



Stitch 'n Times

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president's message

April was a busy month in the guild and May promises to be also. I'm sorry I missed presenting the quilts to Valley of the Moon Children's Home. It always feels good to see all the beautiful quilts appreciated. I really, really, really enjoyed the "Rosebuds" presentation. Who knew we had all those talented, humorous and personable women sitting among us all this time??? I'm looking forward to the "quiltathon" on May 3rd and unveiling the new opportunity quilts. Pat Speth will be our speaker on May 17 and another quilting retreat is scheduled for May 31st. Now go finish up those quilts for the Moonlight Quilters' show and then enter them in the Sonoma County Fair.

Pam McVey

programs and workshops

MAY PROGRAM

LECTURE & WORKSHOP

You won't want to miss our guest quilter for May, Pat Speth, whom you have probably met as the author of "Nickel Quilts" and "More Nickel Quilts." Her gimmick is constructing traditional quilt block units from 5" squares! Check out her website at www.PatSpeth.com and look at her gallery. Her program on May 17 is "Five Inch is a Cinch."



Labor Day Madness

Her May 18 workshop is called "Combination Units," featuring triangle squares and partial seams to form star blocks in a quilt called "Labor Day Madness." The bonus "leftovers" will form another quilt, "Pin Wheel," or you may use the units and the "leftovers" to make "Sugar Bowl" or any other arrangement that pleases you!



Phyllis Gallaway and Vandy Noble

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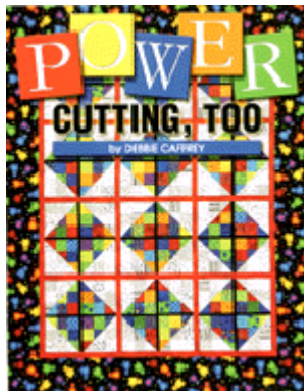
coming attractions

JUNE

Information reported in prior newsletters is now outdated! We have had a cancellation, and at the time this article was submitted, have not yet identified the June program. There will not be a June workshop.

JULY

We are fortunate to have Debbie Caffrey for our July 19 Program. Debbie is the author of *Noodle Soup Book*, *Open a Can of Worms*, *Power Cutting*, *Scraps to You* and many others. She is also a prolific pattern designer and popular mystery quilt designer and teacher. Her program is "Quilting From the Land of the Midday Moon," quilts that were inspired by Alaska, made by Debbie and Alaskan quilters. Check out her website at www.debbiescreativemoments.com and see her work and lots of free patterns and tips and techniques.



Her workshop on July 20 is not to be missed! She will be covering the cutting techniques in her books, *Power Cutting* and *Power Cutting, Too* - and I promise you will learn an amazing amount. I took this class a couple of years ago and was amazed at the number of tips she shares for quick and accurate cutting. This workshop focus is on a fast and efficient approach to rotary cutting. It is a collection of cutting techniques that allows the quilter to choose the one that is best for the task at hand. Your piecing will improve as a result of these techniques - I know mine did!



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technique sharing workshops


Thank you to Linda Sims for her Color Theory for Quilting TSW.

Color seems to be the one area that quilters struggle with and we can use all the help we can get.

On Thursday June 7th, Elizabeth Marrs is going to talk about how to enter your quilts in the county fair. She will answer any questions you may have. Entering the county fair is a great way to have your work shown to the public.

Betty Upchurch will help get us ready for fall with a darling scarecrow pattern. This TSW will be Thursday July 5th.

Technique Sharing Workshops are held after the guild meetings and are free. Please sign up at the sign in binder at the back of the room, this helps the teachers prepare for the number of students.

 Diana Roberts & Holly Palma

website



If you want to share any information regarding quilting, recipes, photo, websites or anything of interest to our members, please forward the information to Angie Kiker and she will put it on our website Blog! Angie's email address is: angierk@pogowave.com

sew-a-row program

The sew-a-row program has now finished the first round rotation and the projects are looking mighty good! Some really efficient ladies have even finished early, enabling the package to be moved to the next person, so we are moving along nicely. Our next cycle runs from May 3rd to July 7th.

If you are participating and need to be late with your row, please contact me and the next person in line to let us know.

We still have a few openings for participants here and there, so check with me at each meeting if you are interested in joining in the fun.



Jan Andrews

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community quilts

My mind keeps wandering to the warm weather outside but I need to be focused as May 3rd is our second quilt-a-thon. We have been doing very well and so far I have delivered 389 quilts this year. I sent 6 quilts to the Wounded Warrior Center at Camp Pendleton and I am sure they will love the quilts. They are all so beautiful. My contact there will deliver them to the Center. Many thanks to all of you that brought in the finished tops so that I can have them ready for the big day. Also please plan to stay and help work on the quilts. This is when they all come together so that they can be delivered. I need many people to bring their sewing machines or sergers. A walking foot and quilting foot are great to have. I also need members to press the tops, pin the sandwiched quilts, trimmers, turners, hand stitchers for various duties. I will also need help setting up before our meeting and then clean up. Please bring your sewing equipment like scissors, thimble, needles, etc. I have some on hand but never enough. I want to thank all of you who work so tirelessly to make all of this possible. This is a great way for the new members to get acquainted and see the different steps we have in completing our quilts. We will have a great day visiting and doing something really wonderful for our community..

