



president's message

We saw spectacular quilts created by Karen Combs at our July speaker meeting! I have been truly inspired to attempt one of her box illusions. I hope you all are able to make it to the Sonoma County Fair and see the wonderful quilts entered. Lee Trevelyan, Pam McVey and all the other volunteers who helped hang the quilts did a spectacular job! AND, now that you have all finished Melissa's UFO Challenges, it is time to start planning Fran's Quilt Challenge for this year. The challenge is to "step outside your comfort zone". If you are an Art quilter...try something traditional that requires "matching seams", or if you are a Traditional quilter...try something "free form". You can even try working with a color that you usually don't use. The challenge is to challenge yourself in whatever way you wish. Make it fun! The challenge quilts will be shown at the October 5th meeting. Can't wait to see what you all come up with.

Sharon Mills

programs and workshops

AUGUST PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP

LECTURE: Rebecca Rohrkaste

Thursday August 17th at 10:00 AM Rebecca Rohrkaste of Berkeley will be speaking with us on color. She is in love with color, many of us are, but not all of us are as good at using color as Rebecca. The one comment that I hear continually is how hard color is for the quilter. Join us to learn more and enjoy Rebecca's extraordinary quilts.

WORKSHOP: Circles Another Way

The workshop, Circles Another Way, will be held on Friday August 18th at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center. Sign up sheet is available at the meeting. Just a reminder, please pay for the class at the time of sign up to insure that your place is secure. So bring that checkbook to the meeting.



Rebecca Rohrkaste with her quilt "Full Circle," winner of Quilt National's Peoples' Choice Award in 2001. SF Chronicle photograph. Used with permission.

See the full article on Rebecca from the San Francisco Chronicle online—SF Gate.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/07/15/HOGB5JTLF11.DTL>

programs and workshops

SEPTEMBER BONUS PROGRAM

Symmetry and Surprise with Paula Nadelstern

We are so fortunate to have Paula Nadelstern coming to Santa Rosa and then able to speak for our guild, my thanks to Phyllis Gallaway for the opportunity. Paula makes the most incredible quilts on her kitchen table in a small apartment in the Bronx.

Using the kaleidoscope as design inspiration, this lecture explores the evolving quilt series in which the multifaceted, luminous and random nature of a kaleidoscope is explored on a quilt's flat surface. Don't miss one of the best quilters in the country on Thursday, September 7th at 10:00 AM at the Scottish Rite Center.

OCTOBER PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP

Our October 19th speaker meeting brings us Lura Schwarz Smith from Coarsegold. You may remember Lura's lovely Seams Like Degas quilt that was one of the best quilts of the 20th century. Working as an illustrator and graphic artist as well as a quilter, Lura has been producing art for over 30 years. Her desire as a teacher is to help students connect with their own creative journey. Her lecture will be on the energy of group quilting, *Stitching It All Together*, from a remarkable group project in which Lura was involved.

The workshop will be *Inking Your Fabric*. Textile inks have a wonderful range of applications in quilting. You will learn easy, effective shading and blending techniques in this workshop which can enhance your quilts and allow you to produce images of your choice. No sewing, a fun day of simple exercises on fabric. All skill levels are welcome.

Following Lura's directions anyone can be successful. The inks are provided, there is a \$10.00 fee per student, in addition to the class fee of \$30.00. Join us for the fun.



Diana Roberts and Mary Wood

houston quilt festival

I am interested in getting a few people together to attend the Houston International Quilt Festival, which is Nov 1-5. If you are interested, please contact Phyllis Gallaway at pmgallaway@sbcglobal.net or 573-9749.

fifth thursday quilt retreat

All are invited to attend the 5th Thursday Quilt Retreat on August 31 at Village Sewing Center. No need to sign up in advance, and it is free! Doors open at 10 am and we have the room until 3:30 pm. You are welcome to come for any portion of the day, or the whole day. Bring a friend! Work on your own project or join Diane Land in restocking the boutique. This will be the last 5th Thursday Retreat for the year.

The June 5th Thursday retreat was extremely well attended. Diane coordinated Boutique projects and the many hands produced many items.



