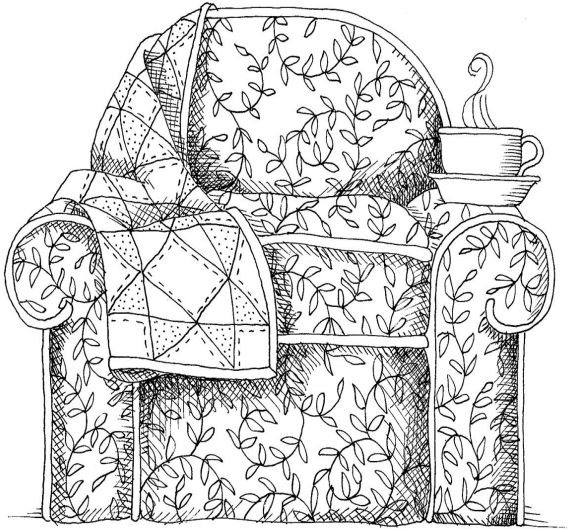




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president's message



Well another year has passed with all the normal life happenings and then some. I've felt the guild was a place to go to get away from the troubles of our times. At least for a few hours. We lost some dear friends and spouses and had some close calls. We had some laughs, some tears, some inspiration and a lot of feel good moments. Being up on the stage at meetings, I saw loving, caring members working hard to make our guild the special thing it is. I, for one, am looking forward to the new administration of Santa Rosa Quilt Guild with the same optimism and hope for more happy days ahead as I feel for our country.

As I've said many times before, it's been an honor and pleasure to be your president for the last two years.

Thank you for the privilege

Pam McVey

programs & workshops

PROGRAM JANUARY 15, 2009 ~ JUDY MATHIESON



Judy became interested in quilting in 1973 while completing a BS degree in Home Economics (Textiles and Clothing) at California State University, Northridge. She lectures and conducts workshops throughout the United States, and has worked in Canada, Japan, Australia, Scotland, New Zealand and England. She is certified by the National Quilt Association as a Judge. Her work has won numerous prizes at Houston Quilt Festival, Pacific International Quilt Festival, Quilt National, Visions, NQA, and many other shows. Mariner's compass quilt designs and their many variations are Judy's specialties.

WORKSHOP JANUARY 16, 2009 ~ "MARINERS COMPASS - SETTING A NEW COURSE"

Learn to draft and piece these exciting radiating stars (mariner's compass type) into circles, ovals or off center circles. Draft your own formal symmetrical star into nearly any shape and size, create a flashy off center star or select a pattern from Judy's book of the above title. Designs will be drafted on foundations to simplify the piecing process. Use of color as well as precision points will be covered.

The workshop will be held at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa.



jane knight harper

Passed away suddenly on October 23, 2008 in Santa Rosa, CA. Jane is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Frederick Troman Harper and three children, Bennett Harper, Wendy Schaedel (Peter) and Kerry Sanford (Charles); four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Jane was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 15, 1917 and didn't realize her full intellectual and artistic talents until she moved to Sonoma County in 1980. Jane loved to cook and bake and became a member of many organizations; Redwood Stitchers, Santa Rosa Garden Club, Santa Rosa Flower Arranger's Guild, Santa Rosa Quilters Guild and Namaste Sangha. She was also the President of the Oakmont Book Review where she shared her knowledge of books after being a school librarian at Cathedral School for Boys in San Francisco. Jane will be missed and loved everyday by her husband, son, daughters, extended family and many, many friends. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at East Recreational Center, 7902 Oakmont Drive, Oakmont. Under the arrangements of SANTA ROSA MORTUARY, 707-545-3747.

community smart card

We need your help for 2009! Help ensure that we have funds for those great programs we all enjoy. Get a Community Smart Card and use it. If your card is expiring or you don't have a card get one from me at the next SRQG meeting or contact me by phone or email. The guild is asking for a small donation of \$3.75 to pay the cost of the card and the cards are good for two years. All you do is show or swipe your Community Smart Card before paying for your purchase and the merchant makes a donation in your name to the guild. This year we have raised \$800 dollars for our guild by using our Community Smart Cards when we shop. I can be contacted at dreamgarden2@comcast.net

✦ Linda Sims

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..

community quilts

We had a great time at the 5th Thursday retreat. Diana Roberts gave a great class on the walking foot and we had many quilts to practice on. At one time I counted 22 sewing machines. If any of you want to join us we would love to have you. Just remember the 5th Thursday and we meet at the Luther Burbank Center on Yulupa Avenue. We are doing a wonderful job on our quilt project this year. To date I have delivered 1080 quilts with many more ready to deliver. Thanks to all of you for making this such a remarkable year. The baby hats are a great benefit to the babies in the NICU. Thank you to all who work so hard to keep ahead of the need for these little hats. The wheelchair bags for the Veterans Home in Yountville is doing very well. I think we will make our goal this year. If you want a pattern, please look on our website. It is a great pattern and the vets really like them. If you want to work on any of our projects just let us know and we can get you started. There is something for everyone.

