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JOIN US ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH—
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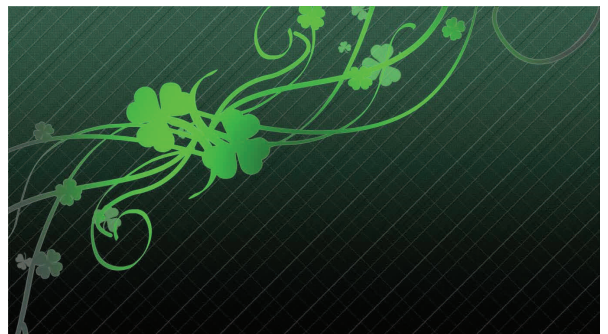
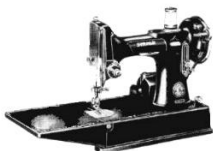
KEEPING YOU IN STITCHES.....

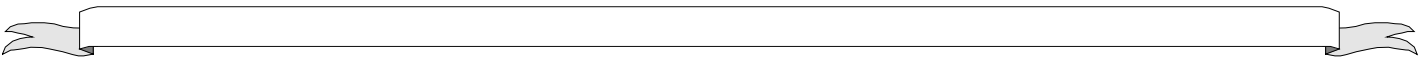
Spring is around the corner. I know it is! It may be hard to believe because these last few days have been some of the coldest we have had all year. Some people get Spring fever about now, and they want to clean their houses or plant a garden or start cleaning out their closets. Ugh!

I think Spring "fever" is the perfect time to make quilts. Some pretty bluebonnets, patchwork flowers, strip sets and scrap quilts. Most of us have a stash of fabrics, and we are always looking for patterns to use what we have. Head out to your sewing studio and pull out some fabrics to get started on a quilt today.

I am looking forward to our March meeting to see our own guild members demonstrate quilt binding, paper piecing, machine appliqué and machine trapunto. Thank you ladies for your time and talents.

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.

- 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.
- The guild members we haven't seen recently or those who just need a little more encouragement with whatever is going on in their lives.
- The leaders of our country —that they make the right decisions to keep our country great.



MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all for your attendance at the February AHQG meeting. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Show and Tell portion of the meeting as well as the program.

We had 47 members and 1 visitor at our February meeting.

The 2015 Membership Roster will be sent out by the Newsletter Editor soon.

Thank you,

Marie

FARMER'S MARKET

Anything that goes along with the farm is the theme of this year's retreat. You may make a 12 ½ inch block of any animal, sunflower, or anything that shows farm life. They will then be given to the auction, so this is one way for you to participate in this coming years Auction. So let's all participate in the fun.

Any questions—contact Dea Heller

CHARITY

Hello Ladies,

We had a great time at the Charity Bee this month. There were six of us and we did well on preparing the charity challenge items. We had good food supplied by Phyllis Shaw and as always great companionship.

I hope you all will find something you can enjoy doing for the charity challenge. I am trying to get as many different types of items to cover as many interests as I can so we all can participate. And of course this year more members can win a prize thanks to our anonymous donor.

The challenge rules is included in this month's newsletter. If you have any questions, please call, email or come see me at the meeting.

Come to the back of the room and see if I have anything you would enjoy doing.

Thanks again for everyone's support.

Joanne

Free BOM for 2015

Beth Baron was kind enough to share the following link with us. It's from a blog she reads and thought everyone would enjoy the list.

<http://blog.ajpadilla.com/free-boms-2015/>



2015 CHARITY CHALLENGE**RULES**

The member donating the prize money totaling **\$500.00** wishes to remain anonymous. This challenge is not costing the guild any money. We are using charity material, but would be making quilts from it anyway, just giving you an incentive.

Drawing will be held at the December 10th 2015 guild meeting.

You do not have to be present to win.

There will be no exceptions ALL items must be turned in before or at this meeting.

All materials will be supplied, you only have to use your thread, machine, and time.

