

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)

BUSY BUSY BUSY

Special points of interest:

- *Pillowcase Pattern (to make for Shelter donation)*
- *Fall Harvest Quilt Show*
- *October Meeting Charity Night*

OCTOBER 2008

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Quilters tend to stay busy most of the year—we just don't like to sit still, it seems. (Remember all the old sayings about idle hands?) So when a quilt guild enters its "busy season," as we're doing now, you just know it's buzzing with activity!

First, we completed a successful auction that raised several thousand dollars for the guild. We use those funds to help pay for guild programs. Thank you to **Linda Sides**, who collected, catalogued, organized and stored auction items all year long; to **Marcia Meier**, who collected and stored the items for the guild's sale table; to **Michelle Hanus** for publicity, **Dea Heller** for her quilting talents and organizational skills, and **Joyce Boyd**, who joined Michelle and Dea in making sure that items were paid for and went to the right person; to **Kay Rosene** for her quilting skills; to **Carole Van Buren** for the refreshments; and to **Jeanne Stephens**, who took on the role of auctioneer (and hopefully will do it again—it's just a little more, Jeanne!). Most of all, thank you to everyone who donated items, bid on items, purchased items, and helped behind the scenes to make this auction happen.

We also held our elections. The 2009 officers are Joyce Boyd, President; Garnet Szurek, First Vice President; Dea Heller, Second Vice President; Karen Lambdin, Secretary; Pam Douglass, Treasurer; Karon O'Ferrall, Parliamentarian. The new board will be installed at the December meeting.

Meanwhile, October brings our Charity Night as well as our first quilt show. For Charity Night, be sure to bring your Charity Challenge quilts and the books that inspired them. Please fill out the form on page 5 and bring that as well. Also bring any quilts you've stitched that need to be tied. See the Charity Update article in this newsletter for other items to bring.

Please see Denice Brockmeyer to volunteer at the quilt show on October 11. She has been working hard to get the show organized and the location prepared. Thank you to **Pam Grunwald** and **Karla Henry-Reid** for donating a quilt that some lucky person will win. Everybody, think positive thoughts about the weather on that date!

At the October and November meetings we'll pass around a sign-up sheet for the December holiday party. It's a pleasant way to end the year, so I hope you'll all make a point of attending.

Finally, this is the time of year when we ask if there are any proposed changes to the guild's bylaws. If you do want to see some changes, please let the board know so that we may bring your proposal to the membership.

~Allison

Minutes of 11 September 2008 Business Meeting

Sorry, info was not available
for Minutes at press time.



Door Prize
Drawing

Congratulations to Joyce Boyd
for winning September's door
prize drawing!!



Nifty Pillowcase Instructions

Our September charity request was for sheets and pillowcases. If you have leftover fabric and want to make a pillowcase, here's a nifty method that encloses all the seams! It's easy enough for children to make. (Note from Allison: I've seen an eight-year-old boy making this pillowcase.)

For each pillowcase, you'll need:

- Focus fabric: $\frac{3}{4}$ yard
- Coordinating fabric for the cuff: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard (width of fabric—not a fat quarter)
- Accent fabric: 2" strip $\times$ width of fabric

You'll want to work on a table that's large enough to spread your fabric flat.

1. Spread out the cuff fabric, right side up, with the raw edges at top and bottom and the selvages at the sides.
2. Fold the accent fabric in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. You now have a 1" wide strip.
3. Place the 1" accent strip along the top edge of the cuff fabric, with the raw edges at the top.
4. Now lay your focus fabric, right side *down*, on top of the other fabrics, again lining up all the raw edges at the top. (If you like, place a few pins along this top edge to hold the fabrics in place.)
5. **Here's the nifty part!** Beginning at the bottom edge, fold or roll the focus fabric up to about the middle of the cuff fabric. Then lift the bottom edge of the cuff fabric and bring it up to the raw edges at the top of your fabric stack. Pin all these layers together. You now have a tube of cuff fabric, with the focus fabric and the accent fabric inside it.
6. Using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, sew along the pinned edge. Reach into the tube and turn it right side out. The seam is hidden inside the cuff! Press the accent fabric toward the focus fabric.
7. Fold the pillowcase in half, *wrong* sides together, and square up, trimming the selvages so the edges are even. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, stitch the side and bottom. Backstitch or lockstitch at the beginning and end of the seam.
8. Turn the pillowcase inside out and press. Stitch the side and bottom again, this time with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Remember to backstitch at beginning and end. Now your side and bottom seams are also enclosed.

