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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, summer really came quickly for us here in Sonoma County. That always means the Moonlighter's quilt show is soon, actually the weekend of June 7th and 8th. They do a great job of organizing their show. I am very thankful to have a place locally to participate in a show. Thanks to everyone in our guild who entered quilts and/or signed up to help with the show. The cooperation between the guilds is wonderful. There is nothing quite like seeing 400 quilts in one place. I always feel energized after a show and want to come home and sew like the wind.....sew many quilts, so little time. I hope that you have time to sew and enjoy this wonderful adventure that we are on called quilting.

## JUNE/JULY PROGRAMS

On June 19, Judy Sisneros, will present her trunk show entitled "Imagination and Inspiration". She will share her enthusiastic approach to getting inspiration and using imagination to create her quilts.

Judy's book, Simply Landscapes, was published by Animas Quilts in 1994. You can get a preview of Judy's work at the upcoming Moonlighter's Quilt Show— Wine Country Quilts 2003, where she will be the featured quilter. Due to low enrollment, her workshop has been cancelled.



Curves Around the Block by Judy Sisneros

On July 17, we will have a Show &Tell given by the Lady of the Lake Quilt Guild. Four of their members, Kerrie Hershey, Wilma Taylor (Betty Upchurchs sister), Carole Smith and Dottie Kauffman will share their quilts and experiences with us. We will be sending a group to do a similar program for them in the future. If you have ever been to one of their quilt shows, you will know that these are some very talented ladies and this should be an interesting and informative program.

## JUNE/JULY WORKSHOPS

Sharon Fry's Collage Vest TSW (Technique Sharing Workshop) has changed to a full day hands-on sewing class! Instead of just an hour after the meeting on June 19, Sharon will be teaching the workshop on Friday, June 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 with a maximum of 10 students. Those who signed up for the Collage Vest TSW on Thursday have first priority for the Friday workshop. The class will take place in the Community Room at Villa Los Alamos off Highway 12. A supply list and directions to Los Alamos will be given to students when they sign up (at the workshop booth) and pay for the workshop. We will be brown bagging our lunch that day. Some sewing experience is necessary, a vest pattern that fits you would be nice, but not mandatory, and a good working relationship with your sewing machine is absolutely required!

Contact Ruth Rosenberg or Sharon Fry for more information. Lavella Cassinelli"s Stack and Whack Quilt TSW (Technique Sharing Workshop) has changed to a short TSW on Gathering Supplies Stack and Whack Quilt Blocks after the Guild meeting on July 3 followed by a full day hands-on workshop on Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The cost of the workshop is \$10 with a maxi-



Sharon Fry, wearing bunny ears, and one of her signature vests

mum of 10 students. Please sign up at the workshop booth. A supply list and the location of the workshop will be distributed at the July 3 TSW meeting with Lavella.

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## Getting to Know Diana Roberts



There is such a gentleness about those involved in quilting. I feel through these talents and accomplishments, we are able to express ourselves, solve problems, build self esteem and demonstrate affection to others. Our president, Diana Roberts, is the epitome of these concepts.

Diana was born in Reno, Nevada. During her early childhood she was adopted. At one time she lived in Southern Oregon, a time she claims to be the fondest memory of her early years. Later the family returned to Reno where she received her education. After graduation from high school, she attended college in Colorado. Soon after, she married her husband, Don. the couple have two grown children, Alissa and David. Alisa has an 19 month old daughter who brings much happiness to Diana and Don. Diana cites raising her two children to be one of her most rewarding experiences.

About ten years ago, a cousin form her biological family located Diana. Her cousin, Marilyn, deeply influenced Diana's life by sharing background history of her family tree. Yet another surprise to digest — a member of the

clan includes Jesse James! Marilyn became a special gift whom Diana credits for bringing motivation and a spirit of joyfulness to her life. Diana said, "She lit a fire which got me going". Imagine being informed after all those years wondering about your past. Needless to say, Diana and Marilyn have become best friends.

Prior to moving to Sonoma County, Diana held a position as technical editor for C & T Publishing. She certainly must have been an asset to the company with her multitalented sewing skills and love of teaching.

Diana's favorite place to relax is in her sewing room which is painted yellow, her "happy room" She considers sewing or reading western fiction to be "friends who are there for me". She describes quilting to be a spiritually uplifting experience. The only issue she spoke of was a need to perfect the directional art of using freezer paper in the process of quilting. (I hope I convinced her she is not dyslexic!)

