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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
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NACOGDOCHES)

KEEPING YOU IN STITCHES.....

March is National Quilting Month. Every month is a good quilting month for me! My third block in the secret Garden Mystery quilt is the classic Japanese Tea Garden by Pat Sloan. The patterns are published once a month and are free on line. I am also working on a sew along with Bee in My Bonnet, Lori Holt. I love her vintage fabrics and block selections for wall hangings, table toppers and pillows.

I received a note of relief this week about my son's wedding. One of the brides maids had to drop out because her baby is due about the same time as the wedding. So I have one less quilt to make! I have two more groomsmen quilts and then they will all be ready for the long arm quilter. I can't forget a quilt for the bride and groom also.

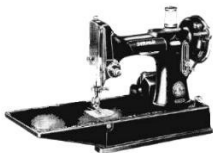
Our own "energizer bunny" Dea Heller has formed a team to resume the hospitality duties for our guild. We certainly appreciate Dea and thank her again for taking on this committee.

Karen Lambdin will be offering a presentation to us in March from her Portrait Quilt journey, using her own unique photoshop techniques. Our Guild calendar has scheduled so many awesome programs this year, hope to see you there!

Keep Calm and Quilt On-
Janet Ann

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ONLY 83 WEEKS UNTIL OUR NEXT AUCTION!





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.

GeriCollins—health issues

Phyllis Shaw and family— her parents are elderly and suffering from poor health

Sally Gay—recovering from broken hip

Cyndie Salomon—health issues.

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

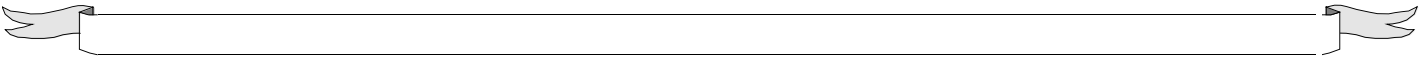
Our military members as they work to keep our country free.

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

Beth Barron's niece, Christina- — she needs a kidney



MEMBERSHIP

Hello Everyone:

We had 60 members including 2 new members at the February meeting,

With 2 visitors a total of 62.

Please welcome Jan Arnold & Jan Morales-Hill.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

Thank you,

Marie

CHARITY

Ladies,

We had a good Bee turnout this month, there were 10 of us. Some ladies cut kits, some made kits from 5 and 8 inch squares, and two ladies sewed string quilt blocks (I had precut squares for the kits and 2 1/2 inch strips for the string quilts that we had cut at another bee.)

This is a good start for our charity goal for this year. I am hoping to get 100 quilts and at least 100 or more pillow cases for the children's hospital. I still have lots of kits that I bring every month, come back and see me.

We discussed and solved all the world's problems during our lunch break. (I do allow you to break for lunch) You have to come join us to find out how we solved all these problems.

Joanne
Charity Chair



NAMETAGS

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.



March Birthdays

Amanda Dove	6th
Claudette Booker	12th
Joyce Warrington	31st

Quilters' Blogs and Other Resources

Beth Baron was kind enough to share the following info about a free online BOM starting February 14. She hopes you are interested and have some fun with it.

Over the next year 82 designers will present 100 6.5" blocks in all genres...pieced, appliqued, paper pieced, embroidered, English paper piecing. There's been a couple posts already mainly about fabric selection...it will take 30-35 fat quarters so a good stash buster too.

At the end of the year the patterns will be published in a book and won't be free anymore.

www.thesplendidsampler.com

For Local Quilt Shows Check out — www.quiltersresources.net

[Tips, Tricks, and Tuts Tuesday - Round Robin Quilts by Margie](#) Posted: 26 Jan 2016 07:07 PM PST

AHQG Annual Retreat Info

Retreat is coming. Sampler is the block of the retreat this year.

Ladies, the retreat is coming, you may still owe for it, please bring your balance to the February meeting. Days are going by way too quickly and it has come upon all of us. Sampler with a beige background is the block of the retreat this year. The blocks will go into a quilt that will be auctioned off at our next auction. So please be part of it and bring your block to retreat. Just think we could have a queen size or even a king. Would that not be just great!!!!

So bring your block to the retreat, and bring your check to the next meeting. If you do not remember how much you owe just give me a call at 210-651-6700.

