



President's Message

One of the tricks we all learn as quilters is when to step away.

Yesterday I was sewing the binding to the back of a large quilt that I've been working on for years. I have only one side left to complete it. I patiently threaded my needle, gave the thread a good coat of "Thread Heaven," tied a quilter's knot at the end, and completed my first stitch. So far, so good. On to the next stitch, pulled the thread through and instantly created three loopy knots. I tried to unknit it to no



Janet Shore, taking Jim's advice to step away from stress, at the Sonoma County Fair.

avail, got my scissors to cut the culprit, and started over. Not enough thread to justify using what's left, so I got the spool, cut another piece, and repeated steps one through four. As I made my second stitch, I pulled the thread through and created two loopy knots this time. Okay. The universe is telling me I should be doing something else, so I put the project away and went out to the garage to continue with the laundry.

This has happened to me while sewing on my machine, too. Starting a new project, the bobbin case is cleaned, new bobbin, new needle, carefully thread the machine. I can tell by the first few stitches something's not right. Cut the thread, major bird's nest on the back. Reset the bobbin, rethread the machine, try it again, and I'm making a new home for our neighborhood hummingbird.

I'm sure I'm not the only one. There are times when you just need to take a deep breath and step away for a while ... change your focus ... perhaps see it as another lesson in having patience (how many times do we need that message?).

Step away for a while ... a good skill to use dealing with life in general these days. I've stepped away from watching the news; I've stepped away from reading the newspaper (and skip by most news posts on the internet). I admire that some people can stay immersed in the craziness, but for me, I treasure my sanity. I'm not advocating turning a blind eye or trying to ignore what's happening. I vote; I write my congress people. But more im-

portantly, I always try to be kind and to help spontaneously. For me, acting locally is the most effective way to create change.

I am grateful for the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild being a safe haven in the storm. No matter how we view the direction the country is taking, we can meet together with our love for the art and craft of quilting, and step away from the disagreements and madness, even if for a few hours. It is through the sharing of our talents with the community that we are all creating change.

Jim Jensen

2017 Programs

MICHELLE GEORGE September 22, 2017

On September 22 Santa Rosa Quilt Guild will host its first ever "free" workshop to members. Michelle George from Merced will be teaching two quilts patterns; The Flying Geese Log Cabin which uses jelly rolls and The Disappearing Pinwheel which uses layer cakes. Signups are now closed as we have reached are maximum capacity. Lunch will, also, be provided. THIS WORKSHOP IS A CLOSED WORKSHOP. It's very disruptive to the continuity of the class to have non-enrolled people show up to talk, have lunch or check out the projects. Please do not invite anyone to stop by and visit. Information regarding the supply list can be found on the website under Programs and Workshops, September. If you have not indicated which pattern you want to make please let Janice Rodgers know ASAP.



Flying Geese Log Cabin

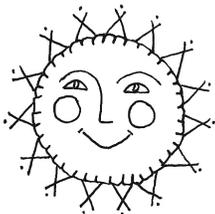


Disappearing Pinwheel



Janice Rodgers

Sunshine



Knowing that someone cares can really make a person's day brighter. Please contact me by phone or email if you know someone who could use a card from the SRQG.

Happy Sewing,
Jan Westerman
(Ms. Sunshine)

PAT SPETH October 19 & 20, 2017

October 19 Program

"Five Inch is a Cinch"

Pat Speth began quilting in 1988 when she purchased a wool quilt batting from her Grandmother's auction. "I checked out a stack of quilt books from the library and fell in love with the patterns and designs; I knew I could not stop with just one quilt."

Pat started working with 5 inch squares as a basis for her quilt making in 1993 after attending her first retreat. She was asked to do a program for her guild in 1997 using the 5" squares, which gave her the push to explore new uses and techniques for working with the squares. Pat, while working a full time job, started on the book, *Nickel Quilts* in 1998 and was able to have it ready for the publishers in June 2001.



She loves teaching the methods for working with the 5" squares, and sharing her quilts with others. After juggling her full time job and her quilting for many years, Pat moved into a full time quilting career in July 2003. "I have found my passion in life, and I can't imagine doing anything else."

