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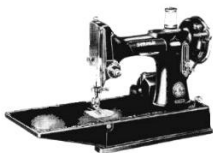
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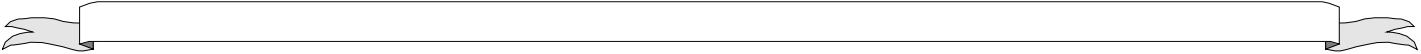
We put our Christmas tree up after Thanksgiving Day this year, the earliest time we have ever put up our tree! I love decorating for Christmas and wrapping presents and listening to Christmas tunes. The UPS brown truck has stopped three times this week at our house!

Have a great Christmas. Get out your Christmas quilts and snuggle in them with your hot chocolate. Enjoy family and friends during the holidays, and I hope Santa Claus stops at your house with new fabric, scissors and patterns for your 2016 quilting adventures.

Happy New Year and see you in January, it looks to be another exciting year! Many blessings-

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.

- Cyndie Salomon—health issues.
- Pat Tollette—She's feeling better, so say those prayers of thanks, but keep up the prayers and keep her in your thoughts until we see her at the general meeting again.prayers.
- Joann's nephews—in law enforcement.
- 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.
- Ava Wohltman, Maggie Oswald's 10 month old great niece—health issues
- 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.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015

Hi Everyone,

We sure had a busy but fun meeting in November. Thank you for the 36 members who paid their 2016 membership dues.

We had 65 members and 1 visitor in attendance for the November Meeting.

At the December meeting we will have a Christmas Tree with ornament/gift tags for sale as part of our fund raiser. This will be located on the membership table.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas Party.

Marie

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! It is the week of Thanksgiving as I am writing this bit for our December newsletter. With that in mind it is only appropriate that I reflect back on all I have to be thankful for as your Program Chair this past year. My sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who made suggestions for our speakers and workshops. Thanks to those who helped set up and put away, helped hold and fold quilts, came and supported the speakers and who were able to join us for workshops – thanks so much. In addition, thanks to my fellow board members who filled in for me at our Guild meetings when I had to be away. Thanks also to the “Tres Amigas” and their Block of the Month which added to our programs and appealed to all of our members. And not to forget our charity projects and challenge nor our UFO challenge that added to our Guild’s activities – thank you for supporting those. You helped me pull off a successful 2015 program of activities – I could not have done it without you. We have one last event for 2015– our December Christmas Party which will be held on Thursday, December 10th at 7 p.m. We will have a potluck – so please bring you favorite side, salad or dessert to share with all. In addition, do not forget we are having our big reveal for our Tres Amigas Block of the Month houses. Bring those houses on as we will be selecting the “Viewer’s Choice.” One lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate for Cotton Boll Quilting. Susan and Carla have some spectacular fabric to select from. In addition, do not forget your wrapped gift for the Christmas Wish List. Dea will be delivering those to the Nursing Home the following day.

I received a very nice card from Holly Nelson, our guest speaker for last month’s program and workshop. She stated we have a very nice and talented group of ladies and she really enjoyed meeting everyone. She also said she hoped to see many AHQG applique’ entries in the next Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild’s Show. I believe she enjoyed herself as much as we enjoyed hosting her. She had a lot of beautiful quilts to show us and her Applique 101 workshop provided some wonderful tips and tricks to help us create our own lovely applique design. Thanks also to Susan at Cotton Boll Quilting who hosted Holly’s workshop on Saturday due to a scheduling conflict at our usual location. A great time was had by all!

I am busy finalizing our program and workshop schedule for 2016 and will share our draft 2016 program with you at our December meeting. In addition, I wanted to give you a heads up on a couple of the Guild challenges we are planning for next year in the hope that you’ll find at least one appealing and you will consider joining us in the challenge. Some of our guest speakers this past year talked about group projects with round robin panel quilts or with block exchanges and we thought it might be fun to once again have a panel round robin challenge. If that doesn’t appeal to you perhaps you would like to participate in our seasonal table runner or table topper challenge. Or maybe you’d like to participate in both! More to follow as we work out all of the details. Our January 2016 guest speaker, Margie Lawrence, will provide some additional insight into a Guild round robin project and we will begin taking sign up for the round robin panel challenge we’ll launch in February.

