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JOIN US ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH—
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NACOGDOCHES)

KEEPING YOU IN STITCHES.....

Our journey continues. I am honored to begin my third year as president of our guild. I am looking forward to working with our new board members Millie Moczygemba and Susan Hall, and returning members, Joyce Boyd, Kathy Smith and Susan Feeley. I also want to include our chairpersons, Marie Emerson, Dea Heller, Joanne Krepps, Vivian Taylor and Ruth Ann Willey. Thank you all!

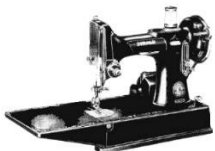
My son has asked for his girlfriend's hand and they are to be married on September 10th of this year. As a gesture of my love I announced that I would make a quilt for each of the wedding party. I was shocked when I heard they plan on having 12 attendants and two flower girls. What was I thinking? Have I lost my mind? I really have my work "cut out" for me this year! I will keep you posted on my progress with this project.

We have an awesome year of activities for our guild planned. Be sure to review the 2016 calendar as submitted by Kathy Smith. Our January meeting starts with Margie Lawrence demonstrating round robin quilts and a trunk show. Margie's ideas will lay the groundwork for our own guild round robin project. Something new for us also will be a year of seasonal table toppers with "how to" demonstrations with Dea Heller.

I would encourage all of our members to find an activity that they can joyfully participate in this year. See you in January!

Keep Calm and Quilt On-

Janet Ann





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.

Gerianne Collins—health issues

Cyndie Salomon—health issues.

Pat Tollette—She's feeling better, so say those prayers of thanks.

It was so good to see her at the December general meeting.

Keaton Barron rang the bell—he's finished with chemo. What a blessing!

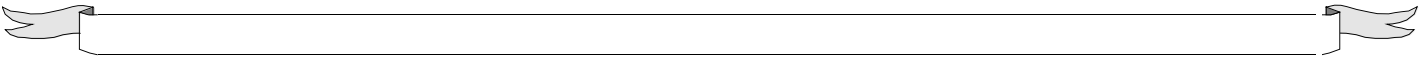
Joann's nephews—in law enforcement, and all other law enforcement personnel.

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



MEMBERSHIP

Hello everyone we had 47 members present at the December Guild Meeting, in addition we have 50 members that have paid their annual dues.

We are in the process of updating the roster for 2016 so if you have not paid please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you so much and I look forward to seeing you at our January Guild Meeting.

Thank you,

Marie

CHARITY

Ladies

Hope your holidays were good ones. We had a great year, and I want to congratulate the winners of the challenge and THANK EVERYONE who participated. We sent 71 quilts and 217 pillow cases to the Children's Hospital. Laura, Child Live Coordinator, stated she would be able to give every child on the top two floors a pillow case.

She again was just blown away by all of your hard work. She stated our quilts show how much we care by the work we put into them to make them special. She notices the different pattern and the great quilting. I am hoping to get pictures of the kids receiving them again.

I am not going to have a special challenge this year. We can just work at what we want. I will have all the pillowcase kits, and quilt kits in the back that you need. Please let's just keep up the good work.

There will be no charity bee this month, hopefully all will be back to normal in February.

Thanks again.

Joanne
Charity Chair



You or you and a group of members are needed to help with refreshments. Talk to Janet Daniel if you want to fill this position. The meetings just won't be the same without you.

Do not have to attend board meetings. Thanks!

PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone! As I write this bit for the January newsletter I am still trying to figure out how it can already be the last week in December 2015! I was sorry my day job required me to be out of town and miss our Guild's wonderful Christmas party. I understand a good time was had by all and it was a busy evening with the installation of the 2016 Board, the fabulous pot luck dinner and several presentations. The "Tres Amigas" were also presented with gift certificates as a "Thank You" for taking the lead with our 2015 Block of the Month project. I understand we will have an opportunity to see some of these blocks in at least one of our 2017 Auction quilts. (Ask Susan, it is never too early to start working on quilts for our 2017 auction!)

I am excited about our calendar for 2016 as we have some very talented artists (a.k.a. quilters) in our lineup and a variety of programs that will be sure to grab your interest. Margie Lawrence from "RR Retreats by Margie" in La Grange, TX, will be our first guest on January 14th. Margie will be doing a trunk show with some beautiful quilts and will also talk with us about Round Robin Quilts. You may recall several of our speakers this past year showed us quilts that had been made as part of a round robin challenge. We thought it might be fun to once again organize one for our own Guild. Margie's presentation on the 14th will be just the introduction to jump start our challenge in February. So start thinking about your round robin challenge and what panel or center block you would like to have your team build on to create your unique quilt. Consider what will the finished project be used for: tablecloth, wall hanging, or lap quilt? Will your quilt have a season theme or color scheme? Will you provide all of the fabrics to be used or can team members use their own high quality quilt fabric? Will all of the fabric used be pre-washed or not? I hope you will consider signing up for this challenge and wanted to have you begin thinking about it.

This year in addition to our round robin challenge we will also be sponsoring a seasonal table topper or table runner challenge that might interest you. Dea and Janet will be sharing more information about this project in the coming months. I hope one of these challenges will spark your interest and inspire you to join in the fun as we challenge ourselves to hone our skills and share our creativity with others.

