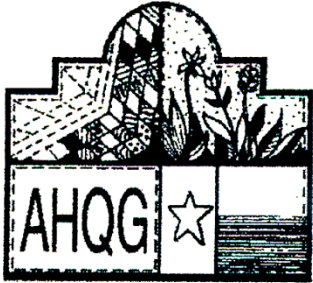


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WE MEET AT 7:00 P.M. AT
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NACOGDOCHES)

KEEPING YOU IN STITCHES.....

OUR ROUND ROBIN GROUP MET TWO WEEKS AGO AND WE EXCHANGED OUR CENTER MEDALLIONS ALONG WITH OUR STASHES OF FABRIC AND OUR QUILTING DIARIES. WE TALKED ABOUT OUR EXPECTATIONS AND WORKED OUT A CALENDAR OF WHEN TO MEET TO EXCHANGE PROJECTS AGAIN. EACH OF US HAD SUCH A DIFFERENT STYLE OF CENTER MEDALLION AND COLOR CHOICES FOR OUR BORDER FABRICS, A REAL REFLECTION OF OUR DIVERSITY. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS GROUP PROJECT AND ATTEMPTING TO "STEP OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE". WE WERE INSPIRED BY THE FORMAT PROVIDED TO US FROM MARGI LAWRENCE IN JANUARY. HOPE THE OTHER GROUPS ARE ON THEIR WAY TOO!

I AM MAKING STEADY PROGRESS ON MY QUILTS FOR MY SON'S WEDDING PARTY. I MADE ALL OF THE BACKING FOR THE QUILTS AND ONLY HAVE ONE MORE BORDER TO COMPLETE THE BRIDE AND GROOM'S QUILT.

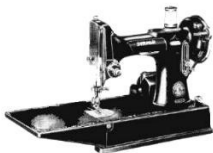
OUR APRIL PROGRAM WILL BE SOME HAND'S ON WORK FOR OUR CHARITY PROJECTS. JOANNE KREPPS, OUR FAVORITE CHARITY CHAIR, WILL HAVE CANCER PILLOWS FOR US TO STUFF AND SEW CLOSED. GET YOUR PROJECTS READY FOR OUR GUILD QUILT RETREAT STARTING ON APRIL 28TH, IT WILL BE 3 (OR 4) DAYS OF COMPLETE QUILTING BLISS. AS TIM DUNCAN SAYS "IT IS MY HAPPY PLACE"

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN APRIL...

KEEP CALM AND QUILT ON

JANET ANN

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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.

Beth Barron's grandson Keaton—returning to treatment. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Carole Van Buren—health issues

Mechelle Brown—sudden loss of her daughter

Shirley Carter—friend has been under the weather and preventing her from attending the meetings

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

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

Happy Spring Everyone,

At our March meeting we had 60 members present with 4 visitors a total of 64. We have a total of 105 members.

The 2016 roster has been sent out to everyone.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our April meeting.

Marie

CHARITY

Ladies,

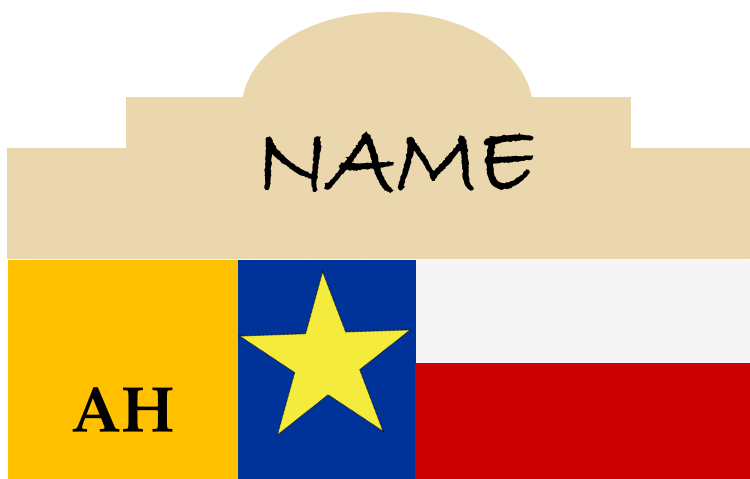
Charity will be back again next month, but in the meantime, we have special news to share with you.

