

Threads that Bind

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President's Message

I've had some trouble this month composing an article for this month's newsletter. It has caused me to do some thinking about writer's block and other obstacles to creativity.

I have learned that some writers have been so severely blocked that they have abandoned their careers as authors. Similar creative blocks happen to musicians, painters, and other artists.

There are others who maintain there is no such thing as writer's block. They say, "If you are a writer, then write." It may be mediocre today, but keep writing. Keep practicing your particular avenue of creativity. Agree that not everything created will be a masterpiece, or even a success. But keep practicing and producing.

Sometimes I do get stuck on a project, and all that "practicing and producing" just isn't helping. That is when I know it is time to take a break from the troublesome project, and move forward on something else. Perhaps if I keep busy over here, then something

serendipitous will germinate into a life of its own.

So this month, instead of writing for my dear friends at Gateway Quilters' Guild, I kept busy on other things. I made good progress on a small project for Cirque du Fabrique and I am getting closer to finishing a quilt for the Harvest of Quilts show in October. I am getting a good walk with my favorite canine friend almost every day. The garden is well tended and the garage is so clean that a casual observer would label me a neat-nik. (Of course, my friends know better than that!)

So all of this babbling is just my way keeping in touch! May I encourage you to keep on finding ways to express the wonderfulness that is inside of you. And, by all means, express it with fabric, needle, and thread! I love Show 'N Tell and seeing what you've been making.

"Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best." -Henry Van Dyke

Happy Quilting! Kathy

Member Additions/Changes

Contact information for new and returning members will be available at the next meeting in the form of labels to add to your new directories.

Remember to bring your directories so you can place your labels into your books!

You may still pick up the new issue of the directory at the Membership table at the next meeting.

Current contact information for **Pat Fryer**

will be available at the August meeting.



*There are now
LESS THAN 63
DAYS
until the Quilt
Show!*

Meetings

When:

Third Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted)

Where:

Public Health Auditorium
260 East 15th St.
Merced

Time:

Setup -6:30
Meeting starts-6:45
Call to Order-7:10.

Come early for library tickets, membership items, chatting, etc.



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Signs of an Upcoming Quilt Show



'nuff said?
Thank you,
Priscilla



Pacific International Quilt Festival

Pacific International Quilt Festival (PIQF) is one of the premier quilt shows in the nation. And it comes to northern California every October. This year PIQF is October 15-18 and will be held at the Santa Clara Convention Center. There will be over 800 quilts and wearable art to view, and extensive vendor mall, numerous workshops and lectures. A truly fabulous event.

For more information about PIQF go to: www.quiltfest.com

There are a couple of opportunities available to Guild members for experiencing PIQF. These are particularly beneficial for those who prefer not to drive to Santa Clara. The first is sponsored by Merced College and the second is sponsored by Guild member Lisa Morales.

" Saturday, October 17, Merced College Community Services is providing bus transportation to the quilt show. Please contact Merced College (384-6224) for more details.

" Thursday through Friday, October 15-16, Lisa Morales is taking two buses to the show. Admission to the show both days, bus transportation, overnight accommodations in Milpitas and two meals are included in the package. Total cost is \$170.00. Please contact Lisa (her number is in your membership booklet) for more details.

Do you need a ride to Guild meetings?

It has come to the attention of the Board, that some are unable to attend Guild meetings because they no longer drive at night. If you are willing to provide transportation, please let the Information Coordinator know. In the meantime, the following ladies have volunteered to help with

driving, so please don't hesitate to call one of them. We do not want anyone to miss a meeting!

Merced Area - call Nahomi Rodriguez

Atwater Area - call Mary Kaplan or Sara Martindale

Planada/LeGrand Area - call Etta Jean Costa

A Quilt Show Special Report

This year at our Harvest of Quilts Show in October we have a variety of vendors for you to visit. Some of these vendors will only have a half booth, but all have beautiful things to share. We will welcome the old favorites and some new people too. I believe this will be a wonderful show, and I can hardly wait!
~Dorothy Kielty~



Bear Paw Quilts	http://www.bearpawquiltsandmore.com/	Oakhurst Quilt Store – one of our regular favorites
BladeMasters	Aaron at blademasters@sbcglobal.net	Scissor sharpening!
Boothill Patches	http://www.patchesfabrics.com/index.html	Reseda, CA store – another customer favorite for years
Cottontails	www.FabricForQuilters.com	Sandy Coelho's wonderful on line store
Fields of Fabrics	http://www.fieldsoffabricquiltshop.com/store/pc/home.asp	Ceres, CA – check out this store...
From the Heart	http://www.janetfarris.com/index.htm	Lovely beaded things for you!
Pussywillow Ranch Quiltworks	Jim or Sue at pussywillowranchquiltworks@yahoo.com	Everything from wild & wonderful notions like porcupine quills, quilts you can buy, decorative metal quilt hangers.
Quilters' Paradise, Inc.	http://www.quilters-paradise.com/	Clovis CA, Cute store, nice people, great website!
Quilts n Kits	quilts-n-kits@sbcglobal.net http://www.quiltsandkits.com/index.html	Quilt kits – pre-cut for you to put together and enjoy
Sew Central Quilt Works	http://www.scquiltworks.com/	Hilmar shop – whether you need supplies or long arm quilting – they can help
Sew many quilt books	http://www.sewmanyquiltbooks.com/index.html	This is the book vendor who was so popular at the last show
The Golden Fleece	info@thegoldenfleece.com	Specialty Yarns – help for the knitter

Men of Steel

Bart Cabbage will be in town in September to repair or clean your sewing machines.

