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## President's Message

It *seems* like I learn something new every time I sew. There is always something new to learn or a new techniques to conquer. I am looking forward to the machine embroidery workshop that we are having in March. I hope that it is the same for you, that you look forward to our meetings and all that the guild offers. The technique sharing workshops are so valuable. Linda Sims does a wonderful job of organizing and being on top of what the members want to do. If you get a chance say thanks to her for the hard work.

My desire is that you find the guild a friendly and inspiring place. If you are overwhelmed that is ok too, you can choose the things that interest you most. Years ago a friend on mine said that you could quilt forever, you can only have so much macramé, stained glass or painted objects but you never run out of patterns and ideas for quilts. Maybe in heaven there is a quilters corner.....let's see, an unlimited supply of thread and fabric in a rainbow of colors, someone to cook and run the vacuum.....

I want to thank our Vice President Maggie Dunn for conducting the March 6th meeting.

— Diana Roberts

## March Activities

The March program and workshop will be given by Diane Kelsay. Diane is a professional nature photographer who has recently begun interpreting some of her photos in fiber, adapting quilting and piecing techniques. The program is *QUILTS INSPIRED BY NATURE*, demonstrating some of her creations.

See how nature can inspire creations in fabric and other fibers. You will be looking at every natural environment you visit from a new perspective and with a new enthusiasm. Learn how to capture natural designs as quilts or other fiber art.



Diane Kelsay

The workshop, on March 21, will be **FREE MOTION EMBROIDERY AND QUILTING**. You will need a sewing machine with the ability to drop the feed dogs. The rest will be learning to hand guide the machine in creating a variety of embroidery effects.



Sample of Diane's Work

## March 2003 Technique Sharing Workshops

Did you know? After most Thursday Guild meetings the Guild sponsors free one hour Technique Sharing Workshops. Bring your lunch and join us for informative, fun programs presented by our own expert quilters.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Marilyn Swanson will be doing a two-part workshop on Hand Quilting. If you want to participate in this workshop be sure to pick up your supply list at the Technique Sharing Workshop Booth on March 6<sup>th</sup>. You will be starting a hand-quilting project at the first session. >

## TSW, cont.

Shirley Young will be show you how to make a fringed quilt on March 20<sup>th</sup> and then you can use those soft winter flannels now available in the fabric stores to make a cuddly quilt throw.

We began 2003 with a great turn out for our Bulls Eye Quilt and Photographing Your Quilt for Competition workshops. Thank you, Sharon Fry and Cathy Zeleny, our instructors for this years first TSW's.

Sneak Previews: In April, Bob Oliver demonstrates mitered corners and bindings and in May, Linda Thomas will be showing us how to make a July 4<sup>th</sup> Flag Banner.

After our meetings drop by the TSW booth and sign up for future workshops.

If you are interested in sharing your quilting knowledge and experience at a Technique Sharing Workshop, contact me at 707-578-2269 or email me: [dreamgarden@att.net](mailto:dreamgarden@att.net).

— Linda Sims, TSW Program Coordinator

## SRQG 2003 TECHNIQUE SHARING WORKSHOPS

DATE	WORKSHOP	INSTRUCTOR(S)
Mar 6	Mystery Quilt	Melissa Trunick
Mar 20	Hand Quilting Session 1 of 2	Marilyn Swanson
Mar 20	Making a Fringed Quilt	Shirley Young
Apr 3	Hand Quilting Session 2 of 2	Marilyn Swanson
Apr 17	Mitered Corner and Bindings	Bob Oliver
May 15	July 4th Flag Banner	Linda Thomas
Jun 5	Pillowcase to Match Your Quilt	Melissa Trunick
Jun 19	Hawaiian Applique	Juanita Campbell
July 17	To be announced	
Aug 7	Fabric dying	Justine Lott & Linda Morand
Aug 21	Printing Images on Fabric	Gerrie Congdon
Sep 4	Stack and Whack , gathering supplies	Lavella Cassinelli
Oct 16	How to Make a Tote Organizer	Melissa Trunick
Oct 16	Stack and Whack cutting	Lavella Cassinelli
Nov 6	Stack and Whack sewing blocks	Lavella Cassinelli

