

Threads That Bind

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Our Guild as a Strong Quilt

As intelligent as whales and dolphins may be, we doubt they use metaphor in their communication. Maybe someday we will know differently as our understanding evolves.

But for now we are moved to consider our guild as a wonderful quilt. What we see when we first look at a quilt is not the entire story. We usually see the dominant fabric, color, and pattern used. We may feel comforted, delighted, or otherwise moved by its overall visual impact. But what would the quilt be without the unseen components of planning and design? What would it be without the contrast fabric, batting and each seam and stitch holding it together for strength, beauty and function?

Similarly we see our guild and its ongoing mission. At first glance it may look like a few people working on specific goals. We marvel at some of their talents and accomplishments. We sometimes think: just what would we do without "so and so?" On a deeper level though, all of us are connected by the stitches of cooperation and the underlayment of our common purposes to preserve, perfect and promote our craft while at the same time serving our community. Every phone call or email is a little stitch that makes our whole purpose stronger through effective communication. Every time we teach another something new we also strengthen the whole group and its purpose. While one person may hold a major role one year, she has the supporting assistance of her committee and guild members to help her shine. She may be the support next year while another steps forward to serve, learn, and grow. We celebrate our contrasts, strengths and work on our weak areas. We try to bring out our best, just like we do in our quilts.

In the coming months as we gear up for our quilt show and other events, let's remember that it is everyone's guild and everyone's show. What part are you playing in supporting or strengthening this year's events? How can you help make it your personal best? We know for some of you, your hard work won't be visible on the surface but we know that working together is the best and only way to get the job done!

Thanks for the trust you have put in this year's executive board. Feel free to attend the board meeting(s) or call a board member with your best ideas.

Keep on Stitching,
Lori and Bridget
Co-Presidents



→ DON'T FORGET!

Quilters Embrace Sew Day — 5/14

Guild meeting — 5/16

Free workshop — 5/21

Board meeting — 5/23



Meetings

When:

Third Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted)

Where:

Public Health Auditorium
260 E. 15th St., Merced

Time:

Setup - 6:30
Meeting starts - 6:45
Call to Order - 7:00

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



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OPPORTUNITIES

Hello Everyone,

Just a note to tell you we will be doing an Opportunity Quilt venue at Mercy Hospital on May 5th. Volunteering that day are Virginia Wagner, Karen Mous, and Susan Anderson. Thank you, ladies!

We will also be going to the Niles Wildflower, Arts, and Quilt Show May 15th for another Opportunity Quilt venue. Volunteering for the Niles venue are Phyllis Boyle, Kathy Kerber and Kimberly King. Thank you, ladies!

Also, we are going to set up our Opportunity Quilt at Merced's Bagel Tyme on Saturday, May 28th, so remember to come by and get a bagel for breakfast or brunch and visit with us. Volunteering for the Bagel Tyme venue is the Saturday Morning Breakfast Club (also known as the Bagel Babes) are Carol Berry, Debbie Dunn, Janetta Gibson, Marcia McCarthy and Lora Wheeler. Thank you, ladies!

Hopefully these will all be profitable and fun opportunities. I will continue to search for others, and if you have any ideas for me to pursue, please let me know.

Thank you again to all our volunteers!!

Louise



Calling all Brave and Patient Quilters!

It is once again Pioneer Day at Fremont Charter School, 1120 W. 22nd Street, Merced. Our students will dress up and play the roles of frontier children at Fremont's Thirteenth Annual Pioneer Day on Wednesday, May 25th. We need your expert sewing talents and time to help our little third graders learn the basics of holding a needle and quilting around a simple design. We will cycle the children through in 20-minute shifts starting at 9:50 a.m. and concluding at 11:10 a.m.

To sign up or for more information, contact: Lora Wheeler at Fremont Charter School, 385-6627 or, better yet, at home, 723-4874. Thank you.

