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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.....

Shopping for mom for Mother's Day? I certainly hope so! You would not want to forget your favorite gal .

Lucky for me, I am on the receiving end of the Mother's Day gift train. Fabric or gift certificates are my choice, so if my family should inquire, I am prepared with a fast answer.

I feel fortunate to have had a great mom for most of my life, who I still dearly miss. My mother did not sew or quilt but she loved my quilts!

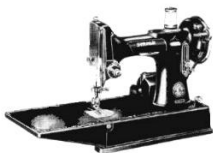
Thank you to the quilter, who dropped off some of her quilt magazines at the last meeting. I picked up the McCalls Quilting and found a great pattern, Cross and Crown, for some new summer cottage fabrics. I can't wait to get started.

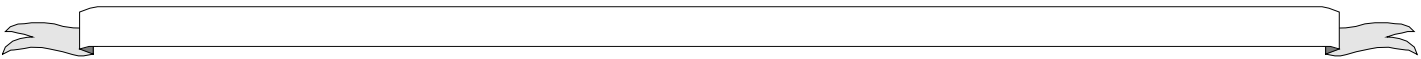
Our guild gatherings continue to be fun and informative. I am looking forward to our May trunk show with Patti Hempen of Canyon Lake, our Tres Amigas house block and of course, our guild members Show 'n Tell time.

Happy Mother's Day

Keep calm and quilt on,

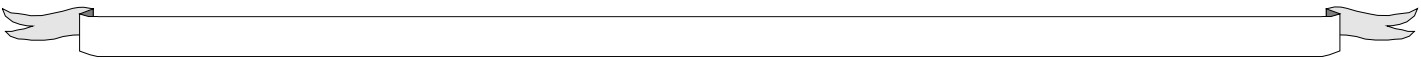
Janet A. Daniel





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.

- Keep those suffering from Mental Health in your thoughts and prayers.
 - Pat Tollette needs to feel better before her big trip.
 - Ava Wohltman, Maggie Oswald's 9 month old great niece—health issue
 - Phyllis Shaw—loss of her brother.
 - 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.
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MEMBERSHIP

We had 40 members counting 2 new members, along with 1 visitor.

Our total was 41 the month of April

Please welcome Cyndie Salomon and Karon O'Ferrall

See you at the Guild meeting in May.

CHARITY

I wish to thank all of you for your work on Charity night. I have 163 pillows to take to the Cancer Society. I also have 7 cancer bonnets to deliver. Most of these pillows were done at the meeting, but a few of you took the pillows to finish them at home, these are also GREATLY appreciated. These pillows are not just used in our area, if they are needed in the Valley or elsewhere they are taken there. I have been told we are really filling an important need.

Our challenge is going well. I have quite a few pillow cases and finished quilts. A lot of the pillows we stuffed were sewn by our members participating in the challenge.

I have been asked by a few members to place the yo yo dolls on the tables again. Some of you enjoy doing hand work during the meeting and feel you would enjoy doing this. I will be placing the needed items one each table so please feel free to make a few FUN yo yo s. You may use the disk or do them the old way.

The Charity bee worked on sorting and ironing some of the material donated to charity. We also cut more cancer pillows.

Remember to come and see me during break, before or after the meeting to see if I have anything you would like to do.

The Challenge is for fun, but the need is real. We are going to give these items to the Children's Hospital again as they were so happy to get them last year

To any of the new members if you have any questions on the Charity bee or how and why we do what we do, please come see me.

