



Stitch 'n Times

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president's message



Now is the time for all good quilters to make resolutions for the coming year.

Of course, as usual, I'll promise not to start a new project until I finish all my UFO's. Well that didn't work out so well last year, or the year before. I'm sure I'll get new ideas from the wonderful speakers lined up to entertain and teach us this year. So the heck with it. I'm just going to let myself enjoy what comes along and take workshops and start new quilts. If they are not all favorites, I know where I can send them. I hope all your holidays were enjoyable and I'm looking forward to a Happy New Year with all of you.

Pam McVey

programs and workshops

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

LECTURE ~ "QUILTER'S ANGST"

Nancy Brenan Daniel will be joining us from Arizona on Thursday, January 17 with her program "Quilter's Angst...if you love it so much why can't you get more done?" She will entertain us with a discussion of the "true-lies" quilters tell themselves to keep from entering shows and finishing projects. She will also show us ten creative steps towards becoming more productive. Nancy is the author of "Slice 'em and Dice 'em Quilts."



Denise Raney and Janet Shore



WORKSHOP ~ "NINE PATCH STARS PLUS!"



The workshop on Friday, January 18 is "Slice 'em and Dice 'em Quilts: Nine-Patch Stars Plus!" This is a three-for-one workshop: we will see techniques for three different stars that begin life as simple 9-patch blocks. Students will start a small medallion quilt using their chosen technique; some students have managed to complete all three small medallion quilts in class! If you have the book, you can sneak a peak at the Provincial Stars and Tuscan Star quilt, but the third star is a Mystery Star that is not in the book!

Sign-ups will be available at the December and January Guild meetings or by contacting Mary Wood by email or phone. Workshops are held at the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa.



Mary Wood

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

coming attraction

On Feb 21, we are fortunate to have Mickey DePre coming from the Chicago area. She is a nationally recognized quilt artist, author of *Garden Whimsy Quilts*, has contributed to many quilting magazines, and has had her work included in many quilt books, e.g., *Shoreline Quilts*, *Great American Quilts*, *All American Quilts*. Mickey's work mixes traditional quilting techniques with bold, innovative machine appliqué and threadwork. Her images are meant to spark thought and a smile. Mickey's will be entertaining us with her program "Tips, Tricks and Other Stuff" which features a trunk show and movie demos of various techniques, including her version of machine appliqué, binding, and machine quilting. Check out her website at www.mdquilts.com and enjoy the whimsical nature of her work.



The Feb 22 workshop is "Paintstiks - Make Any Fabric Your Own" during which she will teach fabric embellishment with Shiva oil paintstiks and rubbing techniques. Students will create their

own unique fat quarters of fabric. The kit fee of \$27.50 includes 7 fat quarters of various fabrics, including hand dyes and specialty fabric, and access to more than 100 rubbing templates and 75-100 paintstiks for class use. This is a wonderful opportunity at the bargain price of \$35 plus kit fee.



Denise Raney, Programs
Mary Wood, Workshops

friendship blocks

The quick holiday pace has slowed and we have some cold wintry months ahead. Making a friendship block would be a great way to get your sewing machine humming again. We currently have five different blocks available to make. Our newest block is a "bunny" theme for Valeska Lattin for all you hand appliqué enthusiasts. Then we have Joyce Wood's "Fall Garden", a "Sonoma County" block for Denise Raney, "Cup of Holiday Cheer" or "California Rice Bowl" for Marilyn Altenbach, and "Amish Butterfly" for Virginia Hudak. See me for details, or check out the friendship block page on our website.

The way the friendship block program works, is a member makes three blocks for other people, then they are eligible to hand out a request for blocks to be made. A maximum of twenty blocks may be received. The block recipient must then pay back into the program the number of blocks they received minus the initial three they made. For example: a member makes three blocks for other persons, then hands out their owe block request. If they received twenty blocks from other people, they would then owe seventeen blocks back in to the program. Once the member is paid up, the member must then make three blocks before they are eligible to hand out another block request. Anyone can sign up at any time to make a block for someone else at which time they have two months to finish the block.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to do a block, or submit a block request, please see me at the guild meetings.

Happy New Year



Linda Hooper

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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..

