



Stitch 'n Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Tim Lim, the winner of the beautiful Lady of the Lake quilt. The next opportunity quilt will be unveiled at our next meeting. A special thanks goes to Betty Upchurch for not only selling many tickets but making the wonderful small quilts that were gifts for the people who sold the most tickets. Norma Viglienzone, Lee Trevelyan, Betty Upchurch and Liz Park won quilts. Pat Kearns won the workshop of her choice next year. Thanks to everyone who sold tickets, as you all know that is our biggest fund raiser.

I enjoyed our program with Julie Hirota, she makes me feel ok about all the stuff that I own.....she may be a better shopper than I am. Barbara Cortelyou and Ruth Rosenberg are doing a wonderful job of finding new and interesting programs for us to enjoy. Even if a quilter isn't your style you can always learn one thing new. If I could remember the one new thing that I learned with each program that I have seen I would be a quilting encyclopedia.

— Diana Roberts

MAY PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP

The program for May 15 will be "A Print Inspires", a discussion of how fabrics can inspire us as quilt and garment designers. Our speaker is Rita Young Kilstrom who has spoken to our guild in the past. After many years of sewing for herself and others, Rita discovered the world of quilting and wearable art in 1989. Since then she has attended many classes and conferences to improve skills and expand her horizons.

There are still several places available in the workshop the following day, entitled "Big, Bold, and Beautiful" — working with large scale prints. Or "Ok, you had to have it - what will you ever do with it??" This workshop will begin at 9:00 am on May 16, and will be held at the Masonic Temple. This looks like it may be a small and intimate group workshop!!



MAY TECHNIQUE SHARING WORKSHOPS

Technique Sharing Workshops or TSW's, are free one-hour workshops held after guild meetings and taught by our own expert members. Join Linda Thomas on May 15th for the *July 4th Flag Banner* workshop. If you are attending the Flag workshop, the supply list is available at the next meeting, on the Guild website or contact me to get a copy. You will need pre-cut fabric, your sewing machine, and other supplies. This is a hands on workshop and you will complete the project that day. On June 5th there are two workshops. Melissa Trunick will be doing the workshop *A Pillowcase to Match Your Quilt*. Her workshops are always fun and can be very mysterious. Our second workshop on June 5th is *Knitting Baby Hats for the Community Project* and will be taught by Lee Trevelyan and Mary Wood. Join these two and help make hats for our special babies in the Sutter Intensive Care Nursery. At your request Marilyn Swanson has scheduled a Hand Quilting Clinic/Follow up on July 17th for those who attended her two-part workshop earlier this year.

On Guild meeting days come by the TSW booth and sign up for future workshops. All changes in the calendar will be posted on the TSW Poster.

— Linda Sims, TSW Program Coordinator

QUILT RETREAT!

All members are invited to participate in the "5th Thursday Quilt Retreats." The Guild has reserved the Community Room at Coddington on the 5th Thursday of May, July and October. Come and play! The first of these retreats is May 29, a week before the quilt show; come finish your quilt show entries. The room will be open from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Come for all or any part of the day and sew, chat and have fun. If you don't have a project or a UFO, there are always boutique items or community quilt tops to make. I look forward to seeing you there. — Phyllis Gallaway

THE POINTLESS SISTERS

The Art Quilt group, the Pointless Sisters, unveiled their first project — a group quilt. A photo of a water lily was cut into 12 equal pieces and members turned each piece into a quilted section for a group quilt. We enjoyed this project and hope to do one annually.



The Quilt



The Photo

The Pointless Sisters meet on alternate fourth Mondays or Tuesdays. The next meeting is at 10 am, May 27th at the Coddington Community room. Bring your latest work for critiquing. Our next challenge is a self portrait — Essence of Self, due in June.