Thanks,
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! Lots of fellowship and good deeds done during our April Guild meeting since we had an opportunity to help Joanne Krepps, our Charity Chairperson, stuff cancer pillows and make yo-yos for children's toys. Thanks Joanne for making it so easy for us to give back to our community. We all had a good time chatting with our fellow Guild members and working on our Guild's charity projects. Denice and Beth, two of our "Tres Amigas" walked us through constructing our two 6-inch blocks for April's Block of the Month (BOM). We appreciate Denice taking the time to make a larger size block to demonstrate the assembly of these blocks - that extra effort sure makes it easier on our eyes! If you had not had an opportunity to get started on your BOM - don't worry, there is still time as we are not showing our completed blocks or quilt top until December's meeting. Our March newsletter has the link to the website for the directions for the different 6" finished block inserted on the "side" of the basic house block. You will also find the instructions for constructing the house block in the March newsletter. I find myself looking through my quilt magazines and books to get ideas on how I will finish my quilt top using my 12 house blocks - each with a different side! The big reveal in December should be a lot of fun.

I hope you can join us for our May meeting on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. when Patti Hempen from "End of Rainbow Quilts", Canyon Lake, Texas will be our guest. Patti's presentation, "Serendipity - An Evening with Patti" will feature a trunk show with over 60 quilts. Patti has owned "End of The Rainbow Quilts" since 1998 when she began teaching professionally. Since then, she has become a designer and a quilt show judge as well as an author of a new quilting book. She continues to lecture, do trunk shows, and teach piecing, hand and machine applique and fabric selection as well as her wonderful new design techniques.

It is not too late to sign up for Patti's workshop, "Free-Form Symmetry," which will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 to 3:00. Patti assures me the ability to draw is not a pre-requisite for this workshop. I have included the supply list in the newsletter so you have plenty of time to gather up your supplies before the workshop.

I am also taking sign-ups for the workshops that will be held in June and July. In June, the "Texas Two Step Quilt" workshop will be taught by Lynn Roddy Brown from Houston. In July, Winnie Fleming, also from Houston, will teach the "Borders Galore" workshop. You will not want to miss either workshop.

And remember, the Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild will be 20 years old this year! In August, during our summer potluck, we will have our birthday celebration. We would like to put together a slideshow of Guild pictures to show as part of our celebration. If you have pictures and stories to share, please see me so that we can include them in our program.

I've also included the 2015 Guild Calendar for programs and workshops 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 May program! We hope you are able to join us on May 14th - we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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

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 and 20-year birthday celebration
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

“Free-Form Symmetry” Supply List Workshop to be Held on May 16th, 2015

Cutting mat
Rotary cutter
Scissors: Small, sharp 4" scissors for cutting paper and template plastic
24" ruler
Mechanical pencil
Good eraser
2 large sheets of template plastic
10-12 sheets of copy paper
Scotch tape
Iron
Teflon sheet for fusing
3 yards of fusible (Lite Steam-a-Seam II preferred)
Contrasting threads
Sewing machine with open toe for zig-zag and open plate for zig-zag

Suggested fabrics:

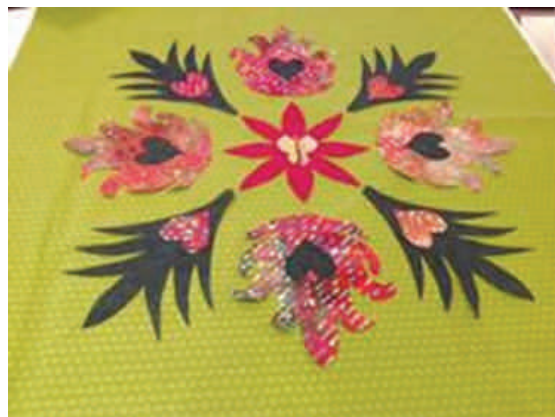
Background - 1-1/4 yards (this can be plain or mottled used with textured or printed fabric for the kaleidoscope pieces or vice versa....a textured or printed background with plain or mottled kaleidoscope pieces.

1/2 yard of 5-6 high contrast fabrics to enhance background

Appropriate length of fabric for border and binding (this will be determined by the size of the quilt you want to make.)

