

Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild



ESTABLISHED 1995

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)

Special points of interest:

Thanks for the memories...

- *Quilt Retreat*
- *Holiday Party*
- *December Installation*
- *Round Robin*

December 2008

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There's something about the end of the year that makes us look back and reflect on the past 12 months. For our guild, this has been a year full of challenges. I believe we've met those challenges successfully.

Take our charity efforts: Despite losing our Charity Chair midway through the year, we persevered. As of the end of November, we had donated more than 100 quilts to the Battered Women's and Children's Shelter of Bexar County. Additionally, we'd donated boxes full of grooming products (shampoos, etc.), school supplies, and other personal items for residents at the Shelter. I'll have final numbers for the year after our December meeting.

Then there was our tax-exempt status: It's taken months of research and many hours of paperwork to complete our application for Section 501(c)(3) status. All that's left is to add in the final Charity information and the year-end financial information, and that application will be ready to deliver to the IRS.

We lost our newsletter editor earlier in the year, but two volunteers stepped in to take over the redesigned newsletter; Elizabeth Bradley is now the editor.

Our very first quilt show was a great success; it's my hope that we can hold a quilt show as a fundraiser in future years.

I do have one regret: The proposed redesign of the website is not complete. It had to take a back seat to some of the other work that needed to get done this year, and I don't think I'll be able to finish it before leaving office. So I leave that to my successor.

On the other hand, membership was a growth area this year. We have more members, and our members are becoming more involved in running the guild. Our Hospitality Chair took on the extra role of managing the Quilt Angels; we once again have a Beekeeper and several active bees; we have a revamped Door Prize program (designed and managed by members); and for 2009 we're offering not one, but two Round Robin programs. These programs were proposed by members (not the Board) and will be organized and run by members (again, not the Board).

It has been an honor to serve as your President this year. Thank you for entrusting your guild to me.

~Allison

Minutes of 13 November 2008 Business Meeting

President Allison Brown-Cestero called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She welcomed the visitors.

Shirley Carter moved and Linda Kraly seconded the motion to accept the September general meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Allison thanked Denice Brockmeyer for the hard work and success of the Quilt Show. She also thanked the volunteers. There were 357 ballots for viewers' choice and a lot of guild members didn't vote so there was a good turnout.

Shirley Carter announced that there will be a CD of the quilts hanging at the Quilt Show available for \$5. These CDs will be available by presale only. See Shirley if you want a copy.

The paperwork for the 501C3 is in its final stages of preparation. The financial reports are finished and copies are being assembled for the rest of the requirements. There is a one time application fee of \$750 because the guild's receipts are over \$10,000 a year. Paperwork will be filed in January. Tom Dickens moved and Dea Heller seconded the motion that the \$750 fee be added to the 2009 budget. Motion carried.

Shirley Carter thanked Allison on behalf of the guild for the hard work she put into filing the paperwork for the 501C3. Thanks also to Kelli Saffel for compiling and completing the paperwork for the financial portion of the application and thanks to Denice Brockmeyer who compiled information from the guild's records for the other portion of the application.

Sandy Horan moved and Elizabeth Bradley seconded the motion to add \$240 to the 2009 budget for door prizes. Motion carried.

Michelle Hanus moved and Marque McKay seconded the motion to accept the 2009 budget. Motion carried.

Janice Cutrer thanked all those who purchased tickets for the Coker quilters raffle quilt. Mary Anne Hicks was the winner.

There are 12 charity kits available tonight as well as 2 that still need to be tied. Bring charity quilts to December's meeting so they can be delivered before the end of the year.

Denice Brockmeyer spoke about December's holiday party. Smoked brisket, perhaps turkey and drinks will be provided. Please bring sides and an unwrapped gift for the Battered Women's Shelter.

Two round robins have been proposed for 2009. Members can sign up for one or both if they desire. They are:

Marque McKay's 12" round robin challenge - in January bring a 12" block. This block will be put in a numbered bag (register your number). Each month someone will pick a bag, not their own or one they've chosen before, and add 12" of something to the bag/quilt. It could be a 12" border or it could be a 12" block for someone else to add later on. After 6 rounds the quilt will be revealed to its owner.

Karla Henry-Reid and Pam Grunwald's panel round robin - Each participant will supply in a container large enough to hold a growing top a panel and, if they desire, fabric to be included in the quilt. Participants will sign up at November and December's general meeting. Karla and Pam will assign participants to a group totaling 6 members. The panel will be passed 5 times for each person to apply some kind of border to the panel. The 6th month the panel will be returned to its owner.

