

Stitch'n Times

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president's message

We had the perfect spot!

The Pottery Store on Fourth Street was kind enough to give us their storefront window to set up our Boutique and Opportunity Quilt for the First Fridays on Fourth event. The boutique table was comparable to any of the cute retail stores downtown and our new silk Opportunity Quilt shimmered in the background. This ideal location only had one drawback, no foot traffic. Due to the wet and rainy weather many people chose to stay inside Friday evening instead of venturing out downtown to see the many Sonoma County Artists displaying their wares at the first Artwalk of the year.

Our efforts were not entirely in vain however, the patrons of the Pottery Store turned out to be our best customers and purchased enough items to make it worthwhile. We now have a better understanding of how the First Friday event operates and it is agreed that we would like to try again in July and August when a better climate can be expected. Special thanks to Betty Upchurch and Glenda Ross who left their cozy warm homes to set-up our station and tend our merchandise. All in all it was fun and we met some interesting and colorful characters.

Congratulations to Rhonda Denny's daughter, Jacqui Casarotti, who won the "Picnic in the Wine Country" art quilt. A picture of the winner and an entertaining story by Rhonda can be viewed on our blog. Also, congratulations to Janice Hartzog of Sebastopol who won our "Kaleidostars" bed quilt.

I hope you are all being kept busy quilting and getting ready for the Moonlight Quilter's annual show next month.

programs & workshops

PROGRAM JUNE 18, 2009 ~ LILY MARIE AMARU

" A SEWING JOURNEY"

WORKSHOP JUNE 19, 2009 ~ "SCRAPPY WAVES"



A Sewing Journey takes you through Lily Marie Amaru's personal sewing journey as well as encouraging you to retravel your own. Look forward to having a truly out-of-the-trunk experience!

Scrappy Waves--Making a Beach Cabin class introduces the traditional log cabin block made with the Wave Edge™ Ruler. You will create a beautiful and unique beach cabin block which can be made into a wall-hanging, pillow, quilt or even an awesome vest. We will cover putting together blocks, borders and bindings and making a spiral piece for borders. The SimpleCircle™ Ruler will be shown. This workshop is fun, entertaining and chock full of tips, techniques and oh sew much more.



coming in july

Nancy Pinkston uses the Square in a Square®, a new technique for rotary cutting and strip piecing that allows quilters to achieve perfect points with improved accuracy, simplicity of construction, and speed. The resulting blocks go together with great ease and lie very flat. For those of you struggling with half square triangles - take this workshop.

Nancy is a sincere and encouraging teacher who stated "I think your ladies will see the potential of just what can be accomplished and the ease of us-

ing the **SnS** ruler."

The presentation is the "Square in a Square Quilting Method". Nancy will be demonstrating the Square in a Square method of quilt making, created by Jodi Barrows.

"You never have to cut or sew triangles!" Nancy will have quilts to show where she used the **SnS** ruler. Nancy will have **SnS** products which include technique rulers, pattern books, novels written by Jodi

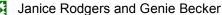


Barrows along with the pattern books that correlate with the novels, and an instructional DVD.

We have a supply list and sewing requirements for the workshop. Nancy will also have a kit with the same fabrics as the sample, if anyone is interested. The kit has all the pieces for the quilt top cut and ready to sew and (is) sells for \$7. Nancy will give a 15% discount on all of Jodi Barrow's Square in a Square products purchased at the program and workshop. Please note: The **SnS** Ruler is one of the workshop requirements, and it regularly sells for \$19.95 plus, however, with the discount and new tax, it will cost only \$18.55.

Nancy Pinkston, at left with Jodi Barrows, designer of the Square in a Square ® piecing system.





friendship blocks

It was sure good to see so many of you at the Quilta-thon! It's easy to work when we can imagine the faces of those who receive our quilts. We are truly making "friends for life."

If you like making friends, try making a friendship block for someone else. It's very rewarding to see the joy those blocks bring to the receiver. It is also amazing to see the results when someone finishes a quilt made from friendship blocks they've been given. (Check out the "Show and Tell" archives for Valeska Lattin's Bunny quilt and Linda Hooper's Halloween quilt.)

After making at least three blocks for someone else, you can submit your own pattern to have others start making blocks for you. The trade ratio is to make 20 blocks for others and receive 20 blocks for your own quilt. If anyone needs further clarification, just see me at the next meeting.

We will be having another drawing for all who participate in the Friendship blocks at the first meeting in August. Every time a block is turned in, the name of the maker goes into the drawing. The more blocks, the more chances! The prize is "The Friendship Picnic Basket". Stop by my table to take a look! -----Nothin' but fun!

