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president's message

New Orleans and Atlanta were loads of FUN! New Orleans is coming back slowly, and they are trying to look at the destruction as an opportunity to fix what was not working. Jazz Fest was terrific (and loud - I know - "if the music is to loud, you are to old!"), the food wonderful, and the weather much better thank I expected.

While in Atlanta, I was lucky enough to see the Gee's Bend Quilt exhibit (soon to be at the de Young Museum in San Francisco) and it was so nice to see the quilts up close and in person. My daughter and I had lots of time to spend together this trip! Thank you to all who generously contributed fabrics for the "I Spy" we started. The blocks are all done (192) and the top is ready to be sewn together. We will share pictures with you all when it is complete.

I am really looking forward to Janet Shore's trunk show this month and Betty Upchurch's machine quilting class. Thank you to both for filling in and sharing your enormous talent with us!

Sharon Mills

programs and workshops

JUNE PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP

JANET SHORE

LECTURE: TRUNK SHOW

We all have an extraordinary opportunity to hear Janet talk about her quilts. She will be our speaker on Thursday, June 15^{th.} 2006. Janet was a long time member of the East Bay Heritage Quilters. She has taken many classes from top teachers in our field. We are fortunate to have her as a member of our guild and now we are going to see and hear about her wonderful quilts. Don't miss this meeting.



BETTY UPCHURCH WORKSHOP: FREE MOTION MACHINE QUILTING



This class will explore the technique of free motion machine quilting Samples for quilting will be provided in the class fee Come spend the day improving your free motion skills You need to be familiar with your machine It's essential that you have a darning foot The class fee is \$30 which includes a materials kit 9:30 am to 3 pm Luther Burbank Arts and Garden Center 2050 Yulupa Ave. Santa Rosa Bring your lunch and lots of energy!

programs and workshops

JULY PROGRAM

On Thursday, July 20, Karen Combs from Columbia, Tennessee, will speak to us about patchwork illusions. Visual depth has fascinated artists for centuries. Karen is intrigued with quilts of illusion and has been designing quilts with a 3-D look for several years. She is



the author of Optical Illusions for Quilters, Combing Through Your Scraps, and Floral Illusions. Karen co-authored Fun with Pandora's Box with Sharlene Jorgenson of Quilting from the Heartland. Her newest book is 3 Quilters Celebrate the 4 Seasons with Bethany Reynolds and Joan Shay. Karen is also a fabric designer for Bland Textiles. She has also appeared on Quilting from the Heartland, Quilt Central, Quilt American and Simply Quilts. If you would like a preview of her quilts visit www.karencombs.com.

JULY WORKSHOP

Patchwork Illusions is the workshop on Friday, July 21st. Karen has developed a quick and easy rotary technique that allows you to make quilts with a 3-D look. Frankly, this is Karen's favorite class because it is so easy to create truly amazing quilts of illusion. Let Karen share her secrets, so you may become a master of illusion. To see examples from the class go to the gallery section of her website. The workshop will be held at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa. The time is 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The cost is \$30.00 to the guild with a \$16.00 fee for handouts and rotary templates payable to the teacher on the day of the class.

AUGUST PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP

Rebecca Rohrkaste of Berkeley is a quilter in love with color. Her quilts always stand out in shows or books for their extraordinary use of color. She will be giving her lecture on Thursday August 17, 2006 at the Scottish Rite Center and her workshop, Circles another way on August 18th. More information to come but put these dates on your calendars.



Diana Roberts and Mary Wood

sew a row program

The Sew-a-Row program is progressing nicely, with many participants completing their row early! The next due date for the packets is the June 15 meeting. Please bring packets to that meeting to be passed on to the next person. If you won't be there to pass it on, please make arrangements directly with the next person, and advise Phyllis. (If you are not sure who gets it next, contact Phyllis.) Please make every effort to be timely with your row, so that those who follow you have their fair share of time to work on their row.

For those who would like to participate in this program, there are still a few openings in the June 15 - Aug 17 period and the August 17 to Oct 19 period. The sign-up binder is available at every meeting.

