



Stitch 'n Times

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president's message

I hope you all enjoyed the Fourth of July weekend. I certainly did, tasting a bit of Americana at the Kenwood parade on Friday morning and attending the fireworks in Sonoma that night. On Sunday we went to the Windsor Quilt Show where we saw many old friends and made some new ones. The Sonoma County Fair is fast approaching and I'm really looking forward to it. The guild takes a big part in the organization and participation in the quilting section of this two-week event. I hope you'll all sign up for a stint at the quilting demo table. I love looking at all the crafts, fine arts, flowers, animals and eating fair food. Can't get through a year without at least one corn-dog!!! Don't forget the fifth Thursday retreat this month where we'll all get together to work on community and boutique projects and anything else you want to do. See you then and stay cool.

Pam McVey

july programs and workshops

LECTURE JULY 17, 2008 ~ "JOURNEY THROUGH COLOR & PATTERN"

Rita Hutchens is the featured speaker and teacher in July. Rita has been making colorfully patterned quilts since 1980 when she discovered the endless design possibilities available with strip piecing. Since then she has developed her own Tubular strip-piecing technique.

Rita's energy and enthusiasm for sharing her unique technique is evident in the workshops and lectures she presents nationally. She encourages quilters to use techniques they have learned to find their own quilting voice.

Follow Rita's 30 year journey in quilting, which includes the discovery of her Totally Tubular method of strip-piecing and where its' roots come from. Rita will show hundreds of possibilities, patterns and quilts she has made using this technique and spark your creativity to a new way of thinking about pattern.

Part of the presentation will include a series of animated illustrations on how to make Sawtooth Borders and Half-Square Triangles using the TOTALLY TUBULAR method.



WORKSHOP JULY 18, 2008 ~ "TOTALLY TUBULAR DIAMONDS"

Learn this fun new strip-piecing technique and get over your fear of the bias. Sew fabric strips into tubes. Cut these tubes into more strips and sew them back together again to create inter-



esting geometric patterns without the use of templates or paper. Many variations of patterns can be made from the same strips. It is very playful and easier than it looks. Similar to bargello, but with a diamond twist that is Totally Tubular. Rita will guide students through her process to create pieces of 'fabric' that can be turned into a border, block, small quilt, several blocks or made into a garment. Techniques learned can be used to make traditional or contemporary patterns.

The workshop will be held at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please set up and be ready to go at 9:00 am.



Denise Raney, Programs and Mary Wood, Workshops

Don't forget to visit our website for the latest news!

coming in august

Linda Schmidt will present "**Short Attention Span Quilting**," included with this talk is more laughter, a few tears, a bit of poetry, and many thanks for the quilters who do traditional quilts so that I don't have to. Over 40 real quilts will be shown.

From Linda's website:

"I am a prolific quilter and garment designer, and have been learning about them, making them, and teaching about them for over 20 years, using almost every technique there is."



Threads at Play is the workshop for Friday, August 22. In this one-day version of Filament Fantasy the student will jump right into doing appliqué, reverse appliqué, using decorative threads and decorative stitches, two threads through the same needle, using fused painted webbing and foil, doing cut-work and free motion embroidery on Solvy, and experimenting with various other techniques. This is a fast-paced workshop for the adventurous at heart, more of a process than a product class, and some techniques will be demonstrated only.

\$10 kit fee in addition to supply list.

Sign up for this workshop at guild or contact Mary Wood at quilter_mama@yahoo.com. Supply lists are found on line on the guild's webpage.



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friendship blocks

If you would like to make a friendship block we currently have two available.

Denise Raney is requesting blocks that represent Sonoma County. This could be anything from animals, to one of our beautiful sunsets, trees, flowers, landmark buildings, etc.

Joyce Wood is requesting blocks for a Fall Garden quilt. This could be trees, flowers, vegetables, birds or anything else you might see in a garden late in the season. Joyce also loves cats and they are always welcome in her garden.

The techniques for both of these blocks can be fused, hand appliquéd, paper pieced, or what ever method with which you are most comfortable.

You can see the blocks others have made to help spark some ideas, so be sure and check out the Friendship Block page on our website.

If you would like to put out a request for block to be made, come see me at the meeting and I'll help you get started.



Linda Hooper

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of our meetings can be found at the Library table or on our website. Please review them and report any corrections to Pam McVey or Linda Emis.

pointless sisters

The Pointless Sisters art quilt group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Luther Burbank Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue in Santa Rosa. The group shares their work, discusses new trends and art quilt techniques, provides education programs and sponsors challenges. All guild members interested in art quilting are invited to join us at our July 22nd meeting. The annual membership fee is \$30. Contact Linda Sims for more information about this group.