Guild Programs – Susan Hammon

Dear Guild Members,

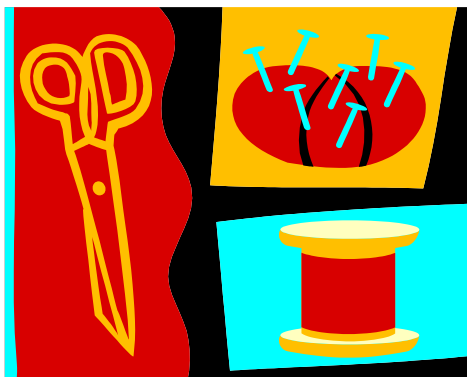
I hope everyone is making lots of quilts for the show. Make sure you are putting hanging sleeves on them as you go. I will demonstrate at the next meeting how to make the sleeve. The May meeting will be Peggy Martin from San Diego. Her lecture will be "Beyond Tradition". We will try to have her back soon for a workshop on strip paper-piecing; hopefully she will be coming north in the Fall after our show.

We will have a workshop on May 21st at the regular meeting place. This will be to finish up or start a table runner (if you need a supply list, please email me and I'll have some at the next meeting) or you can bring your own project to work on. We will have a potluck for lunch. The last workshop was a lot of fun and I hope everyone can join us.

Sally Collins will be here in June for an Informal Trunk Show and two lecture-style classes the next day. Place is still to be determined. The lecture-classes will be on "Borders, Bindings, and Edges" and "Achieving Quality Workmanship". If you want to learn to do things perfectly, she is the teacher for you. I use her pinning technique and it works really well. Hope you will consider signing up for her classes.

The Quilt Airing will be in July ---- more info to follow.

~Susan



Quilt Show Sign-Ups

Wow! What a sign-up for the Quilt Show. We will bring the clip boards every month to continue signing up. We don't want to miss anyone. I know you are all working on your entries for the show. Susan Hammon can receive the entry forms at any time. Karen Mous has been receiving items for the Boutique. If you are new to the Guild, working during the Quilt Show is a wonderful way to meet the other members and form new friendships. Friday, 9/30, is a big workday, but a lot of fun. See you at the May Guild meeting.

Priscilla and Phyllis

BEAUTIFUL BOUNTIFUL BOUTIQUE

You thought we weren't watching, but we were! At the last Quilt Show, we saw you casually stroll into the Boutique while examining the wide variety of donated custom-made quilt-related items. We even saw you buying several strips of tickets, finding a comfortable place to sit while you put your name on the tickets, and stuffing them into the boxes that corresponded to your favorite items. We saw your hopeful facial expression as you declared that your favorite item was destined to be yours. And yes, we saw you repeat this entire procedure more than once, on each day of the Quilt Show. What a delight it was to see you excitedly claim the item(s) you won.

The Boutique promises to be even more fun this year because we are making a few improvements. Please start bringing your Boutique donations to our Guild meetings. We will have a receiving table at every meeting between now and the Quilt Show. Every Guild member is asked to donate at least one quilted or quilt-related item to the Boutique. All proceeds go to Gateway Quilters' Guild and help fund our operating budget. The items you donate are sure to be just exactly what many of our Boutique shoppers hope to win. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations!

Sincerely,

Karen Mous, Jeanne Kimball and Charlene Frederick

Let the Sunshine In

If you know a guild member who could use a note of cheer, a get well wish, or has an occasion to celebrate, contact Jeanne Kimball, our Sunshine Chairman, at 358-4250, and she will send a card with our good wishes.



Quilt Sizes for Quilters Embrace

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.

GQG on Facebook

Did you know that Gateway Quilters Guild has a Facebook page? If you are a member of Facebook, just log in and in the top search window type Gateway Quilters Guild. It will bring up a link to the guild's Facebook page. We've got some great pictures on the site — old and new — and we are adding information on upcoming events. "Like it" and you'll get an update when something new is added.

