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JOIN US ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH—
WE MEET AT 7:00 P.M. AT
ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(2738 MACARTHUR VIEW, BETWEEN BROADWAY AND
NACOGDOCHES)

KEEPING YOU IN STITCHES.....

My March travels, this year, took me to several Texas locations (and one out of state) including New Orleans (with my husband), Houston Stock Show and Rodeo, our guild retreat and Round Top! Sue Garman had another award winning quilt, Baltimore Squared, at the Houston Go Texan Show. Sue made a fabulous red and green appliquéd Baltimore style quilt with her usual intricate style.

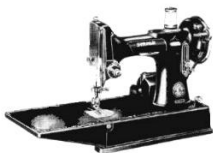
Our guild retreat was so much fun and full of frivolity! Thank you all for your contribution to our goody bags, food table and setting up tables.

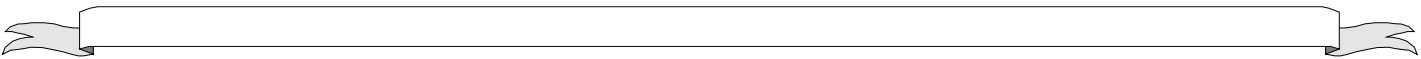
Special kudos to Dea and Joyce for all of their work to make our retreat successful! Even though we had some days of rain, the Spring flowers certainly benefited from it!

April is our charity month and Joanne will have several projects for us to work on. The Tres Amigas will have another house block, and Kathy will be taking registrations for upcoming workshops. I look forward to seeing you there-

Keep calm and quilt on-

Janet





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.

- Pat Tollette needs to feel better before her big trip.
- Ava Wohltman, Maggie Oswald's 9 month old great niece—health issue
- Trish Stuart, a former presenter at our guild meeting lost her husband on March 10th. Please keep her in your 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.
- 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

Our attendance at the March meeting was 49 members, including 2 returning members who joined at the meeting..

Please welcome Karen Braswell, Kelli Saffell and Linda Karp

We also had 3 visitors. Thank you to all who bring visitors, it really help our guild grow.

See you at the April meeting.

DID YOU KNOW??

The president of our guild, Janet Daniel, made it big in the San Antonio News paper. Copy and paste the following link —it will take you to the article.

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Quilter-blankets-her-home-in-a-patchwork-of-5825942.php#photo-7005184>

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! If you were not able to join us for our program last month you missed a great night as we had some very talented Guild members share their expertise with us. We would like to thank Marie Emerson who showed us how to sew our quilt binding on by machine and her fail safe method to join the binding ends together; Cathy Kropp's paper piecing demonstration with tips on how to accurately place the next piece of fabric and which paper and iron were best to use; Denice Brockmeyer who shared her pointers and the machine stitches she used to create Invisible Machine Applique; and Karen Lambdin whose demonstration of Machine Trapunto was awesome. I still cannot believe the fabric behind the trapunto in one of Karen's quilts was red! I look forward to trying some of their techniques to further develop my skills as a quilter and member of our Guild. Thank all of you!

As part of last month's program Denice and Beth from our very own Tres Amigas team also showed us how to put together our first two 6-inch blocks for the "side" of our pieced house blocks. We will use twelve different blocks to create twelve house blocks that will be used in our 2015 Block of the Month (BOM) quilt. Unlike last year, we will wait until our December meeting to unveil our individual blocks in our finished quilt top. Denice challenged us to unleash our creativity to create unique houses and use different settings to create our own quilt top. 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 fun and educational to see how different fabrics and techniques make the same block look so different.

And many thanks to Mona Jones, our Guild member who lead Saturday's workshop where we made our own quilt retreat seat. Thanks Mona and fellow Guild members who shared the day with us as we created our own seats! I cannot wait to show you how nice mine turned out --- and a finished project too! Hmmm, maybe I should have had that on my UFO list but alas Geri would remind me that project was not one of my UFOs -- so I must finish one of those projects on my list!!

I really hope you can join us for our April Guild meeting on Thursday, April 9th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Our Charity Chairperson, Joanne Krepps will put us to work as this will be our Charity work night. I hear Joanne has plenty of cancer pillows to stuff and circles to make yo-yos for children's toys that we can help her with. This is our opportunity to help others while we are spending time with our fellow Guild members.

If you haven't already, be sure to mark Thursday, May 14th on your calendars and plan to join us for Patti Hempen's End of the Rainbow Quilts trunk show. I'm also taking signups for Patti's "Free-Form Symmetry" workshop scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. Patti assures me the ability to draw is not a prerequisite for this workshop. It is also not too early to sign up for Lynn Roddy Brown's "Texas Two-Step Quilt" workshop on Saturday, June 13th.

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 certainly appreciate all of your suggestions for programs/workshops as I continue to pencil in dates and programs for 2016!

We look forward to seeing you at our Guild meeting on April 9th.

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 Trims' 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 Mitchell'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-McCrary, 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



26 Weeks and 2 days till the Auction!!

Key Dates

1 Aug 2015: Deadline for turning in Quilt tops that need quilting/ binding

10 Sept 2015 meeting: Turn in day for Boutique and Silent Auction Items

10 Sept meeting: All completed quilts must be turned in for tagging and planning display space.

Items still needed:

Completed quilts

5 inch squares, FQs, other size precuts

Quilt kits that you decided not to make. New and intact

Quilt tops pieced and ready to quilt or partially pieced that can be finished

Orphan blocks, borders, etc.