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technique sharing workshops

Stay after the June 1st meeting and watch Betty Upchurch demonstrate how to do her beautiful free motion quilting. She makes those wonderful quilts for our boutique raffles. You can see a sample of her work on the TSW poster. Then on June 15th Marilyn Swanson and Bob Oliver will present all you ever need to know about bindings for hand appliquéd and machine quilts. All our workshops for the summer are listed on the TSW poster at the back of the room. Check it out and sign up for the workshop of your choice in the white binder.

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.

Linda Sims, TSW Program Coordinator



boutique workshop

After meetings—bring your sewing machine or stay and chat and hand sew with Betty Upchurch and Diane Land

fifth thursday quilt retreat

The next Fifth Thursday Quilt Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, June 29 at The Place to Sew in Santa Rosa. Doors open at 10 am and close around 3:30ish. Come and play for the whole day or any part of the day. Have fun working on your current project or work with Diane and Betty to restock the Guild boutique (which will probably have been depleted at the Quilt Show.) No need to sign up in advance - just reserve the date in your calendar and come have fun with your quilting buddies.

The last Fifth Thursday Quilt Retreat for the year will be on Thursday, August 31 at Village Sewing Center.

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QUILTED COTTAGE



Saturday June 24th 2-4pm Antique Quilt lecture and trunk show Admission \$7 Sunday June 25th 12-4pm Signature Quilt Class \$35

> 567 First Street East 1/2 block off of Sonoma Plaza Mon-Sat 10-5 pm Sunday 12-4 pm (707) 938-3650 www.quilted-cottage.com

community quilts

The May quilt-a-thon was a huge success. At least 41 members stayed and worked on our community quilts. We had plenty for everyone to work on and they did a wonderful job. Several members took quilts home to quilt and have also returned them completed. As soon as I got them I started delivering and I have delivered 329 quilts so far this year. We are doing a wonderful job and I hope we do as well this year as we did last year. Thanks to all of you for making this possible.



Where do you go when you are looking for quilty stuff online? What is your favorite online shop, pattern source or teachers' website?

Diana Roberts suggests that we visit the website for the Northern California Quilt Council. NCQC is a source of many of our speakers/teachers, and their calendar has more quilt events listed than our newsletter could possibly hope to cover. This is a place not to be missed! Check it out!

http://www.ncqc.net

Send me your favorite websites so I can share them with the guild members.

Jan Andrews msjanquilts@comcast.net



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 June 27th meeting. COMMUNITY SMART and Albertson's Fund Raiser CARDS—our contributions for this year have been over \$300 for these programs. Thank you for using the Community Smart and Albertson's Cards at local merchants. To participate in these programs contact me at guild meeting and I will help you sign up for a card.



library news

The rainy weather has not only brought much-welcome flowers in my garden, but also time inside to sort through our library files. With lots of help from a crew of very energetic and competent participants in my second annual Library Book Hunt, and members searching through their own stacks, we located a few of the items that had been hiding from me. A few books seem to have just disappeared into thin air, and they are so full of valuable information, that I have ordered new copies for us. Yes, this took a chunk out of the Silent Auction and 50/50 Fund Raiser, but I felt it had to be



done. If the original books show up miraculously in the Return Box on the Library table, I will ask no questions (but the stories told to me are always very interesting – much better than "the dog ate my home-work").

Replaced Books:

APPLIQUE MASTERPIECE – LITTLE BROWN BIRD PATTERNS by Margaret Docherty (In my next life I will hand applique, and this is the book I will choose for the exquisite flowers, baskets, and birds)

FANCIFUL QUILTS TO PAPER PIECE by Wendy Vosters (for Daschunds lovers, a must! – plus a pattern for a bride and groom, a windmill, and of course, a cat!! – good ideas for "Sew A Row" participants)

TRIANGLE TRICKS – ONE EASY UNIT, DOZENS OF GORGEOUS QUILTS, Introduction by Sally Schneider (make two triangle blocks at a time without actually cutting a triangle)

PINEAPPLE STARS – SPARKLING QUILTS, PERFECTLY PIECED by Sharon Rexroad (a combination of the pineapple paper-pieced technique, in the shape of stars, very intricate, with the look of "stack and whack" – made do-able!)