Phyllis Gallaway

technique sharing workshops

Thanks to all our talented instructors, we have a great year for Technique Sharing. Your interesting and fun classes have been very helpful for those of us who enjoy learning new techniques and the company of other quilters. Thank you – Elizabeth Marrs, Judith Clark, Pat Marabella, Lee Trevelyan, Vandy Noble, Betty Upchurch, Bob Oliver, Marilyn Swanson, Diana Roberts and Linda Morand.

On August 17th Phyllis Gallaway is demonstrating how to make very narrow borders *Three Ways*. You still have plenty of time to sign up for Phyllis' class. Just bring paper and pencil. Melissa Trunick will be sharing her latest *Mystery Quilt* with you on September 7th. Sign up for that class and solve the mystery. Melissa will be handing out instructions for her workshop in August.

All TSWs are held after the guild meetings, last about an hour, and are free. Please join us and learn some new skills and techniques. Sign up for TSW's in the white binder located at the back of the room before and after guild meetings.



Linda Sims

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sew a row program

The 2006 Sew-a-Row program is moving right along: 25 members submitted starter rows, and at least 40 have worked on or signed up to work on a row! The next due date for the packets is August 17, and the final due date is Oct 19. We will be displaying the 31 completed packets at the December holiday lunch meeting, and casting the die to determine the lucky quilters who get to keep the tops. It's not too early to think about making a starter row for 2007... By the way, would anyone out there like to be the 2007 chairperson for this program? I would be available to assist as needed, but will be pretty well occupied with Programs. Please don't be shy about contacting me. Phyllis Gallaway pmgallaway@sbcglobal.net or 573-9749

 Phyllis Gallaway

The quilts of gee's bend at s.f. de young museum

The Gee's Bend Quilts will be on exhibit at the De Young Museum in San Francisco. Admission is free on the first Tuesday of the month. Sign-up sheets have been available at Guild meetings for carpools to see the exhibit on Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3. Date(s) will be determined by interest and availability of drivers. Contact Phyllis Gallaway between Aug 10 and 22, or after Aug 27, if you are interested and missed the sign-up sheets.

The quilts of Gee's Bend were made by 4 generations of African American women, descended from slaves, inhabiting a strip of land on the Alabama River. The quilts are of astonishing artistry, in extraordinary combination of color, pattern, and texture, with bold geometric shapes, dramatic shifts in scale, and an improvisational approach.



QUILTED COTTAGE

Sat August 19th, 10 - 3pm.
(Quilt Show is free and open to the public)
Tea in the gardens 3 - 4pm.
(tickets \$13 - call for reservations)
Quilt Retreat Sept 15 - 18th
call to reserve a space today
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the pointless sisters

The Pointless Sisters is an art quilt group that meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center. The group shares their work, discusses new trends and art quilt techniques, and sponsors education programs and challenges. All guild members are welcome to attend the August 26th meeting.

 Linda Sims

fund-raising

Thank you for using the Community Smart and Albertson's Cards at local merchants. To participate in these programs contact me at a guild meeting and I will help you sign up for a card. Thanks for supporting this guild fund raiser.

 Linda Sims

library news



Many quilters have admired our guild's TWO brand new Opportunity Quilts. I have had many questions as to how the border of the "Traditional" quilt was constructed. I found the original instructions in a March 1991 issue of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine (which our guild library does own). A brand new book by Jane Hardy Miller FRENCH BRAID QUILTS – 14 QUICK QUILTS WITH DRAMATIC RESULTS goes a step beyond this technique and has many very good looking variations.

If you plan to travel in California, Nevada, and/or Oregon check out the little green book called THE QUILTERS PATH. It is "a quarterly directory of quilting events, activities, and shopping opportunities to keep you in stitches."

Phyllis Gallaway suggested BEAUTIFUL QUILTAGAMI – NEW IDEAS FOR FABRIC FOLDING by Mary Jo Hiney. I have never encountered a folded fabric penguin before! Or an elephant!! And the butterflies are exquisite!!! These and many other folded designs may be added to such projects as quilts, pillows, totes, of which excellent instructions are included.

Barbara Youngblood has donated the American Quilters Society's newest book from their annual contest "New Quilts from an Old Favorite." I really enjoy this challenge and am always amazed at the unique designs that are created. This year is the DRESDEN PLATE.

Love the idea of growing flowers and/or vegetables, but have a brown thumb? Create them with fabrics instead with the help of Mickey Depre's GARDEN WHIMSY book. Her patterns and quilts are just a jumping off point for your very own quilts (or postcards!).

