



President's Message

Congratulations to SRQG Member Donna Marvin, winner of Renascent, our 2010-2011 Opportunity Quilt! While we love to have community participation in our biggest fund raiser, it is always great when a member wins the quilt, keeping it "in the family." Thank you to Glenda Ross for her magnificent efforts to get the quilt out and about to various shows and the Farmer's Market. Glenda is looking for some help with our next quilt, so if you are interested, please contact her. Getting involved in our guild is a great way to meet new people and have fun at the same time!

Our second Quiltathon is upon us, and I am bringing my machine and setting it up early this time, so I don't miss out on any of the fun. Won't you join me? For our new members, sitting next to someone at a Quiltathon is another great way to get involved and get to know some other members one-on-one.

Now that Spring has sprung, my quilting time gives way to gardening time, but handwork reigns supreme as I watch the Giants on Tivo.....what are you doing these days?

Happy Quilting~

Jan Andrews

Programs & Workshops

RACHEL CLARK

PROGRAM MAY 19, 2011 ~ "TRUNK SHOW ~ WEARABLES"

WORKSHOP MAY 20, 2011 ~ "PICTURE THIS VEST OR MONSTER PURSE"

May's guest speaker is Rachel Clark from Watsonville, California. Rachel D.K. Clark is a contemporary folk artist, teacher and lecturer who comes from a long line of sewers, beginning with her great-grandmother. She has been doing wearable art since 1973 and teaching on the national circuit since 1990. Eclectic fabric mixes, vibrant designs, and a keen sense of humor characterize Rachel's work.



While her garments and quilts can be whimsical, political or a personal statement it always reflects her love of traditional quilt making. She has done many one-woman shows around the country and her work has been featured in various gallery shows, magazines such as *Threads*, and "The Quilting Quarterly" on HGTV's *Simply Quilts*.

Rachel has designed her own pattern line, RDKC Patterns. This line includes the Picture This Coat, "Picture This" Vest and the A-Line Coat. She has also has two wall quilt patterns called Scrap Happy and "Picture This" Nigerian Appliqué.

Coming in June

Sandy Klop had her first exposure to the world of colorful patterns while watching Klompen dancers perform. Every year in May her hometown of Holland, Michigan, celebrated tulip time with a vast array of Dutch costumes.

She was first exposed to quilting in 1979 at her sister-in-laws when she returned from teaching in Iran. She went on to teach art in Saudi Arabia for the next four years. She loved the rich colors and patterns in the tiles and carpets of the Middle East. Back in California, Sandy began to make pattern samples for a local quilt store. From there she moved to machine quilting. She has worked at a local quilt shop and taught many quilt classes. In 2000 she published a series of quilt books with Jan Patek under the series title Folk Art Favorites before venturing out on her own as American Jane Patterns. In 2003, Moda approached Sandy and asked if she would like to capture



her look in fabric. She has been designing for Moda ever since. "Now I have a new fabric range from Moda every six months and I design quilt patterns to feature my new fabrics. I'm truly living my dream."

Her creative designs have appeared in several catalogs and many magazines. She speaks regularly on the topic, "The American Jane Story in Fabric".

 Janice Rodgers and Diana Roberts

Sonoma County Fair

The year 2011 will be the 75th Diamond Jubilee anniversary of the Sonoma County Fair. It will be celebrating the past, present and future of the fair. The dates are July 27 through August 14. The exhibitor guidebooks will be available May 2 at the office of the fair, county libraries and Chambers of Commerce. There will be guidebooks available at our meetings. Entry fees and forms are due in person or mail on June 3rd or online (www.sonomacountyfair.com) June 17th

 Pam McVey

Quiltathon is Coming!

Our next Quilt-a-thon is this Thursday, May 5th. Plan to join us for another fun work day to work on the many quilts our guild likes to donate to our community. We will be basting, trimming, hand-sewing, machine-sewing and machine-quilting.

9:15am – 3pm at the Scottish Rite Temple (our regular meeting place). We break for the brief guild meeting, library report and show-and-tell at 10am, and then continue with sewing and working. Some of us love to stay all day, but when you arrive and leave is up to you. Many hands (and machines) make light work, and it's always such a fun day!

