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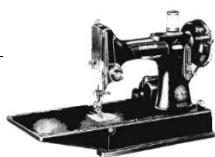
FROM THE PREZ ...



MARCH 2013

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Is it Winter or is it Spring? It seems that no one knows the answer, especially Mother Nature. I hope everyone enjoyed the February Valentine's Day meeting. I know I did.

I really enjoy doing the Round Robin. I did mine during the next week, because if I procrastinate, then I am scrambling at the last minute.

The March meeting will have a different program that I'm sure we will enjoy. Vannetta Chapman writes stories based on quilting themes. Being a frustrated writer and a frustrated quilter I will enjoy hearing how she puts her books together.

This month will also be the reveal for the first UFO. So bring UFO #6 to the party.

Be sure you are up to date with your Retreat payments. All money is due by April first, and as Dea says..."no IF's, AND's or BUT's."

My writing skills are not the best this month, so I will wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's day and I look forward to seeing all of you on March 14th.

Carole



BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

A committee is being organized to review/update the current Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild By-Laws. If you are interested in participating please contact our president, Carole Van Buren.

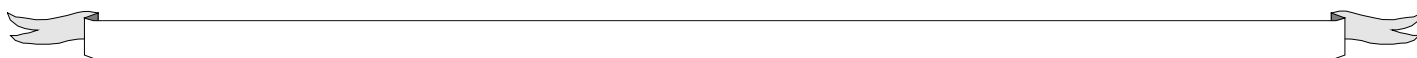


PRAYER LIST

The AHQG Board feels we can all benefit from prayer. If you would like to raise someone in prayer—for whatever reason—please contact one of the board members. No specific reason required.

Also pray for:

- The family of Kay Perez—loss of her mother
- Barbara Rudolph
- Vickie DuBose
- Beth Barron's 2 1/2 year old grandson, Keaton—a real trooper with his chemo.
- Dea and Ron Heller
- Janet Daniel—recovering from car accident



REMEMBER! We always have room on the Prayer List for someone you know or know of. Just contact one of the board members or the newsletter editor.

LET'S PLAY A GAME!

Do you know something fun or interesting (maybe even a little quirky) about a fellow guild member (or even yourself) that she wouldn't mind sharing with the others?

So this is the way we'll play it. You let the newsletter editor know what the secret is, we'll post it and see how many can figure it out.

At the March meeting if you have an idea of who was referred to by her siblings as the "Band-aidBaby" let Ruth Willey know and your name will be entered in the drawing. Never know what you might win, but won't it be fun to get better acquainted with everyone!

CHARITY

Saturday, March 16, is **National Quilting Day**—now in its 22nd year—and quilters all over the nation are required to accomplish three things on that day (yes, required!):

1. Let your little quilty light shine.
2. Sew yourself silly.
3. Share your passion for quilting with others.

If you would like to share your passion for quilting by accomplishing a charity item that would be even more fun!

Thanks to all,
Joanne



A FEW FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR CHARITY QUILTS... AND OTHER PROJECTS

1. How long do I have to finish a quilt?

As soon as you can. If it takes you a few months to finish, that is fine. Just bring it back when you finish. If you find that you cannot finish the quilt just bring it back. Everyone has things that come up, and makes it difficult to do extra projects.

2. How much of the quilt do I have to do?

As much as you can. If you can only do the top, do the top and return. Someone else will do quilting.

If you only like to do quilting or would like to just do the quilting (great way to practice for your own projects) I have some for you.

You can also just do binding.

As I said as much as you can or want to do. All charity work is wanted and helpful. You DO NOT have to participate. No one knows who does or doesn't work on the charity. There is a variety of things to do and try so we have something everyone might enjoy doing.

3. Can I change the quilt kit?

Sure, if you feel you would like to make it larger and have material to match or need material to match, go ahead. Again, a great way to practice. You can always add a border, ect.

At present our charity quilts are going to The Children's Shelter on Woodlawn.

4. What type of things can charity use?

Almost any type of material.. Large pieces (by the yard) or small pieces 2 1.2" strips, squares, ect.

We can also always use batting for our quilts, and stuffing our cancer pillows.

5. Can I use my own pattern and material?

YES YES YES !!!!! This is the best type of charity work. Feel free to let your imagination and stash run free.

6. Our cancer pillows are approximately 8" X 11". I have some in the back or feel free to cut your own. Sew them together leaving an opening for us to stuff. You may stuff and close on your own if you wish., or wait for one of our "Charity" nights. The pillows go to "The American Cancer Society".

