



Stitch 'n Times

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president's message

We have a full schedule of activities to look forward to for the remainder of the year — the founder's day luncheon and the challenge quilts, our last quiltathon of the year, the P127 bus trip, a visit from Louisa Smith, the Japanese quilts coming to the Charles Schulz museum, an opportunity to help the Council on Aging raise some funds for a new kitchen with the Quilts of Kindness program — and before we know it we are in to the holiday season.

I hope that many of you will embrace the Quilts of Kindness lap quilt program. You can read more about it on page 4 and the originator of the idea, Jane Doroff will be at our September 1 meeting to explain it.

I also hope that one of you will come forward to chair the demonstration program with the Charles Schulz museum. I think this is a wonderful way for us to share our community quilt program with a wider audience.

~ Gerrie Congdon

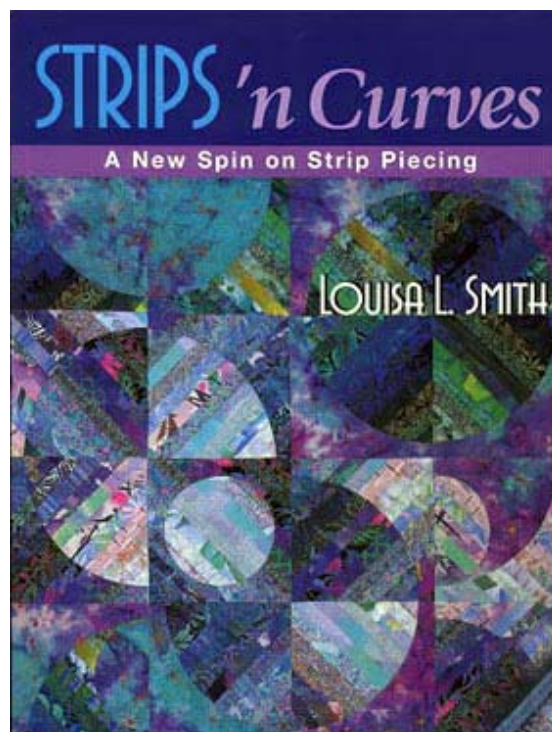
Programs and Workshops

By the time this article is published we will have enjoyed our visit with Peggy Martin and can look forward to seeing what everyone does with their own versions of "quick-strip paper piecing".

We have just two more Programs and one workshop left this year. In October, Louisa Smith will be here from Colorado. Louisa will be presenting "The Wonderful Art of Stripping" on Thursday Oct. 20 and teaching her workshop Strips n' Curves on Friday Oct. 21. For more information about Louisa and her quilting techniques check out her website—www.Quiltescapes.com.

Finally, Julie Silber will be our guest at the November program meeting. Julie has been to our guild in the past and as many of you know she is a nationally recognized expert on antique quilts and quilting history. She has taken her skills as a quilt appraiser and put them into her very own **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW!!** It will be both entertaining and informational as she evaluates quilts right before our eyes with an enthusiasm usually only seen on television. To provide Julie with some "on the spot" quilts to appraise please be checking in your collections for **quilts made prior to 1950** that you would be willing to bring in for that morning. Julie will also do an "official" appraisal of your quilt that is written up on her letterhead for a fee of \$25. She is a qualified, professional appraiser whose written appraisals are accepted by the IRS and insurance companies. Please let Pam or Holly know if you are interested in doing an official appraisal and/or if you have a quilt to loan for the morning's program.

As always, please remember that ALL WORKSHOPS THIS YEAR ARE BEING HELD AT THE LUTHER BURBANK ART & GARDEN CENTER AT 2050 YULUPA AVENUE. See Pam or Holly if you have any questions.



5th thursday retreat

We had a full house for the July Quilt Retreat! I would like to extend a big "Thank you" to Diana of Quilted Cottage for the use of her classroom.

The final 5th Thursday Quilt Retreat for 2005 will be on Thursday, September 29, at The Place To Sew, which is located behind The Place That Sells Sewing Machines, 1462 Mendocino Ave. Doors will open at 10 am but you are welcome to come at any time and stay for as long as you want. Work on your current project or help us replenish our Boutique items. No need to sign up in advance - just come and have fun! Contact Phyllis Gallaway if you have questions.

fabric square exchange

September- Halloween theme

October - Harvest and Thanksgiving theme

Remember 10 squares, 6" washed and 100% cotton. Label your baggie with your name and the #10 to let us know you put 10 squares in the bag.

