

## Hill Country Quilt Guild

### 2023 "Giving Back" Project

Each month our Quilting Guild will be challenged to give back to our community. We hope that you will be inspired to "Give Back" to at least 1-2 of our events this year. Thank you!

*"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."  
Mother Teresa*

#### **January - Time to clean out our closets!**

- Consider donating fabric that you no longer need, so Giver Connection, Quilts of Valor and others can turn them into quilts for those in need.

#### **February – Sharing Time**

- Have a stockpile of gently used smaller quilts? We will share them with those in hospice, etc. who can appreciate the love you put into your quilt.
- Sharing your Art! – We started taking the online entry forms in January. This month's guild meeting is a great time to enter your special quilt for the May Quilt Show. Check the website or your membership directory for details and forms.

#### **March - It's a Baby Shower!**

With many of our organizations supporting babies we are having a baby shower!!

- We encourage you to bring in your baby items to share. They will be distributed to various organizations in our community. Items to consider (watch for sales!!): Diapers (all sizes), all baby items (wipes, Enfamil w Iron, onsies, gowns) baby blankets and quilts, bibs, burp pads. Items may be handmade or purchased.

#### **April – Working Together**

- Let's take a break and look over our stashes in preparation for May: "Quilts of Valor" projects of Red, White and Blue.
- Time to work together to show our community the "Power of Bright". Check to see areas in which you can volunteer.

#### **May – Bring a Friend**

- "Quilts of Valor" honors those who are alive and are/or have honorably served in the military by creating a quilt for individuals. Join us with your donation of Red, White, or Blue fabric and consider volunteering to help sew so we can honor more of our veterans.
- Show your support for our Quilt Show; Invite a friend to experience the passion and artistic talent our members have.

## **June - Remember the Alamo!**

- Our ongoing support to Alamo Hospice of Kerrville makes this month special. We offer our support by making adult size bibs, sharing new or gently used lap quilts, and creative fiddle mats. So bring in your items and we will kick off the summer with a bundle of love for these folks!

## **July - Christmas in July!**

- It's time to start creating our Christmas Stockings for the children in our community. Please bring in your donations of youth friendly Christmas fabrics to share; pick up fabric as needed (patterns and directions are available on the HCQG website). Stockings will be collected each month as completed - deadline is the November Guild Meeting.

## **August - Back to School!**

- Our kids are heading back to school and its more than just school supplies. Children's needs include new: hairbrushes, combs, white socks, and underwear. Help us fill a wagon of donations for the kids at the Hill Country Youth Ranch.

## **September - End of Summer Challenge**

- Before things get hectic with the fall football and holidays - let's take the time to whip up that stocking or baby quilt! Our goal is to collect 75 stockings and 20 baby quilts this month - can you help?

## **October – Remember our Furry Friends**

- Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter is a no-kill shelter and promotes adoptions of homeless animals. Our Guild members create pet beds for the Shelter. Pets are given the bed when they arrive, and it is sent home with them when they are placed with a family, making the transition easier. Pick up your supplies at the guild meeting – See Isabel Tolliver for details.

## **November - Celebrate "Giving Back"**

- As the Guild celebrates the end of another wonderful year, we will invite representatives of the organizations we serve to join us and get to know "the ladies behind the love".
- Final stockings collected and donated to organizations such as Hill Country Youth Ranch, K'Star Kids, and others. In addition to the stockings, we will have our Holiday collection project to help fill the stockings. If you are able to help, we will be collecting small toys/candy as well as cash & gift cards to Walmart. Thank you!