And if you have a great deal of patience you may wish to put together a garden of sunflowers, daffodils, bird-of-paradise, tulips, and 20 others with Linda Causee's 24 FLOWER QUILT BLOCKS – FULL-SIZE PATTERNS FOR FOUNDATION PIECING.

I have also picked up Linda Causee's 365 FOUNDATION QUILT BLOCKS. Some of the patterns that may be of interest are: darling pug, shamrock, the Eiffel Tower, a lily-of-the-valley, a mortar board for graduates, a partridge (California Quail), and even our Golden Gate Bridge!!! I can see one of the blocks as a starting off point for one of Phyllis Gallaway's "Add-A-Row" quilts.

Melissa Trunick has donated QUILT COLLECTION – A DELIGHTFUL COLLECTION OF OUR VERY FAVORITE QUILTS AND GIFTS TO GIVE! by Gooseberry Patch (a Leisure Arts Publication). Chickens, stars, pumpkins, a flag, bears, a snowperson, and a pineapple block quilt are only a fraction of the motifs included to make into quilts, wall pieces, placemats, table runners, and knitting baskets.

An anonymous donation has brought us SULKY SECRETS TO SUCCESSFUL APPLIQUE by Joyce Drexler. If you have been wondering what the differences are in decorative threads and stabilizers, this is a must-see book. There is also a super little class in color theory.

Judy Sisneros has spoken at our guild twice. I had the privilege of getting to know her better when she stayed at our home for a long weekend. She is full of ideas and shares them with us in her newest book 9-PATCH PIZZAZZ – FAST, FUN & FINISHED IN A DAY. She calls this a beginner's book without that beginner's look. This book helps us when we have a favorite piece of fabric that is just too wonderful to cut up into small pieces as she shows us how to showcase that material with coordinating fabrics that are combined in nine-patches.

SURFACE APPLIQUE FOR QUILTING by Susan Cottrell – got ribbons, beads, threads, etc.? Turn them into embellished projects, such as book covers, purses, wall quilts. Love the crows!

DREAMING IN COLOR – 10 PATTERNS FOR TRADITIONAL, COLORFUL QUILTS by Sonia Brown

FAST, FUN & EAST FABRIC POSTCARDS – KEEPSAKES YOU CAN MAKE AND MAIL by Franki Kohler – more ideas for this very popular type of project

Our ever-growing library could not run without the assistance of many wonderful volunteers. We train on the spot. If you do not like the job you are given, there are many more to choose from. If you have even five extra minutes sometime during the day, please give us a hand. This is another great way to meet more of our members.

congratulations!

Congratulations to Pat Meiswinkel on the acceptance of her quilt "Paths" to the World Quilt and Textile: On Tour show held in Manchester, N.H., a premier of the 2006 World Quilt Show. This show is sponsored by the Mancuso Brothers, who also produce our own Pacific International Quilt Festival in Santa Clara. Only 100 quilts from the U.S.A. were accepted into this show. Pat designed this quilt using the Charm Squares from SRQG and Moonlighter's exchanges.

newsletter news

Did you know that of our 192 paid members (as of July 25th), 135 get their newsletters from the website? That is **fantastic**!! That said, my goal is to reduce the number of printed copies we publish even further, saving money we spend on postage and printing and helping spare the environment. Of the 57 folks who are still getting hard copies of this newsletter, 22 have email addresses.

If you are one of the 22, please reconsider taking the newsletter online. If you want a hard copy and have a printer, you can print it yourself and get it in **full color**.

Ready to make the change? If so **THANK YOU!**

Email me:

Jan Andrews / msjanquilts@comcast.net

community quilts

I want to thank all of you for turning in so many quilt tops last Thursday. It really helps when I get them and have time to sandwich them for the quilt-a-thon. I know it must seem a long time away but October will come very fast. I am getting everything ready so I hope we have a wonderful turnout and get lots of quilts completed. So far this year I have delivered 492 quilts to our community and we still have plenty of time to reach our goal. It is so exciting to tell people how many quilts we have donated. They are all amazed and guess what so am I. I am so lucky to have so many wonderful people to work with. Thank you all for all you do. Our quilts are made with love and is sent with every quilt I deliver. Your time and dedication is appreciated by me and also by all the babies, children and seniors that receive our quilts. Just a little information for our members. We have kits on the tables at each meeting for you to take home and complete then return. I am also bringing in quilts that need to be quilted or have bindings put on so if you can work on them please see me at the meeting.



