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JOIN US ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH—
WE MEET AT 7:00 P.M. AT
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From Your President

Hello AHQG!!

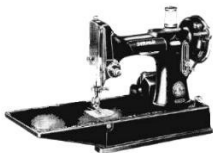
I hope your year is going well!!! Can you believe it is February?? The Super Bowl will have come and gone. We have cried in our beer over the Alabama loss to Clemson, Dallas' loss to Green Bay, and whatever the outcome of Sunday's game. Now is time to get down to serious quilting before planting season arrives!! Before you know it, we will be sitting in the auction watching JoAnne and Millie try to outbid each other on some fabulous prize. I can't wait!!

Before that happens, we have loads of fun planned! Thank you all for the great audience participation in our last meeting. The Membership Lady told me that we had 75 in attendance! I am also excited to have Peggy True as our guest speaker at the February meeting. I have been hearing about Peggy for several years from her son who was an AF Physician friend and from fellow quilters who are active in the University United Methodist Church Quilt Guild. She has a treat planned for us and will also discuss the compassionate support program she works with. Remember to bring yarn (as discussed in Kathy's update) or JoAnn's gift cards if you would like to donate to this program!

On Saturday, February 11th, we will have the first of our sew-ins to work on Auction Quilts. Janet Daniel has been hard at work planning this. We hope to sew 2 complete quilt tops that day and plan for several others. It would be great if you can let Janet know if you will be there Saturday so we can plan accordingly! Thank you in advance for all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make the Auction a success!!

See you all bright and bushy-tailed at the meeting, Thursday,
February 9, 2017!

Susan





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.

Janis, mother of two members, Rochelle Couch & Lauren Seay—health issues

Dea Heller's family

Carole Van Buren—health issues

Geri Collins—health issues

Vickie Dubose and her family

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

Garnett Szurek—health issues

Michelle Hanus and Claudette Booker—Mother's health issues

Beth Barron's grandson, Keaton—in treatment again. Please remember him and his family.

Joanne's nephews—in law enforcement, and all other law enforcement personnel. The families who lost their loved ones in recent shootings.

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.

Ruth Ann Willey and her family send their sincere thank you for the beautiful rose wreath and all the support they received from Alamo Heritage Guild Members.

MEMBERSHIP

Hello everyone, what a fun time for everyone at our January Guild Meeting.

We had great attendance at the January meeting with 66 current members, 4 new members and 5 guests for a total of 75 in attendance.

Please welcome our new members

LoLeta Jeffcoat
Nance Marsh
Toni Proksell
Barbara Steers

Please note that all new members need to see me for your name tag.

Warm regards,
Marie Emerson
Membership Chairperson

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.



CHARITY BEE

Well, the new year has started out great. The turnout for the bee was really good. We had a total of eight quilters show up, nice turnout. Three of the new guild members came and seemed to enjoy themselves. Two could not stay, but took quilts to work on at home (perfect example of the “come and go as you need” we do at the bee).

We went thru three boxes of Christmas material and made pillowcases to work on thru the year. (This will really give us a chance to get them done by Christmas.) I only have one box left and we will try to cut this up for quilts.

I know this is the auction year, but please try to keep charity in mind. One quilt or one package of pillowcases will make lots of kids smile. If you have any questions on how our charity works, I sit in the back corner during the meetings---stop by and see me.

Joanne Krepps
Charity Chair



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carol DeArment	4th
Mildred Moczygemba	4th
Mary Jo Baker	5th
Janet Daniel	8th
Linda Ethridge	12th
SallyGay	12th
Marque McKay	13th
Karen Braswell	16th
Suzanne Logan	22nd

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

NEW*** B. Bumble & Company Blog <http://buzzingandbumbling.blogspot.com/>

Our own Doris Rice's blog is at <http://quiltingqueenonline.com> The Queen's Rustic Retreat can be found at <http://www.queensrusticretreat.com>

AHQG 2017 RETREAT NEWS

The May 4 - 7 2017 retreat will be here before we know it. Please be sure to check in with Joyce Boyd at the January meeting to make payment for this weekend of fun.



PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone! Wow! I believe we had a great start to our programs and workshops for 2017! I hope you were able to join us this past month when Denise Green from “Holly Dee Quilts” in Luling was our guest speaker. Denise shared tips, tricks, techniques, and above all, her love of quilting and had many quilts and quilt tops to show us which she had made as a certified Judy Niemeyer instructor. Denise also taught a workshop the following Saturday where the attendees had a chance to begin piecing their own “Cactus Flower”, a Judy Niemeyer’s foundation paper pieced table runner or table topper. I look forward to seeing everyone finished table runner or topper at one of the upcoming Guild meetings as I think they are going to be beautiful!