One more thing, before signing off, her biggest hope is to hear someone volunteer to take the SRQG presidency next year.

Thank you kindly, Diana, for this lovely interview, sharing your life.

— Ruth Sayers

(Editor's note: It is so wonderful to have Ruth back, with her charming interviews of guild members!)

### THE POINTLESS SISTERS

The intrepid art quilt group, The Pointless Sisters, is growing in participation and spirit. We meet monthly to share our work and for critiquing. We meet at the Coddingtown Community Center and there is a fee for participation to cover the room rent and other expenses incurred by our activities, such as entering our "Fractured Water Lily Quilt" in several quilt shows.

A periodic challenge is given. Our current challenge is to create an 18" x 18" quilt with the theme Essence of Self. The deadline has been extended to the July meeting.

Join us for an artsy experience! Our next meeting is June 24.

## TECHNIQUE SHARING WORKSHOPS

Summer is a good time to do some quick and easy projects in your sewing room. With that in mind our Technique Sharing Workshops for June 5<sup>th</sup> are Making Pillowcase to Match Your Quilt by Melissa Trunck and Knitting Baby Hats for the Community Quilt Project by Lee Trevelyan and Mary Wood. Check the TSW poster at our meetings or the Guild website for the date and workshop details. Coming on July 17<sup>th</sup> is The Pin Cushion Chicken Workshop taught by Phyllis Gallaway. This is a fun event that will have everyone smiling. For those of you who attended the Hand Quilting Workshop, Marilyn Swanson will be doing a follow-up clinic on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

After our meetings, drop by the TSW booth and sign up for future workshops. All changes in the calendar will be posted on the TSW Poster. Instructions for workshops are available at our booth or on the guild website. If you are interested in sharing your quilting expertise at a TSW, contact me at 707-578-2269 or email me: <a href="mailto:dreamgarden@att.net">dreamgarden@att.net</a>.

## QUILTER'S QUOTE

My Quilts are autobiographical and a tribute to the human spirit.

Sylvia H. Einstein in Contemporary Quilts, Quilt National 1997.

# Santa Rosa Quilt Guild Library

With the help and support of so many generous members, our Library has grown to 1405 books, and has been called the Best Quilt Guild Library in the Entire World! No, not all of the books fit on the cart that we roll into the meeting room, but they are tucked away in a cupboard nearby— so if you do not see what you are seeking, please ask and I will try to help you find just what you desire while giving you a mini lesson as to my ever-changing filing system. Also stashed in a closet in binders so

a mini lesson as to my ever-changing filing system. Also stashed in a closet in binders sorted by year and month, we have the entire collection of Quilter's Newsletter magazines, plus many issues of such helpful magazines as Threads, American Quilter's Society, Fons and Porter's For the Love of Quilting, McCall's Quilting, Art Quilt, Miniature Quilts, and the Australian Patchwork and Quilting. If we do not own the publication you need, we will just have to make some money and buy it! Do let me know your wishes.

I always look forward to American Quilter's Society's publication of winners of their annual contest of creating a new design from a traditional pattern. This year's **FEATHERED STAR – NEW QUILTS FROM AN OLD FA-VORITE** was exceptionally exciting as one of our own Guild Members, Cathy Zeleny, has for the second year in a row had her quilt included!

We now have almost all of Mary Ellen Hopkins' books with the addition of A LOG CABIN NOTEBOOK. Mary Ellen's humor and logic, along with good design sense and tips, always make her books good places to start with a project idea.

Remember when you were in Kindergarten and you made a print of your hand for a Mother's Day card? Well, Marcia L. Layton has run with that idea in her book HANDPRINT QUILTS – CREATING CHILDREN'S KEEP-SAKES WITH PAINT AND FABRIC. I did not know that a hand could make a charming turkey, flower bouquet, or heart, as well as many other cute objects. This is a great idea for a quilt to thank a special teacher, or to capture history in a project for a grand parent.

Virginia Lindstrom and Selma Sklar were watching the Nancy Zieman TV show and requested her 10-20-30 MIN-UTES TO SEW FOR THE HOME book. I am "sew" glad that they were my extra set of eyes as this book shows us how to make organizers for our sewing room, as well as many other projects.

Jean Ray Laury has poured a vast amount of knowledge and examples into her latest book **THE FABRIC STAMPING HANDBOOK**.

