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JOIN US ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH—
WE MEET AT 7:00 P.M. AT
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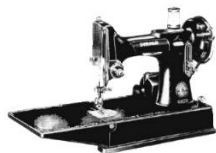
KEEPING YOU IN STITCHES.....

I am learning the importance of labeling my quilts. Recently, I had a cousin of mine give me a quilt top that he received as a high school graduation gift with a card that said, "Congratulations on your graduation, Aunt Irene". Well high school graduation was almost 40 years ago and nobody remembers Aunt Irene.

Who was the maker, where was she from and what was their relationship? Family and friends know I am a quilter and they want to show me their family quilts. Unfortunately, so many do not have any kind of label or identifying notes. Part of our family history is lost!

Label your quilts! (I may be preaching to the choir!) Labels can be hand embroidered, machine embroidered, hand written, pre-printed and/or embellished with buttons, ribbons or fancy stitching. At Show 'n Tell, show us your labels!! They complete the quilt. :-)

Our May program will include Fran Snay, who will speak to us about using color and fabric play, Tres Amigas & the Row Quilt and UFO #3 drawing. We also have a great opportunity for a workshop with Fran Snay on May 10th. Seats are still available. See ya soon!!



Keep calm and quilt on!

Janet Ann Daniel

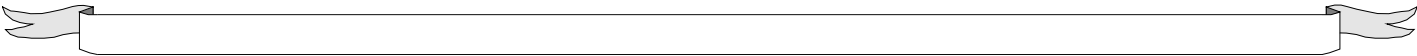


PRAYER LIST

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:

- Susan Feeley—recovering from knee surgery.
- Susan Hall & Carla Richardson's brother-in-law, Victor, as he fights health issues.. Also, please pray for the entire family
- Ann Barnett's sister Gayle's husband is in the hospital with a appendicitis. Keep the whole family in your thoughts and prayers.
- Beth Barron's niece, Christina- — she needs a kidney.
- Beth Barron's grandson, Keaton. He has reached the maintenance phase of treatment and will remain there until he is 6. Although he's doing well he can still use those prayers.
- Our military members as they work to keep our country free.



MEMBERSHIP

The 2014 Roster is complete and you should have received an e-mail with it as an attachment. If you haven't received it please check in with Marie Emmerson.

*** CHARITY ***

Well, hello

We had another good month for charity. I am so happy with the things we are all doing. It seems that everyone is trying to help and as a result, we are getting a lot done.

At "Charity Night" stuffed a total of 92 cancer pillows. Of those 55 were also closed. Some of the ladies took pillows home to stuff and close in the evening while watching TV. We even had the two visitors helping us by sewing pillows closed, they seemed to have fun doing so and talking to everyone while doing them.

It was a slow night for yo yo's as I did not get them on the tables like I should have. I hope to bring some for us to do at the regular meetings. I will have some yo yo makers for each table to make it easier and faster. Once you get the hang of it, the makers make it really fast and you can do them with out thinking.

At the Charity Bee today we had fun, food, and companionship. We finished closing up the pillows on hand (16) and also cut out some more kits for those of you who would like to sew and not be part of the Challenge. Remember, I have pillow cases, cancer bonnets and pillows sitting in the back along with the quilt kits.

For the new members who may have questions on our charity work, I have placed the "frequently" asked question sheet on the sign in table. Please feel free to take one and ask questions if you have any.

2014 RULES FOR THE \$275.00 CHARITY QUILT CHALLENGE

1. Quilts must be a minimum of 45 x 45 or larger.
2. No cheater quilts allowed (printed quilt on one piece of fabric). You MUST piece a quilt. Quilt can be any pattern or theme you like that is child appropriate.
3. You must supply ALL materials (fabric, batting, thread, etc).
4. Must be 100% completed for you to receive a punch (i.e. pieced, quilted and bound).
5. Each completed quilt will be given one punch, which will be initialed by an officer a the quilt is turned in. One card per participant.
6. Your punched card will be held by Charity Chair.
7. EIGHT (8) quilts must be turned in by the Novemer 13th meeting. Only cards with all 8 punches are eligible. Only one prize!
8. You can turn in one quilt each month or all eight in November, or turn them in as you finish. No quilts will be accepted after the November meeting.
9. Only cards that have all eight punches will be placed in a basket (or something similar) for drawing.

