

## Stitch 'n Times

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The volunteers had a wonderful time at the Spring Home Show. In all we sold about \$1 000 in tickets. I got to go on Saturday night and work with Betty Upchurch and Holly Palma. What fun — we tried not to let anyone by without asking if they wanted a ticket. Many people admired the opportunity quilt and although they knew they probably wouldn't win the quilt, they were glad to give us a dollar when we explained all the things that the guild does with our money. The yearly guild budget is a real balancing act. Our status as a non-profit is in good standing with the State of California. Our reserves allow us to meet our bills, pay for the programs that we all desire and provide for the future. Lynn Williams, our treasurer, is doing a great job of organizing our records on the computer and keeping track of expenditures for each committee. Everyone is doing a good job and thanks sew much.

– Diana Roberts

#### APRIL PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP

The April 17 program will be by Julie Hirota, speaking on "Connecting the Threads". A slide show and lecture connecting the threads of her journey from beginner to today where she is a full time artist in Northern California. Her instinct for color and design, combined with her sewing skills and sense of adventure are illustrated by her slides, stories, fashion and trunk show.

The Workshop on April 18 is "Subtractive Quilting' with Julie Hirota. This is a new method of machine applique. Using nontraditional methods, we will create a contemporary art quilt.

For more about Julie, take a look at her website: http://www.jhiro.com/index.html.

— Ruth Rosenberg, Program cochair



A sample of Julie's work

### APRIL TECHNIQUE SHARING WORKSHOPS

Don't miss this opportunity to learn all the tricks for finishing those winter quilt projects. Bob Oliver is teaching a workshop on mitered corners and bindings after the April  $17^{th}$  meeting. On May  $15^{th}$  Linda Thomas will demonstrate a July  $4^{th}$  flag banner to help celebrate our American birthday. Come join us for these helpful and fun workshops.

There are some changes/additions to our 2003 TSW Calendar schedule. On June 5<sup>th</sup> we have added a Knitting Baby Caps for the Community Quilt Project workshop which will be taught by Lee Trevelyan and Mary Wood. The Pin Cushion Chicken Workshop taught by Phyllis Gallaway has been moved from August 21 to July 17<sup>th</sup>.

After our meetings drop by the TSW booth and sign up for future workshops. All changes in the calendar will be posted on the TSW Poster. If you are interested in sharing your quilting knowledge and experience at a Technique Sharing Workshop, contact me at 707-578-2269 or email me: <a href="mailto:dreamgarden@att.net">dreamgarden@att.net</a>.

Linda Sims, TSW Pogram Coordinator

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#### **QUILT RETREAT!**

All members are invited to participate in the "5th Thursday Quilt Retreats." The Guild has reserved the Community Room at Coddingtown on the 5th Thursday of May, July and October. Come and play! The first of these retreats is May 29, a week before the quilt show; come finish your quilt show entries. The room will be open from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Come for all or any part of the day and sew, chat and have fun. If you don't have a project or a UFO, there are always boutique items or community quilt tops to make. I look forward to seeing you there. — Phyllis Gallaway

#### **LOCAL QUILT SHOWS**

**NEW PIECES QUILT SHOP AND GALLERY** in Berkeley. Going to the Dogs, an exhibit of 14 quilts by Judy Mathieson . Thru May 1. Go to New Pieces.com to find times as the gallery is closed when classes are being held.

**SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF CRAFT AND FOLK ART**, Quilted Journeys, Immigration Stories by Australian Artists, 25 quilts of 58 in the original juried show by the Australian Quilters Association. Thru April 27. More info at http://www.sfcraftandfolk.org/index.html.

#### MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

**REFRESHMENTS**: Members are requested to bring refreshments during their birthday month and 6 months later. Just put your name on the sign-up sheet so the refreshment team can plan for enough goodies. May 1, at the Quiltathon, we will have a pot luck salad lunch. Sign up at the next meeting.

**OPPORTUNITY QUILT**: Each member is expected to purchase \$20 worth of tickets. This is our main fund-raising activity. The drawing for the quilt will be on April 17 — so get your tickets soon! Speaking of the tickets, if enough Round Table Pizza Coupons are turned in. They will print the tickets fee the next year. So use them or give them to a group who will use them!

#### THANK YOU

A Big THANK YOU to Lee and her crew who sold opportunity quilt tickets at the home show this year. You did an outstanding job. Last year we sold a total \$584.00 and this year, thanks to everyone's hard efforts, we sold \$1,015.00!

Lynn Williams, Treasurer

#### Quilter's Quote

"If that's a baby quilt," asked five-year-old David,
"what's it going to be when it grows up? (Making a kid's
quilt every so often helps us maintain our perspective on
what's really important in life.) by Jean Ray Laury in
Incredible Quilts for Kids of all Ages.