 Lavella Cassinelli

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 Doris Maneke.



friendship blocks

We got to see some great quilts made from friendship blocks at show-n-tell this last month. Thank you to all who brought their quilts in to share with us.

Friendship blocks are a fun way to get to know other guild members, stretch your imagination and try out some new techniques. We currently have four different friendship blocks available to make for other people if you are interested in getting involved. If you would like to submit a request for blocks to be made for you, just see me for a list of guidelines to help you get started.

Happy sewing!!



Linda Hooper

don't forget !

2007 challenge

What's In A Name?

- Your name or initials in black and white and one other color
- Maximum size is 36" x 36"
- Due September 20th
- Contact: Marilyn Altenbach

dreamjunkie@sbcglobal.net

Joanie Bellinghausen

JBellin523@aol.com

sally collins workshop

- First two weekends in February
- Cost is \$200
- More information: www.sallycollins.org
- Contact: Phyllis Gallaway

pmgallaway@sbcglobal.net

Board Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 2007

10:00 am

Family Room

Scottish Rite Temple

library news

Guess what! I hate to miss a single second of a meeting. I seem to be able to do two things at once, but not three. While the meetings are going on I deliver books, hunt for books, file, organize, tidy – but I really cannot talk. If you have a request or a comment, I would really appreciate it if you would see me before the meeting starts at 10:00 (I try to be there by 9:15), or after the meeting adjourns (I usually lock the doors at 3:00) – OR you can e-mail me and give me a heads-up for what you are seeking. Besides not wanting to miss out on the announcements, speaker, committee reports, and SEW AND TELL, it is just plain ol' rude to talk while there is someone at the mike. And I know this from personal experience!

Here is a first – I have now had to replace one book TWICE because it has come up missing a SECOND time! And it has only been checked out three times!! And each time I purchase it, it is more expensive. But it is a super book, and we NEED a copy in our library. FANCIFUL QUILTS TO PAPER PIECE by Wendy Vosters includes adorable patterns including Daschunds, a bride and groom, turtles, hearts, flowers, and of course, cats!

I have also had to replace lost book FOUR SEASONS OF QUILTS – GARDEN-INSPIRED PROJECTS by Cori Derksen and Myra Harder. This includes ideas for not only quilts, but wall hangings and table toppers. Instructions for STENCILING, too!

Hopefully with the pretty new labels we are applying to the front/spine/ back of our books and magazines everyone will be able to spot guild items in their homes (and cars and suitcases and kids' and friends' homes, etc.) and get them back to our library.

I love when our members (and/or their friends and relatives) plunge into Spring cleaning and bring items in for either our library shelves or to raise funds on our Silent Auction Tables. We



are the lucky recipients of a really cute book QUICK QUILTS FOR KIDS – 20 COLORFUL PROJECTS FOR BABIES AND CHILDREN by Elizabeth

Keevill. When I was a kid my Mom hung her bag for organizing shoes on the back of the closet door. I loved taking her shoes out and putting my toys in the pockets. In this book is a pattern for an adorable wall hanging pocket! All kids (and even adults) could use one of these.

Also donated is an oldie-but-goodie: BUTTERFLIES by Nancy Donahue. This book alone could be the inspiration for blocks in our Friendship program that Linda Hooper is heading up this year.

Ionne McCauley and Sharon Pederson have teamed up to bring us COLOR FOR THE TERRIFIED QUILTER – PLAIN TALK, SIMPLE LESSONS, 11 PROJECTS. The titles of the chapters and the quilts are enough to get you interested in reading the book.

Angie Kiker has recommended Nicole C. Chambers' newest book SIMPLE QUILTS THAT LOOK LIKE A MILLION BUCKS. It is amazing how with the right choice of colors and an easy block can be made into something spectacular.

If you read Quilter's Newsletter Magazine you are familiar with Helen Kelley. For close to 25 years she has been the "Erma Bombeck" of the quilting world with her monthly column "Loose Threads". We have a donation of her essays entitled EVERY QUILT TELLS A STORY – A QUILTER'S STASH OF WIT AND WISDOM. These two- or three-page "stories" are what each of us thinks as we create quilts, and would be the thoughts we would write down if we took the time.

For the last dozen or so years American Quilter's Society has sponsored a contest open to everyone. The challenge is to create a quilt from a traditional block in a new way. The winners and their quilts are featured in a book each year (and we have them ALL!). Joining such titles as DRESDEN PLATE, KALEIDOSCOPE, and DOUBLE WEDDING RING now is ROSE OF S H A R O N! Of course, I have placed our most recent out-going President SHARON Mills first on the Reserve List!

THE ART OF LANDSCAPE QUILTING by Nancy Zieman and Natalie Sewell – WOW! Over 50 beautiful quilts to study. Lots of tips, including how to shade with pens and pencils. Also check out the first two books they co-authored about how to create landscape quilts.