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block of the month

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild has a time-honored tradition in quilting called Block-of-the-Month (BOM). Every month at the business meeting a pattern is presented that many of our Guild members join in sewing for the drawing. Beginners find the patterns a good way to progress in skills and experienced sewers find this an easy block or a great way to brush up on their piecing skills. Everyone finds that sewing the January to December blocks adds up to a coordinated quilt top by the end of the year. Usually three blocks of the monthly pattern are sewn: one in the suggested color/focus and brought in for the drawing, one in any color for Lavella's community quilts, and one for yourself in your own color choice to collect for a quilt top. If members want more chances in the drawing they sometimes sew more than one block—and the winner gets all of the blocks submitted!

This year our theme for the 12½ inch blocks is "Stars From Stardust." We will be sewing the ever popular star shapes in fabric from scraps, from our stash, and if needed from shopping! The first month we will be sewing in RED fabrics to add heat and warmth to the cold days of January.

Additionally, this year in keeping to the theme, we are having a "Give Five-Take Five" fabric exchange. Bring in 5 inch squares of pre-washed fabric to the meeting on the third Thursday of each month and swap them with other squares in the box on our BOM table. The number of 5 inch pre-washed squares you put in the box is the number you take out. In the interest of recycling and "more is more" when doing scrap quilting, we will have another box where you can swap any color/focus of 5 inch pre-washed squares.

So pick up your pattern every month at the first meeting or go to our website and click on the link to download the pattern and stitch up your three or more blocks to bring in the next month at the first meeting. Our BOM table at the back of the room is the place to sign in, place your drawing and community quilt blocks, swap your 5 inch squares, and look to the stars!

January 3rd, bring in the December 2007 Twinkling

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sew-a-row quilts

I want to thank everyone who worked on the wonderful Sew-A-Rows in 2007. The finished quilts were just amazing and proof that even a simple starter row can turn into something special.

The new starter rows for 2008 are in the back of the room waiting for sign-ups. Some are already filled, so don't delay—sign up early and often! The first rotation starts Feb. 7th, but packets that are filled will be distributed early on Jan. 18th.

Sew-a-Rows are a great way to stretch yourself and try a new technique without having to make a huge time and material commitment.

Each starter row will pass through four two-month rotations before we have the lottery for them at our December luncheon. If you have any questions about the project, please contact me.

 Jan Andrews

Board Meeting

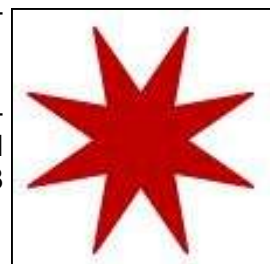
Thursday January 24th at 10:00 am
Family Room, Scottish Rite Temple

Block of the Month continued

Star blocks and pick up the January 2008 Red Star pattern.

January 17th, bring in 5 inch pre-washed RED fabric squares to swap one-for-one.

February 7th, bring in the January 2008 Red Star blocks and pick up the February 2008 block pattern.



Contact Kathy Hannan or Justine Lott if you have questions.

 Kathy Hannan and Justine Lott

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community quilts

I want to thank all of you for such a wonderful year, and we got so much accomplished, but now it is time to think about 2008. January will be a busy month for Community Projects-- January 17th will be a TSW on how to finish a baby quilt, and on our 5th Thursday retreat January 31st Diana Roberts will have a class on quilting with quilts for you to practice on. This is a wonderful way for members to learn new ways to finish a quilt. After that I will be getting quilts sandwiched for our quilt-a-thon which will be February 6th. I hope many of you can join us in machine stitching, quilting, hand sewing, pinning and trimming. Please bring your sewing machines and hand sewing supplies. I have some but never enough. The tables will be up for you to set up your machines so as soon as the meeting is over we can start sewing. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the New Year.



Lavella Cassinelli

moonlight quilters events

Jan. 16~Program "Affiliates night"

Jan. 19~Workshop: Rami Kim's "5th Dimension"

Feb. 20~Program Mickey Depre "Me, Myself and I"



Feb. 23~Workshop Mickey Depre "SunDazey"

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

XTREME ART QUILT GROUP SHOW AT MOSHIN VINEYARDS



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the 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, and provides education programs and sponsors challenges. We have an annual spring quilt show at the Rincon Valley Regional Library is held in March and April. All guild members interested in art quilting are invited to join us at the January 22 meeting. You still have time to enter the spring quilt show if you join our group in January..

The annual membership fee is \$30.



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library news

I hope that the New Year will bring you more time to read and create quilts! And of course, all while enjoying good health!!!