-Holiday Home tour has been cancelled due to lack of homes.

- 44 members have signed up for the retreat with 2 names on the waiting list. The theme for the retreat is "Kitty went a quilting" and each retreatant is asked to make a 12 ½" block reflecting the theme. The ripping jar will also reappear so that those who are caught ripping can "feed the kitty".

Programs for 2009:

January - Dot Collins with a workshop Saturday on machine quilting

February - Linda Pumphrey from Mountain Mist

March - Karla Alexander

April - Lynn Roddy Brown

May - Brenda Pappadacus (pending)

June - Bobbie Aug

July - charity

August - Dian Lamb

September - Cynthia England

October - Auction

November - Christmas Stocking Challenge and Mystery Quilt Reveal

December - Holiday Party

- 4 Mystery quilts are here tonight. Please vote for your favorite during the break.

Denice Brockmeyer presented the Viewer's Choice awards from the voting at the Quilt Show. (Pictures of the quilts are on the website)

Best of Show - Sharry Provines

1st place - Dea Heller

2nd and 3rd place - Karen Lambdin

4th place - Ruth Ann Willey

5th place - Beth Barron

Drawing winner was Lorna Westfall

14 members brought show and tell.

Joyce Boyd announced that one of members, Mary Laughlin, passed away this week after a long battle with cancer.

-BREAK-

Door prize winner was Pat Tollette.

Mystery Quilt Winners:

1st place - Lisa Parnes

2nd place - Kathy Smith

Tie for 3rd place - Lorna Westfall and Linda Kraly

Dea Heller introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Sue Bailey from Houston.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Barrón

Tax-Exempt Status Information

- Members of the Board of Directors must maintain careful records and transfer all those records to the next Board. **This applies to committee chairs and the elected officers.** This doesn't mean that every member who sews binding on a charity quilt has to track every minute of her time. It does mean that we have to have official records of how many quilts we donated and to which organization, how many people took our workshops, how many new members have joined, etc. Each Board member should prepare a year-end report that lists this type of information for that Board member's area of responsibility. Then we'll have that information in the event the IRS ever asks for it.
- It's essential to run the guild according to the Bylaws. Each year, the new Board should sign and date the Bylaws. The Board cannot unilaterally make decisions that aren't covered in the Bylaws. Here's an example: The Bylaws state that members shall receive written receipts anytime they pay the guild more than \$5. On Auction Night, we want to skip that step in the interests of time. Because it is an amendment to the bylaws—even if it's just a temporary, one-night amendment—the membership as a whole must vote on it.
- Members must also vote to approve minutes and treasurer's reports. The easiest way to publish them is in the newsletter; otherwise, the Secretary and Treasurer can read their reports at every meeting.

- The IRS specifies certain activities that the guild cannot engage in. For instance, we must "absolutely refrain" from participating in political campaigns. That doesn't affect what a member does as a private individual, as long as it doesn't appear to be endorsed by the guild. For instance, let's say an officer of the guild works as a campaign volunteer. There's no problem with that, if the person is acting as a private person. But if the officer sends a campaign e-mail to everyone on the guild mailing list, the guild could be penalized for that.
- Similarly, we need to be careful about our charity recipients. The occasional donation to a church or religious charity appears to be OK, but our "official" charity should not be faith-based, focused on one nationality, etc. We have to avoid the appearance of discriminating against any groups.
- Once our tax-exempt status is approved, the State of Texas will allow us to hold a raffle. We're allowed two fundraisers in a calendar year. That means we can have a raffle and auction one year, then a raffle and quilt show (money-making) the next year, and alternate back and forth.

As you can see from these highlights, the new status will not affect our day-to-day activities.

Annual Holiday Party



December is here and the Quilting Elves have completed the preparation for the holiday party held on December 11th. There will be food, fun and games.

Come celebrate and enjoy the fellowship.

Remember to bring a covered dish of your choice. Meat will be provided.

And in keeping with the spirit of the season, we ask that you bring an unwrapped gift to be delivered to the Battered Women's and Children's Shelter. Don't forget there are youth and teen there also.