You will not want to miss this month’s Guild meeting either as we will have a very special program. Our guest speaker will be Peggy True, whose quilts and wearable art pieces have been exhibited regionally and nationally, earning numerous awards including First Place, Best of Show, and Viewers’ Choice in prestigious judged venues. She will be presenting a program entitled “Fascinations – a Quilter’s Exploration of Designing with Radial Symmetry” with a trunk show of 45 quilts. In addition, Peggy will share information on the “Threads of Love” charity which she has been involved with here in San Antonio for many years. Peggy will have a display of items made for this charity/ministry which distributes clothing and care items to the premature babies (living and deceased) serviced by local San Antonio hospitals, crisis pregnancy care centers and Any Baby Can. For our February Guild meeting, our members are encouraged to bring donations of 1 yard of cotton or flannel baby print fabric or a skein of non-allergenic baby yard to donate to “Threads of Love” charity. The charity also accepts gift cards to Joann’s Fabric Store. You can read more about this charity/ministry at their website: www.threadsoflovesa.org

On the calendar for the February workshop slot you will notice a designated “Auction Sew In”. This year we will have our big fund raiser with our Auction in October. For those members who are new to the Guild I should explain the auction is held every other year so it is on the schedule for Saturday, October 14th, 2017. The auction helps pay for our Guild’s guest speakers, programs, and workshops. We have a professional auctioneer and lots of quilts, a silent auction and boutique items for sale. An event of this magnitude takes lots of preparation and volunteers. In order to prepare for this big event, we have scheduled some designated “Auction Sew Ins” dates on the calendar this year such as we have for February 11th. Janet Daniel, our 2017 Auction Chair, will share additional information with us on how we can all get involved and help, not only during the designated “Auction Sew Ins” but throughout the year in preparation for the Auction in October. I would like to thank you in advance for helping so that we can once again have a very successful event and with many hands making light work (and an enjoyable event) for all.

At our Guild meeting in March, Michael Young, one of our very own Guild members, will be presenting a trunk show for us. You may recall seeing a few of Michael’s beautiful quilts during “Show and Tell” at previous Guild meetings. I can hardly wait until March to see what Michael has in store for us. In addition, he will be teaching a “One Block Wonder” quilt at our March 11th workshop. At our January Guild meeting Michael shared his sample with us and talked about our fabric selection for the one block wonder. You will need 6 repeats of a fabric that has a 15 to 24 inch repeat of design. Yardage will vary depending on the length of the repeat. He cautioned us to ensure when our yardage was being cut that we do not miscount the actual number of repeats. Michael also stated DO NOT wash the fabric before class as to do so will distort the way the fabric layers line up. I am taking signups for Michael’s workshop now and this is one workshop you will not want to miss.

Nor is it too early to plan to attend Trish Stuart's workshop on May 13th. Trish, from "Trish Stuart Designs" in Emory, Texas, will be doing a trunk show and talk on color theory for our program on May 11th and then on Saturday she will teach us how to create our own happy garden of funky wool flowers in this contemporary wool wall hanging. The background will be a hand-painted batik. We will learn the ins and outs of successfully machine stitching wool to a batik foundation. In addition, we will explore how to further embellish our wall hanging. Trish is offering to have kits available for the workshop if there is enough interest in purchasing a kit. I will need to know if you are taking the workshop and will be purchasing a kit or providing your own fabrics by the beginning of April so Trish has time to prepare the kits for our workshop. Since this requires advanced planning, I am also now taking signups for this May workshop. In March I will have Trish's sample wall hanging to share with you.

Check out our Alamo Heritage Quilt Guild 2017 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 February 9th, you won't want to miss it, and we look forward to seeing you there.

v/r,
Kathy

AUCTION ACTION

The 2017 AHQG Auction is scheduled for October 14th. WOW that is 37 weeks away!! We have a fun sew-in day scheduled for February 11th from 9 am to 3 pm at Holy Trinity Church on Nacogdoches. Here is your opportunity to participate in helping make a quilt for the auction. We will have kits cut and ready to sew and work in groups to streamline the process. A Potluck Lunch will be available and, bring some snacks and munchies for everybody too.

For those of you who cannot make the sew-in, we will have kits available to pick-up and put together on your own time. Please see me at our next guild meeting and look what we available. Thank you all for your donations and help toward making our quilt auction a SUCCESS! Please contact me with any questions, Janet Daniel 210-887-8598J

2017 AHQG CALENDAR

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

All Saturday workshops held at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, 16245 Nacogdoches Rd, SA TX.