We have all of Kumido Sudo's books in our Library, and her newest, **FOLDED FLOWERS – FABRIC ORIGAMI WITH A TWIST OF SILK RIBBON** combines peaceful prose with her riot of fabrics embellished with three-dimensional flowers.

With so many new faces in our Guild, do yourselves a big favor (as well as helping me out!) – please wear your nametags so that we can get to know everyone. I seem to mention this more than overdue books in the newsletter – but getting to know PEOPLE is very important.

OK, thinking about overdue books – books are to be returned at the next meeting (they are not checked out for a month like the public libraries!). Let's keep them circulating.

My thanks to all who help out in our Library. We can always use more assistance, so come on back for five minutes to be trained!

Shawn 'the Librarian' Fry

P. S. I am also the person who relays information to our 124 members who have e-mail. If you would like to be included on my master list to receive Guild related reminders, updates, clarifications, etc., please e-mail me your e-mail address at sfry@vom.com

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## Santa Rosa Quilt Guild 2003 Calendar

### JUNE

- 5 General Meeting; TSW: Pillowcase to Match Your Quilt, Melissa Trunick; Knitting Baby Caps, Lee Trevelyan, Mary Wood
- 7,8 Moonlighter's Quilt Show
- 19 Judy Sisneros: Imagination & Inspiration TSW: Hawaiian Applique, Juanita Campbell
- 20 Sharon Fry; Collage Vest
- 24 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm.
- 26 Board Meeting

### **J**ULY

- 3 General Meeting; TSW: Stack & Whack Gathering Suplies
- 17 Lady of the Lake Quilters; TSW,: Pinchushion Chicken, P Gallaway; Handquilting clinic, Marilyn Swanson
- 18 Stack & Whack, Lavella Cassinelli
- The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm. No board Meeting
- 31 Quilt Retreat, Coddingtown Community Room

#### AUGUST

- 7 General Meeting; return of the UFOS; TSW: Fabric dying, Justine Lott and Linda Morand
- 21 Judy Mullen 20 Years of Quilts; TSW: Surface Design of Fabric, Gerrie Congdon
- 22 Workshop; Judy Mullen Autumn Leaf Wreath
- 25 Embroidery Club, Coddingtown Com. Rm, 10 -3
- 26 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm.
- 28 Board Meeting

### **S**EPTEMBER

- 4 General Meeting
- 18 Founders Day Luncheon; Challenge Quilts due
- The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm.
- 25 Board Meeting

### **O**CTOBER

- 2 General Meeting; Quiltathon
- 10 Pacific International Quilt Festival Bus Trip
- 16 Program (TBA); TSW: How to Make a Tote Organizer, Melissa Trunick;
- 17 Workshop (TBA)
- 28 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm.
- 23 Board Meeting
- 30 Quilt Retreat, Coddingtown Community Room

### November

- 6 General Meeting;
- 20 Program (TBA)
- 24 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddingtown Com. Rm. No Board Meeting

#### **D**ECEMBER

4 Holiday Luncheon



## SHARING OUR ART

On Tuesday, May 6, members of the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild speakers bureau presented a trunk show of quilts to 25 members of the Women's Guild of the Church of the Incarnation in Santa Rosa. Elizabeth Marrs and Linda Morand explained a bit about each quilt, shared anecdotes about them, and answered questions of the Guild members.

Lee Treyelan was on hand with our spectacular new opportunity quilt, "Celebrate America." The Guild members enthusiastically purchased tickets with hopes of winning the quilt next year!

In recent years the speakers bureau has presents talks and trunk shows to groups at the Brighton Gardens Senior Residence in Santa Rosa, the Sharpsteen Museum in Calistoga, Silvercrest Towers and the Treasure House in Santa Rosa.

If you are interested in sharing your excitement over quilts and would like to become part of our speakers bureau, contact Linda or Elizabeth. Our Guild receives requests from community organizations and school groups interested in our presentations. One of the stated purposes of Santa Rosa Quilt Guild is to preserve and continue the tradition, culture and history of the art of quilt making, and to sponsor and support quilting activities within the larger community.

## CHEVY'S FUNDRAISER

Don't forget our fundraiser on Tuesday, June 10 at Chevys in Railroad Square. All you have to do is go to dinner between 4 and 10 PM. Mention Santa Rosa Quilt Guild or hand your server the yellow flyer, which are left on all the tables at meetings, when you

order. Chevy's will donate 20% of the sales to us. Please let them know if you are coming with more than eight people. See you there and have fun.



