says that she plans on rotating the items at her fund raising table each month. Her table sales for March and April went quite well.

At the May meeting, Jackie, Joanne, and Kathryn need to speak to the general membership.

Under New Business, Dea announced that the July board meeting will be on July 5th at 7th Heaven because of the Independence Day holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Feeley
Secretary/Librarian

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**BEEKEEPER**

Linda Clark has volunteered to be AHQG's Bee-keeper. 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 Linda has information about it. And if you want to belong to a bee, contact Linda!

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(Grocery Basket)

June	Paper products (paper towel, toilet paper etc)
July	Bread, peanut butter, jelly, individual pkgs chips
August	School supplies (list will be provided at that time)

**QUILTER'S QUEST
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JUNE LADIES

3rd	Tillie Carrisalez	29th	Kathleen Concannon
16th	Pat Brookes	29th	Marie Emerson
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Texas Quilt Shows and Related Events

The following information is provided as a service. Please confirm it before you set out on your trip

'Quilt Plano 2011'

Quilters Guild of Plano August 12 & 13, 2011 Plano Center Plano, TX

For more information Visit <http://www.quiltersguildofplano.org/quiltplano/quiltplano.shtml>

'Threads of our Past - Celebrating 30 Years'

Midland Quilter's Guild October 8, 2011 Midland Center 105 N. Main St Midland, TX

For more information Visit <http://midlandquiltersguild.com/quiltshow.htm>

'International Quilt Festival'

November 3 - 6, 2011 George R. Brown Convention Center Houston, TX

For more information: Visit <http://www.quilts.com?>

JUNE'S PROGRAM

Our program for June is Mary Massey. She will be showing "Blended Quilts". There will also be a workshop on June 11th from 9 to 3 at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church at 16245 Nacogdoches Road. The cost is only \$35.00 and this is a great opportunity to do something you like or to get outside your box. Potluck lunch is the menu of the day and it is always wonderful. Not only can our members sew & quilt but they do know what the kitchen is for in their homes. Looking forward to seeing everyone at one or both of these events.



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

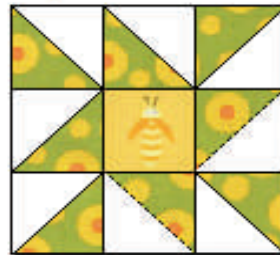
Mary Semlinger, Joyce Boyd, Mildred Moczygemba & Ruth Ann Willey appreciate your thoughts and prayers for their brother Allen Collins—under Hospice Care.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

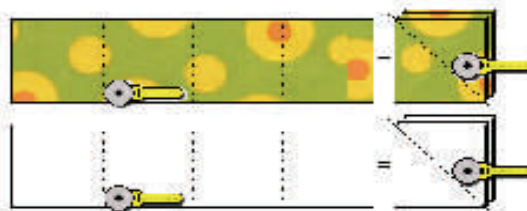
BLOCK FOR JULY – RED, WHITE AND BLUE



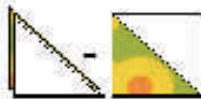
This makes a 9" block !



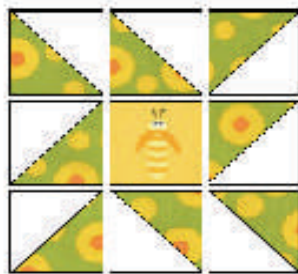
**** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block ****



Start by cutting the Color 1 and Color 3 3-7/8" x 15-1/2" strips into four 3-7/8" squares of each. Stack these and cut them in half once on the diagonal to make eight half square triangles of each...



Sew the Color 1 and Color 3 half square triangles right sides together in pairs as shown at left, using a scant 1/4" seam. Press seams to the darker sides. Trim these back to measure 3-1/2" if needed. Make eight units like this...



Now lay out all the block's units as shown at left, with the Color 2 square at center. Sew three horizontal rows. Press the row seams in alternating directions. Join the rows, and you are done!

FUND RAISING CHAIR

Thanks again for supporting our Boutique. I will be bringing more items this month. Priced to move so bring some extra \$\$ or a check. We still have bags, pins and key chains with our guild logo.

The Quilters Swap is still collecting item to trade. We will be doing the trading in July. So please look at your sewing room and see what you can part with. Patterns, books UFO's, rulers, notions, fat Q's, and such. Thanks to those who have already participated. We have received some really nice books, patterns notions and etc. So let's have some fun and leave with a new item to add to your stash!!!!!!

Is anyone interested in helping make charity quilts on Wed. July 27th and August 10th around 6pm? Let Bebe know if you will be coming. Joann will provide kits for us. Let's support our guilds charity work. More details will be provided at our meeting and I will have a sign up sheet available. Thanks Be

My Bee, the Buzy Bees is still looking for members. We meet 2x month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening Contact Bebe @ baramos2960@satx.rr.com or 210-744-6092

CHARITY

All — Let's not forget about our book/quilt challenge. You buy a book, then make a quilt to match. The age range is 6 months to 14 years. Not only do you get to make a child happy X 2, but the judging will be fun and that is fun for you! The judging will be at the November meeting. Keep in mind the quilts are for charity so be generous. Just because a kid is unfortunate doesn't mean they don't like pretty, fun, cool, or imaginative!

Be sure to stop by and pick up one the kits I'll have on hand at the meeting.

Just a reminder about the box top for schools that I am collecting for free fabric. Every little red box top helps".

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Quilt Angels



Beverly Ramos, 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.

ATTENTION:

If you have anything of interest to share with the guild members please be sure to let the newsletter editor know. There's always room for sharing in the newsletter.

Next Meeting: May 12th

Remember to bring your...

Name Tag

Show and Tell Items

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Charity Items

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Thank You!

Ruth Ann Willey

Newsletter Editor



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