When she is not quilting (a rare and odd occurrence) Pat enjoys traveling with her two webmasters and children, Ray and Roxie, who keep her from getting lost in foreign lands. She lives in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her lecture is entitled "Five Inch is a Cinch--How Nickel Quilts Are Created" --This trunk show is sure to get quilters fired up about using 5" squares of fabric. Pat will bring a great assortment of quilts from her collection. You will learn to focus on the blocks in the quilts and the simple components from which they are made.

October 20 Workshop

"Picket Fence Units"

In this workshop you will learn how to make the picket fence unit with the sew & flip method. No triangles to cut or bias to work with. You will receive a handout that includes 39 design varia-

Pat Speth continued on next page →

Technique Sharing Workshops

These workshops are free to members and occur after lunch at the end of the meeting. You won't want to miss any of them so make plans to stay and learn some new and creative ways to use your fabric/tools, etc and ways to sew. Our wonderful and talented members have many great ideas to share.

Be sure to check the website for any handouts that go with the presentations.

Upcoming Technique Sharing Workshops:

September 7, 2017

Pam Brown

Create Colorful Fabric Beads

Here's your chance to use those last precious pieces of fabric to make colorful beads for art quilts or jewelry. Combine them with commercial beads to make one-of-a-kind necklaces and bracelets.

Pam Brown will be bringing all the supplies so you can make some to take home and embellish with seed beads, yarn, wire...the sky's the limit.



October 19, 2017

Janice Juul

Zippered Clear Plastic Project Bags

The bags are zippered clear plastic project bags. The bags can range in size from 16" x 16" to 6" x 6". Whatever size you need. The TSW will show



you the tricks. No need to bring your sewing machine just stay and watch the process

November 16, 2017

Guild Members

Round Robin Sharing

Bring your favorite tools, tricks, and simple skills that make sewing and quilting and problem solving much easier to share with other members. This is always

TSW continued →

September 2017

Pat Speth continued

tions on the Millennium Star block that are created by rotating and substituting the block components. Pat will show you many great borders using these units. A handout will be given and discussed on how to make your pieced border fit your quilt top. Rated: All skill levels.

Students will be able to make one of these five quilts:

Millennium Star, Pinwheels on Parade, Woodland Clover, Chesapeake, and Dawn to Dusk.

 Janice Rodgers



Woodland Clover



Millennium Star



Chesapeake



Pinwheels on Parade



Dawn to Dusk

TSW continued

fun and includes many "Ah-Ha" moments. Come and find out the special secrets our members have gleaned in their years of quilting. If you have something you would like to share please sign up before the meeting so we know how many will be coming. To celebrate our last TSW of the year all members who share their secrets will get something "special". Let's end the year with a few more tools in our sewing boxes!

 Jan Nilsen

Library News

The following is a list of the books that came into our possession since our last newsletter. For images of the covers and more detailed descriptions of the items, just click on LIBRARY on our website www.santarosaquiltguild.org Linda Hooper has written easy-to-understand directions about how to utilize the library site. To locate her instructions, click on the underlined “here” in the second paragraph at the top of the library page. Let me know if you would like guidance with the site and we’ll sit down at the Library’s laptop computer after a meeting. *A hint: if you are looking for an author, remember to type in the last name first, and if you are searching for a book title, type in the first “important” word leaving the a, an, and the’s ‘til the end.*

Want to know what our Go! Baby Accuquilt cutting system is all about? Type in Go! in the Search box at the top of our website’s Library page and learn not only what it is, what it does, but also find a list of our dies. You can also find all of our Go! “toys” listed at the bottom of the Library’s Home Page on our website. Our thanks to guild member Mary Reder for sharing her Go! Baby cutting machine with us. Also, a thank you to Linda Silva for giving our guild the next-larger size of cutter and many dies that she won in a raffle. Reserve the machines and dies just like a library book. Yes – we give (free) lessons!