QUILTER'S QUOTE

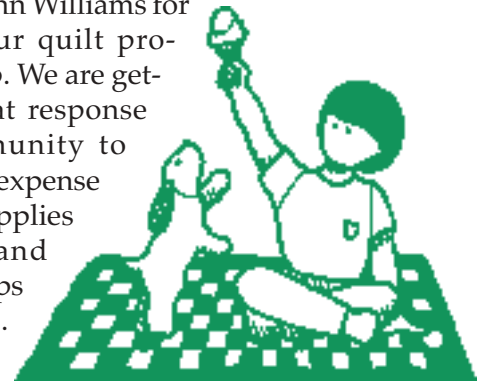
*This quilt with stitches, strong and true
Holds all the love I have for you:
No antique treasure, or work of art,
Just the simple gift of a mother's heart.
From the anonymous poem This Quilt*

COMMUNITY QUILTS

We had a great time at our last meeting. Kathryn Kennedy was there to accept the quilts for Valley of the Moon Children's Center. We handed over 139 quilts for the children at the center. Everyone worked so hard and I thank you all very much. You are making our community quilts program a success. We are getting ready for our quilt-a-thon on May 1, 2003. We are having a salad lunch and the bread will be furnished by Oliver's Market and Albertsons. We thank them for the generous donation. Nurses at Sutter Hospital will furnish deserts and a few will be at our meeting to visit with the members. Have a nice lunch and be ready to work on the quilts after lunch. We have many quilts ready to complete so hope all of you can stay and work on them. If you are unable to stay we have quilts ready to take home to finish. Dotty Zagar gave me quite a surprise with a \$500 check from the Inner Wheel of Santa Rosa West. This was a donation for our quilt project and we thank them very much for their donation. Dotty really did a great job explaining what we do at the guild and the many quilts we donate to our community. In January we received a check for \$250 from the Santa Rosa East Rotary and we thank Lynn Williams for telling about our quilt programs to the club. We are getting such a great response from the community to help us with the expense of buying the supplies for our quilts and guess what, it helps us do more.

Thank you all so much for your hard work and donations of fabric. With all of us working together we can accomplish so much.

— Lavella Cassinelli Community Quilts Chairperson



Kathryn Kennedy
from the
Valley of the Moon
Children's Center

SANTA ROSA QUILT GUILD LIBRARY



I know that I must sound like a broken record when I say that our Library could not run without all of the wonderful volunteers who perform so many different tasks, but I cannot thank all of the supporters of our Library enough. If you are new to our Guild, you are invited to help out for as little as five minutes at a time – every little bit helps.

Be sure to read **GUIDE TO MACHINE QUILTING** by Diane Guadynski for her expert instructions. Hand quilting is lovely, but with so many gorgeous fabrics being designed and so many patterns to try, sometimes we just have to finish those projects up with the help of our machines. Hey – my great-grandmother hand quilted because she did not HAVE a sewing machine! After reading this book, if you would like to see more of her exquisite quilts, log on to her website that is listed at the end of the book.

Member Sharon Mills donated to our Library **BEYOND THE RAIL FENCE – A QUILTER’S WORKBOOK** by Billie Lauder. If you watch Simply Quilts hosted by Alex Anderson on HGTV you will know the popular teacher, Billie Lauder, always had very logical ideas to make quilting easier and more efficient.

Elizabeth Hamby Carlson has combined two favorite traditional quilt patterns (Trip Around the World and Irish Chain) in her book **TRIP TO IRELAND** for a new look.

As it is never too early to get ready for the Winter Holidays, a donation of **FROSTY FOLKS** by Debbie Mumm gives us lots of ideas to decorate with snowpeople.

Member Melissa Trunick presented me with a lovely gift this past Christmas that she thought I might like to share with the rest of the Guild: **QUILTS ARE FOREVER – A PATCHWORK COLLECTION OF INSPIRATIONAL STORIES** by Kathy Lamancusa. There are lots of tales to tug at your heartstrings and/or make you laugh, and all quilt related. Thanks, Melissa!

