



Stitch 'n Times

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild
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President's Message



Due to the Coronavirus-19, it appears that it may be several more months before we can meet in person. Your Elected Board met on Zoom last Thursday to discuss where to go from here. Zoom is a computer app that allows many people in different locations to log-on and view or participate in a meeting, presentation, workshop, etc. Zoom worked well and your Board was amazing with the variety of ideas and the discussions that followed. It was mentioned that several groups like ours are having Zoom meetings, including speaker presentations and, in some instances, workshops.

We discussed many possibilities, but we want your input on what you believe would be beneficial for our members.

The most important thing for us was "How was everyone doing?" To find out, we divvied up the roster and each Board member was assigned 20 members to contact. With a short script of questions, we hope to get the pulse of the guild and determine what we can do that would be beneficial for all of us and help us stay connected in this extension of 'Sheltering in Place.'

We were then faced with the question of "What to do about the election of our 2021 Officers and Committee Chairs?" Many organizations (guilds, public organization, Masonic organizations, etc.) have asked their Officers and Committee Chairs to stay in their positions one extra year, through 2021. The Board felt that because of this unprecedented time, this was a viable option as changes to the leadership of our guild may not be in our best interest.

I want to encourage each of you to participate in as many activities as possible to help our community and our emotional well-being. Some of these are: Community Quilts, Sew-a-Rows, Placemats for Meals on Wheels and others, Kitty Hammocks (it is kitten time!), Block-of-the-Month, Friendship Blocks, Citrus and Sonoma Co. Fairs for 2021, Guild Challenge, and more. Or, call a friend using the "speaker phone option" and sew while you talk – a wonderful way to keep in touch and keep those hands busy and productive. XO



 Genelle Voorhees



Opportunity Quilt

Do you still have ticket stubs for our "Stargazer" opportunity quilt?

Deadline for turning stubs in - August 15.

Date for drawing - August 20.

More details will follow about the drawing.

We want to collect any opportunity quilt ticket stubs that have not been turned in. *Stubs may not be sent in the mail, so contact one of these people for pickup:*

- Alana Colburn, Santa Rosa South
- Frances Evans, Healdsburg
- Ann Nolen, Santa Rosa Central
- Margo Orrego-Pitter, Healdsburg

 Alana Colburn
Frances Evans



Block-of-the-Month



You know, so far, summer has not been so hot and as I write this in mid-July there are lovely breezes cool-



ing the evening air. Hence, the August block of the month is "Fluttering Butterfly." There are no excuses to not make two or three of these lovely little butterflies. The background is light, like a light blue for the sky or any other lovely color. The wings can have feathers in them, like Jim's (totally anatomically incorrect but absolutely stunning) or any other bright color. And the body should be dark. The instructions are on our website so check it out!

 Carolle LeMonnier
Joanie Bellinghausen

Programs

Just to let you know what is going on in my world – Ann Nolen and I are working together to bring the lectures and workshops that have been cancelled this year to next year's program schedule.

Ann has such a diverse and quality program of fabric artists scheduled that we do not want to lose our opportunity to learn from them!

Therefore, I am currently contracting with Sandra Mollon (traditional and machine applique) for February, Lisa Thorpe (fabric embellishments) for March, and Jenny Lyon (beginning free motion quilting) in April.

I am still looking for your input to other speakers/teachers that you are interested in having in 2021, so don't be shy about letting me know!

Personally, I'm sewing a dozen NICU blankets (not finishing them, mind you) 'cuz I've discovered that I enjoy the fabric selection, design, and piecing of the tops, but not so much the sandwich construction and quilting of the almost completed quilts.

Also, that "dumb bunny" that my mother always complained about when she sewed has come to live at my house! Who knew you could make simple/silly/stupid mistakes on projects that you normally can do in your sleep? I have!!!

I hope you're staying safe and looking forward to getting back together as much as I am.

 Bonnie Butler-Sibbald

Sew-a-Row



Would you like to try a new technique, color scheme, or theme that you might not normally do? Sew-a-Row is a great way to stretch, create, and give something new a try. Since you only have to do one row or round, the time commitment is minimal.

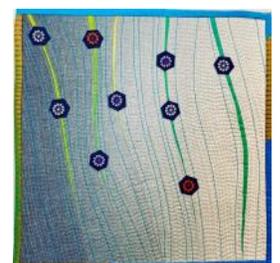
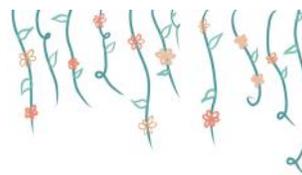
How it works:

1. Check the website for the rows in the program and look for something you would like to add a row to. Each Sew-a-Row will have a total of five rows when complete.
2. Contact Ann Nolen to arrange to sign them out.
3. Our committee is offering curbside pickup and drop off from our homes in Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, and Cloverdale. If that doesn't work for you, we can help brainstorm a solution.
4. Our goal is to complete all five rows on each project by December 1. A drawing will be held in December 2020 to determine which participating quilter will win the completed project.