#### THE POINTLESS SISTERS

The SRQG art quilters have a name — The Pointless Sisters. We meet on alternating 4th Mondays and Tuesdays starting at 10 am at the Coddingtown Community Room. We have a great time sharing and critiquing each other's work.

Our first project was a group quilt. Twelve members pieced and quilted an 8 inch piece of a photo of a water lily. It is almost completed and will be ready for show and tell soon.

For our next challenge, we are doing a self-portrait called "Essence of Self". It is to be completed by the June meeting and should measure 18" square.

If you have an interest in quilting outside the box, join us!

#### **COMMUNITY QUILTS**

After our last meeting I delivered 30 quilts and 95 hats to Sutter Hospital NICU. They had many babies there and the nurses were very busy. It is so cheerful seeing all the quilts covering the isolets. The nurses and parents wanted me to tell everyone thank you as they really appreciate the quilts. On April 3, 2003 we will present quilts to Kathryn Kennedy, Valley of the Moon Childrens Services. We have had a great

number of quilts completed and turned in and remember if you have any at home please complete them and bring them in before April 3. We will be making a large donation so I hope you will all plan on being there to see the presentation and the wonderful quilts. The



— Lavella Cassinelli Community Quilts Chairperson

#### **Editor's Corner**

Thanks to all of the members who have signed up this month for the newsletter on line! Everyone should check out the beautiful show and tell quilts on our website. If you are not on the web, go to a neighbor's and ask to see them!

We now have about 170 members, a goodly number this early in the year! It is exciting to be part of such an active guild!!! I will do a roster update soon; if you have any corrections in your listing, let membership know.

— Gerrie Congdon

## SANTA ROSA QUILT GUILD LIBRARY

As I write this I am greeting the first day of Spring but I feel that it is Thanks-giving – and I do have so much to be thankful for. Let me once again say how wonderful all of the Library volunteers are. Some are able to give five minutes before running off to assist in other places at Guild, others devote the entire day to helping out, and every single bit helps. The pay is lousy, but I will try to give you percs whenever possible.

When I lock the Masonic Lodge doors at about 3:00 in the afternoon my energy level is starting to dwindle so when I am pushing 100 or so chairs back under the tables I wish that I did not have to. One member suggested that I make a request to all of you to try to remember to replace your chair AND tidy up any stray threads from sewing and food crumbs in your area. Every little bit helps a lot.

Thanks to all who recommend books for me to purchase. That takes some of the pressure off spending the hard-earned money in our Library funds augmented by the Silent Auction Tables and the 50/50 drawings (don't know what those are – see me). Long-time members already know that I encourage you to check out lots and lots of books every meeting (and to ask that they be returned at the next meeting), but there are so many new faces among us that I repeat this, as do I repeat once again the request for you all to wear *nametags*.

Grab a Library book and enjoy Spring! Well, that is it for this time – going out to tackle those weeds (and dream about quilts!)

— Sharon 'the Librarian' Fry

CATHY MILLER CDS: Jackie Harris was moved by guest Cathy Miller who serenaded us on February 6 with two quilting songs she wrote and Jackie made a donation earmarked to purchase one of her CDs. These are good entertainment when hand stitching on those bindings, or in the car on the way to the next fabric shop. Some of Cathy's songs will have you laughing, others close to tears. One that I still giggle about is THE FROG STITCH (rip-it, rip-it, rip-it).

THE QUILTS OF GEE'S BEND VIDEO: New member Diane Hock donated the companion video to our book. It is interesting to put the names, faces, and voices with the quiltmakers.

**FABRIC** by Suzanne Trocme: Another relatively new member, Sharon Mills, suggested this reference book for our Library. It is not specifically about quilting or cotton fabrics, but with the many art quilters in our group it will help de-mystify the other fabrics we find in shops that might just fit into our projects.

COLOR-BRIGHT QUILTS FOR KIDS by Leisure Arts is a compilation of cute children's quilts from the Fons and Porter magazines. I put Lavella Cassinelli first on the Reserve List. (If newer members do not know about Reserve Lists, come back to the Library corner for an introduction to the many ways we try to make checking out books easy for you.)

ELM CREEK QUILTS – QUILT PROJECTS INSPIRED BY THE ELM CREEK QUILTS NOVELS by Jennifer Chiaverini: If you have read the Elm Creek novels (all of them owned by our Library) you will want to check out this book by Jennifer and Nancy Odom. Not only are the projects lovely, but the references to the characters of the book are good reminders of the stories we have enjoyed.

**DEBBIE MUMM'S 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS** by Debbie Mumm: It is never too early for Christmas, so when we received an anonymous donation of this book, the Reserve List immediately filled up.