The cover quilt of **STRIPS & STRINGS – 16 SPARKLING QUILTS** by Evelyn Sloppy was pretty enough to make me purchase this book without looking inside. We all eventually end up with narrow leftovers of fabrics and this is an excellent way to convert them into lovely quilts.

Cynthia England’s quilt was chosen as one of the 100 Best Quilts of the 20th Century, and in her book **PICTURE PIECING – CREATING DRAMATIC PICTORIAL QUILTS** she shares the procedures she utilizes. I enjoyed reading about her methods and viewing her fantastic quilts, but until I break both legs I don’t think you will see me “Showing and Telling” one of her quilts – somehow the thought of about 22,000 pieces sends me running the other way from the sewing room. But I know that there are many talented, and PATIENT members of our guild who are up to the challenge! Even if you do not wish to attempt such a complicated project, do read about her methods as you will incorporate them into other projects, and enjoy the pictures!

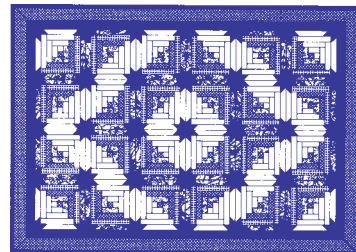
Another brand new book for our “master quilters” is **FEATHERS THAT FLY – HOW TO DESIGN, MARK, AND MACHINE QUILT FEATHER MOTIFS** by Lee Cleland. You know, I really should not even think this is only for “master quilters” because it is a truly well-written book that has many, many hints on all aspects of the quilting of a quilt. AND her quilts are lovely to look at, too. Even if you never expect to try feather designing, this book will open your eyes to what goes into the complicated quilting so when you see such quilts in a show you will appreciate them even more. Graduates of our Member award-winning hand quilter Marilyn Swanson’s classes will want to check out not only this book, but Lee Cleland’s other book **QUILTING MAKES THE QUILT** where she shows five or six identically pieced quilts, but each with a different quilting design.

I hope that these new books will continue to excite and inspire you to create wonderful quilts!

— Sharon “the Librarian” Fry

SANTA ROSA QUILT GUILD 2003 CALENDAR

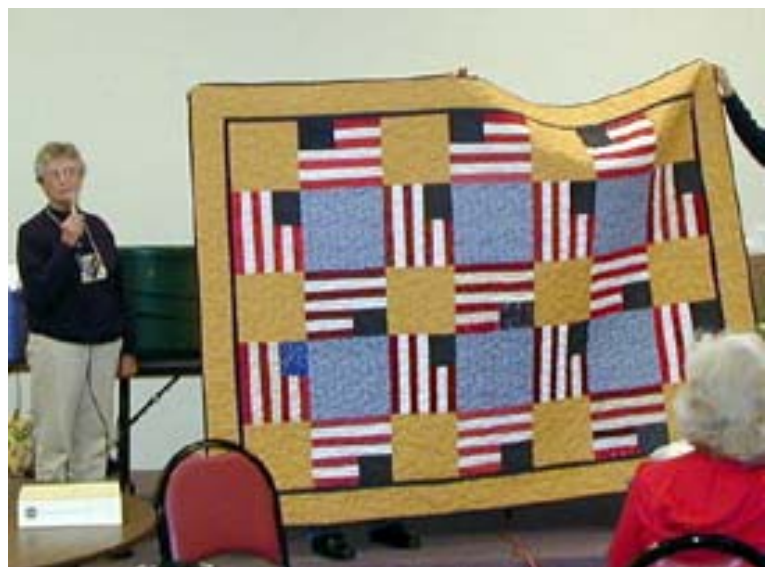
- MAY**
- 1 General Meeting; Quiltathon; Salad Potluck
 - 15 Program RitaYoung Kilstrom; A Print Inspires
TSW: July 4th Flag Banner, Linda Thomas
 - 16 Workshop; RitaYoung Kilstrom: Big , Bold & Beautiful
 - 27 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddington Com. Rm.
 - 22 Board Meeting
 - 29 Quilt Retreat, Coddington Community Room
- 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 Judy Sisneros: Curves Around the Block
 - 24 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddington Com. Rm.
 - 26 Board Meeting
- JULY**
- 3 General Meeting
 - 17 Program (TBA); TSW, Pinchusion Chicken, P Gallaway;
Handquilting clinic, Marilyn Swanson
 - 18 Workshop (TBA)
 - 28 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddington Com. Rm.
No board Meeting
 - 31 Quilt Retreat, Coddington Community Room
- 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)
 - 26 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddington Com. Rm.
 - 28 Board Meeting
- SEPTEMBER**
- 4 General Meeting; TSW: Stack and Whack
Session 1 of 3, Lavella Cassinelli
 - 18 Founders Day Luncheon
 - 22 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddington Com. Rm.
 - 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)
 - 28 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddington Com. Rm.
 - 23 Board Meeting
 - 30 Quilt Retreat, Coddington Community Room
- NOVEMBER**
- 6 General Meeting; TSW: Stack and Whack,
Lavella Cassinelli
 - 20 Program (TBA)
 - 21 Workshop (TBA)
 - 24 The Pointless Sisters Art Quilters, Coddington Com. Rm.
No Board Meeting
- DECEMBER**
- 4 Holiday Luncheon