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QUILTS



Lavella Cassinelli

Joint Board Meeting 2008 and 2009

Friday, December 5th at 10:00 am
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center

holiday gift exchange



If you wish to participate in the Holiday Gift Exchange, bring a wrapped quilt related gift (under \$15) to the Dec. 4th Holiday Luncheon meeting. Please include your name inside the package so your recipient will know who to thank.

technique sharing workshops

Just one more TSW left for the year, this Thursday, Nov. 20 with Linda Hooper, who will lead us in making a quick table runner. Supply list is on TSW page on the SRQG website. Bring your sewing machine to the meeting along with your supplies, and go home with a holiday table runner for yourself, or a gift to give!


I would like to thank to our recent teachers: Diana Roberts, Pam Brown, Anne Dondero and Linda Hooper.

And I would like to thank again all our wonderful technique-sharing teachers for 2008 who graciously offered to teach, or responded positively to my request. I really enjoyed arranging the workshops, and getting to know so many of our dynamic and friendly members, as teachers, students or both!

As for TSWs in 2009, we'll start with Quiltathon Orientation and Preparation at our January 15th guild meeting, followed by more machine quilting instruction at our first 5th Thursday Retreat (Jan. 29th). And Melissa Trunick is already planning a new mystery quilt to intrigue us with on April 2nd.

Stay tuned for more interesting TSWs as 2009 unfolds. Please let Phyllis Gallaway or I know if you have any requests or offers to teach a TSW.

TSWs are free and usually take place at our guild meetings, following lunch. These workshops, led by our own members on a volunteer basis, give our members a chance to share, learn and practice various special techniques related to quilting.

 Tera Antaree


friendship blocks

We have a new friendship block request from Pam Beebe who brought some beautiful cloth back from Africa. The theme is Tanzanian Star. Make the star of your choice using the fabrics provided. Check out the Friendship Block page on our website for more details and a sample of the fabrics.

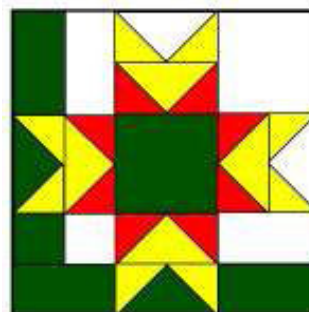
There are still a few spaces left for signups to make a Birdhouse block for Marion Fryer. Create a home for your favorite feathered friend using your preferred method.

Alert! If you have signed up to do an "Oh My Stars" block for Kathy Hannan, the blocks are due at our December meeting.

If you have any questions about the Friendship Block program or would like to sign up to make a block, email me or see me at the meetings.


 Linda Hooper

block of the month



The block for December 2008 is the Christmas Star.

Instructions will be on our website soon.

 Kathy Hannan

cherkasy women's center

John Masura and Shirley Weisman, who have visited before with crafts from the Cherkasy Women's Center, to which we donate sewing related items, will be our special guest program on Dec 4. They will do a slide show of Collars and Patterns of the Ukraine. They will also have craft items for sale (do some Christmas shopping?)



Left: A \$5 doll purchased at the last presentation 6.5" tall.

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sew a row

The Sew-A-Row program is winding down for the year, and after getting off to a speedy start, interest in the projects seemed to wane.

The finished (and in some cases, partially finished) projects will be distributed at the December 4th meeting. My assistant Sandi McConnell and I will roll a die to determine the winner of each project.

Sew-A-Row is on hold for 2009 at this point, and we will revisit the idea later in the year.

Thanks to all who participated in 2008!

 Jan Andrews

donations needed!

Do you have leftover odds and ends of disposable plates, napkins, cups and silverware from your holiday gatherings? If so, please consider donating them to the guild's Hospitality Table.

Or, bring your own reusable plate and silverware and really "go green!"

join our email list

Got e-mail? If you would like to receive guild/quilting notices, reminders (but no jokes ever!) e-mail your e-mail address to Sharon 'the Librarian' Fry. Her e-mail address is in your Membership Directory. At any time you wish to be removed from Sharon's mailing list, just notify her by e-mail.