What to bring:

- ◆ Your smile
- ◆ Your sewing machine with walking foot and/or free-motion quilting foot
- ◆ Large scissors for trimming, or rotary cutting set-up
- ◆ Hand-sewing kit, including scissors, needles, thread, thimble
- ◆ Lunch, mug, something for the hospitality table
- ◆ Library books
- ◆ Quilt tops or quilts you have at home (finished or not, we will continue them)

Quiltathons are a whole lot of fun! Check out the new Community Quilts display board for complete descriptions of how to do the different steps, and please ask anyone for help getting involved or learning how to do something new.

 Tera Antaree and Pam Beebe

Welcome New Members!

Mary Ann Allen

Kanani Jones

Marilyn Lira

Penny Wolfsohn

Kathleen Tarmann

**Please look for these
new members and
make them feel welcome!**

Be A Mentor!

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.santarosaquiltquild.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.

ORGANIZING SOLUTIONS FOR EVERY QUILTER
by Carolyn Woods

THE DOUBLE CROSS – A Someday Quilts Mystery
featuring Nell Fitzgerald by Clare O'Donohue (a former producer of Alex Anderson's "Simply Quilts" TV show) – best to read in order

QUILTS MADE MODERN – by Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr (The FunQuilts Studio)

CIRCLE QUILTS – Create Medallions from Strip-Pieced Rings by Colleen Granger

INSPIRED BY TRADITION – 50 Appliqué Blocks in 5 Sizes (with a CD!) by Kay Mackenzie (autographed copy obtained by Phyllis Gallaway)

A THREAD SO THIN – the third in the Cobbled Court Quilt Novels – be sure to read in order – by Marie Bostwick (suggested by Melissa Trunick)

MAGICAL HEXAGONS by Martha Thompson (donated to our Silent Auction Table and confiscated to place in our library!)

FACTS & FABRICATIONS UNRAVELING THE HISTORY OF QUILTS & SLAVERY – 8 Projects, 20 Blocks, First-Person Accounts by Barbara Brackman (Donated by Sandi McGuire)

QUILTS ARE FOREVER – A Patchwork Collection of Inspirational Stories by Kathy Lamancusa (Donated by Phyllis Gallaway)

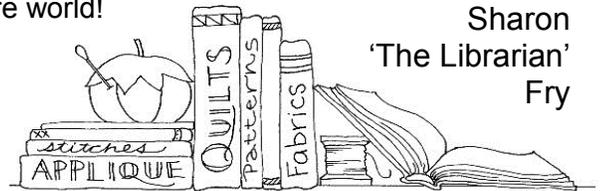
ONCE UPON A SEASON by Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins (Piece O'Cake Designs) (Donated by Sandi McGuire)

Wearing your nametag is a huge help to everyone. This is an excellent way for us to get to know you.

Check out as many of our more than 2,500 books, magazines, and DVDs as you wish, and return them to the very next meeting, please.

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'
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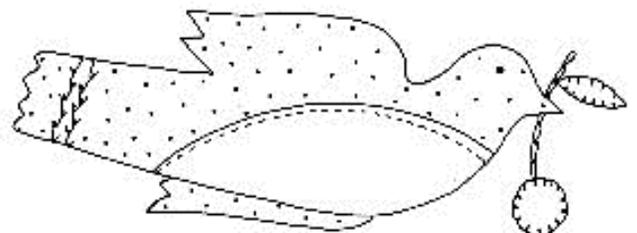
Pointless Sisters

The Pointless Sisters is having an auction to help the relief effort in Japan. We will be filling a basket with all sorts of gorgeous fabric, notions, thread, and whatever else that one can use for quilting and other surprises. We will start selling chances in June. Please support this worthy cause.

Our May meeting has changed to the 31st from the fourth Tuesday. Linda Morand will be teaching a Notan workshop after lunch. There is no charge for this class. For a supply list please contact Linda at mo-rand@sonic.net.