WE WILL DRAW FOR THE WINNING CARD AT THE DECEMBER 2014 CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE PRIZE OF \$275.00 HAS BEEN ANONYMOUSLY DONATED

PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone! Thanks to all who attended our April meeting. We had the opportunity to help Joanne with the Guild's charity projects. It was a wonderful evening spent visiting with our fellow Guild members while we did something good for others. I think I need some more practice with the yo-yo maker before I can say that I have mastered the art of making yo-yos. Maybe next time I should stick to stuffing cancer pillows but I did learn how to use a tool that I had never used before!

During our Guild meeting we saw everyone's third row in our row quilt – this project is really coming along! Our very own Guild members Denice Brockmeyer, Beth Barron and Janet Rutherford (a.k.a. “Tres Amigas”) encouraged all of us as they showed us their row for the next month. Beth walked us thru the steps to assemble our next block. Her mini design wall made it easy to visualize exactly how the block goes together. We were all in awe as we realized one of our fellow Guild members had used multiple sized blocks in one of her rows – what an interesting variation. I am anxious to get my fourth row done now and on to the next row.

Plan to join us for our program and workshop this month. Fran Snay from Burleson, Texas will be our guest. On the 8th of May during our Guild meeting Fran's program “Using **COLOR** and **Fabric Play**” will be her show and tell with lots of beautiful quilts. Her extensive trunk show is a show of colors and fabrics using the old simple traditional patterns. Fran also promises to be fun and humorous. I am sure we will all enjoy seeing her trunk show and learning more about using color in our quilts.

Fran's workshop on Saturday, the 10th of May will be a great day out with your fellow Guild members creating an award winning quilt – Stringing the Stars. Her award winning string quilt is not like the one your grandmother used to make; it is much more sophisticated and a lot more fun to make. Join us and experience the joy of seeing your “one of a kind” creation come to completion. Those attending should plan to bring their potluck dish to share – I may have to ask you for the recipe because my cooking skills are a little rusty. (I would rather be quilting!)

Mark your calendar now for our June program and workshop. Angela McCorkle from Priddy, Texas will be our guest. Did you have a chance to see the wall hanging and the quilt she sent to advertise the workshop? During our workshop on the 14th of June we will be making the quilt using the 10 minute rail fence block. Don't forget to sign up for this workshop (\$35.00). I just love how the quilt looks and I am looking forward to learning how to make this block. You know I might be able to get some of those charity challenge quilts made yet!

It is not too early to plan to attend our July program and workshop either. Cheri Leffler will be our guest. She is right here in San Antonio and has just published a book on Needle-Turn Applique. She will have a presentation and demonstration during our Guild meeting and then we will learn to make a beautiful Needle-Turn Dragonfly Table runner during the workshop on the 12th of July.

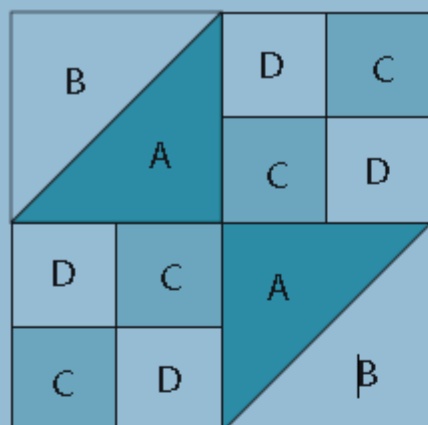
We hope you are able to join us on the 8th of May – we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Kathy

All Thursday evening programs held at St. Matthew's UMC.

All Saturday workshops held at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, 16245 Nacogdoches Rd. SAT.