Quilters Embrace Sew Day

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

Join us for a couple of hours or for the day.

(fabric/quilt kits will be provided)

Date: Saturday, May 14, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Education Annex (Mercy Hospital)

On the corner of Canal and 26th St.

(Located 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 or charity quilts you wish to sew (please label your mats, cutters, etc.)

Snacks, beverages and lunch provided.

Any questions, please call Kimberly Sterry-Farnham at 947-0060.

Newsletter items should be submitted to cberry@elite.net no later than the week following the guild's board meeting. Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month.

Interest Groups—open to all members

Happy Stitchers

We are not having a meeting in May, but we hope to see you all at the free guild workshop on May 21st. Whether you want to work on your table runner – or some of the projects you are finishing for the airing or the quilt show this year - or Quilters Embrace projects – it’s a great chance to get together – have a great potluck lunch, and talk quilting. These open sew days are in the tradition of the quilting bee – quilters have always loved to get together, share ideas, and quilt our days away. See you there.

~Dorothy Kielty

Handquilting

Contact Janetta Gibson if you are interested in this group.

Member News

We currently have 79 members in the guild. We had several guests at our April meeting and if you were wearing your nametag, they knew who you were! We will be continuing to give one free library ticket to each member who comes to the guild meeting WEARING A NAMETAG. If you haven't finished making your nametag, we'll give you a ticket for being a good sport and wearing any type of nametag. Please remind your guests to sign in at the membership table and we will have paper nametags for them.

Diane Swenson

“Will Massage for Quilts” Incentive Program for Quilters Embrace

For April, the winner of a free massage goes to Billie Shewey. Congratulations, Billie! Thanks for all you do.

As a reminder, to be eligible for each drawing, you must be an active participant for the current month or over the last 12 months. Active participation will include any of the following: donation of a finished quilt, quilt top, fabric, completion of a kit or participation in a sew day. A ticket will be given for each donation. To be fair, the winner will be different each month. You will only be eligible to win once in a 12-month period, thus your ticket will remain for future drawings. The winner may also choose to give the massage to a family member/friend if desired. To assist in my scheduling, the massage certificate must be redeemed within 30 days and a signed disclaimer will be required by the Guild.

Thank you, *Kimberly Farnham*

June Birthdays

Linda Royal	June 1	Judith Dake	June 17
Barbara Keeton	June 6	Billie Shewey	June 19
Melba Hamlin	June 8	Alison Scot	June 28
Joan Rodriguez	June 9	Claudia Kalmin	June 29
Janice Watson	June 12	Janeen Salvadori	June 30



Library Corner

Book Review by Karen Mous
INSPIRED BY TRADITION

What a wonderful applique book title! *Inspired by Tradition* by Kay Mackenzie is a new book in our guild library. The first half of the book illustrates colorful applique quilt blocks and their patterns. The remainder of the book offers detailed beginning instructions for four applique methods: back basting, needle turn, raw edge and fusible. There is also an informative section devoted to answering some of the most often asked questions about applique. A delightful surprise is secured inside the back cover of the book: a CD which allows the reader to print the pictured applied patterns in five sizes from six inches to twelve inches. If you are curious about applique, I would recommend checking out *Inspired by Tradition* and trying your hand at one or more of the lovely beginner patterns.

Quilters Embrace Update for May 2011

An update to the May 14th sew day will be given in the June Newsletter.

In our effort to streamline quilters' time, going forward, QE sew days will be tied into the Happy Stitchers group as well as other program sew events. We will continue to bring kits for those who wish to join us and for those who cannot, kits will continue to be available at our monthly guild meetings.

Thanks to all who participate in our QE efforts.

Kimberly Farnham and Virginia Wagner

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We are happy to let you know that Celeste Simonsen will be helping with the Guild Website. Celeste has many years of experience and will help us to get the website updated. If you would like to see something in the website – type it up for us or give us the link and a description and we will try and get it added to the site. Just email webmaster@gatewayquiltersguild.org and Carol, Celeste and Dorothy will all get it...