MOTHER EARTH AND HER CHILDREN – A QUILTED FAIRY TALE by Sibylle Von Olfers and illustrations by Sieglinde Schoen Smith – Did you happen to read the article in the November 2007 issue of “Quilters Newsletter” about the quilt that won Best of Show at the 2006 International Quilt Festival in Houston? I was so taken with the quilt and how and why she made it that I just had to purchase the book for us to enjoy, even though at first glance some people would think it is a book just for children. Be a child and pour over this book again and again.

THE NEW YEAR’S QUILT – AN ELM CREEK QUILTS NOVEL, number 11, by Jennifer Chia-verini – Before picking up this novel, I recommend that you read her first ten novels as the characters continue to grow throughout the stories, AND read the three-part story by Jennifer in the September, October, and November issues of “Quilters Newsletter” magazine. How does this young author keep coming up with the ideas for these stories!?!?!?

MARINER’S COMPASS QUILTS – NEW DIRECTIONS by Judy Mathieson – no, not a new book, but a replacement as it looks like the original met up with a cup of coffee. This is an essential book to our library. We are so fortunate to have the author as a guild member, so she autographed our new copy for us.

RUTH B. MC DOWELL’S DESIGN WORKSHOP – TURN YOUR INSPIRATION INTO AN ARTFULLY PIECED QUILT by Ruth McDowell – Ruth’s quilts are prize-winning. This is not a “pattern” book, but instead learn to make your own art quilts by reading about her thought processes.

FAST QUILTS FROM FAT QUARTERS by Barbara Chainey – Those ol’ time-tested patterns turn into wild and wonderful projects with great color combinations. Something for every experience level.

DAZZLING QUILTS – EASY GLITZ AND INSTANT GLAMOUR by Pamela Mostek – Got metallic threads, beads, iron-on crystals that you are wondering what to do with? Grab some floral fabrics and read about the easy raw-edge appliqué techniques to create some spectacular art!



RICKY TIMS’ RHAPSODY QUILTS – INSPIRING, AMAZING –CREATE YOUR OWN! by Ricky Tims – Sometimes I am disappointed with the miniscule amount of information an author shares with readers, but Ricky packs his books with all of his thoughts. I get the impression that he takes much pleasure from seeing how other quilters take his idea and sew away with them. As you may know, Ricky is a musician, so he connects musical rhapsodies with quilts in that they “both have thoughtful, overall “structure,” and yet within each there remains a great deal of flexibility that tends only to be realized as the work evolves. Like a musical rhapsody, a Rhapsody quilt can include a variety of themes and motifs, played out in flowing patchwork and intricate appliqué. Even so, the overall design maintains focus and unity.”

STASH-BUSTER QUILTS – TIME-SAVING DESIGNS FOR FABRIC LEFTOVERS by Lynne Edwards – Author of MAKING SCRAP QUILTS TO USE IT UP! continues her campaign to help reduce our fabric collections leaving us free to go buy more!

ALTERED PHOTO ARTISTRY – TURN EVERYDAY IMAGES INTO WORKS OF ART ON FABRIC by Beth Wheeler with Lori Marquette – You will need a computer, printer, and sewing machine to turn pictures into items such as pillow shams, tote bags, book covers, postcards, greeting cards, friendship books, and wall quilts. A CD in the back pocket helps to get us started.

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Library News continued

POINTS OF VIEWS – LANDSCAPE QUILTS TO STITCH AND EMBELLISH by Valerie Hearder – Sophisticated, elegant, wonderful! Lots of new techniques and tips to help turn your favorite landscape memories into fabulous fabric pictures.

Our October speaker, Jennie Rayment, the “stripper from England” made us laugh and wowed us with the many ways she tucks, pleats, folds, tinkers, and twiddles with fabric. With the help of our TERRIFIC Program Chairperson, Phyllis Gallaway, we now have all of Jennie's books in our library. The newest titles are:

- TUCKS TEXTURES & PLEATS - 1994
- TUCKED UP IN BED - 1998
- TINKERING WITH TEXTURE – WACKY WEARABLES & WALLHANGINGS - 2002
- SERGING FOR SOFTIES – BLACK CATS & OVERLOCKERS - 2006

The titles by Jennie already in our library are:

- CREATIVE TUCKS & TEXTURE FOR QUILTS & EMBROIDERY – obtained in 2004
- TUCKS & TEXTURE TWO – obtained in 2004

I had fun reading them in chronological order as her comments are as funny a novel as you will find. Many of her stories tucked in between the directions we heard in her lecture, but they are well worth re-reading. Find out how she “got her man.” I will be eagerly looking forward to seeing projects for years to come that have been influenced by Jennie's techniques (and maybe even some new significant others!).