7. We are now making "Chemo Bonnets" The kit has everything included. You just need to sew. (these also go to the cancer society.

In advance, Thank you for supporting our guild and it's charities. (If you have more questions just ask)

The Charity Chair

MARCH

The name of March comes from ancient Rome, when March was the first month of the year and named Martius after Mars or Ares, the Greek god of war. It is the third month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar, and one of the seven months which are 31 days long.

Winter ends in March, and in comes Spring. Spring in the northern hemisphere of the world begins with March 19, 20, or 21. It is the day when the sun is directly over the equator. The birthstones for March are the aquamarine and the bloodstone. Aquamarine is the more well known birthstone for March and its colors range from greenish blue to blue-green. The color of aquamarine has a calming effect and is said to cool the temper. Bloodstone is actually a dark green jasper. Spots of iron oxide show up as vivid red spots in jasper, hence the word bloodstone. The Babylonians believed the stone had healing powers, especially for blood disorders.

Pisces and Aries are the astrological signs for March. Birthdays from March 1st through the 20th fall under the sign of Pisces. March 21st through the 31st birthdays fall under the sign of Aries.

Narcissus is the flower for the month of March and is the name for a genus of flowering bulbs native to Europe, North Africa and Asia. Daffodil, which symbolizes chivalry, respect, modesty and faithfulness is the main common name of this beautiful flower.

Here are a few events that took place during the month of March.

- 1st** - Ohio became the 17th state in 1803 and Nebraska became the 37th state in 1867.
- 2nd** - Texas declared its independence from Mexico in 1836. Pope Pius XII born 1876.
- 3rd** - The Missouri Compromise was passed in 1820, inventor Alexander Graham Bell was born in 1847 and Russia signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk in 1918.
- 4th** - William Penn received grant of Pennsylvania in 1681, the first Congress under the US Constitution met in 1789 and Vermont became the 14th state in 1791.
- 5th** - Winston Churchill made the speech that led to widespread use of the term 'Iron Curtain' on March 5, 1946.
- 6th** - Italian artist Michelangelo was born in 1475, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, English poet, was born in 1806, Santa Anna captured the Alamo in 1836 and Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone in 1876.
- 7th** - The first transatlantic phone call between New York and London took place in 1926.
- 12th** - Canadian politician William Mackenzie was born in 1795, Juliette Low founded the Girl Scout movement in America in 1912, the first Transatlantic radio broadcast was in 1925, and President Harry S. Truman announced the Truman Doctrine in 1947.
- 14th** - Eli Whitney patented the cotton gin in 1794 and Albert Einstein, German-born American physicist was born in 1879.
- 15th** - Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 BC, Maine became the 23rd state in 1820 and the American Legion was founded in 1919.
- 16th** - James Madison, fourth President of the United States, was born at Port Conway, King George County, VA in 1751 and the United States Military Academy was founded at West Point, NY in 1802.
- 17th** - St. Patrick's Day is observed.
- 18th** - Grover Cleveland, 22nd and 24th President of the United States was born in Caldwell, NJ in 1837 and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Russian composer, was born in 1844.
- 19th** - Missionary and explorer David Livingstone was born in 1813.
- 21st** - Johann Sebastian Bach, German composer was born in 1685.
- 23rd** - Patrick Henry, according to tradition, declared "Give me liberty, or give me death!" in 1775.
- 25th** - Lord Baltimore's colonists landed in Maryland in 1634 and the British Parliament abolished slave trade in 1807.
- 26th** - A patent was granted for an adhesive medicated plaster (we know this as a Band Aid) on March 26, 1845. Jonas Salk announced a polio vaccine on March 26, 1953.
- 27th** - Louis XVII of France was born in 1785 and Wilhelm Roentgen, the German physicist who discovered X rays was born in 1845.
- 29th** - John Tyler, 10th President of the United States, was born at Greenway Estate, Charles City County, VA in 1790 and Parliament passed the British North America Act in 1867.
- 30th** - The United States purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic on March 30, 1932.
- 31st** - "OKLAHOMA!" debuted on Broadway in 1943. The play written by Rodgers and Hammerstein, was originally titled "AWAY WE GO"

PROGRAMS



I would like to thank the guild membership for bringing their completed Round Robins to the February meeting. Hopefully, this helped those of you who have never done a Round Robin to get a better understanding of what you will be doing over the next few months. There are 3 RR groups with 6 ladies in each group. I gave you colored felt tags with numbers at the February meeting. These tags need to stay on the bags until the RR is returned to its original owner. Just remember measuring is very important in this project. This will be a fun guild project with lots of surprises in the end. I will try to set some time aside at a future meeting for additional Round Robin questions.