Sew-a-Row Committee

 Ann Nolen (Santa Rosa)
Margo Pitter (Healdsburg)
Jeanne Parent (Cloverdale)

Accolades



I am so excited! Another quilt has been chosen to be published in the October edition of *Curated Quilts Magazine*! It is the Youth challenge, and my granddaughter, Addison, designed the quilt, I made it from her rendering, but with the challenge color palette. Good teamwork Addison!!!!

Congratulations Toni!

 Toni Anderson

Remember Me

One of the many disadvantages of having to sequester is not being able to be together to acknowledge the passing of beloved friends who have been members of SRQG. May we always remember with joy and fondness all of the friends we have lost since we last met.

Peggie Sue Buckelew

Peggie passed away on June 13, twenty minutes before her birthday. She was a member of the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild and the Riding Club Santa Rosa. She retired as a long-time bus driver for the city of Santa Rosa. Peggie had many friends, and was loved by everyone that was lucky enough to know her.

I love this picture of Peggie and Lavella Cassinelli. The other picture is of Peggie and me, taken in March of this year. Peggie had Melanoma cancer. I took care of her because at the end, she was confined to bed for three days. I was so grateful it didn't last for weeks. She had surgery in May 2019, but it is a



cancer you don't get over.



Peggie was my driver. She could back up a car better than I could drive forward.

She loved everyone and was known for her peanut brittle.

Peggie was a joy to be with, and I will miss her dearly.

~ Leora Bennallack

P. S. from Sharon 'the Librarian' Fry -- Peggie Sue Buckelew, Peggie Sue Buckelew. Say her name out loud. It is fun to say! Peggie joined our Santa Rosa Quilt Guild on November 17, 2016, with her dear friend Leora Bennallack. Peggie was not able to renew her membership with our guild this past year due to her illness, but Leora kept her informed. Peggie Sue was lucky to have Leora, and we were lucky to have Peggie Sue in our lives.

~ Sharon Fry

Sewlutions

Recently I had a fabric bleed so bad on a completed quilt that I actually had to toss it into the scrap bin. I spent nearly as much time trying to salvage it as I had making it. I used all the tricks I knew of, but the bleed was too pervasive. Needless to say, I was devastated. During the process of choosing fabrics for my next quilt, I took a couple of precautionary steps I normally have not done, especially since the quilt had a white

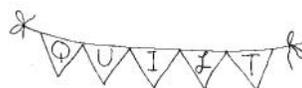


background, and I am still using a lot of donated fabrics. I don't normally pre-wash, but I did find a way to take a step to test for bleeding without the washing machine. I have large jars that I filled halfway with cold water and a little soap and a color catcher. Put similar colors in the jar and agitate manually. This gives you a way to test and get an immediate result if you do have a bleed. The jars give you a good view of any problem fabrics.

This method saves time, and doesn't beat the fabric up like a washing machine cycle will. I am happy to report that I completed my quilt with the white background, and fabrics selected from my stash that included donated fabrics, without a bleed. I



will use this method again; it worked well and saved me time and aggravation! I hope that if you run into a similar situation this might help you save your time and aggravation also. Happy quilting!



🌻 Toni Anderson

Placemats



I hope everyone has been sewing; I know I sure have. So far for this year we have 92 placemats finished – that's not too bad considering our last meeting was way back on March 5. I have over 50 kits available if anyone is looking for a quick project. I would be more than willing to deliver

them to you, or you can pick them up at my house at just about any time; just give me a call or e-mail me first. These are quick and give you a sense of accomplishment, and you are doing something nice for someone else. They are also a great way to practice free motion quilting.

I was given twelve 12-1/2" squares and I made a 12" X 18" placemat by adding a 3-1/2" strip to each side of the square. The challenging part was finding a complimentary fabric from my fabric stash for the added sides. I finished it with an envelope finish, but you could make binding if you like. This was a fast and fun interruption to my otherwise humdrum day. I now have eleven more to keep me busy.

I hope you will give something like this a try or just use a fun fabric from your stash: cut two pieces 13" X 19", using a 1/2" seam sew all around the edges, leaving an opening so you can turn inside out, press, and you are ready to quilt ... don't forget the batting. So even if it is just one, it will be something different and who knows, you might like to make some for yourself or as gifts for Christmas.

In closing I miss each and every one of you, and I hope it is not too long before we can get together again. Meanwhile, try to stay busy, and call a friend, and wear a mask when you go out.

 Barbara Cortelyou

Snips and Pieces

License holders over the age of 70 (March-December 2020 expirations): Extension valid for one year from original expiration date.

The extensions are automatic, but eligible drivers will not receive a new card or paper extension in the mail. As an option, these drivers can request a free temporary paper extension online through DMV's Virtual Field Office to document their extension, though one is not needed to drive.

From California DMV <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/covid-19-relief-information/driver-license-extensions/>

Friendship Blocks

We still have room for Carolle LeMonnier's "2020" request. She would like blocks that represent this topsyturvy year and what it means to you. All the good and perhaps not so good that has been going on in our world.



You can see more information for Carolle's request on our website.