Of course you can always use your own materials.

The kits must be made using the quilt instructions given. You may tweak any pattern by changing materials or rearranging the material, but the overall design must be the same.

(ie. You can't take a kit and just sew into squares or strips)

If you use your own materials for a quilt, the quilt should be approximately 40 X 40.

There is no strict size requirement this time, we just don't want a lot of 36 X 36 or less quilts.

You will be given a ticket to place into the appropriate box. These boxes are what we will draw from.

Here is what you need to do to get ONE ticket.

\$200.00 1 Quilt completed from start to end, including binding.

\$150.00 you may do any of the following:

3 quilt tops pieced

3 quilt binding

3 quilts quilted

\$75.00 2 yo yo dolls (only the yo-yo's)

\$50.00 5 completed pillow cases

\$25.00 10 Cancer pillows

PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone! Our program for last month featured Brenda Asmus' trunk show and demonstration using Marti Michell's templates. Brenda had some beautiful quilts to share with us and showed us which templates she used to create each of them. Not only did Brenda show us how to use Marti Michell's templates to create a magnificent feathered star she shared some pointers for quick cutting and accurate piecing. I look forward to using some of those tips when I work on the Tres Amigas' AHQG 2015 Block of the Month (BOM). The "Tres Amigas" were only two at our meeting but Denice and Janet introduced the pattern for the basic house block that will have a different 6" finished block inserted as the "body" of the house. Each month (March through August) we will receive directions for two 6" blocks. We will even have the opportunity to create our own 6" house "bodies." Denice challenged us to unleash our creativity to create unique houses and a quilt using the basic house block. Our finished quilt or top will be presented at the December meeting. I hope you all will join us in this BOM as it is always great to see how different fabrics and techniques make the same block look so different.

Those that were able to join us on Saturday, February 14th for the quilted feathers workshop had a real treat. Not only was it Valentine's Day and we had scrumptious rich brownies and chocolate dipped strawberries for dessert but we got to spend the day with Karen Lambdin as she guided us through creating beautiful free motion quilted feathers. Karen's quilted sample showcasing the various types of quilted feathers was spectacular and she made it all look so easy. Thank you Karen for a special day.

I hope you can join us for our March Guild meeting on Thursday, March 12th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. We will have four of our very talented Guild members share their expertise with us at the Skill Builder's Demonstration stations. Marie Emerson will demo Quilt Binding, Cathy Kropp will demo Paper Piecing, Denice Brockmeyer will demo Invisible Machine Applique and Karen Lambdin will demo Machine Trapunto. I look forward to the demos and appreciate these Guild members willingness to share their talents with us.

Then for our workshop on Saturday, March 14th Mona Jones will help us construct our very own "quilt retreat seat." You may recall seeing Mona's cushioned seat at the Guild meeting or at a workshop. It is the perfect cushion for those folding metal chairs or when you need a higher more comfortable chair seat and now you can learn to make your own! I have included the "Retreat Seat" supply list and cutting instructions in this newsletter as you will not want to miss the opportunity to join us on the 14th. It is not too late to sign up for this workshop. Mona reported if you do not have Cotton Duck or Ticking in your stash that Hobby Lobby has some fabric that will work well for the project.

At the March meeting I will also be taking signups for our May workshop featuring Patti Hempen's "Free-Form Symmetry." Patti assures me the ability to draw is not a pre-requisite for this workshop.

The 2015 Guild Calendar for programs and workshops is included in this newsletter. I hope you are able to join us for some of those events. I appreciate all of your suggestions for programs/workshops as I begin to pencil in dates and programs for 2016!