At the March meeting we will be hosting Vannetta Chapman who is an author and has done research on Amish quilts. Please make plans to attend this meeting as I believe she will have some very interesting things to share with us about the Amish way of life. We are trying to complete setup arrangements for Vannetta to present a slide show. Vannetta has posted her book visit with the guild on one of her sites. <http://www.goodreads.com/event/show/871499-alamo-heritage-quilt-guild>



There is a UFO workshop scheduled for March 16th at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, 16245 Nacogdoches Road. We will have a potluck lunch as usual so please bring your favorite dish. I will need to know who is planning on attending the UFO workshop. Dea is responsible for opening the church for us and if no one is interested in working on a UFO (unfinished project) I don't want her to make a trip to the church.

I am planning a Christmas fabric challenge for the membership. This is where 1 to 2 fabrics are chosen and the members purchase yardage to make a quilt top using **one of the fabrics**. It's been a while since the guild has done a fabric challenge. Carole and I will be looking for fabrics in the next few months for this challenge. I'm planning on choosing a traditional and a whimsical fabric. This will give you two different fabrics to choose from for your challenge. This challenge won't start until August so there is time for you to look at quilt designs.

Jackie



Texas—2013 Quilt Shows & Events

SHOWS

March 22-23 (10am-5pm)

32nd Annual Azalea Quilt Show “Red & White Renaissance”
Harvey Convention Center, 2000 W. Front St., Tyler TX
Quilters Guild of East Texas tylerquiltshow@hotmail.com

March 22-23

Threads in Bloom Act VIII
<http://www.quiltguildvictoria.org>
Holy Family Catholic Church, 704 Mallette
Activity Center Bldg D, Victoria, TX 77904
sherrieholland50@gmail.com

April 5-6

West Houston Quilter's Guild “Cheers for 20 Years”
Leonard E Merrell Center, 6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy TX
www.whqg.org/2013whqgquiltshow.htm
WHGQ.Quilt.Show@gmail.com

April 12-13

Bay Area Quilt Guild 2013 Quilt Show
Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Rd, Pearl TX
www.bayareaquiltguild.org

April 19-20

The Quilt Forest Quilt Show 2013
Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble TX
shop@www.KingwoodAreaQuiltGuild.com

April 19-23

Baytown Area Quilt Guild “Quilt Happening”
Lee College
www.baytownareaquiltguild.com/Quilt_Show_2013.html

May 10-11

2013 Festival of Quilts—All Things Green
Bob Duncan Community Center, Arlington TX
www.qgoa.org

May 24-26 (Fri-Sat 9-5pm, Sun 12-4pm)

Hill Country Quilt Guild presents “Quilts in Motion”
Schreiner University-Edington Gymnasium,
2100 Memorial Blvd, Kerrville TX
www.hillcountryquiltguild.com/QuiltShow2013-r.htm
Susan (830) 367-5197 or info@hillcountryquiltguild.com

June 7-8

19th Annual Stars Over Abilene Regional Quilt Show
Presented by Abilene Quilters Guild
Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N 6th, Abilene TX

Jul 19-29

Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County “A World of Color”
Midlothian Conference Center, Midlothian TX

August 23-24

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild “A Rainbow of Quilts”
Norris Conference Center

October 31-November 3

International Quilt Festival Houston
George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston TX
shows@quilts.com

SHOP HOPS

March 20-23

Greater Houston Shop Hop
<http://www.shophophouston.com/>

April 11-14

15th Annual Blue Bonnet Shop Hop—12 Shops
<http://bluebonnetshophop.com>

April 25-27

Hop the River Shop Hop 6 shops, OK & TX
<http://hoptheriver.wordpress.com>

April 27-28

Patchwork Express Bus Tour—7 shops
<http://www.wtitchinheaven.com/patchworkexpress.asp>

September 1-30

Quilt Across Texas—60 shops
<http://www.quiltacrosstexas.com/>
infor@quiltacrosstexas.com

2013 UFO Program

Hello Ladies,

We have approximately 25 ladies involved in the UFO Program. This is very exciting for each of you involved. I hope that each of you will be able to complete your UFO and bring it to the March meeting. I can't wait to see all the show & tell.