Fabric 'n Friends



**1103 Fiorella Street
Castroville, Texas 78009
830-931-0141**

Join us in December for our special events-

- December 13– 6th Annual End of Year Sale
Over 500 Bolts @ 50% off and over 1000 Bolts @ 20% off
- December 20– 6th Annual Christmas Open House
Hourly Gift Drawings, Refreshments, Special Surprises

Check out some of our clubs and consider joining us-

- Strip Club 3rd Saturdays
- Thimbleberries Club 2nd Tuesdays
- Creativity Club 3rd Tuesdays
- Brown Bird Club 1st Wednesdays
- Celebration Saturdays 4th Saturdays

AHQG 2009 QUILTING RETREAT**“Kitty Went A Quiltin”****Fill out form below and bring to the next meeting or mail it to me.**

Location: John Newcombe Tennis Ranch

325 Mission Valley just off Hwy. 46 in New Braunfels

COST FOR THIS FUN WEEKEND:

The following prices are based on per person and will include all taxes and gratuities.

Choice 1: Friday, Saturday & Sunday –

May 1, 2, & 3, 2009 - cost is: \$195.00

Choice 2: Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday –April 30th, May 1, 2, & 3, 2009 - cost is: \$265.00

ACCOMMODATIONS: We have 2 bedroom condos as our accommodations; there will be 4 people to a condo. 1 bedroom has 2 queen beds and the other bedroom has 2 twin beds. Car parking is close to each condo, and most things are handicap accessible. They have a lovely pool and tennis courts if you want to relax and play.

MEALS: Hearty meals will be served in the dining room starting with dinner at 6:00 PM. Thursday or Friday evening. Three meals will be served on Friday (if you are going up on Thursday), and Saturday. Sunday -Breakfast & Lunch will be served.

Besides the meals, morning and afternoon snacks will be served. Tea, coffee and water will be available all of the time. You may bring your personal choice of drinks, sodas are available at the bar or soda machines. A table will be set up for the fabulous snacks everyone seems to bring to share. Joyce Boyd and her sisters are planning some fun activities.

Check in time is 3:00 PM on either Thursday or Friday.**Check out time is 2:00 PM on Sunday from your condo, but we may stay in the sewing room until 3:00 PM. o**If you want to attend, please fill out the form below and bring it to meeting. **Please give t Program Chairperson****2009 AHQG Retreat Sign Up**

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Sharing condo with _____,

_____, & _____

Please check one:

Choice 1 _____ **\$195.00 or****(Friday, Saturday, & Sunday)**

May 1, 2, & 3, 2009

Choice 2 _____ **\$265.00****(Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday)**April 30th, May 1, 2, & 3,

Signed: _____



January “Meet Your New Officers” & Dot Collins presenting “A New Home for Orphans” Workshop On Saturday “Machine Quilting Feathers”

Dot is coming back to do another presentation for us and a workshop on Saturday. “Machine Quilting and how to do Feathers” Sign up starts at our December meeting.



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mary Laughlin's Family and Friends. Mary passed away November 9, 2008 after a four and a half year fight against cancer. Mary will be sadly missed.

Memories by the Yard

221 Featherweight Workshop

If you are fortunate enough to own one of these wonderful machines, you will want to be able to maintain it and care for it so that it will last for many more years.

Learn about the parts and accessories

You will take your Singer 221 apart and put it back together

You will clean your 221 before re-assembling.

Learn how to best care for your 221 to keep it in top sewing condition. Class offered at 2 separate times:

Saturday, November 15 or November 22

10am – 4pm (bring a lunch)

Register now – space is limited!

8015 Mainland Dr. , San Antonio, TX

210-520-4833 Memoriesbytheyard.com

Store hours: Monday thru Friday, 10-7

Saturday, 10-4

Round Robin /Panel Quilt

We are off to a great start !!! We have 22 already signed up and you can still sign up at the December meeting. Remember you need to bring your kit to the January meeting.

*Create a kit for your project. Your kit must include:

A container big enough for your growing quilt top and supplies. It should be labeled with your name, email address and phone number.

Your panel.

A label and permanent pen so your team can sign it.

Your kit **may** contain:

Extra fabric. Participants are free to use their own fabric, too.

Instructions to your quilters in your group. Do you have a finished size in mind?

Color scheme? Theme? Mood? Colors you hate? Do you want all fabrics pre-washed?

You can call or email
Karla Henry-Reid 826-4148

khreid@grandecom.net or

Pam Grunwald 341-6655

pgrunwald@sbcglobal.net with questions or help.