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## SANTA ROSA QUILT GUILD LIBRARY

At our Speaker Meeting in January I mentioned that I would only be introducing one book as it was the Board policy that we try to keep the announcements at a minimum on those Program days, and that I would more than make up for it at the General Meeting (the first meeting in the month) with a ton of new books and magazines to introduce. Someone in the audience applauded. In analyzing that applause later I was not sure if it was coming from someone who does not appreciate the book reviews and happy that I was keeping it short, or from someone who loves the books and was anticipating hearing about the new additions to our Library. Being the Optimist that I am, I am hoping for the latter. But if I am wrong, then I hope that those who do not enjoy reading (and I know that there are one or two as they indicated as such in a poll that was taken a few years back) will maybe busy themselves with stitching labels on baby quilts or whatever during my talk so as not to become too bored. Of course, those people who do not read are not reading this column about Library books so please pass on my thoughts to the appropriate people!

I am encouraged by the many wonderful comments I receive from our Members about the numerous and varied books we have in our Library (now over 1400!), and once again I must share those words of encouragement with the many, many volunteers who help to make our Library run as smoothly as possible. If you have ideas to help make our Library better, please share with me.

My thanks to all of you who keep your eyes and ears open for the newest books that will interest our Guild. DO check out lots and lots of books at each meeting – but please remember to return them promptly as there are many waiting to share those books.

— Sharon 'the Librarian' Fry

And now let me tell you about our newest books:

**FRAYED-EDGE FUN – 10 COZY QUILTS**

by Evelyn Sloppy This book was inspired by the Bull's-Eye pattern from **QUILTS FROM AUNT AMY** that I have been teaching at our Technique Sharing Workshop.

**SEW EASY RAG QUILTING** by Four Corners Designs more flannel quilt/frayed edges ideas

**LOG CABIN FEVER** by Evelyn Sloppy yes, the same author as in the previous book mentioned! Add a variety of the traditional, easy-to-construct Log Cabin blocks as borders to a multitude of different types of blocks such as hearts, bear paws, and stars to give a great twist to your quilts.

**BEYOND THE BLOCKS – QUILTS WITH GREAT BORDERS**

by Nancy J. Martin Yes, another book on borders! Take a group of blocks and let Nancy show you how to put them into an interesting setting, then frame them with a variety of borders. Something for every level of quilter.

**CUTTING BEE QUILTS**

by Marianne Fons and Liz Porter They wrote an article for their magazine Sew Many Quilts, then expanded on the idea for this book. I immediately handed it over to Melissa Trunick as I am sure she will come up with ideas for an upcoming sewing program for our guild. Melissa's Mystery Quilt sessions have been very successful and Members are constantly asking her to supervise more fun events, and this book will inspire her.

**FORGET-ME-KNOTS – AN ALBUM OF APPLIQUE DESIGNS**

by Jeana Kimball Dotty Zagar, an applique enthusiast, spotted this book and thought it would be a good addition to our applique section.

**THE BEST OF BALTIMORE BEAUTIES, PART II**

by Elly Sienkiewicz, the queen

of Baltimore Beauties Thanks, Dotty for pointing this book out for our applique collection.

**GREAT AMERICAN QUILTS – BOOK TEN**

compiled by Oxmoor House something for every level of quilter

**QUILTAGAMI – THE ART OF FABRIC FOLDING**

by Mary Jo Hiney Pat Schabel and Jackie Harris are busy learning fabric folding techniques, so I thought they would like to use this for additional ideas. Can't wait to see "Sew and Tell" from these two very fine artists/quilt creators.

**CHILDREN'S DESIGNS IN CONTINUOUS LINE**

by Shauna Thompson quilting designs not only for long-art quilters, but for machine and hand quilters as well.

**NATURE'S CHRISTMAS**

by Debbie Mumm It is NEVER too early to get started on Holiday quilts, stockings, ornaments, placemats . . .

**REDWORK IN BLUE – QUILTING, STITCHWORK, EMBROIDERY**

by Laurene Sinema Phyllis Gallaway did the shopping for me and found this book which is packed with redwork designs to add to our growing collection of redwork books.