The gnomes are running amok over on the Friendship Block web site. Almost all of the "You Gnome I Love You" blocks are in the hands of Janice Juul. She is looking forward to sewing them together. We are looking forward to seeing them all in one place.

Remember, it only takes three credits to request a Friendship Block quilt of your own. You can see how many credits you have on the web site or email me; I would gladly let you know. So put on your thinking cap and come up with an idea and email it to me. Together we will write it up and get it going.

 Heidi Mitarai

Quilt Challenge



The "Quilted, But Not a Quilt" guild challenge of 2020 was to be due on August 6, 2020. Who knows when we will be able to gather again to see each other's creations? Fortunately, we have a wonderful newsletter in which to share the challenge results.

Last month, I shared a little quilted bird. This month I am sharing a "See-Through-Work-In-Progress Bag". I like embroidery and applique projects which take months to complete. Keeping all the little pieces of fabric together was a challenge. These "See-Through Bags" are perfect to keep my WIPs organized. The pattern is from www.sewcanshe.com/blog by Caroline Fairbanks Critchfield. Search for "sew-a-see-through-bag." I made one following the pattern and then I made another bigger one shown on this page.

Please send your stories of what you have made in to Jim and include a picture so we can all be inspired by your work. Remember to note where to get the pattern, if appropriate. It can be large or small, and we all want to see what you were challenged to create.

 Debbie Faris-Cole

Community Quilts

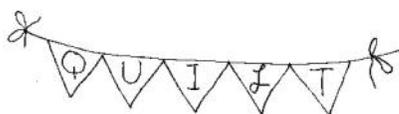
A week ago, Janet gave twenty quilts to the Public Health Office. They are working from home, but still connecting with new moms who can use the quilts for their babies. We are happy to know they are still using the quilts. Pam gave twenty quilts to the NICU at Sutter, and Memorial continues to use the quilts. We still need lap size quilts for various groups. There may be a greater need during the coming months.

Please keep working on more quilts as time and supplies allow.

Stay safe and well.

Thank you to all who so generously participate in making quilts for our community!

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 Nancy Stedman stedmanphs@yahoo.com



COMMUNITY QUILT SIZES

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

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| 32" x 40" Baby Quilts | For Sutter and Memorial NICUs, Public Health nursing, and 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 to be handed out by Secret Santa, women being served by Verity, seniors in local convalescent hospitals, and others. |
| Doll Quilts | For little girls and boys. We collect them throughout the year and donate during the holidays. |

Snips and Pieces

Rhubarb Crisp

I found this recipe a year or so ago, and it's a favorite of almost everyone who tries it. It even could be made gluten free, dairy free, and almost sugar free.

Prep time: 15 mins.

Bake time: 45 mins at 350

Yield: eight servings or more

Ingredients:

¾ Cup sugar

3 TBLS corn starch

3 Cups fresh rhubarb

2 Cups sliced apples, or strawberries (I also added fresh blueberries)

1 Cup quick-cooking or old fashioned oats

½ Cup packed brown sugar

½ Cup butter melted

1/3 Cup AP flour

1 tsp cinnamon

½ Cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Vanilla ice cream (optional)

Directions:

1. In a large bowl combine the sugar and corn starch. Add the fruits; toss to coat.
2. Spoon into an 8" cast iron skillet (mine might have been 10") or other ovenproof skillet.
3. In a small bowl, combine the oats, flour, brown sugar, butter, cinnamon and nuts until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over the fruit. Bake at 350 until crisp and bubbly and fruit is tender, about 45 mins.
4. Serve warm with ice cream if desired.



 Carole Behlke

A Gentle Reminder:

These are trying times for all of us. Emotions and passions run high. Lots of people have lots of opinions, and are freely expressing their viewpoint.

If you read your copy of the Bylaws, the purpose of the Guild is specifically stated. The fourth purpose is "To give comfort and show support to our community by making quilts for those in need." Our agenda is quilting. It's that simple.

The guild should not be used as a venue to espouse political or religious views. There are many other outlets where people can express their opinion.

Thank you for helping us all keep this as a safe space, a respite from the world. Keep quilting!

 Jim Jensen

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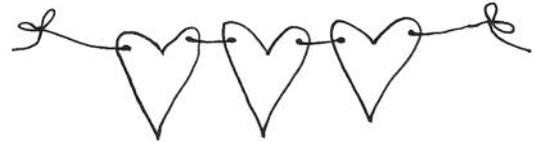
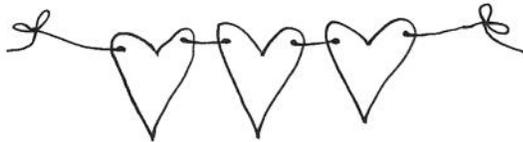
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The Santa Rosa Quilt Guild meets the first and third Thursdays of each month (in December only one meeting is held on the first Thursday) at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, California, across Highway 12 from the Fairgrounds.

Membership dues are \$35 per year. The calendar year is January to December; new members' dues are prorated. Regular meetings, special programs, use of the extensive library, and special discounts from some affiliates are just some of the many benefits of membership.



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