

## VINTAGE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN

This quilt was initiated in 1991 as a seed planted by Dorothy Ingham when she requested album blocks be hand appliquéd for her through the Friendship Block program of the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild. She chose designs from a book by Jeana Kimball, RED AND GREEN – AN APPLIQUE TRADITION, published by That Patchwork Place, printed in 1990.

Fellow guild members who created blocks were Katie Alix and Gene Isaacs, now sadly both deceased; Sue Haley and her daughter Sharon Nugent; Jeanette Hensley; Muriel Leary; Lois Stephens; Leslie Roberts; Sue Haley and her daughter Sharon Nugent; Jeanette Hensley; Muriel Leary; Lois Stephens; Leslie Roberts; Rita Robinson; Mitzi Dowling, who Dorothy had to convince to participate and helped her learn to appliqué, and now Mitzi still amazes us with her spectacular designs and perfect stitching); and Dorothy Ingham herself who made the center medallion as well as several other blocks.

The blocks were tucked away until April 2012 when Dorothy wrote to Sharon Fry asking if she or the Guild would be interested in inheriting them. Sharon presented the blocks at a Board Meeting where they were met with much admiration and enthusiasm, and the blocks came out of hibernation to be tended and grown into an "Opportunity Quilt" (a.k.a. raffle quilt, which is the annual major fund raiser for the Guild).

Sharon received written permission from the author of the book, as well as the publisher, to use the block designs for the Opportunity Quilt.

Phyllis Gallaway immediately went to work designing the swag borders while Sharon assembled the blocks. Phyllis and Sharon hunted high and low for border fabrics to coordinate with the blocks made from yesteryear and made the purchases at Broadway Quilts in Sonoma. The quilt shop owner, Gery Rosemurgy, very generously donated the precious paisley for the backing.

A full-day work/luncheon party was hostessed by Sharon at Broadway Quilts to prepare the borders. Phyllis shared with the group her special techniques for hand appliqué

Attendees were: Jan Andrews, Rhonda Denny Joy McGoran, and Jan Westerman.

Kathy Martin, owner of TopStitchers, was hired to do the machine quilting. Wendy Mouille assisted with the hand stitching of the binding.

At the request of Glenda Ross, Sharon applied three sleeves for display hanging.

After much watering, fertilizing, and tender loving care, VINTAGE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN was in full bloom in time to be introduced to the members of the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild at a meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2013.

The Santa Rosa Quilt Guild thanks Dorothy Ingham for sharing her treasures with us.

We hope the lucky winner of this quilt will cherish it as much as all of those of use who have tended this friendship garden of vintage blocks.

Sharon Fry, Coordinator

100% cotton fabrics, all pre-washed Batting 80% cotton and 20% polyester  
Size: 85" x 85"