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THE QUILT SHOW
November 15 - January 31, 2009

Maureen Schmidt • Dana Roberts • Marion Fairbank
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Artist Reception
Saturday, November 15th 6 - 8 pm

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moonlight quilters

January 21 Program:

MQSC annual Round Robin
Move around the room and visit several technique sharing stations.

January 24 Workshop:

"Carpenter's Square" with Colleen Granger. See Colleen's website at www.sewittletimequilting.com

Everyone is invited to attend the Programs at 7 pm, Veterans Building, Santa Rosa. Workshops are open to everyone.

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



library news

While I was depositing newly introduced books on the library table a guild member commented that there were already names on the Reserve Lists that are paper clipped to the books and magazines. I make it no secret that I try to give percs to the people who go the extra mile to help out at our guild. Did you know that many people start arriving shortly after I unlock the doors around 9:00 a.m. even though the meetings are not called to order until 10:00? It takes lots of people to unpack and organize the items that help to run our meetings. And some of those people are still there when I lock the doors at 3:00 p.m. If you find extra time on your hands before or after a meeting, let me know and I might know of a job that needs tending to, and not just in the library. Sometimes an extra hand is needed in the kitchen, or maybe showing a brand new person around, or unpacking a box of donations for the Silent Auction table, and on and on. Many people have met their new best friend while volunteering at a guild meeting.

I have LOTS of new books to tell you about because many are published just in time for the big Houston show in the Fall. Since we will not be meeting on the first Thursday in January, which is New Year's Day, we will have a six-week vacation from guild meetings from December 4 until January 15. Many of you will be exceptionally busy during those weeks with holiday preparations, but there will be times you will just want to sit and look at pictures of pretty quilts, or read one of our library's novels that mentions quilting, so I suggest you check out lots and lots of books that first Thursday in December – and kindly return them the third Thursday in 2009.

501 ROTARY-CUT QUILT BLOCKS by Judy Hopkins – To quote the back cover: "Welcome to the ultimate quilt-block reference book! Best-selling author Judy Hopkins combines blocks from her popular *Around the Block* series into one handy volume." And more: "Each of the blocks is offered in six different sizes." Wow – that is the type of book review I like to write – didn't even have to think, which gives me more time to dream about actually making quilts! Every quilter should take a peek at this book so that you are aware that this super resource exists. I know that many of you will want me to order a copy for your very own personal library. It is a great deal at my price of about \$22.

SISTER'S CHOICE – A Shenandoah Album Novel by Emilie Richards (Number 5 in the series, and I suggest reading them in order – there is a list of the

novels taped to the side of the rolling library cart, along with other favorite fiction novelists, Jennifer Chiaverini and Earlene Fowler)– What a nice coincidence that this book arrived the day my sister departed after her lovely visit! This big, fat novel is an easy read that is hard to put down. I am not going to tell you anything about it, and I very strongly suggest you do not read the flyleaf as it gives away too much, and I would rather have the story unfold without the hints.

QUILT ALONG WITH EMILIE RICHARDS – SISTER'S CHOICE – While reading the novel, glance through the companion book to see what the quilts look like that the author is describing. Patterns are included, as well as quotes from the novel.

QUILT ALONG WITH EMILIE RICHARDS – LOVER'S KNOT – the companion book for her third novel – now we have all of the companion books

WEDDING RING by Emilie Richards – the First in the Shenandoah Album series – replacement for the original that disappeared. If the person who took it home with them without filling out the check-out card would please return the book, no questions will be asked. This book has so many people on the Reserve List that an extra copy would be nice to have.

DEBBIE MUMM'S BIRDHOUSES FOR EVERY SEASON by Debbie Mumm – I needed a bit of incentive to make a Friendship Block for Marian Fryer, and this book got me started in the right direction, even though you will never find my creation in this book. My collection of cat fabrics jumped onto my cutting table and the block made itself. I hope Marian has a good sense of humor!

FUSE-AND-TELL JOURNAL QUILTS – CREATE YOUR STORY IN CLOTH by Laura Wasilowski – To quote the back cover: "Turn your favorite life moments into charming little fused quilts. Get started with 6 complete projects, then make your own one-of-a-kind creations. Put them together fast with easy fusing techniques: no-sew applique, no-baste quilting, even no-sew binding! Easy enough for kids to make on their own."