We encourage members of the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild to check us out. The Pointless Sisters Art Quilt group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue in Santa Rosa

 Suzanne Waxman



Electric Quilt Club

We had a wonderfully enlightening meeting in April with Ginnie Isaacson, EQ Rep. She showed us some tips and tricks, and many EQ related products, ranging from books, to block libraries, to different weights of treated and stabilized fabric which can go through the printer, to foundation piecing newsprint, etc. We had a wonderful time shopping. **Thank you, Ginnie!**



The next meeting will be May 12, 10:30 am, at Oakmont Gardens, 301 White Oak Dr. The two topics to be presented are: exporting images from EQ in various formats usable by those who don't have EQ (Jan Andrews) and using photos in EQ (Pat Meiswinkel.)

Note: new date for June meeting: Wed, June 15, 10:30, The topics for June are the block drawing set-up-cells, snaps, snapping options (Billie Meister) and the four new block options (Phyllis G.)

These meetings are open to anyone with the EQ program and a laptop or laptop buddy. You need not reserve a spot – just show up, learn and enjoy!

Moonlight Quilters Show

To our friends at Santa Rosa Quilt Guild this is a reminder that the deadline to sign up to be a volunteer at the annual quilt show is Friday, May 6. The greatest need for help is Saturday afternoon (2:30 – 5:00) and all shifts on Sunday. There are other opportunities at other times, mostly as security at the doors (a sit down job) or white glove in the midst of the quilts (standing/walking job).

Debby and Barbara are filling approximately 200 spots with volunteers at this show. We are making every effort to meet individual needs while insuring that all the necessary stations are covered. If you have special needs (sitting/standing or need the same schedule as someone else, etc) be sure to note that on your application. The schedule will be finalized and your duties will be assigned at the May 19 meeting. We are really looking forward to working with you.



Debby Bainbridge

Community Quilt Sizes

If you are making donation quilt tops on your own, here are the approximate sizes which best serve most of our recipients:

- 32" x 40" Baby quilts — Our biggest need!
- 40" x 40" -- 42" x 42" Toddler quilts in bright colors, or lap quilts in adult themes
- 38-40" x 48-52" Valley of the Moon (big kids)
- 40" x 60" Adult/seniors (only a few needed)

First Class Quilting Challenge 2011 Rules and Regulations

Choose **Priority**:

Do have fun. Make anything you like.

It can be the size of a *postage* stamp, mailbox or the size of a mail delivery vehicle.

You may go **First Class** and begin the project approximately three days before due or in case of the last minute select **Overnight** and begin your project the night before due. **Third Class** is no longer available in most regions.

Challenge Due: Founders Day Tea - September 15, 2011

Registered, Insured, Proof of Delivery?

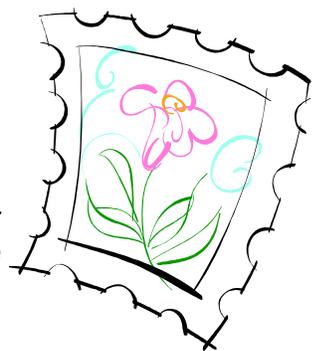
Don't go Postal...just have fun!

If you have any complaints or questions please call our automated help-yourself-line at:

1 800 Challenge 2011

Google Postage Stamps and then Images for a visual treasure trove of collectables and/or check out Sonoma County's very own 100 year old post office, now the museum downtown Santa Rosa.

Linda Hooper lindahpr@sonic.net or Rhonda Denny Rhorholou@sbcglobal.net



Community Quilts

Wow! We have already donated over 400 quilts in Sonoma County and to Wounded Warriors in 2011. Thank you everyone for your support, participation, and excitement about this project that makes a difference for thousands of people every year!

The “no pressure / no goal” philosophy seems to be working great. We want everyone to help in ways that they enjoy. (That said, we could still use help cutting squares and borders for kits.) The machine quilting has been going beautifully, and the number of tops coming in is truly amazing!