**SHAPE UP YOUR FAT QUARTERS**

by Debbie Caffrey No, this is NOT a physical fitness book, but rather twelve patterns to inspire you to cut into your collection. Debbie's tips on how to handle fat quarters, including some proper pressing ideas make this book well worth checking out.

**QUILTS FROM THIMBLECREEK**

Yes, this is OUR Thimblecreek quilt store in Walnut Creek! Imagine my delighted surprise when I found this brand new book on their shelves. This includes eighteen quilt designs compiled from Thimblecreek's teachers, including Alex Anderson, Sandy Klop, and Laura Nownes.

**THAT DORKY HOMEMADE LOOK**

by Lisa Boyer When Nancy Deneen asked

me to purchase this book for our Library I protested that most of us could make dorky quilts without a book to teach us bad habits, but then Phyllis Gallaway also asked for the book so I gave in. The author puts into the writing of a group of very humorous essays what we have all experienced in learning to make quilts. My very favorite part of the book is her telling of how she named her seam ripper "Jack."

**THE IDEA OF PERFECTION**

by Kate Grenville Gerrie Congdon recommended this book to me. It is the 2001 Orange Prize for Fiction Winner. The main character in the story is a part-time museum curator and quilting expert with three failed marriages and a heart condition. Mix in a small town in New South Wales, Australia, romance, a bit of Woody Allen-type humor, and you find a very entertaining novel. I added some post-it-notes while reading as I "translated" some of the Australian words into "English." Please add some of your own comments to share with future readers of the book.

**THE QUILTS FROM GEE'S BEND**

by John Beardsley Gerrie Congdon turned me on to this lovely coffee table book. The women of Gee's Bend, a small, remote black community in Alabama, have created hundreds of quilts dating from the early twentieth century to the present. This book tells the story of this town and its art. The quilts are composed boldly and improvisationally, in geometrics that transform work clothes, blue jeans, old dresses, feed sacks, and remnants. There are no quilt shops nearby. The quilts can be seen at the Whitney in New York City. Three of the quilters were on two segments of the Martha Stewart Living television show Monday, February 3, 2003. Their humor and talent would be welcome in any guild. You can log on to Martha's website to learn more about the quilters and the museum show.

**Quilter's Quote**

*Much as life as a whole is not the destination but the journey, so my quilt is not so much the finished quilt but the journey I undertook while stitching it.*

Karen Smith — *IF QUILTS COULD TALK*

**Editor's Corner**

*Be sure to let me know if you can get the newsletter on line and do not need to have a printed copy. It will save postage and paper!*

*Be sure to check out the show and tell area on the website. Your quilts look great!*

*Only one month until the drawing for the beautiful opportunity quilt — have you bought your tickets?*

— Gerrie Congdon

# SANTA ROSA QUILT GUILD 2003 CALENDAR

## MARCH

- 6 General Meeting; Mystery Quilt, Melissa Trunick
- 8 Tri-guild Luncheon, hosted by Moonlighters at Veteran's Memorial Building
- 20 Diane Kelsay: Quilt Inspirations from Nature  
TSW: Hand Quilting Session 1 of 2, Marilyn Swanson; Making a Fringed Quilt, Shirley Young
- 21 Diane Kelsey: Quilt Embellishments
- 24 Quilt Art Group, Coddington Community Room
- 27 Board Meeting

## APRIL

- 3 General Meeting; TSW: Hand Quilting, Session 2 of 2 Marilyn Swanson
- 17 Julie Hirota: Threads of the Journey;  
TSW: Mitered Corner and Bindings, Bob Oliver
- 18 Julie Hirota: Subtractive Quilting
- 24 Board Meeting
- 28 Hoop Scoop, Machine Embroidery, Coddington Community Room

## MAY

- 1 General Meeting; Quiltathon
- 15 Program (TBA);  
TSW: July 4th Flag Banner, Linda Thomas
- 16 Workshop (TBA)
- 22 Board Meeting