January	9	Program: Sharon Young: "Quilt?? What???" Denice Brockmeyer, Beth Barron & Janet Rutherford (a.k.a. "Tres Amigas"): Kickoff "Row Quilt" This year Denice, Beth and Janet will guide us thru making our own row quilt. Each month they will give us instructions to create our row of blocks. Marie Emerson: UFO Challenge (need to bring 3 fat quarters and a list of 6 UFOs items to participate) 1st UFO number drawn due in 2 months Joanne Krepps: Charity Challenge
February	13#	Program: Dixie Bradbury: "Template Techniques, CATS - Cut Accurate Triangle Squares!" "Tres Amigas": "Row Quilt" progress check and instructions for our next row
March	13	Program: Sue Garman, Houston TX: "Creativity and the Design Process" Sue's presentation tries to answer the question of where do her ideas come from, how does she develop them further... and what can everyone do to make their own quilts look great! It's part education, part inspiration, and also has a dash of humor in it! "Tres Amigas": "Row Quilt" progress check and instructions for our next row Marie Emerson: UFO Challenge - New UFO # Drawn
April	10	Program: Charity Night. Note this is the Bluebonnet Shop Hop weekend Apr 10-13) "Tres Amigas": "Row Quilt" progress check and instructions for our next row
May	8	Program: Fran Snay, Burleson TX: Trunk Show "Using Color and Fabric Play" "Tres Amigas": "Row Quilt" progress check and instructions for our next row Marie Emerson: UFO Challenge - New UFO # Drawn
	10	Workshop: Fran Snay's Scrappy String Quilt
June	12	Program: Angela McCorkle, Priddy TX: Trunk Show and Demo "Tres Amigas": "Row Quilt" progress check and instructions for our next row
	14	Workshop: Angela McCorkle's 10 Minute Block Rail Fence Quilt
July	10	Program: Cheri Leffler: Presentation/Demonstration on Needle Turn Applique "Tres Amigas": "Row Quilt" progress check and instructions for our next row Marie Emerson: UFO Challenge - New UFO # Drawn
	12	Workshop: Cheri Leffler's Needle Turn Applique Dragonfly Project.
August	14	Program: Potluck Salad Dinner "Tres Amigas": "Row Quilt" progress check and instructions for how to complete our quilts Note: Holy Trinity Church is not Available for workshop this month
September	11	Program: Conducted by Dea Heller "Tres Amigas": "Row Quilt" progress check on completing our quilts Marie Emerson: UFO Challenge - New UFO # Drawn
	13	Workshop: Conducted by Dea Heller
October	9	Program: Chinese Auction – St. Matthew's UMC
		Workshop: TBD
November	13	Program: Debbie Maddy, Graham TX: "No Diamonds/No "Y" Seams, Old Quilts – New Methods" Marie Emerson: UFO Challenge - New UFO # Drawn
	15	Workshop: Debbie Maddy's Carpenter's Star Quilt
December	11	Program: Christmas Party / ____ TBD ____ Exchange



Railroad Crossing Variation

*Sandy Gervais*website- www.piecesfrommyheart.net

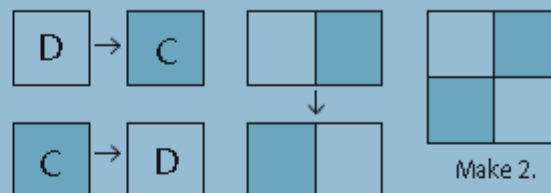
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Construction

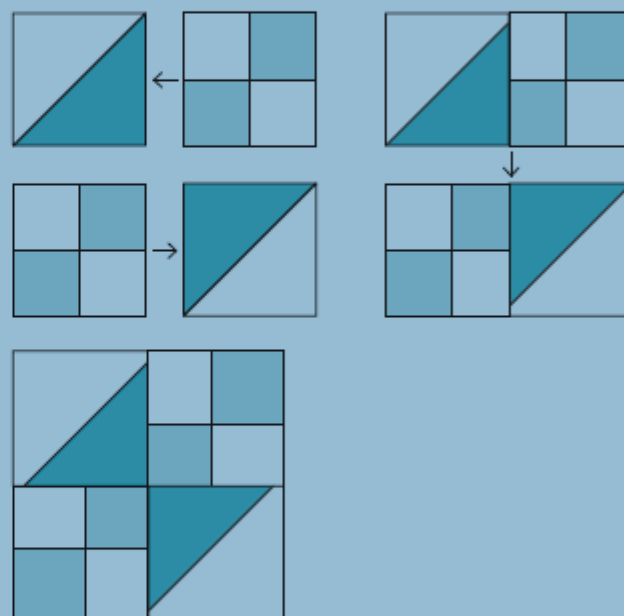
Step 1:



Step 2:



Step 3:



Railroad Crossing Variation sizes

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B	1-2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	1-3 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	1-6 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	1-8 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	1-9 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	1-12 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
C	4-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	4-2"	4-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4-5"	4-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
D	4-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	4-2"	4-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4-5"	4-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

AHQG RETREAT NEWS

The 2014 Retreat was this last weekend, and as usual, it was a wonderful success. There were 44 quilters attending, there was a lot of eating, laughing and sewing.