January	12	Program: Denise Green, Holly Dee Quilts, Luling, Texas. Lecture and Trunk Show • Judy Niemeyer Trunk Show - quilts made by Denise using Judy's patterns and techniques.
	14	Workshop: Denise Green, Holly D Quilts, Luling, Texas. "The Cactus Flower" Table Runner Foundation Paper Piecing Workshop.
February	9	Program: Peggy True, San Antonio, Texas. Program, "Fascinations – a Quilter's Exploration of Designing with Radial Symmetry" with a trunk show of about 45 quilts. In addition, Peggy will share with us information on the "Threads of Love" charity.
	11	Workshop: Designated to be Auction Sew In
March	9	Program: Michael Young, AHQG Member, San Antonio, Texas. Trunk Show.
	11	Workshop: Michael Young, AHQG Member, San Antonio, Texas. "One Block Wonder" quilt workshop.
April	13	Program: Charity Night.
Retreat		May 4-7
May	11	Program: Trish Stuart, Emory, Texas. Trunk Show and talk on Color Theory, choosing colors, values and fabrics for her various quilts.
	13	Workshop: Trish Stuart, Emory, Texas. Contemporary Wool wall hanging workshop
June	8	Program: Heidi Staples, Boerne, Texas, Presentation/Trunk Show sharing projects from her book <u>Sewing Organized for the Busy Girl</u> and her blogspot "Fabric Mutt".
	10	Workshop: Designated to be Auction Sew In.
July	13	Program: Guild Skill Builders Stations for Demos set up such as Y-Seams, Scallop borders; binding; ruler work; applique. Specific details to be worked out.
	15	Workshop: Doris Rice, The Quilting Queen. McQueeny, Texas, Lone Star Quilt.
August	10	Program: Potluck Summer Salad Dinner
September	14	Program: Kimberly Jolly, Fat Quarters Shop, Manchaca, Texas, Trunk Show featuring "It's Sew Emma".
	16	Workshop: Designated to be Auction Sew In.
October	12	Program: TBD
	14	AHQG Auction
November	9	Program: TBD
	11	Workshop: TBD
December	14	Program: Christmas Party / <u>TBD</u> Exchange

Tribute to Dea Heller

Dea Heller was born in Gary, Indiana. She was not German as many of us thought, she was Cherokee. She had a very colorful and full life.

Dea moved to New York at the age of 17, married Ron and the journey began. They had four daughters (which must have been fun for Ron). Due to Ron's job they moved quite often. Their family lived in Maryland, Virginia, California (both southern and northern), Colorado and then on to Texas.

She had five foster children in California (four girls were not enough). Dea had various jobs in various states, (seamstress, ice cream shop owner, dress shop owner, realtor, and then my favorite---quilt teacher). She was a long time active member of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church. Dea started and participated in more than one bee, and was one of the original members of our guild. She made and quilted some beautiful quilts, some of which won ribbons. Many of the quilts she quilted for others also won ribbons.

Dea started quilting classes in her home, where she not only taught, but helped new and experienced quilters. I was fortunate enough to be one of her long-time students (10 years).

I think everyone who took classes from her will agree we all ripped many seams. If you asked her opinion about if you should rip a seam she would say, "Well if you can live with it...." Of course, after that statement we ripped.

Dea was also involved in organizing two annual retreats, one for her students and one for members and friends of the guild. As with her classes, you could always go up to her "spot" and ask for help and she gave it.

Dea Heller will be missed greatly as a teacher, friend and fellow quilter.

This tribute was organized and contributed by Joanne Krepps with the help of many others.

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Well we made it back from South Padre Island and the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show in one piece. AND we didn't sell out! I know you are happy to hear that we still have some of the fabulous new kits including the Cozy Camping quilt, Fiona, Out of Africa and Beneath The Sea! We will have samples of these for show and tell!

ALSO...just 4 more kits available in the TONGA FOREST Floor Block of the Month. This fabulous 106" by 106" quilt uses a pattern from Wing and a Prayer and beautiful rich batiks from Timeless Treasures. Reservation fee is \$24 and next 11 months will be \$22 plus Tax and shipping if applicable. Or the full kit will be available for \$24 reservation fee and \$223 (plus TX/ship) when kits are ready! Go to www.cottonbollquilting.com/news.htm to reserve your kit!

This year, I will not be bringing a "shop" to Guild meetings. However, I will deliver preorders as long as they are ordered by midnight Wed night before the meeting. I have added a "pickup at the store" button that you can select instead of shipping when you check out. Tell me in the notes section if you want me to bring to guild meeting (or send me a text). Otherwise I will hold it for you at CBQ. We also have Gift Certificates that can be purchased at <http://www.cottonbollquilting.com/index.htm>. Just scroll down the page until you see Gift Certificates. Or you can purchase them at Cotton Boll Quilting directly.

Thank you for your support of Cotton Boll Quilting this past year! I hope you and your family have a wonderful 2017!!

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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 Ann Barnett at the meeting.

Next Meeting: FEBRUARY 9th

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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