Remember-Friends are like fabric-You can never have enough!



Veline Ball

pointless sisters

The Pointless Sisters art quilt group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Luther Burbank Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue in Santa Rosa. The group shares their work, discusses new trends and art quilt techniques, provides education programs and sponsors challenges. All guild members interested in art quilting are invited to join us at our May 26th meeting. The annual membership fee is \$30.

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Linda Sims

Board Meeting

Thursday, May 28th at 10:00 am Family Room, Scottish Rite Temple All Members Welcome

2009 guild challenge

A Question:

If you saw an art quilt with two pears on it what would it be?

- A. A pair of pears
- B. A homonym
- C. The Quilt Challenge
- D. All the above.

If you chose D you would be **write**. This year our quilt challenge will be to create a quilt that represents a homonym. Homonyms are words that sound the same but mean two different things, such as **pair** and **pear**.

Are there any rules? Only **won**. You cannot **right** on your quilt what the homonym is, the viewer must guess the homonym.

When is it **do**? It must be completed for the Founders' Day Lunch in September.

So get your thinking cap on, get your dusty dictionary out and your creative mind and fingers going. There will be prizes!!!

(There are no spelling errors in this article just a few homonyms. Did you find them?)

Carolle LeMonnier, Georgiann Morrissey and Kathy Hannan

community smart card

Use your Community Smart Card at local stores, and the store will make a donation. If your card is expiring or you don't have a card I can get one for you. Just email me or let me know at the next SRQG meeting. The guild is asking for a \$3.75 donation to pay the cost of the card. All you do is show or swipe your Community Smart Card before paying for your Don't forget to use your Community purchase. Smart cards at the following merchants: Ausiello's 5th Street Grill, Bangkok Express in Petaluma, Community Market, Andy's Produce Market in Sebastopol, Anstead's Marketplace and Deli in Healdsburg, and many more. Merchants participating will make a donation in your name to our guild. To see a full list of merchants go to the SRQG website blog or ask your local merchant if they participate. My email is dreamgarden2@comcast.net.



Linda Sims

*****BREAKING NEWS*****

UNBURIED TREASURE

FOUND DEEP IN OUR WAREHOUSE!

A brand new *Alex Anderson Signature Edition* of *Bernina's* 152 Quilting Edition sewing machine. Originally offered at \$2699, a one-only special discount of \$800, and an additional guild discount of \$249 makes this an outstanding deal at \$1650. As a bonus, also included are the *Bernina* commercial grade walking foot, the 1/4" foot, and a large *Dreamworld* acrylic extension table.

We are pleased to have added to our team, Angela Youngs, whose areas of expertise include garment and home dec sewing. Angela will display and highlight a special presser foot each month. Come in and see what you can do with the **Gathering Foot**. Angela is in the store on Thursdays.

Parkside Bernina Janome New Home Center 410 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa 707-576-1430

community quilts

The Quilt-a-thon was a huge success. I want to thank all of you who stayed and worked on Thursday the 7th and I also thank the members who took the quilts home to complete. We had about 65 members sewing and visiting and having a great time. We worked on over 300 quilts and there are many in different stages of completion. We are off to a wonderful start for this year. I am happy to report I have delivered 636 quilts over 300 preemie hats and 50 wheelchair bags to the Vets Home. Thank you to all of you that work on the program to make it the success that it is. We will be having work days on the 5th Thursday's of the month and our next one will be on July 30th. I hope to see many of you there.



Lavella Cassinelli

Have you been to a quilt show lately?

We would love to have you share a report in our newsletter so those who couldn't attend can hear about the fun! Contact Newsletter Editor Jan Andrews: msjanquilts@comcast.net

library news

PLEASE READ THIS AS IT CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF.

I received an "emergency" phone call this morning from a dear friend that I play Bridge with. She was trying to hem curtains she was making for their quest room and her sewing machine was giving her fits. She asked if I would stop in the next time I came into town. I identified with the frustration I heard in her voice as I have been there many times, so I "remembered" that I needed some things at the grocery store and headed to her rescue. The huge size 18 needle she had in her machine might have worked on the fragile fabric she was using, but its rustiness added to the problems. I suggested that she may want to invest in a new spool of thread as I easily snapped the ancient thread on the charming wooden spool. And a drop of oil definitely helped the machine to hum again. These are such basic things for me who sews (or at least dreams of sewing) every day of my life. I received grateful hugs as I departed the very happy seamstress.