Lavella Cassinelli



5th Annual Falling Leaves Quilt Show

Presented by the Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild

October 7th / 8th 2006
Saturday 10am-9pm / Sunday 10am-4pm

srqg 2006 calendar

august

- 3** General Meeting:
TSW:
- 17** Program~Janet Shore Trunk Show
Award Nominations Due
Sew-A-Row due today
TSW: Small Borders Three Ways with
Phyllis Galloway
- 18** Rebecca Rohrkaste Workshop:
Circles Another Way
- 22** Pointless Sisters Art Quilt Group
- 31** FREE Quilt Retreat at Village Sewing Center

September

Through Aug. 7 ~ Sonoma County Fair

- 7** General Meeting
Bonus Guest Speaker Paula Nadelstern
TSW: Melissa's Annual Mystery Quilt
- 21** Founders Day Luncheon
Sonoma County Fair winners Show & Tell
- 26** Pointless Sisters Art Quilt Group

Sept. 15 - 17 Fall Home Show

website news



Dear Quilting Friends,

There is wonderful feature on the recently updated SRQG website. It has an odd name: **The Blog**. I was totally unaware of how a Blog works until I started to use this one.

The guild site Blog operates a bit differently than a personal Blog. The web site Blog is for all members of the guild to use for posting information related to guild activities and also to post any news items they may know about that they would like to share publicly with others on the website. <http://www.santarosaquiltguild.org>

Our website Blog is like an Internet message board in constant progress. You send me something you wanted posted on the Blog. I find a category to post it to and it's there for as long as needed for everyone to read and comment on. We have a lot of categories that apply to the various Blog messages, and I can add more as needed. If you missed reading something that was posted back in April, all the Blog entries are archived monthly. Click on April on the right side of the Blog page and you will see the entire postings for April.

Do you have something for sale? A new recipe that you would like to share? Do you know of some interesting website to visit? An upcoming quilt show or new quilt shop that we are unaware of? Are you looking for a special fabric that you need just a bit more of to complete a project? Do you have a new "quilting tool" we should know about? Does your guild committee need more help? Any upcoming sales at local quilt shop? Maybe you have pictures to share of your quilting space? Any new quilting tips or techniques? A new quilting book or pattern to tell us about? A new magazine you know about? Maybe you just want to chat about a new project you are working on? Maybe you have a question about a project you are working on? A quilt lecturer you heard? A class you are taking? A class you just completed? These are just a few of the many subjects that you could post on the Blog.

At this time I am literally the only person of over 200 guild members that has posted anything to the website Blog. As Webmaster, all Blog messages are initially sent to me, and then I post them onto the Blog for the membership. This is primarily done for web site security.

The Blog is, and could be a very useful website tool if members could be persuaded to use it on a regular basis. It is in essence a Message Board, and a wonderful way of communicating. Similar to an online message forum, you can also leave comments and questions. Any member can comment by clicking on "Comment" at the bottom of any message, scroll down and write their comment, and then click on "Submit Comment". The exchange of information starts there, and the possibilities are endless. I think it may take some time for the general membership to realize the usefulness of this wonderful feature of our Website. I would like to see it used to it's full potential in the future considering the time and expense that the guild has spent in the last year upgrading the website and adding this new feature. Please consider posting any guild or quilt related messages to the Blog! This could be the start of something interesting and fun for everyone!

 Angie Kiker, Webmaster

stitch 'n times ad rates

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1/4 page Horiz.	4.875"	X	3.5"	\$25.00
1/2 page Vert.	3.625"	X	9.875"	\$50.00
1/2 page Horiz.	7.375 "	X	4.875"	\$50.00
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September Deadline
August 18
Thank You!!

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What's Happening!