It was twenty years ago that I was "forced" into taking a quilting class taught by the Queen of Rotary Cutting, Trudie Hughes in Milwaukee. Yea, I said FORCED. My Bridge partner and dog sitter (and you thought I just had three cats and Rosie, the African Parrot – well, this was prior to these critters) wanted to take a "Quilt Like Crazy" class, and I just could not refuse her. I had been making quilts for years, and why did I need to spend money on a class????? Well, Trudie's faster methods meant we would purchase more fabric in her shop? I was hooked, and often thank my friend for making me do this. Imagine my surprise, when thinking about this 20th anniversary, that a lovely guild member donated a copy of Trudie's CRIB QUILTS for our library. Great timing? I love Trudie's books as they contain great "recipes" for whipping up delicious, complicated-looking quilts quickly. I have a section in our library cupboard of Trudie's books – check them out!

Denise Rayne spied a quilt she would like to create in a new book, SURPRISINGLY SIMPLE QUILTS FROM AUSTRALIAN PATCHWORK & QUILTING MAGAZINE published by Martingale. It is a potpourri of techniques and patterns for every level of quilter. Can't wait for Denise's SEW and Tell!

Phyllis Gallaway has arranged for Paula Nadelstern to teach in Santa Rosa later this year. You know of Paula as her Kaleidoscope quilt was chosen as one of the Twentieth Century's 100 Best American Quilts. Her newest book, PUZZLE QUILTS is a must read for every quilter. You may be tempted to just look at the pictures, but if you enjoy excellent writing, Paula's words are as terrific as her designs – a very smart, witty, talented woman. I could fill this newsletter with information about this book, but I will let it be a surprise to you instead.

Sharon 'the Librarian' Fry

mark your calendars!

"Meet Karla Alexander" presented by the Petaluma Quilt Guild, the Great Petaluma Quilt Show, and the Quilted Angel, August 4 & 5, 2006. Karla Alexander is the author of Stack the Deck! Crazy Quilts in 4 Easy Steps! She was a featured artist on Simply Quilts with Alex Anderson in July 2002. Her second book, Stack a New Deck, was released in April 2004. She is currently preparing her third book for publication in October 2006. In addition to her books, Karla has released her own line of patterns under the name Saginaw Street Quilt company. She has made hundreds of quilts with hundreds more waiting to be made. Workshop:

"Stack a New Deck," Friday, August 4, 2006, 10 am to 4 pm, Lucchesi Community Center. \$30. To register, contact Louisa Otis at 421 Second St., Petaluma, CA 94952, 707-775-3661. Lecture (free):

"Lift the quilts out of your stash," Saturday, August 5, 10 am to 12 noon, Petaluma Regional Library. *Reception & booksigning:*

Saturday, August 5, 2006, 1 pm to 3 pm, at the Quilted Angel, 200 G Street, Petaluma.

Louisa Otis, event coordinator 707-775-3661 Lynda Chenoweth, a graduate of U.C. Berkley in Anthropology and Classical Archeology will be speaking at the Quilted Cottage on Saturday, June 24, 2 - 4 PM, admission \$7.00. Lynda will be speaking mainly about 19th century signature quilts and sharing some of her quilts with us.

Lynda worked for 26 years at the University of California as support staff to academic directors on archeological excavations in Greece and Italy. Now retired and living in Sonoma, Lynda is still pursuing archeological interest in Italy in the history of quilts and textiles. She is also focusing her energy on writing a book of quilt history, "A Scattering of Friends" about a Quaker friendship quilt made in Ohio in 1853.