JUDY MARTIN'S LOG CABIN QUILT BOOK – PATTERNS & POSSIBILITIES FOR LOG CABIN & LOG QUILTS - COLOR & VALUE – QUICK CUTTING – SIMPLE SEWING – BEST METHODS – HELPFUL HINTS – BLOCK VARIANTS – SPLENDID SETS – BETTER BORDERS – QUILTING IDEAS by Judy Martin – Thanks Judy – your cover just wrote my review for me! Now I can go sew!!!

 Sharon 'The Librarian' Fry



a trip to houston

Something to think about...a field trip to the Houston International Quilt Festival! Just thought I would plant the seed, so you could think about it and save up your \$\$! The trip would be Sun., Oct. 26 through Mon., Nov. 3, 2008. The show starts with a 5-hour preview Wednesday evening, Oct. 29, and goes on for four full days. An amazing variety of workshops are available from Monday, Oct. 25 through Sunday, Nov 2 - full day, half day morning, half day afternoon and half day evening workshops. There are also other events (bus trips and tours) on Mon., Tues., and Wed. Flights are on Continental, direct from Oakland or Sacramento (whichever has the lowest fares at the time.) Extended Stay Hotel is a 25-minute bus ride from the convention center, but in the midst of many great restaurants and only a 15-minute walk from Whole Foods. This is a “free-form” tour, in that I provide information and guidance, but each quilter is free to do whatever they want. If you are interested, get in touch with me for more information. On-line registration for classes is usually available sometime in July(??) This is intended as a walking tour - walk to the bus stop, restaurants, Whole Foods, and walk around the quilt show (the convention center is 4 blocks long!)



Phyllis Gallaway



community smart card

Thank you for using the Community Smart at local merchants in 2007. Merchants donated \$900 to the guild because of your using your Community Smart Card when making a purchase. To participate in this program contact me at a guild meeting and I will help you sign up for a card. Each month the guild newsletter will spotlight some local Community Smart Merchants. This month's are: Copperfield's Books, Ausiello's 5th Street Grill, The Community Market, Freeman Toyota/Lexus Service Department, Oliver's Markets, La Vera Pizza, and Riley-street Art Supplies.



Linda Sims

2008 executive board

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Have you paid your 2008 dues?

srqg 2008 calendar

JANUARY

3 Business Meeting

Installation of Officers & Budget Approval
Sew-A-Row Signups
TSW: Phyllis Gallaway ~ "Set-in seams by machine"
UFO Challenge starts

17 Program Meeting

Nancy Brenan Daniel ~ "Quilter's Angst"
Sew-A-Row Signups
TSW: Lavella Cassinelli ~ "Quilt-a-thon Orientation"

18 Workshop

Nancy Brenan Daniel ~ "Slice 'em and Dice 'em
Quilts: Nine Patch Stars Plus!

31 5th Thursday Quilt Retreat

Basic Machine Quilting with Diana Roberts
10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Luther Burbank Art &
Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa.

FEBRUARY

7 QUILT-A-THON!

Bring your sewing machine and join in the fun!
Sew-A-Row first rotation starts

15-18 Cloverdale Citrus Fair

21 Program Meeting

Mickey Depre ~ "Tips, Tricks and Other Stuff"
TSW: Melissa's Annual Mystery Quilt--Part 1

22 Workshop

Mickey Depre ~ "Paintstiks - Make Any Fabric Your Own"



What's Happening

January 24-25: *Heart of the Valley Quilt & Textile Arts Show*
Country Crossroads Quilters, Modesto, CA.
<http://www.countrycrossroadsquilters.com/>

February 1-3: *Memories Revisited*
Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild, Folsom, CA
www.folsomquilt.org

February 23-24: *Mardi Gras in the Foothills*
Foothill Quilters Guild, Auburn, CA
www.foothillquilters.org

February 23-24: *Quilted Memories - Celebrating 30 years*
Pajaro Valley Quilt Assoc., Santa Cruz, CA
www.pvqa.org

March 15-16: *Silver Threads - 25th Anniversary Show*
Valley Quilt Guild, Yuba City, CA
www.valleyquiltguild.com

March 15-16: Annual Quilt Show
Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County,
Concord, CA
www.contracostaquiltguild.org

April 12-13: *Voices in Cloth 2008*
East Bay Heritage Quilters, Oakland, CA
<http://www.ebhq.org/>