**RED AND WHITE AMERICAN REDWORK QUILTS AND PATTERNS** by Deborah Harding: Phyllis Gallaway has been tracking down some Redwork books for us, so when I found this two book set, I did not hesitate to add it to our collection. It is a very good reference book for our Library as it not only includes a ton of patterns and ideas on how to use them, but a complete history of Redwork.

**UNCOVERINGS**, American Quilt Study Group. This is book number 23 (and we have the entire collection tucked away in our closet – and if you are not familiar with the closet – let us introduce you to the REST of our over 1400 books!). This small book is full of in-depth research papers about every aspect of quilting imaginable (and never imagined).

**OFF CENTER PATCHWORK** by Cheryl A. Adam: The very first workshop I ever took at our Guild, 13 years ago, was taught by Margaret Miller). When I walked into that workshop I was shaking as I thought I was way in over my head but I was quickly made to feel welcome by all. Margaret completely exhausted me and taught me to take a common ninepatch block and make it totally different. Cheryl takes that idea in her book and encourages us to "get out of our boxes." Her projects are easy to do with her good instructions.

15 TWO-BLOCK QUILTS – UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF SECONDARY PATTERNS by Claudia Olson: Former President, Justine Lott, requested this book. This author tells us the criteria for choosing two quilt blocks to sit side-by-side and thus making a new, more dynamic look.

FABRIC DYEING FOR BEGINNERS by Vimala McClure. Virginia Lindstrom asked me to purchase this for her, and when it arrived of course I had to peak at it. Fabric dyeing still is not EASY, but the author gives very specific instructions on how to do it. Even if you do not choose to dye fabrics yourself you will understand the process and know what you are looking at when you see the beautifully hand-dyed fabrics that are now available to us in the shops.

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#### SANTA ROSA QUILT GUILD 2003 CALENDAR

#### **A**PRIL

- 3 General Meeting; TSW: Hand Quilting, Session 2 of 2, Marilyn Swanson
- 17 Julie Hirota: Threads of the Journey; TSW: Mitered Corner and Bindings, Bob Oliver
- 18 Julie Hirota: Subtractive Quilting
- 22 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm.
- 24 Board Meeting
- 28 Hoop Scoop, Machine Embroidery, Coddingtown Com. Rm.

#### MAY

- General Meeting; Quiltathon; Salad Potluck
- 15 Program (TBA);TSW: July 4th Flag Banner, Linda Thomas
- 16 Workshop (TBA)
- 27 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm.
- 22 Board Meeting
- 29 Quilt Retreat, Coddingtown Community Room

#### JUNE

- 5 General Meeting; TSW: Pillowcase to Match Your Quilt, Melissa Trunick; Knitting Baby Caps, Lee Trevelyan, Mary Wood
- 7,8 Moonlighter's Quilt Show
- 19 Judy Sisneros: Curves Around the Block; TSW: Hawaiian Applique, Juanita Campbell
- 20 Judy Sisneros: Nine Patch Landscape
- 24 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm.
- 26 Board Meeting

#### **J**ULY

- 3 General Meeting
- 17 Program (TBA);TSW, Pinchushion Chicken, Phyllis Gallaway
- 18 Workshop (TBA)
- The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm. No board Meeting

31 Quilt Retreat, Coddingtown Community Room

#### **A**UGUST

- 7 General Meeting; return of the UFOS; TSW: Fabric dying, Justine Lott and Linda Morand
- 21 Program (TBA); TSW: Printing Images on Fabric, Gerrie Congdon
- 22 Workshop (TBA)
- 26 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm.
- 28 Board Meeting

#### **S**EPTEMBER

- 4 General Meeting; TSW: Stack and Whack Session 1 of 3, Lavella Cassinelli
- 18 Founders Day Luncheon
- 22 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm.
- 25 Board Meeting

#### **O**CTOBER

- 2 General Meeting; Quiltathon
- 10 Pacific International Quilt Festival Bus Trip
- 16 Program (TBA); TSW: How to Make a Tote Organizer, Melissa Trunick; Stack and Whack, Lavella Cassinelli
- 17 Workshop (TBA)
- 28 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm.
- 23 Board Meeting
- 30 Quilt Retreat, Coddingtown Community Room

#### November

- 6 General Meeting; TSW: Stack and Whack, Lavella Cassinelli
- 20 Program (TBA)
- 21 Workshop (TBA)
- 24 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm. No Board Meeting

#### **D**ECEMBER

4 Holiday Luncheon



February speaker, Carol Griffiths



Glenda Ross models a vest made by Carol



Mary Kimble models a vest made by Carol

### You Oughta Be in Pictures

Stellar work by 3 new members!!