The 12.5" horse blocks are still being accepted. They will be put into a quilt top for the next AHQG auction.

Before we know it plans for the 2015 Retreat will begin. Watch for the news!. This is an experience you don't want to miss.

LIBRARY RAFFLE

Your librarian is raffling off an old and very heavy Singer sewing machine made in Great Britain. It is not in working order, but Joanne tells me that it would make a wonderful lamp! The number plaque of the machine is EF209624 8 if you want to do a bit of re-search on the machine. Your last chance to check out a book was in April. (I will not be at the May meeting), and return that book by June to be entered in the drawing. One entry per person, and the book MUST be returned by June to be entered in the drawing. Good Luck, everybody!



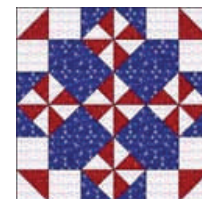
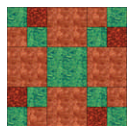
UFO Program

Hello, Ladies,

Remember to bring your UFO for Show-N-Tell. We should all have our # 3 done for May. I will pick a new number at the meeting.

Keep up the good work, because with all the new projects we love to start there are always UFOs!

Marie



RULES:

Participation requires you provide a list of 6 UFOs to Marie Emerson ALONG with 3 fat quarters at the January meeting.

(If 15 people sign up, the starting prize will be 45 fat quarters!).

Beginning at the January, general meeting and then again in March, May, July, September, and November, Marie (or another designee) will draw a number from 1-6. For example, if number 3 is drawn, everyone will work on their number 3 UFO for 2 months.

At the next UFO meeting show your completed UFO to get credit. If you have NOT finished the designated UFO you MUST pay a fat quarter as a fine. However, at the end of the year, you will still be eligible to have your name entered in the drawing if you have all 6 UFOs completed and any necessary fines paid. The winner(s) receive ALL the fat quarters

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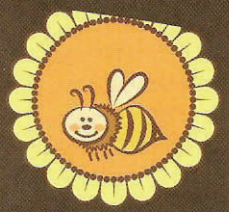
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NAME TAGS

One good way for everyone to get to know each other is to wear our name tags. Joyce Boyd was kind enough to make several and all they need is your name. If you don't have an AHQG name tag ask for one when you sign in.

Open House & Fabric Sale \$5 a yard quilt fabrics April 25-26 10-6 April 27 10-3 Book your retreat now! 210-764-9166	Honey Hill Retreat Center 918 Madrona Ranch Road Pipe Creek, TX (near Boerne) www.Honeyhillretreat.com Check out our new website calendar 11 new Daytime Classes & Weekend Retreats
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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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*Fabric • Fabric Kits • Block of the Month
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Nature's Jewels 12 Month BOM program is complete. If you haven't picked up all your kits, contact me.

I do have enough fabric and a pattern to create one more full kit. Contact me if you are interested. \$273 includes tax for the whole kit.

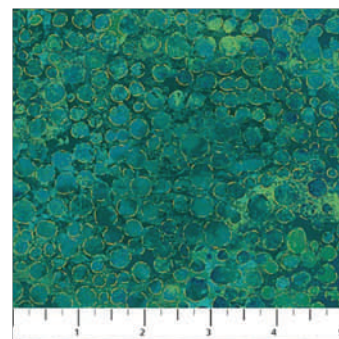
New arrivals weekly! OH my —just got 40 bolts of Artesian Shimmer from Northcott and 2 great patterns to go with it. Also just in are the Queen Bee fabrics from Quilting Treasures. These won't last.

Trying to figure out our next BOM! The quilting Treasures Plan and Fancy is an option. Or what about an Art Quilt like Dog Park or From the Coast with Love? Both of these are art quilts from McKenna Ryan. Check out all our new WIDE BACKING, BATIKS AND Froggy Fun! At <http://www.cottonbollquilting.com/shop/New-Arrivals.htm>

Thank you in advance! If you have questions, feel free to email Susan at: susan.hall@cottonbollquilting.com or Carla at carla.richard@cottonbollquilting.com

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MAY Birthdays

Dixie Bradbury	11th
Dea Heller	16th
Tom Dickens	19th
Nancy Troyer	23rd
Bonnie Fowler	24th
Joan Wallace	28th

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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: May 8th

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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