As Pam and Tera have learned how Community Quilts works, we see another way to relieve pressure even more, by focusing our guild's efforts and materials on the two specific sizes needed by our main recipients (neonatal ICUs, Visiting Nurses, and Valley of the Moon). These are the baby size (32"x40") and kid size (40-42"x48-60").



The hospitals call us every month as they need more quilts, and together with the Visiting Nurses programs, gratefully use over 800 baby quilts a year from us, while the Valley of the Moon Children's Home loves to receive 100-200 kid-size quilts from us each year to comfort foster children.

Most of our other recipients can use these same two sizes (32x40 and 40-42x48-60) as well, so focusing our resources of time, batting and backing on these sizes would mean that we're more likely to have the size needed when the requests come in, rather than many in between sizes.

New color-coordinated quilt kits of various types are in the big basket by the red Community Quilts display board. Make your tops the 32x40 size, rather than smaller, unless you intend them to be doll quilts.

Community Quilts also makes kid-size kits available in larger bags, mainly using 6" blocks. Please don't try to split these kits in half to make baby size quilts, as they don't turn out big enough. Charm kits of both baby and kid sizes are available on the tables, or in the narrow basket in back. With the kits, feel free to substitute your own squares in place of any you don't like!

Thank you all for your efforts!

 Tera Antaree and Pam Beebe

Boutique & Raffle

The Boutique and Raffle continue to be profitable and fun for the guild thanks to so many of you. Since this money goes into the general fund it goes a long way to *pay the rent* each meeting. It has been great having all the extra help setting up and taking down. The 2 new ladies who set up last meeting did a great job and I'm sorry I do not remember their names, maybe next time my memory will be better and yes, they had on name tags. We will need even more help in the coming months as summer trips and other commitments are planned. It's a great way to get involved and make new friends. With all of us working together it makes the work easier on all of us, just stop by and say what can I do or how can I help?

Thanks also to all of you who bring in donations. We try to use everything sooner or later. It's surprising to remember faces or names while cutting into fabric or putting items on the tables. Thanks again for all the help and donations and keep up the good work.

 Betty Upchurch, Joni Passanisi-Poole
& Carol Jarvis

Technique Sharing Workshops

Special thanks to Phyllis Gallaway for her techniques and tips for construction shortcuts and embellishment methods using prairie points in your quilts. Also thank you to Carol Jarvis and Pam McVey for sharing information concerning entering your quilts in the Moonlighter's Quilt Show and Sonoma County Fair. Both TSWs were well attended and there was positive feedback.

Coming up next is, of course, the quiltathon at the next meeting so there is not TSW being offered. If you have pillow cases for the troops please get them to me. Our second meeting, May 19, Linda Hooper will show us how she makes free motion feathers. You will need to bring your machine, sewing supplies, free motion foot, and a sandwiched piece of muslin. Supply list is on the TSW section of our website. Since this a participation technique, please sign up in the binder at the back of the room so we can prepare enough work space and extension cords.

June 2 will feature Diana Roberts showing us how to care for our prized machines, so they will continue to serve us well. Although this is a demo only, it helps if you sign up so we can have enough hand-outs.

Thank you to all!

 Kat Stephens

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild Affiliate Members

Broadway Quilts

Gery Rosemurgy, Owner
20525 Broadway Sonoma, CA 95476
707-938-7312

www.broadwayquilts.com

Mon-Sat 9:30-5:30, 11-3 Sunday

Head to Sew Quilting

Jan Head
8816 Cellar Way
Windsor, CA 95492
837-5006

www.headtosew.com

janicehead@aol.com

Hours by Appointment

Heartmade Quilts

Longarm Quilting
Barbara Youngblood
829-6825 or 483-2511

barbquiltr@aol.com

<http://www.heartmadequilts.com/>

Parkside Sewing Center

Your "Bernina"/ "Janome"/ "New Home" Dealer
Jim & Anne Marie Wyllie
410 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404
707-576-1430

Mon.-Fri. 9:30-5:30, Sat. 9-12

Picket Fence Quilts

6090 Redwood Blvd., Novato, CA 94945
415-892-8380

Mon.-Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-4

<http://www.picketfencequilts.net/index.html>

The Quilted Vine

Lynda McLean
1575 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
707-546-0750