Our brand new library items:

ADVENTURES IN HEXAGONS by Emily Breclaw – instructions for hand and machine piecing – many design options (requested by Jan Westerman and Wendy Mouille)

GYPSY WIFE by Jen Kingwell (requested by Mary Anne Hayre – treat yourself to seeing many other Gypsy quilts made by others by typing in “images of Gypsy Wife quilt” on the internet)

FESTIVE FALL QUILTS (Autumn, Halloween, and Thanksgiving) by Kim Schaefer

DOUBLE WEDDING DEATH by Arlene Sachitano (#10 Harriet Truman Loose Threads novels)

CREATIVE MACHINE QUILTING – 25 Designs – donated/signed by our July speaker, April Sproule

QUILTFOLK – Issue 3 (a magazine, but I am treating it like a book) – Hawaii

1000 EMBROIDERY DESIGNS by Joan Waldman

CREATE YOUR OWN DREAM FEATHERS by Peggy Holt

Library News continued

PIECE IN THE HOOP – quilting projects for embroidery machines – by Larisa Bland – donation

SEW GIFTS! By various quilters – a donation by Sue Gragg

A PATRICK LOSE CHRISTMAS by Patrick Lose – from the library of Marilyn Altenbach

POSTER QUILTS WITH PATRICK LOSE by Patrick Lose – from the library of Marilyn Altenbach

BUTTERFLIES & BLOOMS (frogs, ants, dragonflies, damselflies, and turtles, too!) – Designs for Appliqué and Quilting by Carol Armstrong – Donated from the library of Marilyn Altenbach

QUILT-LOVERS’ FAVORITES FROM AMERICAN PATCHWORK & QUILTING, VOLUME 8 by Better Homes and Gardens (a donation)

QUILT-LOVERS’ FAVORITES FROM AMERICAN PATCHWORK & QUILTING, VOLUME 9 by Better Homes and Gardens (a donation)

FABRIC SILHOUETTES –Treasures from the Family Album – by Louise Handley – a donation

Our New **GO! DIES:** (see www.accuquilt.com for tips!)

10” square (#55451) for “layer cakes” (9-1/2” finished)

5” square (#55010) for “charm squares” (4-1/2” finished)

Churn Dash Block (#55339) (9” finished block)

Schoolhouse Block (#55344) (10” finished block)

Numbers zero through nine (#55099) to go along with our alphabet dies – (3” tall)

Be sure to let me know if you find an item that our library “needs” (books, DVDs, and Go! Baby dies, magazines).

Have you pawed through the ever-growing box of rulers, templates, and stencils that have been donated to our library for members to check out?

Need a fabric pen to sign a block? Sharon ‘the Librarian’ will loan her personal collection during meetings. Tip: Iron a piece of freezer paper to the back of the area before signing so the fabric stays taut.

Library News continued ➔

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Friendship Blocks

Ideas for a Friendship Block

Fall in love with a fabric.
Cut the fabric into 20 pieces.
Let each friend make a block using your fabulous fabric.

Fall in love with a fabric.
Find a block you really like.
Make 20 kits with the block pattern and a piece of your fabulous fabric.

Make a Friendship Block Kit that includes suggestions for a block.
Include theme, size, color and any special directions you want your friend to know.

Sit back and watch the magic happen as your beautiful blocks arrive.

 Janice Juul

Boutique and Raffle

Thank you to all the ladies who offer to help set up the Boutique. All help is greatly appreciated. Mary Wood is a wonderful helper, arriving early to set up and staying late to put everything away. Of course, Chris Nolen (the boutique slave) does a fabulous job in coercing all of you into buying your raffle tickets. Sales are almost always over \$120 if Chris is on the job selling tickets. If everyone only donated \$1 a meeting to the raffle that would be over \$100.00 and go a long way in paying the rent for the day.

Superior Threads sent an email several weeks ago saying the price of Omni thread was increasing. I promptly placed a large order to replenish all our favorite colors and ordered more needles, too. So be sure and come by and take a look at our huge selection. You cannot buy these cones anywhere else in the area. There are other threads as well, and a small selection of micro thread that came highly recommended if you want the thread to disappear.

Winners for the last meeting were: Becky Stanley, Toni Anderson, Ann or Chris Nolan, Becky Stanley again, and Judy Wellock.

Thank you everyone for participating.