Any quilting or sewing items you are willing to part with (good condition). Lights, tables, rulers, display racks, etc

Questions? Contact Susan or Carla at 210-566-7619 or 288-8205 or by

Email: Shall7613@aol.com

**SAVE THE DATE for the
ALAMO HERITAGE QUILT GUILD AUCTION**

LOCATION: Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, 16245 Nacogdoches Rd. SA Tx

DATE: 10 OCTOBER 2015

TIME: 12 – 4 pm

1200 – 1:45 pm Preview Live Auction Items

Silent Auction Bidding

Boutique Sales

1:45 pm Silent Auction Bidding Closes and winners announced

Boutique Closes

2:00 – 3:30 pm Live Auction

Cashiers will be available for checkout throughout the afternoon. Cash or check (Payable to Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild (AHQG))

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.

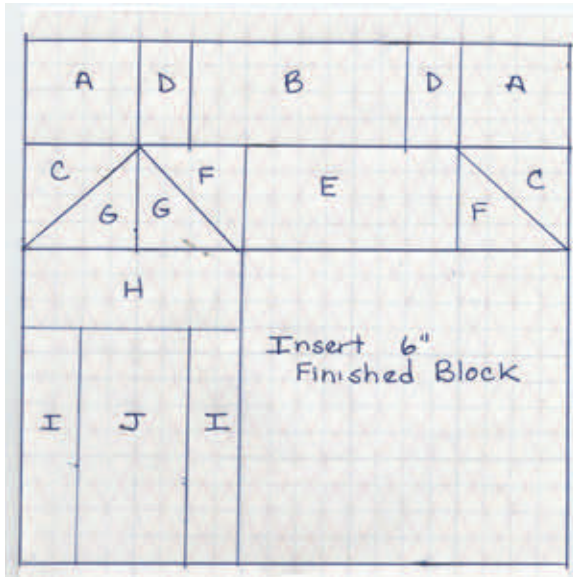
There are a lot of 6" blocks - perhaps your quilt needs more than 12 houses so have fun selecting more blocks. Happy sewing!!!

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:

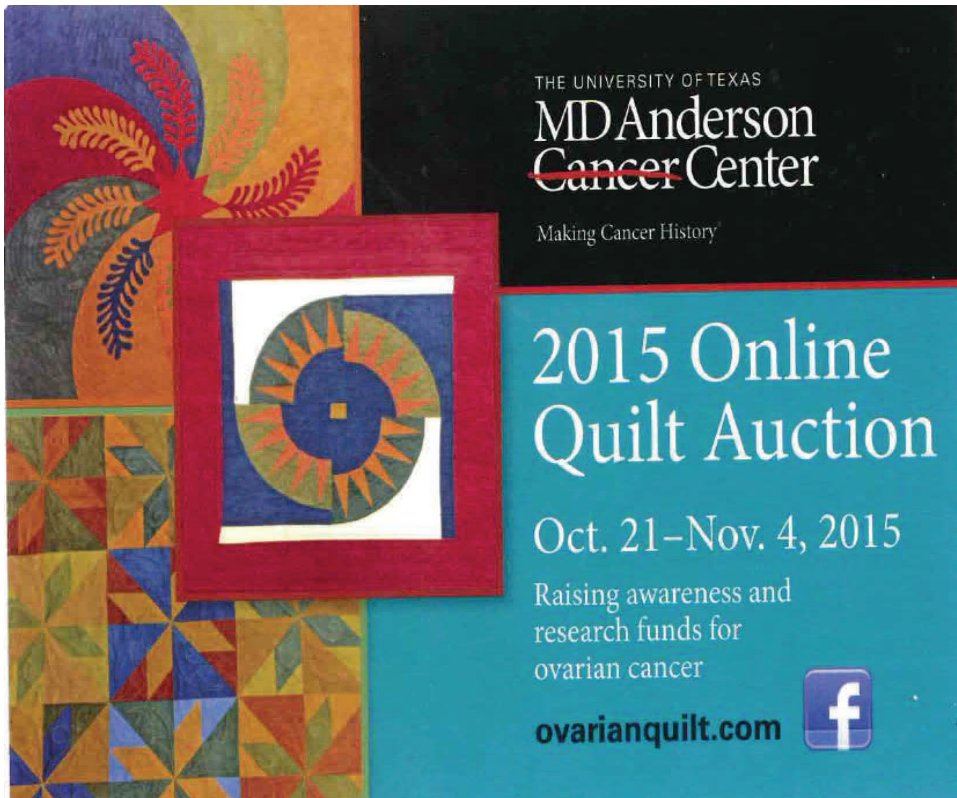
- Cut one $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- Cut one $2 \frac{7}{8}$ " square, cut in half diagonally once

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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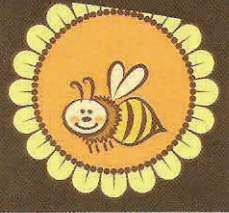
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NEW BEE

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

UFO Ladies, Thank you for participating in the UFO challenge. We have seen some finished #1's and they looked great. #5 is our challenge to be shown at the May meeting, let's keep that quilting going. :)

Geri



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



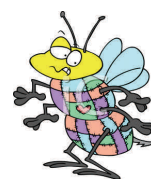
NAME TAGS

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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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!

Moonlight Sonata BOMs--months 3-4 will be ready to pick up after 13 April 2015. Other BOMs are ready we will be contacting you. **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. Just call to let us know you are coming so we can get out of our pajamas! You can also order what you need online for free delivery to you at the guild meeting. Lots of new fabrics arriving each week!**

Lots of fabrics arriving each week.

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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April Birthdays

Terri Winsauer	1st
Susan Barnes	11th
Kathleen Horne	11th
Josie Anderson	14th
Amanda Thompson	22nd
Pat Tollette	26th
Vivian Taylor	27th

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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: **APRIL 9th**

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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