Our Library continues to grow with the help of so many of you who donate to the Silent Auction Table, and bid on items, through the purchase of 50/50 Tickets, and could not function without the assistance of so many volunteers. We can always use help – whether for five minutes, an hour, all day, before or after meetings. This is a nice way to meet members and be up close and personal with those great books!

 Sharon 'the Librarian' Fry

the meeting place

Joanie Bellinghausen is the person who takes the wonderful pictures of our "Show and Tell" so Angie can post them on the website. She is also our liaison with the Moonlight Quilters.



Joanie has been a member of the guild since she retired from Home Depot in 2003, and has been a member of Moonlighters' since 1998. Joanie's Mom, who sewed out of necessity, taught her daughter to sew at age twelve and Joanie made a lot of her own school clothes. After she married, she sewed for other people with her own business "Joanie Sew and Sew" to earn extra money.

She started quilting without any training and used 5/8" seams because she didn't know any better. During that time, she attended quilt shows and looked and learned. Her friend Pam took an Eleanor Burns class in 1980 and shared the Quilt In A Day Log Cabin book with Joanie. Joanie was off to the races and made her parents a Log Cabin quilt for Christmas that year.

Since then, she's taken many classes to learn everything she can and has even gone to Houston! Joanie loves sewing machines and won't tell how many she owns because her husband might read this!

srqg 2007 calendar

MAY

- 3** **General Meeting**
Quilt-A-Thon
Sew-A-Row due date
- 17** **Program:** Pat Speth ~
"Five Inch is a Cinch"
- 18** **Workshop:** Pat Speth~
"Combination Units"
- 31** **Fifth Thursday Retreat**

JUNE

- 7** **General Meeting**
TSW: Elizabeth Marrs~
How to Enter Your Quilts in the Fair
- 21** **Program:** Pending
No workshop scheduled at this time



opportunity quilt winners!

We said “goodbye” to our 2006-2007 opportunity quilts on April 19th. The lucky winners were our own Hospitality Chairperson, Barbara Cortelyou who won the Log Cabin quilt and LaNor Francis of Healdsburg winning “Greetings from Wine Country”. Janet Shore, Gerrie Congdon and I met LaNor in Healdsburg to deliver the quilt. She was very happy. Janet Shore sold the winning ticket at the Spring Home Show.

 Pam McVey



Traditional Quilt Winner
SRQG Member
Barbara Cortelyou



Art Quilt Winner
LaNor Francis with Pam
McVey and Janet Shore.

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What's Happening!

May 2007

- ✿ **May 5th & 6th** - Carquinez Strait Stitchers Quilt Show in Benecia
- ✿ **May 5- 6th** [Sun Country Quilters](#), Quilting by the River Quilt Show, Tehama District Fairgrounds, Red Bluff, CA
Door prizes, vendors, opportunity quilt, quilter's boutique, gift basket drawings.
Saturday 10:00 to 5:00 and Saturday 10:00 to 4:00.
- ✿ **May 6-10** Quilters Escape, an annual quilting seminar/retreat on the California north coast in the red woods overlooking the Eel River near the Victorian village of Ferndale - Featured teachers are Phil Beaver, Pam Holland, Judy Mathieson, Bethany Reynolds, Suzanne Marshall & Laura Wasilowski. For more information send a SASE to quilters Escape, 3414 K Street, Eureka, CA 95503 or call (707) 442-0081 or visit www.quiltersescape.com
- ✿ **May 12-13** Quilted Pieces of Our Lives, Santa Clara, CA
- ✿ **May 12th** Pacific Flyway Quilters, Colusa, CA
Scout Cabin/@ill S. Green Park, 901 Parkhill Street, between Webster and Parkhill Sts.
10:00am-4:00pm. For additional information (530)458-2465 e-mail:ccomfort@colusanet.com
- ✿ **May 25-27**, Heart of a Nation Memorial Weekend Quilt Show, Fort Bragg.
Sat.-Sun. 10-5, Admission \$5, Town Hall, 363 N. Main St., Fort Bragg, CA (707)961-1746
10:00am-4:00pm. For additional information (530)458-2465 e-mail:ccomfort@colusanet.com

June 2007

- ✿ Sat., June 2nd - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sun., June 3rd, - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, California

July 2007

- ✿ **July 21-22nd** The Redwood Empire Quilters Guild presents its "Heart of the Redwoods" 10th Anniversary Quilt Show on July 21 and 22, 2007 from 10 am to 4 pm. at Redwood Acres Fair grounds, 3750 Harris Street, Eureka, CA. Cost: \$6/person.
Over 300 quilts will be on display and 20+ vendors present. Quilted objects will be auctioned at a Live Auction at 1 pm on July 21 and during a Silent Auction from 12-2 pm on July 22. Our Opportunity Quilt, "Stars of Civility," made from Civil War reproduction fabrics will be raffled off on July 22 (winner need not be present).
For more information contact: quiltshowchair@regg.com.

Ongoing

- ✿ Treasure From a Trunk: California Pioneers' Textiles and Quilts
The California Museum for History, Women and the Arts, 1020 O St., Sacramento, CA (916)653-7524. A few of the treasures include: a baby coverlet made by Tamsen Donner (who perished in 1847 en route to California with the Donner Party). Through June, 2008.

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