## SONOMA COUNTY FAIR

The Sonoma County Fair starts July 22 and ends August 4, 2003. Here are some important dates to remember. Entry Guidebooks will be available May 1. Entry date deadline is June 6 (an entry form is in each book). Delivery date is July 8 and 9 and pick up date is August 6, 12 noon - 5 pm.

Santa Rosa Quilt guild gives two awards: Adult, "Best Hand Quilting" and Junior "Special Award". The hand quilting award is a ribbon and \$25.00. The quilt must be 3500 square inches or 24.5 feet to be eligible for this award. (Multiply the width times the length to obtain square inches, in case you have forgotten elementary school math!) Decision if up to the Fair Judge.

The Junior "Special Award" is a ribbon and \$10.00. The Fair judge observes the basic rules of quilting. Possibly the uniformity of stitches and good choice of color and design.

## COMMUNITY QUILTS

On May 1st we had our quilt-a-thon and what a great day we had. There were at least 45 members that were sewing, cutting the batting, pinning, and hand sewing on the quilts. We sandwiched 165 quilts for Sutter Hospital and many went home to be quilted and returned. What a delight seeing so many of our members working together, visiting and having a great time. I always feel so good when I see everyone working so hard for such a good cause. Our luncheon was a huge success and thanks to Angie Kiker for organizing it. The nurses brought deserts and the deserts were enjoyed by all. We had a surprise visit from Dr. Brewer from Sutter Hospital. He was very impressed with the job we are doing on the quilts. Thanks

so much to everyone who has worked on the quilts from cutting the squares to sewing the tops and then finishing the quilts. Our hat project is really doing great. There will be a technique sharing on knitting the hats so check on the board for date and time. The hats are wonderful and it is so cute to see the little babies with their hats on. Several ladies are working on the hats and I want to thank them for their wonderful work. The major contributors are Dolly Hains, Lee Trevelyan, Sue Columbo, Mary Wood, Sharon Mills and Marilyn Crawford. Many thanks to you all.



Lavella Cassinelli, Community Quilts Chairperson

## NCQC QUILT HAPPENINGS

## **J**UNE

**7 to 8** Wine Country Quilt Show, Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County. Veterans Bldg. 1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa--Across from the Sonoma County Fair Grounds. Information: 707 528-1671 The mailing address is PO Box 6882 Santa Rosa 95406. Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 4. contact: rathbun@sonic.net

**8 June to 31 July** Different Seasons, Different Reasons, An exhibit of quilts from the Carmel Adult School. Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand Ave. Pacific Grove, 10-5 Mon-Sat., 12-4 Sunday Contact: 831-375-4453.

12 to 15 Judging Quilts and Wearable Art at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula. Teachers will be Barsha Elzey, Elizabeth Marrs, Helen Powell and Heather Waldron Tewell. For information, please contact Pam Overton, Registrar, The Traveling Quilters, P.O. Box 3214, Manhattan Beach 90266. (310) 546-5990 (eve), (310) 812-8752 (day; pamoverton@earthlink.net or Sue Glass (310) 372-3945 or golarry@aol.com

**21 to 22** Carson Valley Quilt Guild presents "The Americana Quilt Show" Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 4. Fuji Park Exhibit Hall, 701 old Clear Creek Rd. Carson City, NV. information: Maggi Davis (775) 831-4874 RLDAVIS1@aol.com

26 to 29 Shop Hop by the Bay. Contact one of the sponsoring shops: Back Porch Fabrics, Pacific Grove (831) 375-4453; Black Cat Quilts, San Francisco, (415) 337-1355; Cabrillo Sewing Center, Capitola (831) 462-3930; Creative Friends Crafts,

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### JULY

**16** NCQC Quarterly meeting. 10:00 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. "Meet the Teachers" Program

19 to 20 'The Colors of Summer' A Quilt and Fiber Arts Exhibit presented by Creative Quilters of Nevada, Lawlor Events Center, University of Nevada, Reno, North Virginia & Fifteenth. Sat 9-6 & Sun 9-4. Featured Quilt Artist: Yvonne Porcella & Featured Wearable Art Artist: Rami Kim, Workshops on Saturday and Sunday by: Yvonne Porcella, Rami Kim, Scarlett Rose & Regis Liess, Special display of Celtic Quilts, For info: e-mail rknrk@gbis.com or send SASE to Rita Kuehn, POB 1102, Gardnerville, NV 89410

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