August

August 4-6 - Sew, Quilt, Embroidery Festival at the Blaisdell Center in Honolulu, Hawaii - for more information visit www.pcmexpo.com

August 13-October 4 - Quilts by Diana McClun & Laura Nownes at Back Porch Fabrics - 157 Grand Avenue in Pacific Grove, CA - Artists' Reception

August 13, 1-3 pm - For more information call (831)375-4453 or visit www.backporchfabrics.com

August 28-September 2 - Empty Spools Seminars Session V - 5 day quilting workshop includes your choice of instructor, all meals & lodging - \$1075 double occupancy - For more information go to www.emptyspoolsseminars.com

September

September 1-3 (10am-5pm) - Sew, Quilt, Embroidery Festival at the Marin Civic Center, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA - Admission \$8-\$15.

September 10-13 - The Artist's Way for Quilters at the Asilomar Conference Grounds sponsored by Teacher Development Seminars - For more information call Diana McClun or Laura Nownes (925)944-6428 or email info@dianaandlaura.com

September 16 (10am-5pm) & 17 (10am-4pm) - Sierra Quilt Guild's 17th Annual Quilts & Threads Show at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Stockton Road in Sonoma, CA. Exhibits of quilting, embroidery, weaving & spinning; showcase boutique, vendors, quilt appraiser & drawing for opportunity quilt made by guild members. Featured quilter will be Jeri Barrett. Refreshments & lunch available. \$6 admission. For more information contact Nancy Bertuccilli (209)533-3738, nbertuccilli@mlode.com or visit www.sierraquiltguild.com

September 23 - 24 Quilting in the Garden at the [Alden Lane Nursery](http://www.aldenlane.com) in Livermore, CA . Featuring quilts from *American Patchwork and Quilting*. Heidi Kasand of AP&Q will speak Friday evening and lead walking tours of the quilts on Saturday and Sunday at 11 am and 1 pm. Cost is \$10. Alex Anderson will speak Saturday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, cost \$35 includes dessert. For more information: www.aldenlane.com

September 23 (10am-6pm) & 24 (10am-4pm) - Harvest Quilt Show at the Morgan Hill Community Center; corner of Dunne Avenue & Monterey Road in Monterey, CA - For more information contact the South Valley Quilt Association at svqa@morganhill.org

September 30 (10am-5pm) & **October 1** (10am-4pm) - Gold Bug Quilters eighth biennial show "A Season's Bounty of Quilts" at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds in Placerville, CA - \$6 entry - Fabric artists will display traditional, contemporary & art quilts, wallhangings, miniatures & wearables - There will be numerous vendors to sell fabrics, notions, patterns, books & other accessories - Quilt related demonstrations will be on-going both days - Featured artist & author Lyn Mann will display her quilts & sign books - There will be door prizes, a boutique offering member-created items, & a snack/rest area - A beautiful hand quilted & appliqued "opportunity quilt" will fill out the show - For more information call the Publicity Chair at (530)644-5511 or email jbmartin@internet49.com Ridge Quilters Guild - Date to be determined - For more information email Linda Rickman at quiltlinda@sbcglobal.net or Karen Everatt at ooga@sbcglobal.net

And Beyond....

Sonoma's 4th Annual

Sat. & Sun.

Sept. 30 & Oct, 1st

10 am—4 pm

Quilt Show

at the Vintage House

264 1st St. East

Information

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~ Demonstrations ~ Fabric Basket Raffles ~ Vendors ~ Admission \$3.00 ~



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Presented by the Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild

October 7th / 8th 2006

Saturday 10am-9pm / Sunday 10am-4pm

At Lake County Fairgrounds, located on Martin St., Lakeport CA.

Donation: Adult \$6.00 12 years & under \$2.00

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SAVE THE DATE Quilter's Quest Shop Hop

November 10 -12, 2006

Friday and Saturday 9 am to 6 pm

Sunday 9 am to 4 pm

Join the quest!

Twelve shops in the San Francisco Bay Area have joined together to provide an opportunity to search for wonderful fabrics, books, patterns notions and gifts.

- Black Cat Quilts ~ San Francisco
- Cotton Patch ~ Lafayette
- HandMade Memories ~ Sebastopol
- New Pieces ~ Berkeley
- Pumpkin Seed Quilts ~ San Rafael
- Quilt Fans ~ Alameda
- Quilted Angel ~ Petaluma
- Quilted Cottage ~ Sonoma
- Quiltmaker ~ Napa
- Patchwork Cat ~ Benicia
- Teddy Bear Quilts ~ Santa Rosa
- ThimbleCreek ~ Walnut Creek