## JUNE

- 5 General Meeting; TSW: Pillowcase to Match Your Quilt, Melissa Trunick
- 7,8 Moonlighter's Quilt Show
- 19 Judy Sisneros: Image and Inspiration;  
TSW: Hawaiian Applique, Juanita Campbell
- 20 Judy Sisneros: Nine Patch Landscape
- 26 Board Meeting

## JULY

- 3 General Meeting
- 17 Program (TBA)
- 18 Workshop (TBA)
- No board Meeting
- 31 Quilt Camp

## AUGUST

- 7 General Meeting; return of the UFOS; TSW: Fabric dying, Justine Lott and Linda Morand
- 21 Program (TBA); TSW: Printing Images on Fabric, Gerrie Congdon
- 22 Workshop (TBA)
- 28 Board Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 General Meeting; TSW: Stack and Whack Session 1 of 3, Lavella Cassinelli
- 18 Founders Day Luncheon
- 25 Board Meeting

## OCTOBER

- 2 General Meeting; Quiltathon
- 10 Pacific International Quilt Festival Bus Trip
- 16 Program (TBA); TSW: How to Make a Tote Organizer, Melissa Trunick; Stack and Whack, Lavella Cassinelli
- 17 Workshop (TBA)
- 30 Quilt Camp

## NOVEMBER

- 6 General Meeting; TSW: Stack and Whack, Lavella Cassinelli
- 20 Program (TBA)
- 21 Workshop (TBA)
- No Board Meeting

## DECEMBER

- 4 Holiday Luncheon

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## Local Quilt Venues

SEBASTOPOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS, a juried show of innovative fiberart. Includes two Linda McDonald pieces, Judy Mathieson piece, a Liz Berg and a Judith Content, a teabag quilt on a bed and several other quilt-like pieces. Thru March 23.

SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE, an exhibit of Eli Leon's collection of African American quilts called One of a Kind. Thru March 29. Call 707 527-4297 for details.

SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF CRAFT AND FOLK ART, Quilted Journeys, Immigration Stories by Australian Artists, 25 quilts of 58 in the original juried show by the Australian Quilters Association. Thru April 27. More info at <http://www.sfcraftandfolk.org/index.html>.

## New Member Orientation

Have you joined the guild in the past few months? Here is your chance to get the inside scoop on guild activities. Diana Roberts, our president, will have lunch with new members following the general meeting. She will answer all your questions about the guild!

## Healdsburg/Windsor Mini-group

I am a fairly new member of the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild and would like to start a mini group, if one doesn't already exist, for quilters in the Healdsburg area (including Windsor), please call me at 473-0138 or email me at [mkgurnee@rrmdesign.com](mailto:mkgurnee@rrmdesign.com) so that an initial meeting can be scheduled and then meet once a month on an evening night. Details can be discussed at the first meeting. — Meri Kay Gurnee