You will not want to miss our March program! We hope you are able to join us on March 12th – 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	8	Program: Sharon Young, Universal City, Texas, "Lottery Block Sizing- What to do - What to Do?" and "All About Batting"
		No Workshop Scheduled this month to enable members of the Guild who choose to do so to attend Ricky Tims' Super Quilt Seminars – The Ultimate Learning Experience for Quilters, Jan 8-10, 2015, Pedrotti's North Wind Ranch, Helotes TX
February	12	Program: Brenda Asmus, New Braunfels, Texas, Trunk Show and Demo of Marti Michell's Templates to Include the Feathered Star
	14	Workshop: Karen Lambdin, Quilted Feathers Workshop
March	12	Program: Skill Building Demos by AHQG Members: Marie Emerson – Quilt Binding; Cathy Kropp – Paper Piecing; Karen Lambdin – Machine Trapunto; Denice Brockmeyer – Invisible Machine Applique
	14	Workshop: Mona Jones, Quilt Retreat Seat Workshop
April	9	Program: Charity Night. Note this is the Bluebonnet Shop Hop Weekend so no Workshop will be scheduled
May	14	Program: Patti Hempen, End of the Rainbow Quilts, Canyon Lake, Texas. Trunk Show
	16	Workshop: Patti Hempen, "Free-Form Symmetry" (Note: Ability to draw is not a requirement.)
June	11	Program: Lynn Roddy Brown, Houston, Texas, "Strategies for Scrap Quilts" Trunk Show
	13	Workshop: Lynn Roddy Brown, Texas Two-Step Quilt Workshop
July	9	Program: Winnie Fleming, Houston, Texas, "Borders Bonanza Show and Tell"
	11	Workshop: Winnie Fleming, Borders Galore Workshop
August	13	Program: Potluck Summer Salad Dinner
September	10	Program: Natalie Calvet, Alamo Quilt Shop, San Antonio, Texas with Demo of Hexactagon Templates
	12	Workshop: Guild Sew In – Guild Members Come and Work on their UFOs
October	8	Program: Rosie DeLeon-McCrady, Austin, Texas, "Redwork Through the Years" with Redwork Trunk Show
	10	Auction
November	12	Program: Holly Nelson, Comfort, Texas, Trunk Show with "Interwoven Stories of the Quilts with Their Trials and Tribulations"
	14	Workshop: Holly Nelson, Applique 101 Workshop
December	10	Program: Christmas Party / <u> TBD </u> Exchange

Supply List for Retreat – Class Seat for the March 14th AHQG Workshop

Supplies:

3 yards Cotton Duck – ticking (Like the blue/white striped fabric used to make bed pillows)

2-3 Coordinating Fat Quarters (for pockets)

1 – Orphan Block

1 – Chair Cushion (about 2” thick)

7 – Buttons

3 – 9” Zippers

½” wide Velcro

Note: Closures are either Velcro or buttons; three pockets can be closed with zippers.

All is the sewer’s choice.

Cutting Instructions:

Cut the following pieces from the cotton duck/ticking:

2 – 49 ½” x 15”

2 – 17 ½” x 17 ½”

2 – 4” x 16”

1 – 7” x 1 ½”

1 – 13 ½” x 14 ¾”

Cut the following pieced from the cotton or Fat Quarters:

2 – 9 ½” x 3 ¼”

1 – 6 ¼” x 12 ¾”

1 – 3 ¼” x 5 ½”

1 – 4 ½” x 8 ½”

1 – 8 ½” x 8 ¾”

1 – 5” x 14”

TRES AMIGAS 2015 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Are you ready to make some houses?! Last month you received the directions for the house frame and now we begin to make the body of the houses. Each month we will present two 6" blocks - these will be a little more advanced than last year but we know you can do it!

There has been much discussion in quilt world about copyright infringement even on free patterns. The consensus seems to be that we can give you the link to go get the pattern but we can't publish the pattern in the newsletter for you. So here are the steps to get the patterns....it's very simple so don't be intimidated. You can do this!

We will be using one website www.patchworksquare.com It's a neat site with lots of blocks in all different sizes so be sure to look around the site and see what is there. Here are the steps to access the patterns we are using.