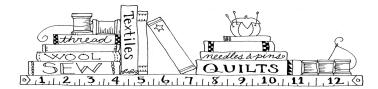
I am sharing this little story with you for a couple of reasons. One is that sometimes it is the smallest bit of knowledge that can help another. I have bombarded dear guild friends such as Linda Hooper, Jan Andrews, Phyllis Gallaway, and Kathy Hannan with questions about the computer. You won't believe all of the little tips they have shared with me, and I am so excited that I have been able to turn around and pass them on to others.

And that brings me back to my library report. I have been trying to figure out the best way to move our library information forward into this 21st century. As you read in Linda Hooper's President's Message in our last Guild Newsletter, our Library now has its very own space on our Guild's Website! This did not happen overnight, or because of just one person, but after lots of thinking, work, time, and many people's expertise – and it is by no means finished, but it is far enough along so that I can officially announce it to all of you and invite you to give it a try.

When you log onto our <u>website</u>, you will find <u>Library</u> listed on the left side of the page under <u>Home</u>, <u>About Us</u>, and <u>Newsletter</u>.

Click on Library.

You will find a <u>Welcome Statement</u> (which I will be working on, changing, and adding to frequently).



Under the <u>Welcome Statement</u> you will see the newest books that I am introducing into our library. I am so excited about being able to include the PHOTO of the book next to its information. That is REALLY going to be helpful for those who can recognize a book by its cover but sometimes cannot come up with the title or author when you are trying to describe it to me. Yes, at this time there are only a few book photos included as it is taking me some time to learn this process from my very patient teacher Linda Hooper.

In the <u>New Book</u> Section the books are listed by the date introduced, with the most current at the top of the page. The Title, Author, and Classification are listed, along with a few thoughts about what makes the book special to me. You can make note of the books you would like to check out and add your name to the Reserve Lists. Linda Thomas asked if Guild Members would be able to reserve books via the computer, but, sadly, no, not yet – who knows – maybe someday.

Would you like to know if we have a particular book in our collection? Find the <u>Search</u> box that is near the top of the page in the violet-colored box. To the right of <u>Search in</u> is a white box that says <u>All</u> with a down pointing arrow to its right. You may choose the <u>All</u> (which will search through all of our books) or choose *Title*, *Author*, or *Classification*.

Then continue looking to the right and notice "for" in the violet-colored area, and to the right of that is a white box where you can type in the title of the book, or the author, or the classification (such as AP-PLIQUE, HISTORY, FICTION, etc.), then click on <u>Go</u> or use the <u>Enter</u> key on your keyboard.

Magic then happens and the name of the book appears below the <u>Welcome Statement</u> (or a whole list of books if you have typed in an author's name, or a classification).

If no books are found, check the spelling, and try again – you might just have typed it incorrectly (and hey – if you notice that I have typed something incorrectly I will immediately blame one of my three playful cats – and I will really appreciate it if you will e-mail me and let me know a correction needs to be made!).

Isn't this just toooooooo cool!?!?!?! Now, here comes the bad part ~ the getting into the 21st cen-

tury part ~ are you all going to let me get away with writing just the book reviews on the Library Web Page – or are you going to make me take the time to also write them for the Newsletter?

I am thinking that if I just list the titles in the Newsletter that will prompt you to take a peek at the Website. Here is the problem – there are a few of you who do not have computers and will not be able to read the reviews. Would you believe that I have 193 of the approximate 200 Guild Members on my e-mail address book!!! If those of you who do not have access to a computer really want to read my reviews, please contact me and I will have to rethink this strategy.

This is a lot to digest – I know -- but hang in there with me – it is going to be really fantastic once we all learn the system.

New Books:

BOWSERS & MEOWSERS by Debbie Mumm FUSSY CUT MARINER'S COMPASS by Ann S. Lainhart

STRIP THERAPY by Brenda Henning

FREDDY & GWEN COLLABORAGE AGAIN by Gwen Marston and Freddy Moran

SUPER SIMPLE SQUARES by Lynda Milligan and Nancy Smith

PIPING HOT CURVES by Susan K. Cleveland EASY APPLIQUE BLOCKS by Kay Mackenzie A NEW LIGHT ON STORM AT SEA QUILTS by Wendy Mathson

LINK TO THE 30'S by Kay Connors and Karen Earlywine

SYLVIA'S BRIDAL SAMPLER by Jennifer Chiaverini

As always – many thanks to all who devote so much time to help our library (and guild!) be such a success, and so much fun!