Thanks,
Dea

PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone! Wow, we had a fabulous program in February when our very own Guild member, Joan Wallace, a sewer who turned quilter who turned quilt artist, shared some of her lovely creations with us. What an inspiration she was to all as she shared how she creates some of her “art work.” Everyone enjoyed seeing all of the techniques and creativity that is Joan’s trademark. Thank you Joan for sharing your creations with us.

We have another inspiring evening lined up for our program on Thursday, March 10th as Karen Lambdin, another of our award winning Guild members, will be presenting her Portrait Quilt journey and trunk show. You may recall last year Karen showed us a fabric portrait quilt wall hanging she had made of her dog that had everyone in awe and clambering to have her do a program for us. I am thrilled Karen agreed to do both a program and workshop for us. She will be conducting a workshop on Saturday, March 12th, where the participants will make a fabric portrait quilt that is life-like. Karen will demonstrate the Photoshop manipulation of the portrait used to make our pattern; however, for class Karen is actually preparing our photos ahead of time to maximize the time in our workshop. We will learn how easy it is to make a fabric portrait with a small pair of scissors and the correct values of fabric. She will also discuss several ways to quilt our portrait quilt with demonstrations and samples.

We will also start forming our round robin challenge teams at our March meeting. If you have not signed up either individually or as team, it is not too late to do so. I hope you have had time to think about your project and what panel or center block you would like to have your team build on to create your unique quilt. Will your finished project be a table topper, wall hanging, or quilt and what size would you like it to be? Will your quilt have a seasonal 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? If you do not already have a team, we can assign you to one. Each individual team will decide their positions in the team lineup, the timelines for when the round is due, when and where they will meet for handoff, and when the team will reveal their finished rounds. Why not bring your spirit of adventure and your round robin panel (or whatever you would like to use for your center), additional fabrics, notebook, and a label so everyone can sign it as they work on their round to our March meeting. I think we can have a lot of fun with our round robin challenge!

Also mark your calendars and plan to join us at our April Guild meeting for our Charity Night. Not only do we get to do something wonderful for the community to help Joanne with the Guild’s charity projects but we get to visit with our fellow Guild members. Thanks Joanne for making it easy for all of us to do something good for others.

And then at our Guild program on May 12th, Cathy Kropp will be presenting a trunk show and demo featuring paper piecing. She really is a master at paper piecing and will have lots of tips and pointers to share with us. It is not too early to sign up for her Paper Piecing Workshop, “A Wreath for All Seasons” to be held on Saturday, May 14th.

Unfortunately I got really sidetracked last month and did not have time to complete a table topper for Valentine’s Day but I am looking to redeem myself on the next challenge Dea and Janet share with us. I wonder what they will have in store for us as we work thru the seasons and holidays on the calendar.

And be sure to 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 speakers’ calendars often 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 March 10th, 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, "A Wreath for Every Season"
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

TABLE RUNNER PROGRAM

Charm Pack Table Runner

(Provided at January General Meeting)

1 Charm Pack

3 Strips of fabric cut 1 inch wide

strips of fabric cut 3 h inches wide

1/3 yard of fabric for back

pieces of fabric cut 2 1/4 inches wide for binding

Select 24 of the charm pack for your center of your table runner. Sew them together in rows of 3.

Then you place Wonder Under on the back of each square you are going to cut for hearts. I used another 6 of the charm pack for hearts. After you have the hearts sewn on you will take the strip of fabric you cut 1 inch wide, you will place it on the ironing board and press it in half length wise. You may baste it on the top and pin in place from edge to edge. You will cut them to fit the top. Then you may take the strips of fabric for the border, you may place them on the edge starting with the long side first, then sew on the ends. When finished you have a Table Runner



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Lots of new kits! A new precut Take 5 kit using Let it Glow from Moda and a Great Father's Day Churn Dash quilt using the new Fernwood fabrics from Benartex ... just to name a few.

BOM: Pat Sloan's Mystery Quilt for 2016 is off to an exciting start. She released the third block of her My Secret Garden Mystery Quilt I have 2 more original Colorway 1 fabric kits and several of the new Colorway 2 kits with Hometown Girl fabrics. Participation in the Mystery quilt is free and the monthly patterns are available by downloading them from <http://blog.patsloan.com/2016-my-secret-garden/>

The River Rock 9 month BOM also started in January. Just one kit left. Months 4 has arrived. I will have it at the meeting. The Registration pattern is \$30.00. 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.

Thank you all for visiting Cotton Boll Quilting!

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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 10th**

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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