CHEVY'S FUNDRAISER

We're having a fundraiser on Tuesday, June 10 at Chevy's 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, (copies are left on all the tables at meetings), when you order. Chevy's will donate 20% of the sales to us.

So mark your calendars (in ink) and tell all your friends and family to go to Chevys for a fun dinner. Call ahead for parties of 8 or more. Imagine going to a restaurant and knowing most of the other patrons. We had a great time last year and made over \$200. Take some flyers to hand out to everyone you know.



Pat Bass: Block of the Month Flags

ORPHAN BLOCK QUILTS



Some of the Orphan Block Quilts donated to Valley of the Moon Children's Center



PASSPORT TO "BEAUTY AND HISTORY" HOUSE TOUR

SAVE THE DATE: May 31, 2003
TIME: 10:00-4:00

PASSPORT TICKET: \$25.00 INCLUDES:

- Four charming homes in Hidden Valley Lake
- Guided Tour of the famous Lillie Langtry House
- A visit to the historic Stone House (the first house built in Lake County)
- An opportunity to investigate the studio and handiwork of Laura Lee Fritz
- A picnic lunch under the Wisteria at the Guenoc Winery

Advance tickets: Call Jane Alameda -263-3831 or Donna James - 262-1201; Day of show - at Laura Fritz Studio in Middletown



2003 CHALLENGE

Prepare to Celebrate!

It's time to start planning, designing, and sewing for the guild's 2003 challenge. The theme is "Celebration." Here are the rules and some suggestions to get you going:

- Theme: "Celebration". Your quilt can celebrate a person, an event, a place, something meaningful to you, even your love of quilting.
- Size: No larger than 45" by 45" (but your quilt can be any size within those dimensions and can be rectangular or any other shape)
- Style: Any style, method, or fabric. The choice is yours.
- Deadline: Finished quilt must be brought to the Founder's Day Tea, Sept. 18. Members will vote for their favorite challenge quilt!
- Challenge participants may choose to enter their Celebration quilts as a group in the Moonlight Quilters' 2004 quilt show to be exhibited together.

Call Diane Hock at 431-2440 if you have any questions.

YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES



Polly Breckinridge: Quilt for VOM Children's Center



Vandy Noble: Stained Glass Eagle



Diana Roberts: Portrait of the Artist with Her Bernina



Judith Clarke; Log Cabin With an Attitude



Betty Sweeny



Gerrie Congdon: Black & White & Red All Over

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