



# Gateway Quilters' Guild

## Merced, CA

January 2009

### President's Message:

Dear Quilters,

Happy New Year! I hope yours has started out better than mine – I'm laid up with a badly bruised foot and recovering from lancing a walnut-sized hematoma on the top of it – all a result of a fall I took Christmas Eve night!

While this has been most inconvenient on many levels, it has given me the opportunity to look at quilting ideas and plot and plan what I'd like to accomplish in the coming year. I'm not one for resolutions, but one thing I do want to manage is MORE QUILTING!

We are facing a year bright with promise – new officers, lots of great programs at our meetings, and of course, our biennial quilt show in October. It will be a very busy year, for sure. My hope is that all of you stay as healthy as possible and find every joy there is in all the fun things ahead. Yes, there will be a lot of work, but you know how fulfilling our chores are when they are centered around fabric and friends!

What have you planned for entering in the quilt show? How about the items you'll be making for the Boutique? And the Challenge Fabric for the June airing– don't forget that! I know that Phyllis has already purchased the fabric and will soon be making available the yardage to the membership.

It's early yet, yes, but we know how quickly time flies, especially when we are having fun!

Look forward to a year full of fabric, fellowship, and fun! See you at our January meeting!

Quilting Hugz and Blessings!

*Robyn*

### President-Elect

Happy New Year!

Happy quilters are a joy to my soul. And I heard many happy, noisy, animated quilters on December 8<sup>th</sup>! Once again I want to thank our hostesses (Billie Shewey, Megan Anderson, Susan Hammon, Michelle George) and their assistants (Pauline Mayo, Robyn Porter, Karen Mous, Bridget Martinelli) for a fabulous Christmas open house. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated! It was a joy to meet Niki and Vince Gallagher and hear about their accomplishments and dreams in the Historic Mansion Inn.

Thank you Gateway Quilters for making the wonderful ornaments for the Courthouse Museum Christmas Tree. The ornaments were individually lovely. BUT they were magnificent in mass on the tree! Make a visit to our county museum a must-do this year! (December is particularly lovely.) You will be glad you did.

*KC*

### Meetings

**When:**

Third Monday of each month

**Where:**

Sierra Presbyterian Church  
603 M St. Merced (corner of M and  
Yosemite Ave) in Merced, CA

**Time:**

6:45 pm, doors open at 6:30 come early for library tickets, membership items, newsletters, chatting, etc.

## Directory Changes

Please make additions of new members or changes to current ones to your Guild Directory:

Change for: Member: *Carolyn Younce*

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If you have changes or additions, please contact Janetta Gibson at 722-7967 or

[membership@gatewayquiltersguild.org](mailto:membership@gatewayquiltersguild.org)

## Guild Programs

Start the new year out right by learning a new quilting skill. In **January**, several of our members will be presenting mini-workshops during our meeting.

In **February** we will be sharing our heritage quilts. Many of our members have old quilts they have either inherited from family or have purchased. This is an opportunity to share these treasures with others and learn something about old quilts.

In **March**, election and installation of our new officers and adoption of the budget for the 2009-2010 year will be the highlights of the evening. You won't want to miss a minute!

## 2009 Quilt Show News

Billie Shewey and Pauline Mayo presented the Opportunity Quilt for 2009 at the October meeting and what a beauty!! They have done an outstanding job on the quilt and no doubt we will be able to sell a great many tickets before, during, and after our quilt show!

Speaking of our quilt show—we still need many, many helping hands to make our 2009 show the most successful yet. Please consider ways you may lend your talents and expertise—we need everyone to be involved! Talk with Priscilla Hise if you are unsure of the kind of help is needed.

Do you remember the "Please do not touch" signs we took home to finish? Please bring the finished product to our January meeting. Thank you very much!

## GQG Events

### Next General Meeting:

Monday, January 19, 2009—6:45 p.m. at Sierra Presbyterian Church

### Next Board Meeting :

Monday, January 26, 2009— 7:00 p.m. at Robyn Porter's home.

## Calendar of Events

November 18, 2008 - January 25, 2009 *San Jose Museum Quilts and Textiles*. Four solo exhibitions of recent works by mid-career contemporary fiber artists Polly Barton, Mary Anne Jordan, Eleanor McCain and Mary Zicafoose Pushing the boundaries of their media.

Info: [connie@sjquiltmuseum.org](mailto:connie@sjquiltmuseum.org)

January 15-18 2009 *Road to California* Ontario, CA. 9:30 to 6 , Sunday 10: to 4:00. One day admission: \$10, unlimited admission \$20.

Info: [www.road2ca.com](http://www.road2ca.com)

January 24-25,2009 *Heart of the Valley Quilt and Textile Arts Show*, Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and K Streets in Modesto. Sat: 10:00-5:00 Sun:10:00-4:00 Admission \$6.00, children under 12 free. Come join us for the largest quilt show in the Central Valley.