You will not want to miss our February program either as we were finally able to have one of our "snow birds," the very talented Joan Wallace do a mini trunk show and talk for us. You all may recall seeing some of Joan's "art work" during Show and Tell. I can hardly wait until February to see what Joan has in store for us.

And then in March, Karen Lambdin will be presenting her Portrait Quilt program and workshop. I will begin taking signups for Karen's workshop (to be held on Saturday, the 12th of March) at our January Guild meeting.

Check out our Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild 2016 calendar to see what else we have planned for this year. I hope you are able to join us for some of those events. Also please send me any suggestions for next year's programs and workshops since often speaker's calendars are booked well in advance. I could not pull this all together without your support and suggestions – please keep them coming!

We hope you are able to join us at the Guild meeting on January 14th, you won't want to miss it, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Kathy

2016 AHQG CALENDAR

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

January	14	Program: Margie Lawrence, RR Retreats by Margie, La Grange, TX, Trunk Show - Round Robin Quilts
	16	Workshop: N/A
February	11	Program: Joan Wallace, SATX, Trunk Show/Program "Every Quilter is an Artist"
	13	Workshop: N/A
March	10	Program: Karen Lambdin, SATX, Trunk Show/Program Re: Portrait Quilt Journey
	12	Workshop: Karen Lambdin, Portrait Quilt Workshop
April	14	Program: Charity Night. Note this is the Bluebonnet Shop Hop Weekend so no Workshop will be scheduled
May	12	Program: Cathy Kropp, SATX, Trunk Show and Demo on Paper Piecing
	14	Workshop: Cathy Kropp, Paper Piecing Workshop
June	9	Program: Kimberly Jolly, Fat Quarter Shop, Manchaca, TX, Trunk Show - "It's Sew Emma"
	11	Workshop: N/A
July	14	Program: Marcia Henry, Dickinson, TX, Modern Quilt Trunk Show and Demo of ruler used to make some of these quilts
	16	Workshop: Marcia Henry, Modern Quilt Workshop; "Metro Twist" Quilt
August	11	Program: Potluck Summer Salad Dinner Note: Holy Trinity Church not available for workshop this month.
September	8	Program: Linda Winters, B. Bumble & Co, Kerrville, TX, Trunk Show of Patterns and Quilts and Demo of unusual freezer paper method of applique
	10	Workshop: N/A
October	13	Program: Sue Garman, Houston, TX, "Creativity and the Design Process" with Trunk Show
	15	Workshop: Sue Garman - "Feathered Star" Workshop
November	10	Program: Cynthia LeBlanc Regone, Cajun Classics Quilts, Katy, TX, "Scrappy Quilts" with Trunk Show
	12	Workshop: Cynthia LeBlanc Regone Workshop - "Homespun Hearts & Baskets" Quilt
December	8	Program: Christmas Party / <u> TBD </u> Exchange

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UFO Program

Hello, Ladies,

We have over 100 fat quarters for the prizes. Hope everyone is able to finish their last UFO of 2015 in time for the January meeting.

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.




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Happy New Year! What a busy year it has already been! Thank you all who supported my inventory reduction sale!! there is still plenty of fabric left for those who didn't make it. Come on over!!

Last Saturday we had 7 students taking the **Urban Abacus class learning to use the Quick Curve Ruler**. You will get another opportunity at our **July Guild workshop where we will be making the Metro Twist Quilt**. See me at the meeting if you want more intel!!

We still have seats available in the **Northern Lights class on Saturday, Jan 16th**. See me for more intel on this class where you will learn to use the Hex N More ruler.

On **Tuesday Jan 12th from 6 - 8:30 pm** we will have an **open sew period** for those who want to work on their BOM or UFO or just a special project they want to sew with friends. Since we only have room for 6. Please let me know if you are coming. First to sign up get the seats!

BOM: Pat Sloan's Mystery Quilt for 2016 is off to an exciting start. She released the first block of her My Secret Garden Mystery Quilt early and I know a board member who has already completed her block. maybe she will bring it to show and tell!! I will have the kit with me so you can see the fabrics up close and personal!!

Colorway 2 will be Hometown Girl by Pat Sloan. That fabric ships in february! I have a layer cake of these fabrics and plan on raiding a sample spree FQ pack to make the first block! so you will be able to compare which fabrics you like best! 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](http://www.freequiltpatterns.info/2016-pat-sloan-mystery-bom-materials-list-secret-garden.htm).

The River Rock 9 month BOM also started this month. The Registration fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of the pattern. Each month, you will receive a pack of 10 inch squares to make that month's block. The monthly cost of the BOM is \$24.00. Only 8 slots left in this BOM!!

Check out all the new fabric arriving at <http://www.cottonbollquilting.com>

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January Birthdays

Darlene Barboza	8th
Eileen Pape	8th
Ruth Ann Willey	10th
Patrician Brown	14th
Gail Sutton	15th
Kathleen Slater	22nd
Mary Semlinger	24th
Kay Perez	27th

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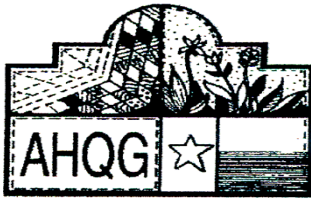
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ATTENTION:

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: **January 14th**

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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