Thanks, Pat Meiswinkel

sonoma county fair

The Santa Rosa Quilt Guild had quite a presence at the Sonoma County Fair this year. Marilyn Swanson and Pam McVey each won a First place award and Best of Section awards for their quilts. Marilyn also won our own Best Hand Quilting award. Other winners were Genie Becker, Patty Ford, Shirley Frayer, Alice Friesen, Jackie Harris, Carol Jarvis, Angie Kiker, Carolyn Marriott, Elizabeth Marrs, Pat Meiswinkel, Sharon Mills, Liz Park, Selma Sklar and Shirley Ziolkowski. There were several volunteers to demonstrate quilting throughout the two weeks of the fair. Many quilt tops were sewn and delivered to Lavella's community quilts project. Hand quilters showed off their skill on the colorful quilt that Marilyn Swanson so generously donated. Pat Fratis's name was drawn and became the lucky winner of this quilt. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful tradition of teaching the public about our craft. "A good time was had by all".

~Pam McVey

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community quilts

We have had a wonderful summer and now that school is starting, I feel a change in the air and fall will soon be here. So far we have had a great year for our quilts. I have delivered 688 quilts to our community. I am so proud of all the help I have received in making this possible. It would be impossible to name everyone, but you know who you are, and I thank you.

I am getting ready for our quilt-a-thon on October 6, and I hope many of you can stay and help with the quilts. Some of the nurses are planning on coming to visit so I am looking forward to seeing them. They do such a wonderful job with the babies in the NICU, and they do love seeing the quilts everyday when they go to work. All the babies take their quilts home with them so there is a constant rotation, and they think every quilt is beautiful.

Please put October 6th on your calendar and plan on helping us work on the quilts. There are plenty of jobs to do. Please bring your sewing machines and walking foot attachment, or your sergers to stitch around the quilts. We also need many people for the handwork like ironing, trimming, turning, and sewing on labels so bring your sewing supplies. I do have some sewing supplies available for your use but not enough for everyone. I will also need volunteers to help set up extra tables and to help with the clean up. Please check with me if you can volunteer. I look forward to seeing you there.

~ Lavella Cassinelli

block of the month winners

Thank you to all the members who are participating in the Block of the Month program. We have made a lot of extra blocks, (167 so far) to pass on to Lavella for making fun quilt tops for our Community Quilts. The following members have won blocks so far:

January-Isolde Meadows
February-Selma Sklar
March-JoanieBellinghausen
April-Joyce Wood
May-Patricia Frick
June-Earlene Maffioli
July-Karen Mansergh.

Keep on Sewing! ~ Sharon Mills

november/december
newsletter deadline:

October 20

E-mail to angierk@pogowave.com

santa rosa quilt guild library

Since several of our last newsletters have been combined into one rather than two, my reporting our new books is getting farther and farther behind. At this rate, I will never catch up in telling you what is new on our shelves. Therefore, the first part of this report starts out with the books introduced a couple of months ago, with little descriptions of each book. The latter part I just name the book and the author. And on to the books:



Pam McVey found for us **BLENDING PHOTOS WITH FABRIC – A BEAUTIFUL NEW WAY TO COMBINE PHOTOGRAPHY, PRINTING AND QUILTING** by Mary Ellen Kranz and Cheryl Hayes. Use photographs from your regular or digital camera to add to your quilts. Lots of good technical advice to help us with our computers.

Melissa Trunick donated to our Library Eleanor Burns' **JEWEL BOX QUILTS**. Those little scraps of fabric you have been saving can be cut into squares and triangles and easily put into quilts from a wallhanging size to king-size with Eleanor's always helpful tips.

Sandy Bonsib has looked at traditional blocks with a new eye and come up with **TRIED AND TRUE – NEW QUILTS FROM FAVORITE BLOCKS**. Here is another good book to help us tackle our ever-growing scrap bags.

Examine and enjoy 81 contemporary pieces in the Dairy Barn (Athens, Ohio) book **QUILT NATIONAL 2005**.

Vandy Noble requested for our Library **TWO-BLOCK APPLIQUE QUILTS** by Claudia Olson. If you cannot decide whether to piece or applique, this may just be the solution!