LAURA WASILOWSKI TEACHES YOU TO CREATE FUSED ART QUILTS by Laura Wasilowski – a



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Library News continued

DVD to watch on your television, or on your computer if yours has the feature to view movies. If you have been fearful of fusing, be sure to watch this. There are so many tips and hints. One of my favorites is if you are using a decorative blade in your rotary cutter, be sure to turn your rotary mat to the reverse side as those decorative blades can do damage to the mats.

THE QUILTER'S KITCHEN – AN ELM CREEK QUILTS NOVEL WITH RECIPES (#13) by Jennifer Chiaverini – Meet the newest member of the Elm Creek “family,” Anna, the cook, as she and Sylvia clean out the kitchen in preparation for a major rehab and talk about the many events that have taken place there, along with the recipes. I suggest reading these novels in order.

OLD MAID'S PUZZLE by Terri Thayer (second in her mystery series – DO read in order) VERY light reading, but hard to put down. You will never look at your ironing board in the same way after laughing your way through this book. If you like Mark Lipinski's quilting magazine, you will like this style of writing. I warn you that this is the first quilt book I have put into our library with four-letter-words, including the one that starts with an f and ends with uck (and I am not talking about a fire truck).

HELEN KELLEY'S JOY OF QUILTING – MORE WIT AND WISDOM FROM AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR QUILTING COLUMNIST by Helen Kelley – Tera Antaree enjoyed reading Helen's first book when she checked it out of our library and asked me to order the next two. You will recognize Helen's name as having written a column in Quilters Newsletter magazine for over twenty years. Helen Kelly is a master quilter. Her “Renaissance Quilt” was chosen one of the 100 Best Quilts of the Twentieth Century. She is the 2008 inductee into the prestigious Quilters Hall of Fame. Her charming stories, just a page or two or three long, are inspiration to all quilters, new or accomplished. Every quilter can identify with her words. Shortly after I introduced Helen's books into our guild library I was notified that Helen had recently passed away. I am glad that we have her books to help guide us through quilting, and life.

LOOSE THREADS – STORIES TO KEEP QUILTERS IN STITCHES by Helen Kelly (please see the above paragraph)

STACK-N-WHACKIPEDIA by Bethany S. Reynolds – It hardly seems possible that it was ten years ago that Bethany introduced us to her marvelous method for turning the right piece of fabric into so many dif-

ferent designs. Even if you have not read Bethany's other books, this one contains enough information for you to make a masterpiece. Plus it has a few new designs, too.

FOOLPROOF MACHINE QUILTING – LEARN TO USE YOUR WALKING FOOT; PAPER-CUT PATTERNS FOR NO MARKING, NO MATH; SIMPLE STITCHING FOR STUNNING RESULTS by Mary Mashuta – One of Mary's tips is to use a heavy-weight thread to make your stitches show up more. Read this book, then grab a few Community Quilts from Lavella Cassinelli to practice on!

QUILTS FOR ROSIE (No, NOT Rosie, our African Grey Parrot, but Rosie the Riveter) – Paper Piecing Patterns from the '40's by Carolyn Cullinan McCormick – Learn how quilts were a part of World War II, including four made by prisoners of war.

THREAD PAINTING MADE EASY by Terry White – You will be amazed at the intricacy of pictures made on the sewing machine. To quote the author ~~ “Three extremely important tension factors: user/operator/YOU.” Tons of great tips for trying to eliminate headaches and threadbreaks, and more.

KAFFE FASSETT'S COUNTRY GARDEN QUILTS – includes quilts by the Berkeley twins Roberta Horton and Mary Mashuta. 20 quilts for all levels of sewers, photographed in a garden at a 15th century manor home in Sussex England. As always, enjoy the colors!

LIBERTY & JUSTICE FOR ALL – QUILTS CELEBRATING OUR AMERICAN SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN by Vicki Lynn Oehlke – Designs included for Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard to be showcased on an American flag pattern

BLUE RIBBON QUILTS by Linda Causee and Rita Weiss – Patterns for 14 quilts that have won top prizes in shows, fairs, and contests

BIG BLOCKS, BIG QUILTS – 11 Easy Quilts with “Layer Cake” 10 inch squares by Suzanne McNeill – larger squares, of course, make into quilts faster. Great for Community Quilts!

Not just at this time of year, but every time I drive back home to Sonoma from one of our Guild meetings I reflect on all I have to be thankful for. Meeting days just fly by as they are packed with so many treats for us, including first-rate speakers that are acquired with funds from selling opportunity quilt tickets, seeing quilt masterpieces by our very own members, and most importantly – all of the terrific Quilt Guild Members! HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EACH OF YOU!