"Every quilt has a story to tell if you know how to read that history. Some speak volumes while others provide only a whisper about origins, makers, and the historical context in which they were made"

Join us at the Quilted Cottage Gardens on Saturday, June 24th for an insight into the story behind signature quilts. Than come on Sunday, June 25th and make your own signature quilt. Please contact the Quilted Cottage for further details.



srqg 2006 calendar

<u>june</u>

- 1 General Meeting: TSW: Free motion machine quilting with Betty Upchurch
- Program~Janet Shore Trunk Show
 Award Nominations Due
 Sew-A-Row due today
 TSW: Hand Appliqué Bindings
- 16 Workshop: Machine Quilting with Betty Upchurch
- SS Pointless Sisters Art Quilt Group
- 29 FREE Quilt Retreat at The Place to Sew

july

- 6 General Meeting TSW: TBA
- 20 Program ~ Karen Combs"Quilts of Illusion"TSW: TBA
- 21 Karen Combs Workshop: "Patchwork Illusions" August Newsletter Deadline
- **25** Pointless Sisters Art Quilt Group

July 25 - Aug. 7 ~ Sonoma County Fair





Sharon Fry's Silent Auction "Circles"



Judy Bello "Nine Holes in the Barn



Pam McVey "Ohio Rose"



Cora Moore "Tire Tracks"





Pearl Bowers "Christmas in Springtime"



Fran Wessel "African Lady"



Justine Lott "Caryl Bryer Fallert Workshop project with hand dyed fabrics"



Vandy Noble with her daughter's first quilt!

Lavella Cassinelli "Raggy Jeans Quilt"



Fay Shon with Grasshoppers and Cattails



Pat Meiswinkel with her family Happy Birthday Quilt



Pam Hendricks with a quilt made from her Grandmother's blocks.



Jenny Patterson with one of her table runner projects.

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What's Happening!

June ~ July 2006

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County Wine Country Quilts 2006

Saturday, June 3rd, 10 am to 5 pm Sunday, June 4th, 10 am to 4 pm

Admission \$7.00

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA For more info:

Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild

31st Annual Quilt Show June 10 & 11, 2006

Boutique & Garage SaleDemonstrations & Vendors

The Student Center Monetery Peninsula College 980 Fremont Blvd., Monterey, CA

Mother Lode Quilters Guild

Golden Thread Quilt Show

Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Laura Nownes Author & Featured Quilter

Quilts
 Wearable Art
 Vendors
 Guild Challenge
 Country Store

Historic Downtown Sutter Creek Admission: \$5.00 Creston Valley Quilt Ranch and

Templeton Chamber of Commerce present
First Annual Templeton Outdoor

Quilt Show

Saturday, June 17, 2006 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

For more information:

San Jose Museum of

Quilts & Textiles

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A Modern Design Coming of Age

April 18, 2006 ~ July 9, 2006

May 11, 2006 ~ 7-8:30 pm Lecture by Dr. Kieu Linh Caroline Valverde.

> June 3, 2006 ~ 2-4 pm Lecture by Dr. Susan B. Kaiser

> > June 4, 2006 ~ 2-4 pm Lecture by Monica Tran

Road to Sisters Shop Hop June 30 to July 15, 2006

Threads That BindMaterial Possessions

Coos Bay, OR

Forget-Me-Knots Bandon, OR J & J Fabrics Canyonville, OR

Roseburg, OR

Quilter's Corner Port Orford, OR

Purple Pincushion Quilt Shop Grants Pass, OR

Country Keepsakes Grandma Dee's

Independence Hall Quilters

2006 Annual Mountain Quilt Faire

Ironstone Vineyards Murphys, CA

July 14, 15 and 16, 2006 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Quilts and Wearable Art Wall Hangings Dolls and Needle Arts Vendors and Botique

SAVE THE DATE

Sonoma's 4th Annual

Quilt Show

Saturday, September 30th

and

Sunday, October 1st

Quilters Fall Foliage New England Tour and Shop Hop

October 1-10, 2006

Beautiful fall colors surround you as you explore quaint New England villages, a maple sugar farm, Boston's historic sites and the Shelburne Museum.

Visit a quilt museum, a cotton mill and the textile museum in Lowell, MA and the fragrant Yankee Candle Factory.

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