Linda Sims

technique sharing workshops

Many of our members have been asking for help in getting started learning hand quilting. Our next two Technique Sharing Workshop (TSW for short) will focus on this. On July 17th will be: **"Introduction to Hand Quilting."** Marilyn Swanson and Mitzi Dowling will introduce ideas, techniques, tools, and decisions around hand quilting. We will learn about choices in fabric, batting, needles, thread, frames and more, and learn what to bring to the next meeting for practicing. On August 7th will be having **"Hand Quilting - Practice."** Be sure to come to our Part 1 on July 17 and pick up a supply list so you can have your quilt sandwich and tools ready for practicing during this workshop. We invite all hand-quilters to join us to demonstrate their techniques and then coach those of us who want to learn in starting to find our own quilting style and rhythm.

TSW's are free and take place after most meetings, starting about 30 min. after the regular meeting ends. Check out the TSW board at the back of the room for more information and to sign up for upcoming workshops.

 Tera Antaree

community smart card

So far this year we have raised \$450 through this program, let's see if we can raise a \$1,000 dollars in 2008! All you do is use your Community Smart Card before paying for your purchase and the merchant makes a contribution to our guild. Don't forget to use your Community Smart cards at the following merchants: Skyhawk Village Market, Community Market, E.R. Sawyer Jewelers, Friedman's Home Improvement, and many more. Merchants participating will make a donation in your name to our guild. To see a full list of merchants go to SRQG website blog or ask your local merchant if they participate. Get a Community Smart Card and participate in this fund raise by contacting me at guild meetings or by email at dreamgarden2@comcast.net.

 Linda Sims

moonlight quilters

July 16 Program:

Trunk Show with Rita Hutchens

July 19 Workshop:

"Totally Tubular Triangles" Rita Hutchens

www.RitaHutchens.com



Everyone is invited to attend the Programs at 7 pm, Veterans Building, Santa Rosa. Workshops are open to everyone.

For more information of Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County, visit their website www.mqsc.org or

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library news

I am certain that I have the very best job at our Quilt Guild: Librarian. I really do enjoy reading each and every book, and then being able to help members try to find the right publication to inspire them. One of my rewards is seeing projects shown at our "Sew and Tell." A reminder ~ this wonderful, ever-growing Library could not function without the assistance of many, many members, and I thank them all. Volunteers are always needed.

ONE-BLOCK WONDERS ENCORE! – NEW SHAPES, MULTIPLE FABRICS, OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD QUILTS by Maxine Rosenthal and Joy Pelzmann – This is the sequel to their **ONE-BLOCK WONDERS**, which focuses on the basic hexagonal kaleidoscope, but with the addition of hollow cubes, cubes sliced open, and blocks tumbling into the borders. Very complex-looking quilts with **NO Y-seams!** All piecing is in easy straight lines.

SIMPLY STUNNING WOVEN QUILTS – 11 EASY TECHNIQUES, GREAT RESULTS by Anna Faustino – No seams, corners, or points to match – simple constructions using fusible appliquéd and stitching in the ditch – sounds like a great summer project to me!

STRATA VARIOUS QUILTS – 9 FABULOUS STRIP QUILTS FROM FAT QUARTERS by Barbara Persing and Mary Hoover – choose lots of fabrics, cut into strips, sew together, cut out blocks (straight or curved), sew together, maybe add some appliqué and/or embellishments, simple, yet super looking.

LICKEY-SPLIT QUILTS FOR LITTLE ONES by Laurie Bevan – 15 beginner-friendly quilts featuring butterflies, ducks, stars, bugs, hearts, an elephant, and classic blocks – the secret is making **LARGE** blocks, so that means less cutting, fewer seams, faster quilts. This sounds like a good book to refer to for making Community Quilts. Thanks to Pam Brown for spotting this book for me.

SIMPLE CONTEMPORARY QUILTS – BOLD NEW DESIGNS FOR THE FIRST-TIME QUILTER by Valerie Van Arsdale Shrader – Lots of good ideas to try, but I have to admit that I have finally seen a quilt that I really do **NOT** "get." Someone once said that there are no ugly quilts, but I am now going to disagree.

RECTANGLE PIZZAZZ – FAST, FUN & FINISHED IN A DAY – by Judy Sinneros – with a title like that it is definitely worth checking out. The book features simple construction to use with big prints that are too difficult to cut up. Sounds like another good summer project to me! Judy has spoken at our guild twice, and will be joining us again in the next year. She always has good tips and is good for a laugh.