Diane Hock won Best of Show at the Cloverdale Citrus Fair.



Meri Kay Gurnee's Now You See It, Now You Don't



Pat Marabella's rendition of Ruth McDowell Veggies

# MAKE A FRIENDSHIP BLOCK TO EXCHANGE WITH HAWAII QUILT GUILD



Here's how to participate:

Place your name and address in an envelope. The due date is May 15, 2003. Your name will be given a number. The Hawaii Quilt Guild will do the same. Numbers will be matched, for instance, #16 from SRQG will match #16 from HQG.

Your block can be any design and size you choose. Finish your block and send to your Friendship #, name and address
The HQG will do the same.

Have some FUN with this exchange.
Take a picture of the finished Mini Quilt and send it to your Pal in Hawaii.
Send a token remembrance at Christmas, that's up to you if you're so inclined.
Blocks should be sent out by October 1st.

Questions? e-mail martyrocks@vom.com Write to Joyce Marty P.O. BOX 1133 Glen Ellen, CA 95442

## Mahalo

## NCQC Quilt Happenings

#### APRIL

**5 TO 6** The Quilted Garden Quilt Show by the Sun Country Quilters of Red Bluff at the Tehama District Fairgrounds on Antelope Blvd., Red Bluff. Sat 10 to 5 and Sun 10 to 4. information: (530) 527-5458 **58** 

**6 APR TO 5 JUNE** California - Australian Quilt Challenge, organized by Tracey Brookshier, Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand Ave. Pacific Grove, 10-5 Mon-Sat., 12-4 Sunday Contact: 831-375-4453.

**11 TO 13** International Quilt Festival Chicago and Embellishment, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL. www.quilts.com

**12 TO 13** Monterey Peninsula Quilters' Guild 28th Annual Quilt Show, Chautauqua Hall, 16th and Central Ave, Pacific Grove Admission \$5.00, seniors \$4.00, children under 12 free. Hours 10am to 5pm. Vendors, boutique and garage sale as well. Small Quilt Auction, 12 Apr, Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. Contact Person: Janet Taillon, (831) 642-9490, e-mail: quiltshow@mpqg.org website: www.mpqg.org

**16** NCQC Quarterly meeting. 10:00 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill.

**26 TO 27** Quilted Treasures X Presented by Amador Valley Quilters, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, Just East of the Bernal Exit on I680. Show Times: 10 am - 5pm This show is presented every other year. It is moving to a much larger space this year to include antique quilts and over 400 quilts made by the members of the Guild. The show also features demonstrations, merchants mall, a silent auction and a country store. For more information, con-

tact: Kathleen Roulet E-mail:karoulet@attbi.com. Or, please visit: http://home.attbi.com/~nancyg/avq

**26 TO 27 APRIL** Spring on the Straits presented by Carquinez Strait Stitchers, Sat. 10 to 5; Sun. 10 to 4. The Historic Clock Tower, 1189 Washington St., Benicia. Jennifer Sampou will be featured guest Artist. contact Roberta DeLuz, 746-0317. rdeluz@mindspring.com.

#### MAY

**3** Oakdale Quilters Guild 3rd Annual Outdoor Quilt Show. Saturday ONLY. Bloomingcamp Ranch, 10528 Hwy 108/120 located in the foothills going toward Yosemite just outside of Oakdale. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. contact: Sue Mealy simealy@lightspeed.net.

**3** Mt. Tam Quilt Guild Silent Auction, 1 Wellbrock Hts., San Rafael. (415) 479-0250 Terry

**3 TO 4** Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada Country presents 'Springtime in the Pines'. 10 to 5 Sat; 10 to 4. Nevada County Fairgrounds, McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley. (530) 273-1991

**3 TO 4** The Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association presents "Springtime in the Valley of Heart's Delight at the Santa Clara Convention Center, Great American Pkwy exit off Hwy 101, north 1 mile to corner of Tasman Dr., Santa Clara, CA. Sat & Sun 10am-5pm. Contact Anne Pasquale at annepasquale@earthlink.net for info.

**3 TO 4** Piecemakers Quilt Guild Show. Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Blvd., Hayward. Sat. May 3, 2003 10-5 and Sun. May 4, 2003 10-4. Contact Nancy Cerna at 510-226-1949 or Cernanancy@aol.com



#### **TRI-GUILD LUNCHEON**

A great time was had by all who attended the annual luncheon. Laura Fogg's quilts were fabulous. Carolyn Aaron won the heart quilt from our guild. Pictured here are the heart quilts made be Petaluma Guild members from last year's blocks and the pinwheel blocks made this year. Look for the finished quilts next year.



#### **2003** Board

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