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- 4 Mary Laughlin
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 15 Pam Grunwald
 17 Shannon Billingsley
 18 Regina Luna
 21 Rita Castillo Baldwin
 26 Karla Henry-Reid
 30 Ann Barnett



December
Happy Birthdays!

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
- Lectures & Presentations

Dea Heller -- 651-6700

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E-mail your board at ahqgboard@yahoo.com

AHQG website: www.alamoheritagequiltguild.com

A WELL-ROUNDED ROBIN MYSTERY QUILT

- Using only **current, quilt shop quality fabrics, pre-washed**, construct 12 sq. inches of quilt product/block(s) - IN ANY CONFIGURATION and bring it to the **AHQG JANUARY MEETING**. **KEEP IT PRIVATE!** At the Registration Table pick up a **NUMBERED SACK**. On the **MANAGER'S LIST**, print your name and phone number on the line that matches the **SACK NUMBER**. **THIS IS YOUR OWNER'S NUMBER**. **KEEP this number PRIVATE!** But print your Owner Number down in your date book
- IN PRIVATE**, put your product in the sack, close it with a big paper clip, and place it on the **EXCHANGE TABLE**. **DO NOT** show it to anyone! You may also include special instructions, fabric, fabric sources, or enhancements (such as beads, buttons, or embroidery thread) which you think may help subsequent designers. **KEEP YOUR OWNER NUMBER A SECRET! THIS IS A MYSTERY QUILT**. You will not know who has contributed to your quilt until November.
- REGISTER the exchange:** During the official break, pick up any sack which **DOES NOT HAVE YOUR OWNER NUMBER** on it anywhere. At the registration table, record what number sack you have. **NO PEEKING! NO PEEKING! NO PEEKING!** On the Sack Number line, print **YOUR** Owner Number **UNDER THE MONTH** you picked it up.

For example: *You are Owner #31*. You chose Sack 12 in Feb. and Sack 14 in Apr.

SACK #	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	PICK UP
12	3	31	22	7					
13	8	19	15						
14	7	2		4	31				

- ON THE SACK**, print **ONLY YOUR OWNER NUMBER** – by the **month you picked it up**.

WRITE YOUR	<u>LEAVE BLANK FOR NOW!</u>	SACK #
Owner Number Only!	Sign only after quilt is displayed	12
JAN –	<u>3</u>	_____
FEB –	<u>31</u>	_____
MAR –	_____	_____

Construct 12 square inches or so in any configuration to go with the original block(s). Attach it/them or not. Place the product & other selected stuff in the sack and **close it with a big paper clip**. **KEEP IT CLOSED!**

- At the next AHQG meeting, place the sack on the Exchange Table. During the EXCHANGE, pick up another sack which **DOES NOT** have your Owner Number on it, register it at the Registration Table **PRIVATELY**, take it home, write **YOUR** Owner Number on the sack by the **CURRENT MONTH** (the month you picked it up), design and construct the next 12 square inches, put all in the sack, and bring it to the next meeting, and so on.
- IF YOU MUST MISS A MEETING – FIND A PERSON** to take the sack to the meeting **FOR YOU**. If you wish, this person can also **PICK UP** and **REGISTER** your next sack, and bring it to you. He/she can get your Owner Number from the sack that is being turned in. Helper must keep your Owner Number secret.
- JULY** and **AUGUST** persons will **assemble the pieces**, if necessary, and **add borders**. The Owner will **pick up his/her sack at the September meeting** and **display the finished quilt at the November meeting**. Cut out the designer Owner Number List from the paper sack and pin it to the bottom right corner of the finished quilt. In November, go to each displayed quilt on which you worked and place your **NAME** next to **YOUR** Owner number and describe your contribution. Then and only then will each Owner find out who helped design and construct the quilt.

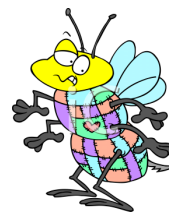
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BEEKEEPER

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.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Rates

- ▶ 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



Door Prize Drawing

Pat Tollette was the winner of the
November Door Prize Drawing!

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.

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 **December 11**

Remember to bring your...

- Name tag
- Show and Tell items
- Library books
- Charity items - **Small Games**



Please don't forget that Newsletter articles are due the Monday after Guild Meeting!

Thank You!

Newsletter Editor—*Elizabeth Bradley*