Dorothy Kielty

A BIZARRE REQUEST

Do you eat cottage cheese? No, we really aren't the diet police. We need you to save the containers and lids for us. We need as many 32 ounce and 16 ounce containers as you can spare. Please bring them to the next four Guild meetings and drop them off at the Boutique table.

Thank you in advance!
Karen Mous, Jeanne Kimball, Charlene Frederick



THANKYOUVERY MUCH

My sincere thanks to each of you who donated your special blocks to my President's Quilt. It was a delight to savor them one by one, thinking fondly of each of you as I read your names. I haven't started piecing them together yet, so if you are one of the people who said you have blocks at home that you wanted included, there is still time. If you weren't able to complete your blocks, I would still like you to sign your name on one of my extra blocks so I will have a complete membership record on my memory quilt. I will bring the extra blocks and pens to the next Guild meeting. It was a privilege to serve as your 2010-11 President. I look forward to showing you your signature blocks in a completed quilt top some-time soon. Thank you again for the lovely blocks. I will think of you fondly in years to come as I see your names on the quilt.

Your quilting friend, *Karen Mous*

May 14-15, 2011

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
 "Medley of Quilts"
 Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m.—5 p.m.
 Sunday, May 15 from 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
 Yosemite High School
 50020 School Road, Oakhurst, CA
 \$7 Admission
www.sierramountainquilters.org

May 15, 2011

Niles Main Street Association
 "Niles Wildflower, Art, Garden and Quilt Show"
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Niles Boulevard, Fremont, CA
www.niles.org

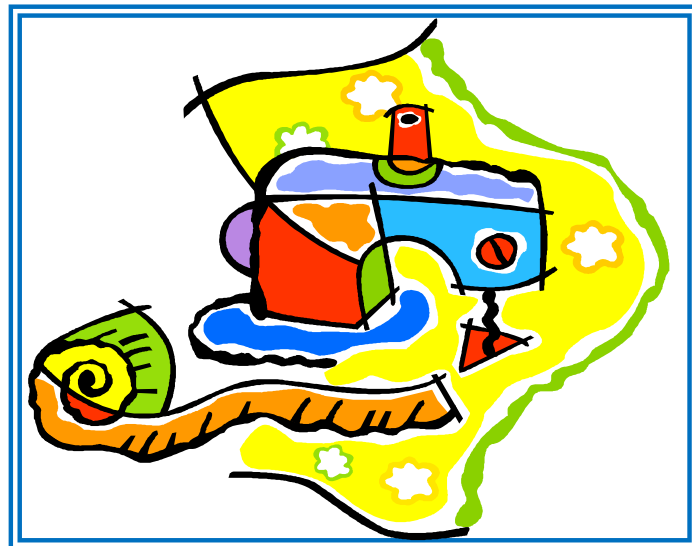
June 4-5, 2011

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County
 "Wine Country Quilts 2011"
 Saturday, June 4—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sunday, June 5—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building
 1351 Maple Avenue
 Santa Rosa, CA
 \$8 admission (\$10 two-day admission)
www.mqsc.org

June 11, 2011

Pine Needlers Quilt Guild
 "3rd Biannual Quilt Stroll"
 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
 Downtown Groveland, CA

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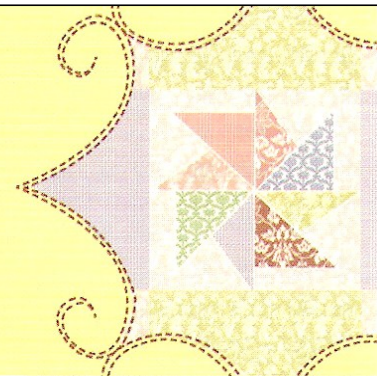
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