Sharon ‘The Librarian’ Fry

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- LIBRARY BOOKS • LUNCH • NO PETS • NO PERFUME •
- REUSABLE PLATE & FORK • CELL PHONE ON SILENT •

srqg 2008 calendar

NOVEMBER

20 Program Meeting

Snooze-You-Lose Mini Group Show and Tell
TSW: Linda Hooper's quick table runner
WIP Challenges due

27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DECEMBER

4 Holiday Potluck

Gift Exchange
Sew-A-Rows displayed and distributed

21 Happy Hannukah

25 Merry Christmas

2009 Membership

And Don't Forget!

Now Due



Quilt Shows and Places To Go

January 24-25, 2009

"Heart of the Valley Quilt & Textile Arts Show"
 Country Crossroads Quilters
 Modesto Centre Plaza, Modesto, CA
<http://www.countrycrossroadsquilters.com/09QuiltShow.html>

February 6, 7 & 8, 2009

"Whispers of the Past"
 Folsom Quilt and Fiber Guild
 Folsom Community Center, Folsom, CA
<http://www.folsomquilt.org/>

February 21-22, 2009

"The Universe of Quilts-Yours to Discover"
 Pajaro Valley Quilt Association
 Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds,
 Santa Cruz, CA
http://www.pvqa.org/site/index.php/site/quiltshow_2009/

March 7-8, 2009

"Symphony of Color"
 San Francisco Quilters Guild
 Concourse Exhibition Center, San Francisco
 **Judy Mathieson is a featured quilter!
<http://www.sfquiltersguild.org/>

March 21-22, 2009

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County
 Centre Concord, Concord, CA
<http://www.contracostaquiltguild.org/>

Travel Opportunities

Road to California

January 15-18, 2009
 Ontario Convention Center
 Ontario, CA
<http://www.road2ca.com/>

Out of Hand and Heart A Quilt Retreat

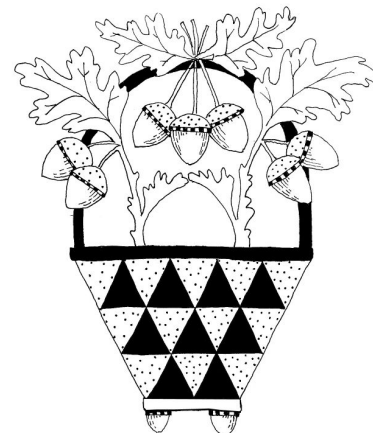
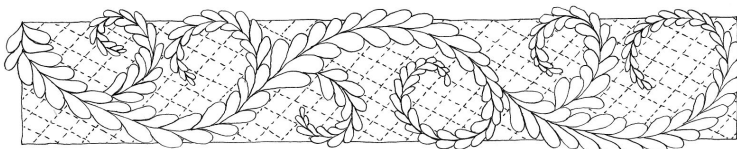
April 26-30, 2009
 Cambria Pines Lodge, Cambria, CA
<http://www.sandyturner.com/retreats.html>

French Art & Textile Tour

The Riviera and Provence
 May 8—21, 2009
 For more information:
<http://www.jeannemillstours.com/>

Alegre Retreat: An Art Quilter's Retreat

May 31 - June 5, 2009
 Katie Pasquini-Masopust & Fran Skiles
 Gateway Canyons Resort
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SANTA ROSA QUILT GUILD

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to preserve and continue the tradition, culture, and history of the art of quilt making, to contribute to the growth of knowledge of quilting techniques, and to sponsor and support quilting activities within the community. Membership is open to any individual with an active interest in quilting and a willingness to comply with the guild's policies and procedures.



Please print when filling out the following form for membership in the guild or to make any changes to your roster information. Your name, address, etc. will be added to the membership roster when next published. This information is to be used only for guild business and news. Members are expected to respect the privacy of other members.

Today's date _____

Check # _____

Is this a Renewal or New Membership or Change of information?

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to our guild!

How did you hear about us? Website Quilt Shop Word-of-mouth

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EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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How do you prefer to receive our monthly newsletter? Read online or Receive paper copy

Would you like to receive guild news via email ? Yes or No

Membership dues are due by January 1. Please send check for \$30 made payable to **SRQG.**

To: Membership
Santa Rosa Quilt Guild
PO Box 9251
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

The first year's dues are pro-rated:
\$15 for joining during the 3rd quarter; \$7.50 for joining during the 4th quarter.