Sharon 'The Librarian' Fry

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of our meetings can be found at the Library table or on our website.

Please review them and report any corrections to Linda Hooper, Cathy Rapp or Marian Fryer.

bus trip survey results

Last month guild members had the opportunity to participate in a bus trip survey. Here are the results:

- 48 people answered the survey.
- 81% indicated they would be interested in 2 bus trips a year besides the one to the Pacific International Quilt Festival.
- 48% would like to visit quilt shops and stores outside Sonoma County
- 41% would like to go to quilt exhibits
- 41% would like to go to fabric outlets
- The remaining topics (tours of quilter's studios/homes, art exhibits and museum shows received less that 10% support.
- 48% indicated they would enjoy a trip that was no more than 8 hours long and cost about \$40 per person.
- Only one person indicated they would enjoy helping to plan bus trips!

So what does this mean? It means, there is some interest in the idea of bus trips but it appears that we're not ready to move forward with the idea just yet! However, if there are more people interested in planning a bus trip please contact one of the board members!



Janice Rodgers and Genie Becker



boutique

Thanks to the participation and enthusiasm of so many of you we are on our way to having a record year for the boutique and raffle. Good job!!!!! New ideas are coming in and we are trying to get workshops together to work on these new items. Watch for emails giving dates, there may not be much notice.

These are in addition to the Quilting Bee after the meetings. So come and join us for a productive and fun day-my house 9112 Piccadilly Cir. Windsor.....Phone number is 837-9565. You can email me at bettyupchurch84@yahoo.com.



moonlight quilters of sonoma county

June 17 Program:

Linda Wagner~ "Games Quilters Play"

June 20 Workshop:

Linda Wagner ~"T-n-T" (Tips and Tricks for Accurate Piecing."



July 15 Program:

Ann Turley~ "Why am I Buying Broccoli?"

July 18 Workshop:

Ann Turley ~"Mexican Stars."

Everyone is invited to attend the Programs at 7 pm, Veterans Building, Santa Rosa. Workshops are open to everyone.

For more information of Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County, visit their website www.mqsc.org or contact Phyllis Gallaway.

June newsletter deadline June 7th

Wine Country Quilt Show

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Quilt Show, June 6-7. There will be lots of quilts and lots of vendors, including some new ones! The featured Quilter is Dale Fleming (www.DaleFleming.com) whom some of you may recall from her visit to Santa Rosa a few years ago. Please tell all your friends and relatives, so that they may come and enjoy the Show.

A big "thank you" to all the SRQG members who entered their quilts in the Show and volunteered to help make it happen. We look forward to seeing all of you there.



Phyllis Gallaway & Joanie Bellinghausen

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1/4 page vertical	3.5" x 4.875"	\$25.00
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1/2 page horizontal	7.5" x 4.75"	\$50.00
Full page	7.5" x 9.75"	\$100.00

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Parkside Bernina Janome/New Home Center

410 Santa Rosa Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (707) 578-1430

Sunflower Fine Fabrics

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The Quilted Cottage

567 First Street East Sonoma, CA 95476 (707) 938-3650 www.quilted-cottage.com/

The Quilted Vine

170 Farmers Lane # 7 Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (707) 546-0750 www.quiltedvine.com

Quilts and Other Comforts

Guild ID Number is CA 289 Use this code for a discount www.quiltsonline.com/quilts/

The Sewing Shop

1462 Mendocino Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95401 544-7529

www.sewingshopsantarosa.com

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www.villagesewing.com

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 Show and Tell
 Coffee Mug
- LIBRARY BOOKS LUNCH NO PETS NO FRAGRANCES •
- REUSABLE PLATE & FORK CELL PHONE ON SILENT•

srqg 2009 calendar

MAY

21 **Program Meeting**

Sally Collins ~ "Borders, Binding and Edges" UFO Challenge Due TSW: Linda Sims ~ "Using Color in Quilts"

22 Workshop

Sally Collins ~ "Pieced Baskets" Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yulupa, Santa Rosa

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Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yulupa, Santa Rosa



JUNE

Business Meeting

TSW: Barbara Youngblood ~ "Needleturn Applique

6-7 Wine Country Quilt Show

18 **Program Meeting**

Lily Marie Amaru ~ "A Sewing Journey" TSW: Sharon Fry ~ "Fine Binding" Award Nominations Due

19 Workshop

Lily Marie Amaru ~ "Scrappy Waves" Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yulupa, Santa Rosa

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Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yulupa, Santa Rosa