If you've never had Mr. Cabbage take care of your machine, you don't know what you are missing! He's one of a kind!

Please call Margaret Freed to get on the list! There must be a minimum interest level, before he will schedule a visit to our area.

Aaron Lineaweaver, the son of member Debbie, is in the business of sharpening scissors, blades, and knives.

Reminder to all guild members, Aaron Lineaweaver will be sharpening scissors and rotary blades through out the weekend of our Harvest of Quilts Show.

Remember to bring your items to be sharpened (including pinking shears). You can call Aaron for more details: 726-3447.



Quilters Embrace Update for August

Finished quilts and/or tops donated over the past few months have been received from Gloria Thatcher, Lora Wheeler, Lois Olson, Phyllis Boyle, Robin Porter, Kathy Cavanaugh, Dianna McGinnis, Priscilla Hise, Susan Anderson, Jeanette Ferranti, Carol Berry, Pauline Mayo, Janet Swartz, Mabel Willmon, Pat Clausen, Carole Farnsworth, Linda Royal, and Paula Miller. (If I somehow left your name out, I apologize. Please let me know; I strive to keep accurate records on such generous donations).

Also, to date, 53 quilt kits have been distributed since January 19 and 44 quilt tops have been returned—and in a TIMELY manner - thank you so much!!!

Our goal for 2009 is to distribute 200 quilts to our community; we have donated over 90 as of the end of June. We are on schedule thanks to all of you!!! Let's keep up the great work!!!

Our next Sew Day is scheduled for October 24th at Castle Vista in Atwater.

Thank you!

Kimberly Farnham

Virginia Wagner



Quilters Embrace



a warm hug for someone who needs one

Quilt Distribution

For July

- No quilts were distributed for this very hot month!

Quilt Sizes for Charity Quilts

Standard sizes for quilt tops we receive to quilt:

Small Quilts: 40" x 50"

Larger Lap Quilts: 56" x 70"

All donations are greatly appreciated. Finished quilts of all sizes will continue to be accepted.

Upcoming Events

Aug 8

Petaluma Quilt Show Revival

Walnut Park Petaluma, CA

Contact louisaotis@gmail.com

Sep 12-13

Harvest of Quilts

10427 Stockton Blvd

SES Portuguese Hall

Elk Grove, CA

Info: www.elkgrovequiltguild.org

Sep 26-27

Kings River Quilt Festival

Historic Downtown Quilt Walk at the Mennonite Quilt Center

Reedley, CA

Diablo Valley Quilters Guild

presents Annual Quilt Show

Charlotte Wood Middle School

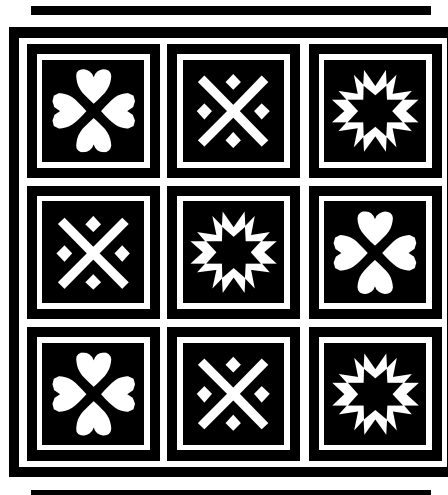
600 El Capitan, Danville

Featured Artist: Sandy Klop

Info:

www.diablovalleyquilters.org or

call Sharon (925) 820-1588



Program for August

On August 17th, Rose Hughes will present her program "Fast Piece Applique". Rose is an accomplished fiber artist who was nominated for 2009 Quilt Teacher of the Year in The Professional Quilter, she was featured in the June/July issue of Quilting Arts Magazine, and she was guest artist on "The Quilt Show" with Alex Anderson and Ricky Timms (June 22, 2009, Episode #413).

To learn more about this talented artist and to see more of Rose's work, visit her website www.rosehughes.com. You can also visit her blog at <http://ravenspeakquilts.blogspot.com/>.



Workshop in August!

There is still room for you to sign up for the workshop with Rose Hughes. She will be giving detailed instruction on her fast-piece appliqué method. The workshop will be held on August 18th at the Health Department. Class begins at 11:30 am, and the cost is only \$25.00 for members.

Call Daphne Drewes today to sign up!

JoAnn's Fabrics and Crafts

Your guild membership provides a discount at most quilt shops when you show your membership card. Discount cards good for 10% per purchase from JoAnn's will be available for you at the August meeting. It was recently learned that we could have

been using our guild membership there. Upon further investigation, JoAnn's Headquarters was contacted and special cards have been issued for each member. You will merely present your guild card at the time you first use store's card. Isn't that great?



September Birthdays

- 1 Charlene Frederick
- 3 Donnie Cahoon
- 5 Jeanette Ferranti
- 9 Darby Minturn
- 13 Diane Thornhill
- 25 Phyllis Boyle





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The Classifieds

One of the benefits to being a member of the Gateway Quilters Guild or a vendor in the area is submitting items or services for sale in our newsletter. Your business card-size ad can be featured each month for a nominal fee, paid in advance. Members pay only \$5 per month, while vendors' rates are three months for \$25. It's a great deal! Contact Robyn Porter to submit your copy-ready item or business card.



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