

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild  
Business Meeting Minutes  
**April 4, 2013**

President Chris Nolen called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., reminding members to sign in and turn off their cell phones. Joanie Bellinghausen volunteered to sell 50/50 tickets.

New member Diane Linneball and guests Jacquelyn Castro, Susan Beckman and Margaret Rice-Kavarian were introduced and welcomed.

**Announcements:**

- Chris announced that today is the last chance to buy tickets for *Santa Rosa Beauty*.
- Chris told members that there is a parking crunch at the Scottish Rite and asked if members were interested in carpooling. Only one person expressed interest in carpooling.

**Quilt Related Announcements**

- Moonlight Quilters have extended the entry deadline for the quilt show to midnight tonight (April 4<sup>th</sup>). Entries may be submitted until midnight with no money required. More important than the application is a photograph of the quilt finished or not. Judith Clarke offered to take photographs if necessary.
- Janice Juul reported that the Tri-Guild Luncheon is “sold out.” Janice is accepting guest quilt blocks. One person from each guild will win 1/3 of the blocks. She reminded members to put their names on their blocks.
- Pam Brown noted that the Moonlight Quilters need volunteers for the show on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, in all areas. Pam has clipboards with different jobs, dates and times. SRQG members who sign up for 2 shifts of 2 hours each will receive free admission to the show for both days and access to the hospitality room. Members will be contacted by Katina Repp in May regarding their assignments.
- Norma Viglienze made a few announcements regarding the Tri-Guild Luncheon. She asked that table hostesses check in with her just prior to seating and to please bring a 1 cup measuring cup instead of a ladle. The doors open at 8:30 and Table hostesses should be there at 9:30 as the guests will start arriving at 10:00.
- Lynne Atkinson is excited by the response to Marjan Kluepfel’s dyeing class on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center. The workshop has space for 15 people and 8 are signed up at this time. Members can secure a seat with a \$50.00 check—the cost of the class. Lynne has materials lists for attendees.
- Laura Barrett announced the Pointless Sisters’ show at Rincon Valley Library until April 20<sup>th</sup>. The group’s challenges “Sky” and “Red” are being displayed among other things.
- Mirna Estes reported that Lavella Cassinelli had open heart surgery last night. She is doing very well, but Mirna asked members not to call her yet. Cards would be most welcome.
- Joy McGoran explained the Sewing Room Sale and asked if members were interested. There was enough interest, so Joy will organize the sale for August 1<sup>st</sup> and have sign-ups at the next meeting.
- Sharon Cahn of Pluckings announced her show and opening reception at McCree-Goudeau Gallery in Vallejo. She has flyers and a notice is in the newsletter.