Ruth McDowell's newest book is finally in our hands: **FABRIC JOURNEY – AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE QUILTS OF RUTH B. MC DOWELL**. You will not find any patterns in this book, but instead she shares with us such secrets as to where she gets her inspiration and how she chooses her fabrics. Her pieces are contemporary, but I will bet that everyone who reads this book will find a favorite quilt.

FUSING FUN! FAST FEARLESS ART QUILTS by Laura Wasilowski is the type of book we need when we have just finished a huge bed quilt with lots of touchy triangles with perfect points. We need to treat ourselves to some small, quick, and as the author entitled her book FUN projects. Get out the fusible web and your iron and get ready to play.

FAT QUARTER FRENZY by Susan Purney-Mark and Daphne Greig

BEAUTIFUL THREADS – PIECES OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR QUILTERS by Mary Tatem

NATURE'S STUDIO – A QUILTER'S GUIDE TO PLAYING WITH FABRICS & TECHNIQUES by Joan Colvin

FREE EXPRESSIONS – THE ART AND CONFESSIONS OF A CONTEMPORARY QUILTER by Robbi Joy Eklow

FABRIC PHOTO PLAY by Julia C. Wood

GRAND FINALE by Ricky Tims – A DVD to watch on your TV – super tips for machine quilting, etc.!

THE COLLECTOR'S DICTIONARY OF QUILT NAMES & PATTERNS – THE DEFINITIVE RESOURCE TO 2,400 QUILT PATTERNS BY CATEGORY AND NAME WITH COMPLETE INDEX – 16 QUILTS IN FULL COLOR by Yvonne M. Khin (Donated by Nancy Parmelee)

PIECE-LIQUE – CURVES THE NEW WAY by Sharon Chamber (no pins required!)

DIAMOND QUILTS & BEYOND – FROM THE BASICS TO DAZZLING DESIGNS by Jan Krentz

EGG MONEY QUILTS – 1930'2 VINTAGE SAMPLERS by Eleanor Burns

QUILT-LOVERS' FAVORITES FROM AMERICAN PATCHWORK & QUILTING – VOLUME 4 by Better Homes and Gardens

FOLLOW THE DOTS TO DAZZLING QUILTS by Joan Segna and Jayme Crow

MARINER'S COMPASS QUILTS – SETTING A NEW COURSE – NEW PROCESS – NEW PATTERNS – NEW PROJECTS by Judy Mathieson (a Santa Rosa Quilt Guild Member!) Donated and autographed by the author

POWER CUTTING WITH OMNIGRID TOOLS by Debbie Caffrey (autographed)

POWER CUTTING, TOO by Debbie Caffrey (autographed)

THE BEST OF JACOBAN APPLIQUE – INCLUDES EXOTICA & ROMANTICA PATTERNS by Patricia B. Campbell and Mimi Ayars, Ph.D.

DO check out lots and lots of books and magazines, and please return all borrowed items to the very next meeting in case another member wishes to check out something.

~ Sharon 'the Librarian' Fry

Quilts of Kindness

for homebound Seniors to benefit the New Kitchen Campaign

The Council on Aging is looking for quilters to help provide 1,000 lap quilts for homebound seniors of Sonoma County.

Sponsors will "purchase" the quilts for the seniors. All proceeds will benefit the New Kitchen Campaign. Council on Aging will deliver the lap robes to seniors on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentines Day.

Lap Quilt size: approximately 45" X 60"

All completed lap quilts should be delivered to Council on Aging by November 15th, December 15th or February 1st. Each quilt should have the creator's name and phone number on the completed quilt.

Please contact Jane Doroff for more information at 525-0143 ext. 119

As a thank you, volunteer quilters will be entered in a drawing to win a wonderful quilting prize (perhaps a week at The Empty Spools Seminar at Asilomar!)



Council on Aging

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Peanuts-themed Quilts by Japanese Fabric Artists are coming to the Charles M. Schulz Museum October 1, 2005- January 30, 2006

If you have ever been to a quilt show like PIQF, you know how interesting Japanese quilting can be. These whimsical quilts with a Peanut's theme are not to be missed.

The museum has asked our help during the month of October. They would like us to set up a demonstration area in their class room during at least two weekends in October, when they expect to have the largest crowds. They have offered some Peanuts themed fabric for us to make a quilt. The museum has confirmed that we may show our opportunity quilt and sell tickets while we are demonstrating.

