



QuiltingQuips



The New Year is not only a time to look forward but an opportunity to reflect on the past year. In 2023 the guild, through the hard work of the Board, began to grow from the constraints of the pandemic years. While the guild continues to offer virtual meetings, attendance at in-person meetings has increased along with our membership, 396 as of this month.

During the past year, the guild held eight workshops, including local and national instructors, allowing members to enhance their skills. Activities that were limited in the past few years such as the Holiday Party, Houston Bus trip, and the Secondhand Boutique have returned. Following strategic plan recommendations, the guild increased the number of group activities such as Open Sew Days (four last year), retreats, and workshops (virtual and in-person).

As we enter 2024 look forward to more Open Sew Days (north and south locations), four retreats scheduled for the next six months, virtual workshops, and QuiltFest. So, start working on those UFOs for QuiltFest and get ready for a fun-filled 2024.

May all your ups and downs in life be with a needle and thread.

Helen Gnuechtel, President

AAQG General (Hybrid) Meeting and special guest speaker, Sue Heinz

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND NAMED ELMER

February 5, 2024

Westminster Presbyterian Church of Austin
3208 Exposition Blvd.
Austin, TX 78703

6:30 - 8:30 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Renee Summers

Margaret Drake

396 total membership

2024 DALLAS QUILT SHOW BUS TRIP



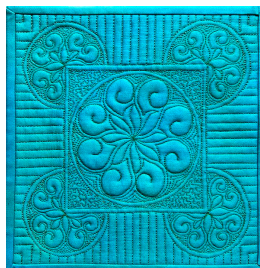
When: March 16th, 2024

Registration opens this month to sign up for the Dallas Quilt Show bus trip. We have a 40-passenger bus this year. Watch your email for the sign-up and join in the fun.

Questions email bustrips@aaqq.org

THERE'S STILL TIME TO GET IN ON THE FUN FOR FEBRUARY

360 DEGREE
FREE MOTION
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with Sue Heinz

FEBRUARY 4th at Austin Sewing Machines & Quilting

Step up your free motion quilting!

Create Mesmerizing Designs that are **Oh, So Easy to Sew!** Does this sample look like it's packed with possibilities but too hard to free-motion quilt? Don't be fooled! Let Sue Heinz show you her innovative technique of combining simple grids with her patented, easy-to-use tools. Add Sue's original sashing shapes and step-by-step instruction and get ready to take your quilting to the next level!
All Skill Levels

OPEN SEW -
NORTH



FEBRUARY 18th at Honey Bee Quilt Store

Just you, your project and your quilting community! Talk about happiness!

Bring your machine and a project. Or hand work if that is your groove.

New and beginning quilters are all welcome!

NOMINATE SOMEONE DESERVING FOR ORDER
OF THE FAT QUARTER

What is the Order of the Fat Quarter?

The order of the fat quarter is an honor given to someone who has done something for AAQG "above and beyond" their job description or their role as a member. A fellow member may nominate a person to be honored and, if they qualify, they will receive an AAQG pin, a fat quarter, and public recognition at the April meeting.

We present the award once a year during April, Volunteer Appreciation Month. We have a form online for you to use to nominate someone at any time. So please think about this, take a look at the form, which has definitions of "above and beyond" and nominate someone. If the form seems too hard, feel free to just send me an e-mail and give me all the information and I can work from that. Please note that the deadline for nominations is **February 29th**!

We have many deserving volunteers in the Guild. Let's nominate them! I can't wait to hear from you!

Susan Tennison
fatquarter@aaqg.org

Upcoming Events:

Get all the details at aaqg.org or on your phone
using the **MEMBER APP**!

FEBRUARY

- 3 Sue Heinz - Caffeinated Free Motion Quilting at Austin Sewing Machine & Quilting
- 4 Sue Heinz - 360 Degree Free Motion Quilting at Austin Sewing Machine & Quilting
- 5 February Monthly Meeting featuring Sue Heinz - You've Got A Friend Called Elmer
- 16 Open Sew Day, South at Travis County Oak Hill Community Center
- 18 Open Sew Day, North at Honey Bee Quilt Store
- 16-18 Retreat at Mountain Laurel Retreat Center in New Braunfels

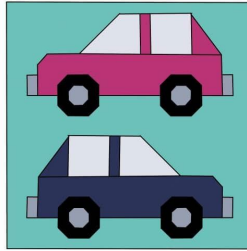
MARCH

- 2 Margaret Willingham - Make a Mola on Zoom
- 4 Margaret Willingham - Reverse Applique: Added Dimensions on Zoom
- 4 March Monthly Meeting featuring Margaret Willingham - Reverse Applique: Revealing Beauty
- 17 Open Sew Day, North at Honey Bee Quilt Store

APRIL

- 4 Pinwheel Place Retreat
- 29 Emilie's Haus Retreat

QUILTERS ON-THE-GO



Friday, February 16, 2024 9 AM - Saturday 17, 5 PM

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

South Padre Island Convention Centre
7355 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas, 78597

The theme for the 2024 show is "Take Flight". Come visit South Padre Island for a few days of Quilts, Sun and Fun!

Friday, February 16, 2024 10 AM - Saturday 17, 4 PM

Texas Trails Quilt Guild

Fireman's Training Center
1101 U.S. 290, Brenham, Texas, 77833

Friday, March 8, 2024 9:30 AM - Saturday 9, 3:30 PM

Shiner Heritage Quilters

Shiner Methodist Church Activity Center
102 West Church Street, Shiner, Texas, 77984

Marketplace



Genie won a Bernina 700 Embroidery machine from Sew Much More that retails for more than \$6,000, and she is selling it for \$2,200 or best offer.

Please contact her if you have any questions.

Genie Nyer

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