March 7-8 10:00-5:00, 10-4:00 *Symphony of Color Quilt Show* presented by San Francisco Quilters Guild. Located at Concourse Exhibition Center, 635 8th Street at Brannan Street. (Muni: #19 Polk/freeway Accessible)

## Membership Corner

It will soon be time to renew your guild membership! It is also the perfect time to encourage your interested friends in becoming members. You might invite them to come to a couple of meetings to check us out, see what fun we have, and how we promote quilting in our community. If you need help in doing this, you can call Janetta Gibson for ideas, support, and help in getting your friend out! 722-7967 or [janettaj@att.net](mailto:janettaj@att.net).

## Special Thanks

Quilters Embrace would like to give sincere thanks and gratitude to Pat Fryers from California Quiltmakers, for her generosity and kindness in donating 66 completely finished quilts to Quilters Embrace in December 2008.



These quilts have provided a 'stash' for our purpose in providing quilts to our communities. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you Pat!

## Stash Donations Needed

What would the new year be without at least one New Year's Resolution? This is one we ALL can keep!

How about 'releasing' some of that over the top 'STASH' we've all been building for YEARS!!! Isn't it time to clean out, organize, downsize and donate???!?!?

Quilters Embrace is in need of backings. If you have fabric you would be willing to piece for us in the dimensions of 64" x 78" for our 'standard' lap quilts, we would so appreciate the donations.

If you would prefer to NOT piece it, a 5-yard piece would work great!!!

Thank you so much!

Virginia & Kimberly

## Quilt Distribution

Our distribution of Christmas quilts were as follows:

Red Cross -11

CPS - 12

Salvation Army - 26

Lao Family -10

Mercy Hospital Pediatrics Unit - 21

Fresno Veterans Hospital - 12

Let's continue with this good work in the coming year!!!!!!

## Quilter's Embrace Sewing Day

Please help us finish and/or sew quilts for Quilters Embrace.

Join us for a couple of hours or for the day. Fabric and quilt kits will be provided.

**Date:** Saturday, February 21, 2009

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Education Annex (Mercy Hospital)  
On the corner of Canal and 26<sup>th</sup> St. (right beside the 'old' hospital on M St)

**Please bring:**

sewing machine (extension cords/plug in strips), rotary cutters, mats, rulers, scissors, thread, and any fabric you wish to donate (please label your mats, cutters, etc.)

Snacks, pizza, and beverages will be provided.

*Any questions call Kimberly Sterry-Farnham at W: 725-2284, H:382-1385*

## WANTED: Long Arm Quilters

Seeking kind, generous and willing individuals with beloved long arm quilting machines....

Quilters' Embrace is increasing the number of quilt tops and we have reached a 'bottleneck' at the quilting stage. We are currently using the services of Lori Nelson and Pat Skaggs and their beloved long arms.

If you have a long arm and are interested and willing to assist in the quilting process (even two per month) please call Virginia Wagner at 723-0817 or Kimberly Farnham at 382-1385.

We will provide batting and backing. If you use your long arm for 'business,' we can now provide a receipt for 'rental' time.

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Newsletter articles, information, and classified ads are due to the Newsletter Editor no later than the first of the month following the Executive Board meeting.

# Happy Birthday!

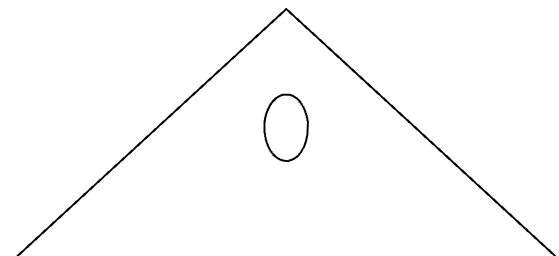
## February 2009

Mary Brown	2
Mary Kaplan	8
Dianna McGinnis	8
Pat Clausen	10
Debbie Linaweaver	16
Janice Scerbo	18
Kathy Haygood	24
Nancee Stewart	25
Barbara Hoffman	27

## Tags for Volunteer Hours

The guild needs to keep record of our volunteer hours in order to maintain our non-profit status.

Whenever time is spent on Quilter's Embrace projects, please log the hours on these tags and submit them to Virginia Wagner or Kimberly Farnham.



### Volunteer Tally Tags

**Name:**  
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**Project:**  
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**Date completed:**  
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**# of Hours:**  
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**Donated Cost:**  
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whose business belongs here?



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**CHECKLIST for January 19, 2009 :**

- **Name Tag**
- **Show and Tell**
- **Quilters' Embrace**
- **Volunteer Hours Tags**
- **Receipts for Guild expenses**
- **Finished "Please Do Not Touch" signs**

**NOTES:**