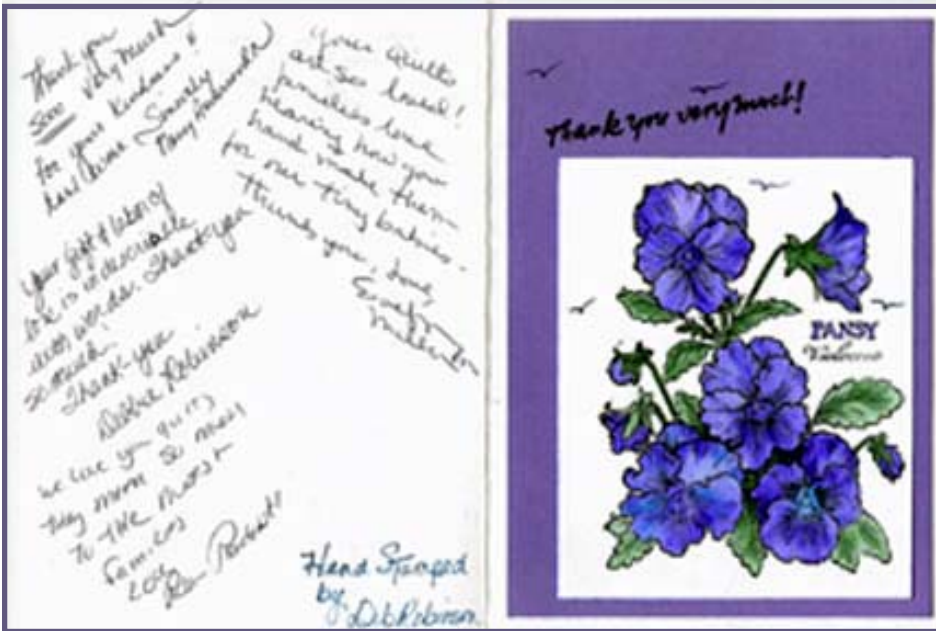
# You Oughta Be in Pictures



Elizabeth Mars Finally Receives Her Honorary Life Member Award From Dottie Zagar!



Hospitality Ladies In Their Aprons Made By Angie



## Community Quilts

Many thanks again to the members that work on our Community Quilt Projects. On February 20, I had 19 Baby quilt tops, 51 completed baby quilts, 3 children quilt tops, 22 children quilts and 16 baby hats turned in. What a wonderful job you have all done. It is such a pleasure working with you and being a member of this club.

At our first meeting in February, we enjoyed a visit from some of the nurses from the Sutter NICU. They served us a delicious lunch as a way of thanking us for our donations of quilts and knitted caps.

A beautiful handmade card signed by many of the nurses with thank you messages is included for you to enjoy.

— Lavella Cassinelli,  
Community Quilts

(Editor's note: thank you for all you do, Lavella!)



# Quilt Happenings

## MARCH

**1 TO 2 MARCH** Manteca Quilters 24th Quilt and Cloth Doll Show, MRPS Hall, 133 N. Grant, Manteca Sat. 10 to 5; Sun. 10 to 4. contact Judy Mullen (209) 823-2094.

**2 TO 7 MARCH** Session I, Empty Spools Seminars Spring 2003 at Asilomar. 70 Bradley Ave., Walnut Creek 94596-4267. (925) 930-7893, message; (925) 934-1188, fax. <http://www.emptyspoolsseminars.com>. email: emptyspools@aol.com

**15 TO 16 MARCH** Quilts in Bloom, presented by Valley Quilt Guild of Yuba City at Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, Main Exhibit Building, 442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City. Sat 10 to 5; Sun 10 to 4. Carol VanderMolen (530) 790-7335

**22 TO 23 MARCH** San Francisco Quilters' Guild presents "Symphony of Color" Quilt Show 2003. Featured Quilters: Joe Cunningham and Marina Salume. Sat. 10 to 5; Sun. 10 to 4. Concourse Exhibition Center, 635 Eighth St. at Brannan St., San Francisco. [sfqqquiltshow@yahoo.com](mailto:sfqqquiltshow@yahoo.com) [www.SFQG.org](http://www.SFQG.org) or J. Low (415) 665-2934.

**22 TO 23 MARCH** North Wind Quilt Guild Quilt Show, 10 to 4 p.m. each day, Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Dr., Fairfield Contact Judy at 707 448-0504 or Diane at 530 666-9289.

**28 TO 30 MARCH** Sew-Quilt & Craft Expo. Alameda County Fairground, Pleasanton 10:00am to 5:00 pm daily. Admission \$7.00 with a \$1.00 coupon available at JoAnn fabrics and at or call for information at 800-472-6476.

**30 MAR TO 4 APRIL** Session II, Empty Spools Seminars Spring 2003 at Asilomar. 70 Bradley Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596-4267. (925) 930-7893, message; (925) 934-1188, fax. <http://www.emptyspoolsseminars.com>. email: emptyspools@aol.com

## APRIL

**5 TO 6 APRIL** "The Quilted Garden Quilt Show" by the Sun Country Quilters of Red Bluff at the Tehama District Fairgrounds on Antelope Blvd., Red Bluff. Sat 10 to 5 and Sun 10 to 4. information: (530) 527-5458

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Orphan Block Quilts



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Sandi Cummings Workshop



Some of the 2002 Technique Sharing Workshop Instructors

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