Let me encourage you to remember if your UFO is not complete to bring me your fat quarter as payment.

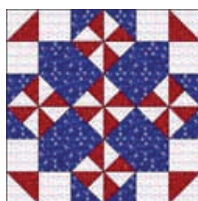
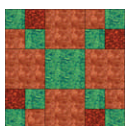
Also, if you need to change one of the projects on your list, I can do that for you. However, there is a fine – one fat quarter!

I thank each of you for being a part of this fun program.

If anyone has a question, feel free to call me at 210-831-0448

See you at the guild meeting,

Marie



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BITS-N-PIECES

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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!

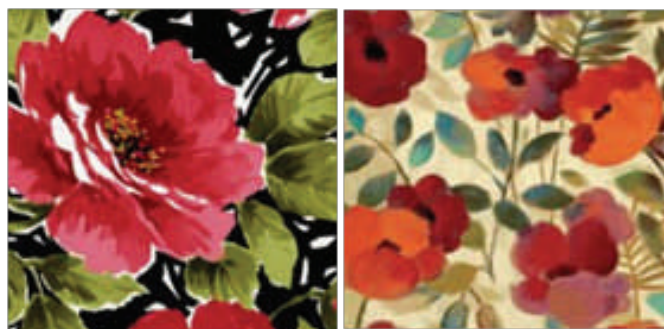


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We have been cutting fat quarters from over 200 bolts of batiks and found some hidden gems. You can find many retired Hoffman batiks for that UFO you have been putting off. Also perfect for that fat quarter quilt like Yellow Brick Road! Stock up on kits before Retreat. Bringing 3 new samples to show at the meeting: Sylvia's garden, Magnolia Trellis, and a surprise made from fabrics that just arrived yesterday!

Several new Kits now available for those samples and Woodland Trees using the Stonehenge Woodland Spring fabrics. Go to <http://www.cottonbollquilting.com/shop/New-Arrivals.htm> to check out our new arrivals!

Thank you!

Susan

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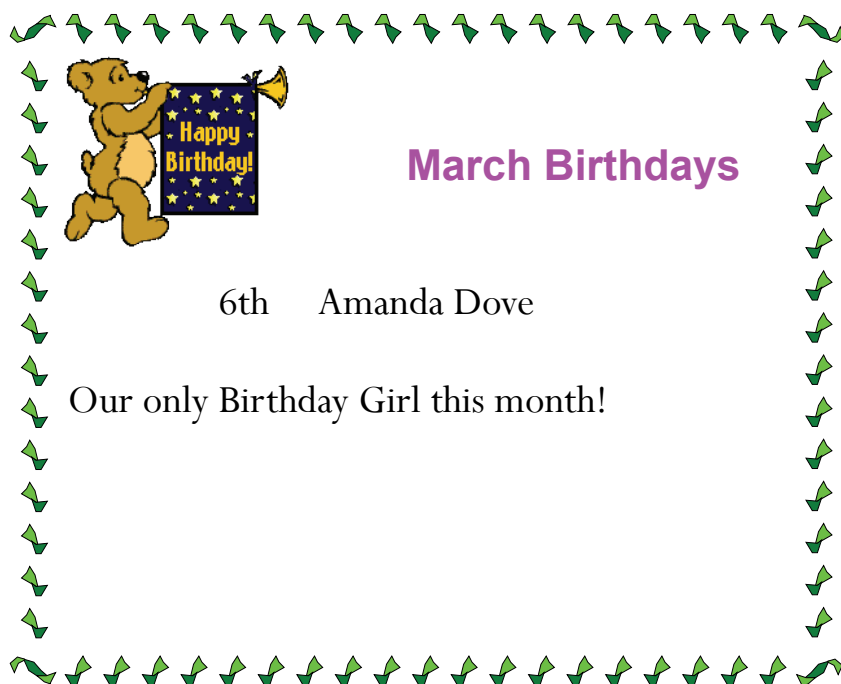
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March Birthdays

6th Amanda Dove

Our only Birthday Girl this month!

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Quilt Angels



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 Vivian Taylor at the meeting.

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: **MARCH 14th**

Remember to bring your...

Name Tag

Show and Tell Items

Library Books

Charity Items

Please don't forget that Newsletter articles are due the 15th of every month!

Thank You!

Ruth Ann Willey

Newsletter Editor



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