A wooden hand quilting frame (see pictures below), two sizes. 4 feet with extra poles to expand to 8 feet was donated to the guild. The price is \$75.00 or best offer. Proceeds will go to the guild. Contact Joanne Krepps at meeting or call 210-656-2466



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.



Happy Birthday

April Birthdays

Terri Winsauer	1st
Bambi Mayer	7th
Susan Barnes	11th
Kathy Horne	11th
Josie Anderson	14th
Chris Swink	16th
Pat Tollette	26th
Vivian Taylor	27th



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 another great program in March when Karen Lambdin, one of our award winning Guild members, presented her Portrait Quilt journey and trunk show. Karen shared her journey with us to create fabric portrait quilts and the various resources that we could use to create our own works of art. Karen's trunk show was truly awesome. Her workshop that followed on Saturday inspired us to create our own life-like portrait quilts. By the end of the day, several of us were well on our way to creating our own work of art. Thank you Karen for sharing your talents with us.

I sure hope you are planning to join us at our Guild meeting on April 14th for our Charity Night. Joanne has been busy planning how we can best assist her. I understand she has been buying lots of pillow stuffing for us to use in the cancer pillows since last year we used up all of the stuffing she had on hand. Not only do we get to do something wonderful for the community as we help Joanne with the Guild's charity projects but we get to visit with our fellow Guild members as well. Thanks Joanne for making it easy for us to do something good for others.

And don't forget our sign up continues for the round robin challenge teams. We will launch another team when we have 5 signed up. We already have three complete teams formed with one already launched. I will be sending an email to everyone on the other two teams so they can get prepared to begin their exchange. They should be prepared to bring their spirit of adventure and round robin panel/center block, additional fabrics, notebook, and a label so everyone can sign it as they work on their round to pass off to the next team member to complete a round. I think we can have a lot of fun with our round robin challenge!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our Guild program on May 12th, when 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. Regardless of whether you are new to paper piecing or an old pro, you will want to take advantage of this workshop. I have had a sneak preview of Cathy's "A Wreath for All Season" table topper that we will learn to make at her workshop on Saturday, May 14th and I cannot wait to make my own. Cathy will show us how, with different fabric choices, we really can create seasonal table toppers. I will be taking signs ups for Cathy's workshop, "A Wreath for All Seasons" at our April Guild meeting.

By the way, have you had an opportunity to work on your Spring table runner? You may recall Dea and Janet shared their versions of a spring table runner and some pointers with us at the March meeting so that we can create our own. I had better get busy if I am looking to redeem myself by completing this challenge. So little time and so many projects I would love to do!

I also have the sample quilt for Marcia Henry's July workshop, "Metro Twist" Quilt to show you at our Guild meeting this month. Wait till you see this beautiful quilt! You will want to make one for yourself and it is not too early to sign up for this workshop either.

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 speaker's 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 April 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, "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

Hope everyone is working on their own version of a spring table runner.



SPECIAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in submitting quilts either for exhibition or for sale at /Hauptstrasse-Quiltfest, the page to download the forms can be found at <http://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/625/Hauptstrasse-Quiltfest>. I am going to pick up quilts on Friday April 22 at Cotton Boll Quilting and will return them to the same site the week after the show. We would love to hang your quilts!



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Lots of new kits!

Super NEW is the Dutch Dash using the pattern in Fons and Porter's EASY QUILTS Summer 2016 magazine. I will have the Small World Netherlands fabric kits available at the meeting! Lots of new kits perfect for graduation, Mothers Day and Father's Day gifts! A new precut Take 5 kit using Let it Glow from Moda and a Great Churn Dash quilt using the new Fernwood fabrics from Benartex ... just to name a few.

BOM: Pat Sloan's Mystery Quilt for 2016 is just now getting to the 4th block of her My Secret Garden Mystery Quilt. Not too late to start! I have more original Mon Ami Colorway 1 fabric but the kits are gone. I do still have the Hometown Girl Kits which is Colorway 2. 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 kits for Months 4, 5, and 6 available for those who signed up. The monthly cost of the BOM is \$24.00.

Thank you all for visiting Cotton Boll Quilting!

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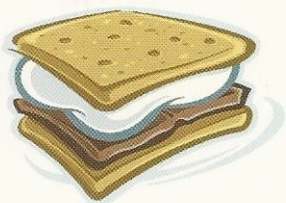
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ATTENTION:

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: **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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