As always, I welcome your ideas and suggestions as I am already starting to pencil in some things for 2017!

We hope you are able to join us on December 10th, you won’t want to miss it, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Kathy

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 Mobile Sharpening Unit will be set up in the parking lot – bring you items to sharpen.
September	10	Program: Natalie Calvet, Alamo Quilt Shop, San Antonio, Texas with Demo of Hexactagon Templates
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 / Please see Dea Heller to pick up a Christmas Wish List for a Resident at an area Nursing Home. Gift to be wrapped and brought to our meeting.

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.

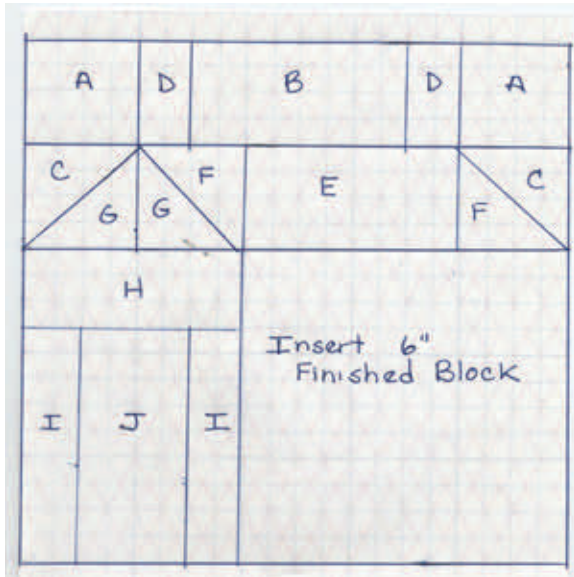
There are a lot of 6" blocks - perhaps your quilt needs more than 12 houses so have fun selecting more blocks. Happy sewing!!!

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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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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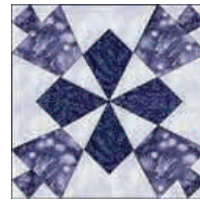
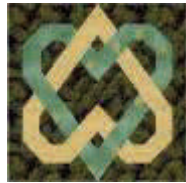
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UFO Program

UFO Ladies, it is a busy time of year:) but let us encourage each other to keep on stitchin' UFO #3 will be due at the January meeting:) Hope to see you all soon:). :)

Geri



RULES:

Participation requires you provide a list of 6 UFOs to Geri Collins 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, Geri (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 OUT



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!



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.

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Oh what fun it was making tree skirts with Cathy Kropp at Cotton Boll Quilting! Only one seat left in the Jan 9th Urban Abacus class!

BOM: Colorway 1 Kits are available for the Pat Sloan's My Secret Garden 2016 Mystery BOM. Participation in the Mystery quilt is free and the monthly patterns are available by downloading them from <http://www.freequiltpatterns.info/2016-pat-sloan-mystery-bom-materials-list-secret-garden.htm>. Colorway 2, Hometown Girl from Moda, will be shipping in February. Reserve your Hometown Girl Kit now.

Also, the River Rock 9 month BOM starts in January. The non refundable Reservation fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of the pattern. Each month, participants will receive a pack of 10 inch squares to make that month's block. The monthly cost of the BOM is \$24.00. Participants will have the opportunity to purchase a 112" wide batik backing for a 15% discount.

Upcoming events:

Jan 9th: 09 AM - 3:30 Marci Henry teaching Urban Abacus using the Quick Curve Ruler! This class will make you an expert at piecing the blocks and gets you ready for Metro Rings, Whisper and any other challenges we can come up with using the QCR and the new small version of the QCR!

Jan 16th: 9 am - 3:30 pm Kristin Wright will be teaching the large size Northern Lights quilt. Registration for the class includes the pattern. The Hex n More ruler is necessary to make the quilt. These will be available at CBQ if you need to purchase one. More information can be found under classes on the Website.

Talk to me about joining us at either of these classes or BOM adventures!

Susan Hall

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DECEMBER Birthdays

Michele Hanus	6th
Garent Szurek	13th
Esther Johanningsmeier	14th
Carole Van Buren	19th
Ann Barnett	30th
Natalie Calvert	31st

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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: **December 10th**

Remember to bring your...

Name Tag	Show and Tell Items
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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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