And, last but not least.....don't forget your chocolate :-0

Examples of Free-Form Symmetry quilt blocks:



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: 2 – 4 pm

1200 – 2:00 pm Preview Live Auction Items

Silent Auction Bidding

Boutique Sales

2:00 pm **Live Auction Starts**

3:00 pm Silent Auction Bidding Closes and winners announced

4:00 pm **Live Auction Ends or when we run out of items to sell**

Boutique Closes

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



21 Weeks and 2 days till the Auction!!

Any day is a good day to turn in Auction Items! For those who need Deadlines...

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.

Live Auction Items still needed:

Completed quilts

5 inch squares, 10 inch squares to build towers

FQs, other size precuts

Quilt kits that you decided not to make

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

Silent Auction and Boutique Items

Orphan blocks, borders, etc.

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

Questions? Contact Susan/Carla at 210-566-7619 or 288-8205 or by Email: Shall7613@aol.com or Vivian Taylor for Boutique questions/ items vtaylrsatx@gmail.com or 210-655-6540

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.

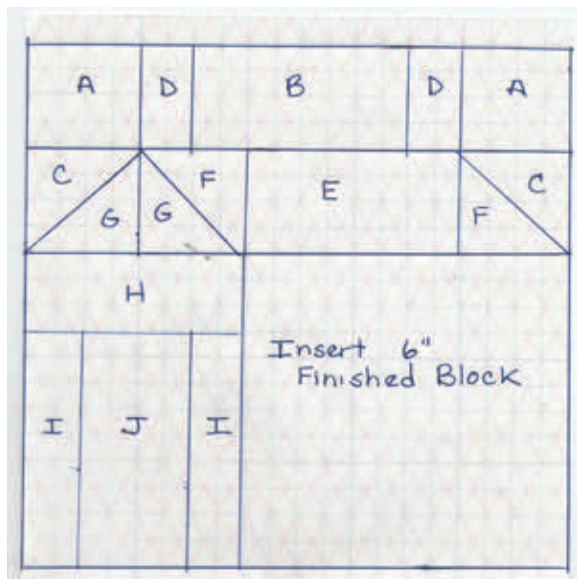
There are a lot of 6" blocks - perhaps your quilt needs more than 12 houses so have fun selecting more blocks. Happy sewing!!!

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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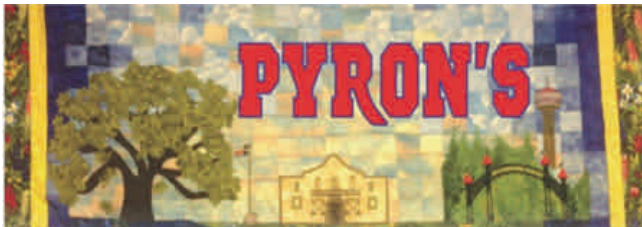
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NEW BEE

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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		Framing



Hello Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild!

We wanted to take an ad out to let you know about Lytle's best kept secret, Pyron's! We are the fabric and yarn headquarters for Lytle and the surrounding areas. In addition, our stock includes: notions, ribbons, trims, crafts and more. Custom picture framing is also available by appointment only. Coming in 2015 will be long arm quilt machine rental and classes. Please consider taking the short 15 minute trip south of San Antonio for fabric and sew much more! If you have any questions about our merchandise or store, please contact us and we will be happy to help you out as best we can!

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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



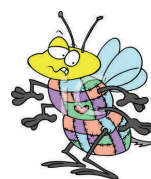
NAME TAGS

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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Fabric • Fabric Kits • Block of the Month
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Lots of new kits and fabric running out our ears. Also many new patterns including Full Bloom pictured here. We will be happy to kit this for you from our room full of Batiks! 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.

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May Birthdays

Deborah Hewitt	5th
Dixie Bradbury	11th
Dea Heller	16th
Tom Dicketns	19th
Dawn Cochran	21st
Nancy Troyer	23rd
Joan Wallace	29th

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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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: **MAY14th**

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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