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**Committee Reports**

- Friendship Blocks—Phyllis Gallaway noted that blocks are down to a trickle and displayed several blocks. Three more new blocks for Community Quilts will be coming soon. Several blocks still have openings, and she reminded members to turn in their blocks in a timely fashion. Members turned in 183 blocks in the first 3 months of 2013.
- TSW—Phyllis G. reminded members to sign up for TSWs in the folder at the back of the room, as it helps her prepare the appropriate number of handouts. Jan Head will be demonstrating “Really Skinny Border Accents à la Sally Collins” today. In May, Carolle LeMonnier will show her prairie point placemats, with printed foundations that will be available for \$1.25 each. She advised members to note how many foundations they would like when they sign up and that the fee may be paid to Carolle on the day of the TSW. Linda Hooper will present a mystery quilt on June 6<sup>th</sup>. At this time, fabrics required are a light, medium and dark. June 20<sup>th</sup>, Chris Nolen will demonstrate making pet beds for the Humane Society. Both the frame and cover will be demonstrated.
- Tri-Guild Luncheon—Genelle Voorhees and Alana Colburn thanked everyone for the items submitted for the raffle baskets. They were hoping for 30 baskets, but they were able to make 45 baskets with items donated by members. The shops have been very generous as well. They are selling tickets today for members not attending the luncheon and urged them to buy tickets and have a friend put them in the raffle. Phyllis G. noted that our last luncheon yielded \$2,000 and Genelle and Alana hoped to do better this time. She asked that members who donated make sure that their names are on the “thank-you” boards. A meeting for tickets sellers will take place after the meeting.
- Block of the Month—Jim Jensen and Leslie Kruse introduced the April block, Road to California in black, tan and white-on-white. Directions are online and at the back of the room. This should be a very masculine quilt. Over 30 blocks have been turned in for March, so Jim and Leslie will choose three winners.
- Sew-A-Row—Ellindale Wells reminded members that today is the day to transition from row two to row three. Ellindale displayed several projects and invited members to sign up at the Sew-A-Row display at the back of the room. Chris Nolen noted that Sew-A-Row is a good way to try a new technique without having to make a huge project.
- Challenge 2013—Elizabeth Marrs and Shirley Ziolkowski reminded members about the Apron Challenge due in August. They noted that anything goes and that the Bennett Valley Gals are working on some nice prizes.
- Community Quilts—Anne Dondero announced that Meg Easter-Dawson from Valley of the Moon Children’s Home will be here soon to make a presentation and pick up the 100 quilts after the quilt parade. A work party will be held at Pam Beebe’s home on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> with a focus on layering to get ready for the Quiltathon in May.
- Programs and Workshops—Gail Alford and Alana Colburn announced that Gayle Bong will be presenting a workshop on her ThirtySomething ruler on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Thus far, only 3 people are signed up and we have passed the 30 day deadline for cancellation. Chris Nolen plugged the class and noted that we cannot continue to host classes that lose money and that losses now will result in programs being cancelled later this year. Other members noted that it is a good way to meet other members and get to learn a new technique all at the same time. Sylvia Phippen will be coming from Hawaii to present to both SRQG and Moonlight Quilters in May. Attendees will have a choice of 12 patterns from which to choose, and it was noted that this is a hand sewing and technique class only—no machines required. Patterns are \$10.50 and kits are \$37.00 and Gail urged members to order from Sylvia directly before the class. Moonlight Quilters filled their

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class at Wednesday's meeting, and Sylvia expects that her class will be filled for both guilds. Linda Wagner will be presenting in June.

- Meg Easter-Dawson from Valley of the Moon Children's Home gave members a short talk about the intake procedure for children and services offered to them once admitted to VOMC. Following the talk, a parade of over 100 quilts for kids and teens was presented. Meg thanked everyone very much for the quilts and noted that some of the graduates of foster care still had their quilts while in college.
- Marilyn Swanson has been making labels for all of our community quilts for several years and has a group of helpers, but needs more volunteers to help press the edges. Chris thanked Marilyn for her work.
- Janice Juul asked for a volunteer or two to accept blocks at the Tri-Guild Luncheon as two of her volunteers are unable to attend.
- Sharon Fry presented several new books and magazines from the Library.

**Show and Tell**

**Name Tag Drawing**

Today's meeting had 127 people signed in--name tag drawing winner was Valeska Lattin.

**50/50 Raffle**

The 50/50 raffle yielded \$93.50 total – Norma Viglienzone won \$46.75.

**Block of the Month Drawing**

"You've Taken My Heart From the Scrap Pile" blocks raffled—Carolle LeMonnier and Susan Silvey each won a set of 12 blocks and Metha Schuller won a set of 11.

**Final Announcements**

- Betty Upchurch reminded members about the Healdsburg Show, and let members know that if they wanted to have their quilt judged, there is a fee. The quilt voted "Best" will win cash for the guild. Most of the thread catcher kits have been taken and turned in.
- Janice Juul asked for a volunteer to assist hostessing her table—Jan Andrews volunteered.
- Gail Alford announced that the Gayle Bong class has now filled!

**Opportunity Quilt**

The 2012-2013 Opportunity Quilt, Santa Rosa Beauty was won by SRQG member Ellindale Wells, who replied, "I'm entirely surprised!"

Sharon Fry and her team (Jan Andrews, Rhonda Denny, Phyllis Gallaway, Joy McGoran, and Jan Westerman) presented our new Opportunity Quilt, Victorian Friendship Garden, to the membership. Sharon gave a history of the blocks, Friendship Blocks donated by Dorothy Ingham. Phyllis Gallaway designed the setting and borders using EQ7 and a team applied the borders after Sharon pieced the blocks together. Sharon contacted the designer of the blocks and obtained permission to use the blocks in a raffle.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Andrews  
Recording Secretary