Turn the pillowcase right side out. You're done!



Our sympathy goes out to Shirley Carter. Shirley's husband Rex passed away recently.



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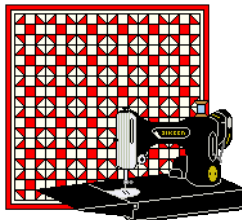
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Greetings:

Creative Inspiration Expo, the **EXPO** for sewing, quilting, and embroidery, will be back in San Antonio. On January 22-24, 2009, the Norris Conference Center inside the Crossroads Mall will be transformed once again bringing the hottest sewing, quilting, and needlearts in the county. Exhibitors will be sharing their latest gadgets, books, ideas and such. Education is always upper most in keeping the attendees up to date with their skills and the classes offered at the expo will definitely provide that stimuli.

At this time ProShow, Inc., the producer of sewing events around the country, is looking to purchase ad space in your local guild newsletters (hard copy or e-line) or to send flyers to your group. Please email, send snail mail, or fax information on the cost of your ads, deadlines for ads, and circulation dates. (If you are no longer the contact person for your group, please forward this message to the new person.) We cannot wait to work with your group!

Cheryll Spirer

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Charity Night is coming up!



Our October meeting will be our annual Charity Night.

First, we'll have a showing of the Charity Challenge quilts that many members have been working on. If you keep it simple, you still have time to choose a book, then make a quilt based on that book. We'll donate the quilts and the books to the children at the Battered Women's and Children's Shelter.

We'll also be tying quilts that night. You can start on them, if you like, even before the meeting begins. We'll work on them during the evening and I hope that many members will stay a little while to continue working on them.

We have needles and crochet cotton for tying the quilts, but if you have a particular type of needle that you like to use, by all means bring your own. Also, you'll want to bring your scissors and thimble. If you took a kit to stitch up for this event, remember to bring the quilt!

This is a fun evening in which we showcase the talents of our members while also making a contribution to others. What could be better?

Please complete this form and bring it with your Charity Challenge quilt and book.

Book Title _____

Author _____

How the book inspired this quilt (please print):



9 Karen Hawthorn

10 Judy Olson

16 Linda Street

21 Loma Westfall

25 Karon O'Ferrall

27 Anna Luna

27 Denice Brockmeyer

October

Happy Birthdays!



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!

Saturday, October 11, 2008



The Quilt Show is just around the corner and the quilt entries have been assigned their slots all through Bracken Village. Quilts are being hung from porches, trees, the windmill, and the gazebo. This should be a spectacular event, if nothing else; it will be an eye catcher with all the quilts on display. If you didn't sign up to help work, don't worry, just show up. We will need everyone to help throughout the day. We will begin setting up at 7:00 a.m. and breaking down at 4:00 p.m. Bring your husband, teenager or friend; I am sure we can put them to work.

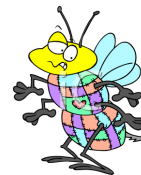
I want to thank all who have helped ahead of time; otherwise this show could not happen. A special thanks to Pam Grunwald and Karla Henry-Reid for the beautiful quilt they made for the show. The quilt will be given to one of the lucky individuals who turns in a Viewer's Choice form. Also, kudos to Karen Lambdin for the original design of ribbons for the awards. Everyone will want to win one.

Come with your walking shoes and let all your friends know about the show. We will have a wonderful Fall Harvest of Quilts and hopefully this will be a continuing event for the Guild.

Once again, thank you for all your help.

~Denice Brockmeyer

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!

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 October 9

Remember to bring your...

Name tag

Show and Tell items

Library books

Charity items - Socks



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

Thank You!

Newsletter Editor—*Elizabeth Bradley*