The magazine "\$100,000 Quilting Challenge" has quit publication after about two years and has offered us another magazine to fill out our subscription, so you will see a few issues of "Fabric Trends for Quilters" in our library. Let me know if this is something you will want me to subscribe to.

Guild member Natalie Polin donated the newest issue of Better Homes and Garden's "Quilt Sampler" to our library. If you are planning on traveling, be sure to check out our collection of these magazines and see if you will be in the neighborhood of one of the quilt shops featured. The magazine features ten exciting quilt shops in each issue, along with a quilt project, and places to visit, eat, and/or stay near each shop.

If you see a book that we should have in our library, be sure to let me know.

These hot summer days are a great excuse to stay inside and quilt – or read about quilting. Check out lots and lots of books – and please return them quickly to keep them circulating.

 Sharon 'The Librarian' Fry

**July has NO
Board Meeting
V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N!**

in the news



Most of you know about Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims' new enterprise *The Quilt Show*, an online video quilt program. [The Quilt Show](#) also offers a free newsletter that can be delivered to your email address or read at their website.

Member Pat Kearns calls our attention to the latest issue featuring an article on [Joyce Gross](#), who was the founder of *Quilter's Journal* and was also a founding member of the [American Quilt Study Group](#).

Pat also tells that Joyce taught quilting at Santa Rosa Junior College and that some of her students went on to found the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild.

Joyce's collection of quilts has been acquired by [The Center for American History](#) at the University of Texas at Austin and part of the collection will be available for viewing at the International Quilt Festivals at Long Beach in July and Houston in October.

You can read more about Joyce at [The Center for the Quilt](#), or at any of the underlined links above.

field trip to houston

Are you interested in joining our field trip to the Houston International Quilt Show Sunday, Oct 26th through Monday, Nov 3rd? There is more information on page 6 of the Moonlighter's May newsletter at www.mqsc.org or contact Phyllis Gallaway.

srqg member wins!

Congratulations go to Cathy Hansen for winning the plaid schoolhouse quilt brought in by Judy Mathison earlier this year.

Judy made the quilt as a fund-raiser for an organization that supports women's education.

Fifth Thursday Retreat

Who: All Guild Members
What: Sew for Boutique and Community Quilts
When: Thursday, July 31st
 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Where: Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
 2050 Yulupa Ave.
Why: Because you'll have fun!

Hand and machine sewers
are needed

Sew-A-Rows

Due August 7th!

join our email list!

If you would like to be included on the e-mail mass mailing list, please e-mail Sharon Fry at sfry@vom.com, including your name and e-mail address.

You will receive notices of fabric sales, reminders of guild happenings, announcements, emergency notices, quilting tips, etc. -- but NO JOKES!

If for any reason you ever wish to be deleted from that list, just e-mail sfry@vom.com -- and please be sure to include your name and e-mail address in the body of the e-mail message as it is sometimes impossible to guess who is who from just the cryptic e-mail address.



Quilt Shows and Places To Go

July 24-27:

*International Quilt Festival / Long Beach
Long Beach Convention and
Entertainment Center
www.quilts.com*

Sept. 13-14:

*"Grapevine Quilt Rally"
Grapevine Quilters of Mendocino County
Ukiah Valley Conference Center
Ukiah, CA
holdenp@pacbell.net*

Sept. 21:

*"Wine, Women & Quilts"
Justin Siena High School, 4026 Maher St.
Napa Valley Quilters
Napa, CA
<http://www.napavalleyquilters.org/>*

Sept. 20-21:

*"Quilts and threads Show "
Sierra Quilt Guild
Sonora, CA
<http://www.sierraquiltguild.com/quiltShow.html>*

Oct. 4-5:

*"Falling Leaves Quilt Show"
Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild
Lake County Fairground
Lakeport, CA
<http://www.llqg.org/quiltshow.htm>*

Oct. 4-5:

*"Fall Quilt Show"
Loose Threads Quilt Guild
Valley Springs, CA
<http://www.loosethreadsquiltguild.com/index.html>*

Oct. 16-19:

*Pacific International Quilt Festival
Santa Clara Convention Center
<http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=7>*

Nov. 1-2:

*"Silver Legacy~25th Anniversary Quilt Show"
Tokay Stitch 'n' Quilt Guild
Lodi, CA
<http://www.tokaystitchnquilt.org/>*