 Betty Upchurch

September 2017

Sew-A-Row

The FINAL round of nearly all of our SAR's is in progress. I continue to be surprised each month with how the interpretation of these collaborative projects is coming along. I have really appreciated all of the questions and opinions expressed by various members. It is a direct reflection of the artistry and enthusiasm demonstrated by our guild in how it approaches a challenge.

Keep up the good work. It is an honor to be involved with this committee, and both Sharon Oman and I are enjoying seeing your hard work come to life. Remember for round 5, (the final round) the due date is on the first meeting in November!

 Toni Anderson & Sharon Oman

Library News continued

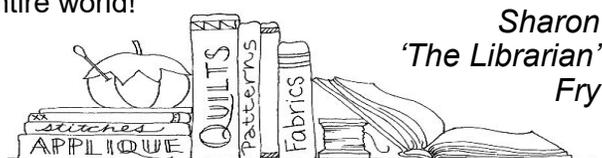
We have magazine subscriptions to: FONS AND PORTER'S LOVE OF QUILTING, MACHINE QUILTING UNLIMITED, AMERICAN QUILTER, QUILTMAKER, MODERN QUILTS UNLIMITED, QUILTING ARTS MAGAZINE, and MODERNE (from Quiltmania).

We also have many past issues of: PRIMITIVE QUILTS AND PROJECTS, QUILT LIFE (Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims (Discontinued 10/2014), MINIATURE QUILTS, Japanese magazines, QUILTMANIA (European), AND QUILTERS NEWSLETTER (September 1969 until October 2016 when, sadly, they quit publishing).

Wearing your nametag is a huge help to everyone. This is an excellent way for us to get to put names and faces together.

Check out as many of our more than 3,305 books, DVDs, and CDs, plus magazines, (and Go! Baby equipment as you wish) ~ just remember to return them to the very next meeting, pretty please, as there are so many members in the guild who also wish to use the items.

Our library needs many, many volunteers. You do not need to formally sign-up to help – we'll take whatever time you can spare before or after any meeting. If you do not like the job you are given, don't be shy – let us know what you would rather do. I can never thank everyone enough for their assistance and support with making our library the best in the entire world!



Sharon
'The Librarian'
Fry

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Nominations Open for 2018 Elected Board

Nominations are now open for
ALL Elected Board Positions
2018

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Program Chair
Program Chair Elect
Parliamentarian
Six (6) Members-at-Large

- ◆ The term is for one (1) year starting in January 2018.
- ◆ Attendance is required at Board meetings held the 4th Thursday of the month, at the Scottish Rite's Family Room, starting at 10:00 a.m. for approximately for two (2) hours
- ◆ Candidates must be Guild Members .(Affiliates may not hold an elected position)
- ◆ You may self nominate
- ◆ Nominations close the last Member meeting in October

If you have any questions, you may contact any member of the Nominating Committee:

Toni Anderson
Rhonda Denny
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Janet Tonkin
Dianne Cheli



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Fair Winners Announced

A good time was had by all who attended the fair this year. Quilting demonstrations went well and the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild took away a large number of ribbons for quilts. Our Opportunity Quilt, "Plentitude of Poppies" got a First place ribbon, Best of Division, and Best of Show. Mary Ann Hayre, who was responsible for putting the quilt together, also received 3 Firsts, Second, Fourth and Best of Division for her other quilts.

Toni Anderson	First, Second
Jennifer Baker	First, Second, Fourth
Pam Beebe	Second
Carol Behlke	Third
Lyra Bobo	First, Third
Pam Brown	First, Fifth
Debbie Cole	Second
Rhonda Denny	Second, 2 Fifths
Sue Gragg	First
Kay Hartman	Third
Linda Hooper	First, Third, Best of Division
Carol Jarvis	First, Fourth
Joyce Marty	Third, Fourth
Nancy McDermott	First, Second
Pam McVey	First, Second
Elizabeth Park	First
Jackie Pitts	Fifth
Caroline Pope	Third
Janice Rodgers	Fourth
Karen Taylor	Fifth
Fran Threewit	First
Genelle Voorhees	Third
Ellindale Wells	Second, Third
Mary Wood	Second, Fourth

Our Best Hand Quilting Award went to Ruth Wolf and our Youth Department Best Use of Color and Design award went to Fiona Denny, who also received two Firsts, Best of Class and Best of Show. Fiona is Rhonda Denny's seven year old granddaughter. Congratulations to everyone.