What I need is someone from our group who can chair this activity — meet with the representative of the museum, schedule demonstration times, recruit workers, decide what the demonstration will be, etc. We only have a month to get ready. So I hope one of you will come forward to help with this fun project!! Call me at 538-3478, e-mail me at gericon@sbcglobal.net or see me at the next meeting!

~ Gerrie Congdon

sonoma county museum gift shop

If you are interested in selling your quilts in the gift shop of the Sonoma County Museum, contact Carol Venamodt, 824-1008 or cocovm@earthlink.net. She will discuss with you the terms of the contract and our share on the profit.

The gift shop is looking for items that have been made by local artists in Sonoma County. The shop has limited room, consequently they are interested in smaller pieces.

Once Carol has reviewed your work, she passes it on to the gift shop committee for final acceptance. The items are displayed for 3 months and if not sold, returned to you. This seem like an excellent chance to have your work seen in the county and to earn money for more fabric!!
~ Valeska Lattin

northern california quilt council

There are too many quilt shows in the next two months to list in this newsletter. Please go to the website and click on the calendar to see a list of events: www.ncqc.net

Technique Sharing

Now that summer is ending it's a good time to recognize and thank some of the special members who taught our 2005 Technique Sharing Workshops. We started off the year with Mitz Dowling, an expert quilter, teaching hand appliqué, followed by Melissa Trunick with her annual mystery quilt, and Sharon Mills helping you get those quarter inch seams on a block of the month. This summer Pam McVey demonstrated how to make a bread bag. Juanita Campbell taught Sheer Hawaiian Quilting technique, Phyllis Galloway helped clear up the mysteries of paper piecing. Gerrie Congdon taught us how to make quilted postcards for all those special people we want to contact by mail. If you see these talented quilters at the guild meetings please say thanks for all their hard work.

We still have more great classes in 2005. On October 20th Diana Roberts will teach How to make a Butterfly Wall Hanging (there is a waiting list), November 3rd Lavella Cassinelli will teach How to Make a Baby Quilt, and on November 17th Linda Sims will present the second part of the Color Theory Class.

Sign up for the classes in the white binder located in the back of the room. All Technique Sharing Workshops are held after the guild meetings, last about an hour, and are free. Please join us.
~Linda Sims

santa rosa quilt guild 2005 calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 1 General Meeting; Sewing Room Sale
- 15 Program, Founder's Day Luncheon; Challenge Quilts
- 16 Workshop - Quilt Retreat! (Free)
- 22 Board Meeting
- 27 Pointless Sisters
- 29 Quilt Retreat (Free)

OCTOBER

- 6 General Meeting; Add-a-row due; Officer Nominations; Quiltathon
- 13 PIQF (Through the 16th) Bus trip: 13
- 20 Program, Louisa Smith-Wonderful Art of Stripping
- 22 Workshop - Strips 'n Curves
- 25 Pointless Sisters,
- 27 Board Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 4 General Meeting; Voting 2006 Officers
- 18 Program, Julie Silber - Antiques Roadshow
- 22 Pointless Sisters,
No Board Meeting

DECEMBER

- 1 Annual Holiday Luncheon; Sew-a-Row Display/Lottery

sew-a-row program

The 2005 Sew-a-Row Program is right on schedule: the final rows are due October 6. There are still a few opportunities to add a row if you would like to participate. A total of 17 members submitted 20 initial rows, and 30 members have worked on the additional rows. These tops will be displayed at the December 1 meeting, and at that time each top will go home with one of those who worked on it (as determined by a roll of the dice.)

There was a show-of-hands at the August 4 meeting in support of continuing this program for 2006. Any member who is interested may submit one or more "starter rows" during October and November, 2005. These will be displayed in January, 2006 for members to sign-up to add a row to any starter row during one of 4 periods during 2006.

Starter rows should be 24-1/2" or 36-1/2" (unfinished). The row may be pieced and/or appliqued. The row height should be proportional to the block size, approximately 6" to 8-1/2" high for the 24-1/2" length, and 8" to 10-1/2" high for the 36-1/3" length. Starter rows will be collected by Phyllis Galloway at meetings, or may be sent to her. Please call her at 573-9749 if you have questions.

you oughta be in pictures



Row one: Carol Jarvis, Diana Roberts, Fran Wessel, Mitzi Dowling; Row two: Gerry Mac Donald, Liz Park, Judy Bello; Row three: Sandy McConnell, Phyllis Glloway; Row four: Jake and his Grandma, Vandy Noble.

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