Tues.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-3, Closed Monday

<http://www.quiltedvine.com/>

The Sewing & Vacuum Place

1250 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401
707-575-5279
Mon.-Sat. 10-6

<http://www.mysewvacplace.com/>

TopStitchers

Custom Machine Quilting
Kathy Martin
20525 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476
707-938-7319

UFO Studio

Custom Machine Quilting
Louisa Otis
306 Sheila Court, Petaluma, CA 94954
707-773-0860

Village Sewing Center

210 Coddington Mall, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
707-544-7529

Mon.-Sat. 10-6

<http://www.villagesewing.com/>

Your California Fabric Connection

Mill End Fabrics
Terry Abblett
3445 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94519
800-479-7906
Mon.-Sat. 10-6

californiafabric@sbcglobal.net

Mail order service
Occasional Open House Days

Board Meeting

Thursday, May 26th, 10:00 a.m.
Scottish Rite Family Room
All members are welcome

For the Record

The minutes of our meetings can be found archived on the blog on our website.

Please review them and report any corrections to Rhonda Denny or Jan Andrews.

A detailed Treasurer's Report is available at the Library table.

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Business Card	2.25" x 3.5"	\$10.00
1/4 page vertical	3.5" x 4.875"	\$25.00
1/4 page horizontal	4.875" x 3.5"	\$25.00
1/2 page vertical	3.65" x 9.75"	\$50.00
1/2 page horizontal	7.5" x 4.75"	\$50.00
Full page	7.5" x 9.75"	\$100.00

Contact Newsletter Editor Jan Andrews

2011 Executive Board & Committees

2011 ELECTED BOARD

President	Jan Andrews
Vice President	Janice Juul
Treasurer	Phyllis Galloway
Recording Secretary	Rhonda Denny
Program Chairs	Janice Rodgers & Diana Roberts
Program Chairs Elect	Linda Hooper & Linda Ziemer & Barbara Cortelyou
Corresponding Secretary	Joy McGoran
Parliamentarian	Chris Nolen

2011 COMMITTEES

Bag Lady	Juanita Campbell
Block of the Month*	Liz Park & Jenine Giblin
Boutique*	Betty Upchurch & Joni Poole
Community Projects*	Tera Antaree, & Pam Beebe
Fair Liaison*	Pam McVey
Field Trips	Melissa Trunick
Finance (Treasurer)	Phyllis Galloway
Friendship Blocks	Rhonda Denny

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Newsletter Proofreading
Nominating (Parliamentarian)*
NCQC Liaison*
Opportunity Quilt Tickets*
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Sunshine
TSW (Tech. Sharing) *
Website*
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Glenda Ross
Elaine Tucker
Jan Westerman
Kat Stephens
Jan Head
Jan Andrews

* Standing Committee

Remember!

- NAME TAG • SHOW AND TELL • COFFEE MUG •
- LIBRARY BOOKS • LUNCH • NO PETS • NO FRAGRANCES •
- REUSABLE PLATE & FORK • CELL PHONE ON SILENT •

SRQG 2011 Calendar

MAY

- 5** **QUILTATHON!!!**
Bring your machines and lunch and let's get sewing!
You can come in and get started at 9:15 a.m.
- 12** **Electric Quilt Club**
10:30 a.m. Oakmont Gardens ~ All are welcome!
- 19** **Program Meeting**
Rachel Clark "Trunk Show--Wearables"
UFO Challenge Projects due
TSW: Linda Hooper "Free Motion Feathers"
- 20** **Workshop**
Rachel Clark "Picture This Vest" or "Monster Purse"
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
2050 Yulupa, Santa Rosa
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
8:30 a.m. for set-up
- 26** **Board Meeting**
- 31** **Pointless Sisters**

Date change this month only!!!!