 Pam McVey

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 28, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Scottish Rite Family Room
All Members Are Welcome

2017 Guild Challenge

Thanks to all who took the time and created such a nice variety of Challenge projects!! Many of us took the "Around the Block" to new heights and showed great creativity.

I appreciate everyone who answered the call.



Carole Behlke

Community Quilts

I hope you have all had a good summer. The end of the year will soon be here. Remember all the quilts we need to donate to the community at that time. More NICU quilts have been needed this year and lots of lap sized quilts for all ages. I recently checked how many quilts for Veterans have been made by Lavella and her helpers. Since 2013 they have made and donated 1,512 quilts! Wow!

Our last quilt a thon will be Thursday October 5. Make sure it's on your calendar. It is always a fun day at guild. Thank you for all the beautiful quilts.



Pam Beebe, Laura Barrett,
Nancy Stedman & Janet Tonkin

COMMUNITY QUILT SIZES

If you are making donation quilts on your own, these are the approximate sizes most needed.

32" x 40" Baby Quilts	For Sutter & Memorial NICUs, Public Health nursing, & teen moms. We provide kits for making the tops, or you may use your own fabrics.
40" x 60"	For Valley of the Moon and other Organizations serving children in need. Please use bright colors for young children or fabrics that will appeal to teenagers.
50" x 65"	For 18 year olds aging out of the Foster Care system and for women residing at the YWCA Safe House.
40" x 60"	Lap quilts for adults. Given to Secret Santa, women being served by Verity, seniors in local convalescent hospitals, & others.
Doll Quilts	For little girls & boys. We collect them throughout the year and donate during the holidays.

Thank you to all who are involved with this important outreach project!

2017 Executive Board & Committees

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SRQG 2017 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 7** **Business Meeting**
UFO Challenge Due!
TSW: Pam Brown ~ Create Fabric Beads
- 21** **FOUNDERS DAY**
Potluck Luncheon to celebrate SRQG's 41st birthday
County Fair Winners Honored
Awards Presentations
- 22** **Free Workshop**
Michelle George
Flying Geese Log Cabin or Disappearing Pinwheel
Scottish Rite Center
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. for set-up
Free to members, but you must sign up! Seats are limited.
- 28** **Board Meeting**

OCTOBER

- 5** **QUILTATHON!!**
Nominations for 2018 Elected Board presentation.
- 12** **PIQF Bus Trip**
- 19** **Program Meeting**
Pat Speth ~ "Five Inch is a Cinch"
TSW: Janice Juul ~ "Clear Plastic Project Bags"
- 20** **Workshop**
Pat Speth ~ "Picket Fence Unit Quilts"
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
8:30 a.m. for set-up
- 28** **Board Meeting**

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MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

The Santa Rosa Quilt Guild meets the first and third Thursdays of each month (in December only one meeting is held on the first Thursday) at 10:00 a.m. at the Scottish Rite / Masonic Lodge in Santa Rosa, 600 Acacia Lane, between Mission Boulevard and Middle Rincon Road on Highway 12 east of Santa Rosa.

Membership dues are \$35 per year. The calendar year is January to December; new member's dues are prorated. Regular meetings, special programs, use of the extensive library and special discounts from some affiliates are benefits of membership. For More information or to send a check for dues email:

membership@santarosaquiltguild.org

Meeting Etiquette

- ◆ **Please avoid chit-chat while someone is speaking to the group.**
- ◆ Please peruse the Silent Auction & Boutique before or after the meeting--not during the meeting.
- ◆ Please, do not browse the speaker's sales table during the meeting.
- ◆ Please set your cell phone to silent mode or turn it off.
- ◆ At Speaker Meetings, please move to the center of the rows and eliminate empty seats, so late-comers will be able to find a seat and not disturb the group.

Thank You Sew Much!