Go to www.patchworksquare.com (Copy and past the link into your internet explorer)

In the far left column you will see a green box titled "Quilt Block Style" and under that box is "block sizes" Select "block sizes"

In the center of the page select "6" quilt blocks"

Select the name of the block

On the next page in the center in small blue letters you will see the block name (pdf). Click on the blue words

You are at the pattern! There are several block sizes with each pattern - the 6" blocks are usually pages 5 and 6. Be sure to select those pages on your printer if that's all you want to print out.

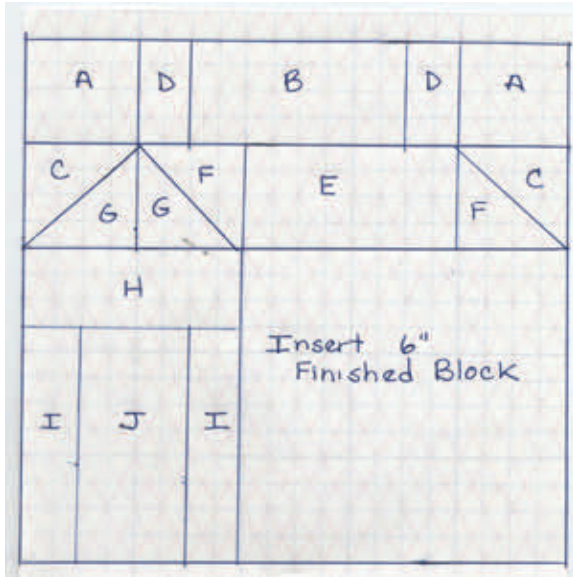
There are a lot of 6" blocks - perhaps your quilt needs more than 12 houses so have fun selecting more blocks. Happy sewing!!!

BLOCK ORDER FOR TRES AMIGAS 2015 BOM

MARCH	Old Maid's Puzzle and Balkan Puzzle
APRIL	Free Trade and Star on Star
MAY	Old Fan and Weathervane
JUNE	Swamp Patch and Arrows
JULY	Aunt Dinah and Millstone
AUGUST	Depression Block and Hands of Friendship

The directions for cutting the house square handed out at the February meeting are on the next page.

Welcome to our BOM for 2015. This year's blocks finish at 10" and will feature the same house block with a different 6" finished block inserted as the house body. In February you will receive the pattern for the house block and March through August you will receive patterns for two 6" blocks. And then the fun begins...you get to design a set for your blocks and show the guild your finished quilt or top at the December meeting. Without further ado, here is the pattern for the house block!



Cutting directions:

Background:

- Cut two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
- Cut one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- Cut one $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square, cut in half diagonally once

Chimneys:

- Cut two $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

Roof:

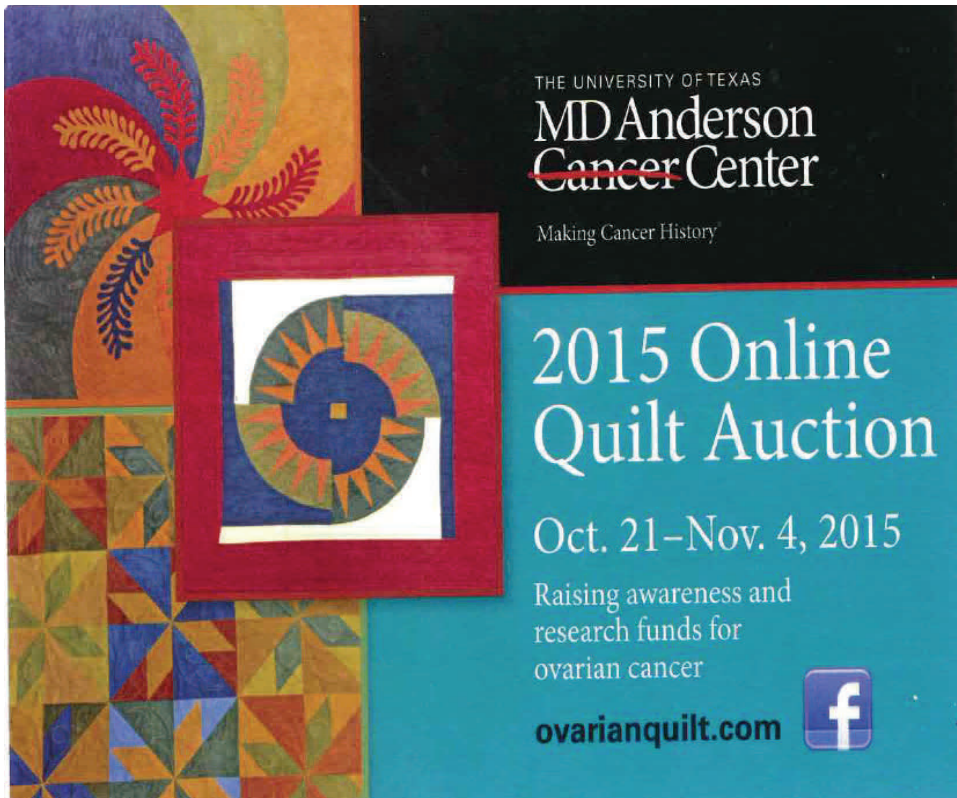
- Cut one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- Cut one $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square, cut in half diagonally once

House:

- Cut one $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square, cut in half diagonally once
- Cut one 2 " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- Cut two $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 " rectangle

Door:

- Cut one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 " rectangle



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While walking through the quilts at the Houston International Quilt Show, some pretty teal colored quilts caught our attention. Amanda Dove and Geri Collins were admiring them when I noticed the reason for the booth. I thought it was shame that it was back in the back corner instead of more visible to the huge numbers of attendees.

I'm providing a copy of the cards that were being handed out should anyone have an interest in supporting this cause.



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NEW BEE

Shirley Carter and Laura Reilly have started a new bee. If you would like more information please contact Laura or Shirley, 210-452-3801.



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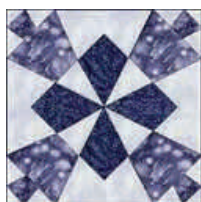
UFO Program

Hello, Ladies,

We have over 100 fat quarters for the prizes. Hope everyone is able to finish #5 for the January meeting.

Starting in January Geri Collins will be taking over the UFO Challenge. Thank you Geri for being willing to help in this area.

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 accumulated.

Look forward to seeing the UFOs completed.

FOR LOCAL QUILT SHOWS CHECK



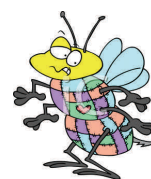
NAME TAGS

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.

BEEKEEPER

Linda Clark 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 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



Tranquility Place is an upcoming Block of the Month that can be completed in 5 simple steps. This beautiful 81" by 93" quilt is made with Tonga Zen Batiks from Timeless Treasures. The kit includes Daniela Stout's newest book, *Tranquility Place*, which also includes 5 bonus quilt patterns!

All Block of the Month fabric has arrived. **Will deliver Month 1 of Moonlight Sonata to the March Meeting.**

Thank you to all who have come by to shop. I hope you enjoyed the experience and feel free to bring friends along next time. Cotton Boll Quilting will be closed March 12 - 18 but will be **open bright and early Thursday March 19th for all those headed to retreat who need to stop by for those last minute items.** You can also order what you need online for free delivery to you at retreat. We will delete the shipping charges before closing the credit card charge.

We still have signups available for 3 New BOMs at Cotton Boll Quilting: Austin Bluebird Sampler, Catalina Feathered Star and Tranquility Place.

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March Birthdays

Amanda Dove

6th

That's right—Amanda is the only Birthday this month.

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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.

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.

Next Meeting: **MARCH 12th**

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

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