JUNE

- 2** **General Meeting**
TSW: Diana Roberts "Cleaning Your Machine"
- 9** **Electric Quilt Club**
10:30 a.m. Oakmont Gardens ~ All are welcome!
- 16** **Program Meeting**
Sandy Klop "American Jane Story on Fabric"
TSW: Barbara Youngblood "Layer Cake Quilt"
- 17** **Workshop**
Sandy Klop "The Merry-Go-Round"
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
2050 Yulupa, Santa Rosa
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
8:30 a.m. for set-up
- 21** **Pointless Sisters**
- 23** **Board Meeting**
- 30** **FIFTH THURSDAY RETREAT!**
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 9:00 - 3:30
Bring your own project or work on a community project!
All are welcome!



Quilt Shows and Places To Go

April 30 & May 1, 2011

Springtime in the Pines

Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County
 Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
 Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, CA
<http://www.pinetreequiltguild.com/>

May 7, 2011

Pacific Flyway Quilters Show

Pacific Flyway Quilters
 Saturday 10-4
 Colusa County Courthouse, Colusa, CA

May 20 & 21, 2011

Quilts a' Flyin'

Nevada Quilt Guild
 Friday 10-7, Saturday 10-4
 Fallon Convention Center ~ Fallon, NV
<http://www.nvquiltguild.org/show%20cover%202.htm>

May 14 & May 15, 2011

Medley of Quilts

Sierra Mountain Quilters' Association
 Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
 Yosemite High School, Oakhurst, CA
<http://sierramountainquilters.org/Our-Quilt-Show>

May 27-29, 2011

"Journey to California"

Sierra Mountain Quilters' Association
 Friday, 6-8, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
 Town Hall ~ Ft. Bragg, CA
<http://www.soroptimistfortbraggca.org/SIFB/quilt.html>

June 4 & 5, 2011

Wine Country Quilts

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County
 Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
 Veteran's Memorial Building
 Santa Rosa, CA
http://www.mqsc.org/Annual_Quilt_Show.html

May 7, 2011

Bi-Annual Needlework Show
 Napa Valley Needlers, Inc.
 Napa Senior Center ~ Napa, CA

May 14 & May 15, 2011

Quilting Around the World

Sun Country Quilters
 Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
 Tehama Country Fairgrounds, Red Bluff, CA
http://www.suncountryquilters.com/index_files/quiltshow.htm

June 11, 2011

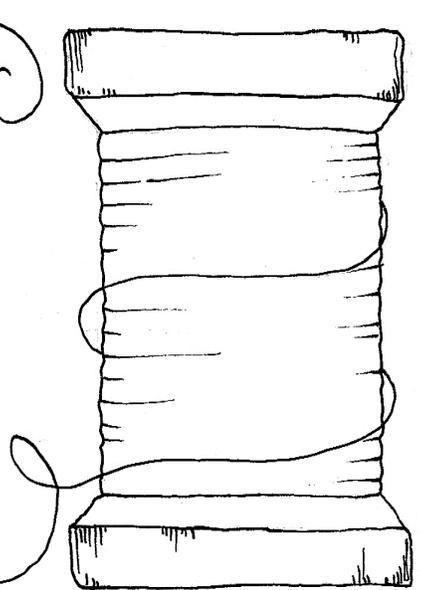
Quilt Stroll in Groveland

Pine Needlers Quilt Guild
 Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
 Downtown Groveland, CA
<http://www.pineneedlers.com/PHPs/events.php>

Meeting Etiquette

- ◆ Please avoid chit-chat while someone is speaking to the group.
- ◆ Please peruse the Silent Auction & Boutique before and after the meeting--not 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!



Bay Area Quilt Guilds and Websites

Carquinez Straight Stitchers (Benicia)

<http://www.cssquilter.org/>

Diablo Valley Quilters (Danville)

<http://www.diablovalleyquilters.org/>

East Bay Heritage Quilters (Albany)

<http://ebhq.org/>

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County

<http://www.contracostaquiltguild.org/>

Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild (Kelseyville)

<http://www.llqg.org/>

Marin Needle Arts Guild (San Rafael)

<http://www.mnag.org/>

Mendocino Quilt Artists Guild (Ukiah)

<http://www.mendocinoquiltartists.com/>

Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild

<http://www.mpqg.org/>

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County

<http://www.mqsc.org/>

Mt. Tam Quilt Guild (Marin County)

<http://www.mtqg.org/>

Napa Valley Quilters Guild

<http://www.napavalleyquilters.org/>

North Wind Quilters Guild (Fairfield)

<http://www.northwindquiltersguild.com/>

Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild (Gualala)

<http://www.pacificpiecemakers.org/>

Pajaro Valley Quilt Association (Aptos)

<http://www.pvqa.org/site/index.php>

Peninsula Quilters Guild (Redwood City)

<http://www.peninsulaquilters.org/new/home.php>

Petaluma Quilt Guild

<http://www.petalumaquiltguild.org/>

**Piecemakers Quilt Guild of So. Alameda Co.
(Fremont)**

<http://www.piecemakersguild.org/>

River City Quilters Guild (Sacramento)

<http://www.rivercityquilters.org/>

San Francisco Quilters Guild

<http://www.sfquiltersguild.org/>

**Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association
(Campbell)**

<http://www.scvqa.org/>

**Sonoma Quilters United in Loose Threads
<http://sonomaquilt.webs.com/>**

Vallejo Piecemakers (Vallejo)

<http://www.vallejopiecemakersquiltingclub.org/>

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild...in FLORIDA!

When our guild received a check in February for dues from a lady in Florida, President Jan and I were curious. I sent her a welcoming note and asked if she would like to be included in my computer address book for our mass emailings. She replied in the affirmative and explained that she was not actually a brand new member, but had been a member on and off since the beginning. I was embarrassed to admit that I had not recalled her name.

Trying to locate some pieces to the puzzle I replied with a few polite questions. Jeanne Dormuret wrote: "It is amazing how the guild has grown over the years and it is wonderful that you have the talent and have volunteered to keep us all informed about SRQG activities. Unfortunately, my husband has cancer and I haven't been able to attend meetings for some time. He is doing well (given the issue), but will continue with treatment for the next year and a half. I miss seeing everyone and continue to sew and quilt. I'll be interested to hear what new books the guild has. Say "hi" to everyone for me." She really had not answered my questions, such as did she live part of the year in Florida and part in California.

This week I received an email from Jeanne stating: "I am a member of the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild of FLORIDA. I don't really understand how you came by my name and email, but all the messages I have received concern CALIFORNIA events. Could you please remove me from your mail list because I obviously cannot participate in California events. "

I immediately replied, including a copy of the original email I had sent to her, agreed to remove her from my mailing list, mentioned that she might want to check with the Florida guild about her dues, and wished her "Happy quilting – wherever you are!" I was going to ask our Board if we might return her dues to her, but before I had the chance I received the following:

"Dear Sharon, This is actually quite funny in a way. I received an email telling me that I had not paid my dues, so I sent off the \$30.00, obviously not paying close attention to the address beyond the SRQG. When I got your first email I was still under the impression that I was writing to the corresponding secretary of the SRQG, Florida. I was a little surprised that the cost of dues had doubled. I'm guessing now that the Florida SRQG hasn't received my dues and I'm not a member here in Florida. Your response made all this clear for me; thank you! Keep the dues . . . you've earned them for putting up with me and for giving me some insight into your guild. I'm sure the guild here will get a kick out of my mistake ;>) (and you are welcome to share it with your group ~ I don't mind because it is a bit funny. You have a wonderful guild and if I happen to one day end up in Santa Rosa, CALIFORNIA, I'll come to a meeting!"



And of course, by this time I am really curious. I typed in SANTA ROSA QUILT GUILD and found a very nice website for a guild in Florida. OUR web address is srqg.org, theirs is srqguild.org . After sharing this information at our Board meeting, Janice Rodgers Googled for details and was so disappointed that her upcoming trip to Florida would miss their guild meeting by a day, but she will take along one of our guild's membership binders just in case she runs into our very nice fellow member,

 Sharon "the Librarian" Fry