



President's Message

I have a compliment to share with all of our SRQG members. The Peninsula Quilt Guild was with us to share their Opportunity Quilt at our March 1st meeting—and they loved it.

It is always interesting to get a glimpse of our guild through the eyes of visitors. Joanne Dunbar and Elaine Yarbrough were so enthused. They called us a “nice group”, a “fun guild” and said that we had a “great meeting.” And this was our *Business Meeting!*

Well, it was a great meeting. Who wouldn't enjoy seeing and hearing Veline Ball and Joyce Wood introduce this month's Block of the Month while singing to the tune of *Danny Boy* and wearing shamrocks in their hair?

Janice Rodgers had us literally jumping through hoops for the presentation of this year's Guild Challenge. Are you curious? Stay tuned . . . Janice, Betty Upchurch and Diana Roberts have it all planned. You can find the information in our Newsletter.

Our Show and Tell was the best ever. Members inspired us with their personal quilt stories – and for some – the look of pride and amazement was still on their faces as they shared their finished quilt.

We are a remarkable group. So pat yourself on the back and while you are in the spirit be sure to compliment someone who has made our guild experience special for you.

Janice Juul

Programs & Workshops

MARCI BAKER

**PROGRAM APRIL 19 2012 ~ “TOP SECRET TIPS AKA THE CLEARVIEW OF QUILTING”
WORKSHOP APRIL 20, 2012 ~ “ABC 3-D”**

Join us for an information-packed program with Marci Baker. Marci will tell you everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask . . . about quilting. Marci shares a plethora of new ideas by identifying basic problems and sharing her solutions. You will not only know how something works, but why it works. Everyone will find answers to their questions on topics such as: bindings, foundation piecing, pressing, perfect piecing, joining strips, rotary cutting for borders and bias strips, and many more. Lots of tips and tricks that save you time and help you make a perfect quilt!



We are now taking names on a wait list for Marci's workshop “ABC 3-D”. You will have the opportunity to choose between two different patterns, the “Hollow Cube” or the “Honeycomb Waffle”



You can make this impressive 3-dimensional optical illusion with simple value selections, once you know the trick. Build the blocks using the strip-piecing method-so it's fast, too! In fact, it is easy enough for a confident beginner to do. Join our class and see how your blocks stack up!

Coming in May

Rami Kim

Program: "Two by Two"

This trunk show is Rami's new, fun way to show her award-winning pieces. When Rami creates an art-to-wear ensemble she makes matching quilts, bags, and dolls with the same designs and techniques. Over the years she developed so many matching pairs that she wishes to share these fun and beautiful sets, and to talk about how to apply the same techniques and designs to different projects as wearable arts, quilts, dolls and bags.



Workshop: "Free Motion Machine Embroidery"

You can draw whatever your heart desires and turn them into fabulous embroidery designs. Rami will teach you how to do free-motion machine embroidery on your project as she did in her award-winning garments and quilts. You don't need expensive embroidery modules or computer digitizing. Just come free-spirited!



 Linda Hooper, Linda Ziemer & Barbara Cortelyou

Community Quilts

Thank you to the many guild members who participate in making quilts for our community! We recently donated to Sutter and Memorial hospitals and to the Catholic Charities Family Support Center and Homeless Day Center. At each location, we were greeted with thanks and appreciation.

Pam is hosting a work party on **Thursday April 12** from 10:00 to 3:00ish. Bring your lunch and come for all or part of the day. We will be getting ready for our next Quiltathon on Thursday May 3. Check your membership roster for Pam's address and phone.

In 2011 our guild donated 25 quilts for 18 year olds graduating out of the foster care system, and we hope to provide the same number again this year. The size requested is 50" x 65". If you enjoy making these larger quilts, please consider donating one or two for this worthy cause.

Happy Quilting,

 Pam Beebe and Anne Dondero

Technique Sharing Workshops

March brought us two long time SRQG members generously sharing their knowledge. March 1st Melissa Trunick took us on a mysterious adventure that ended with a beautiful star. The mystery quilt was a star that is kind of a mystery in itself. Melissa told us it didn't appear to have a name but was in a quilt made over 100 years ago. Because she couldn't find a pattern she created her own. If you'd like to see what it looks like check out our website under TSW. Those who brought their sewing machines stayed until it was time to lock up.

Our second TSW in March was presented by Sharon Fry who showed us how to make circles, bulls eyes, and drunkard's path blocks. Sharon is not one to let any fabric go to waste so she even let us in on her secrets for using all the scraps from the circles to make even more circles! Here's what Sharon said about this technique.

"More than ten years ago I saw a quilt that I could not get out of my mind in our guild's library book QUILTS FROM AUNT AMY by Mary Tendall Etherington and Connie Tesene. Not only did I like the design, but I loved the technique. I was able to get the look of a Drunkard's Path without having to sew curves, and it is really easy to do. The bonus is that I figured out how to use the cut-aways to make smaller and smaller blocks, as I am known for wanting to use up my scraps."

Thank you so much Melissa and Sharon for your time and energy. Sharon also gets a special thank you because we used her as our pilot experiment using the guild's new projector.

April has two more TSWs in store, neither of which is quilting. At our first meeting June Moes will teach us how to make knit hats and scarves using a knitting loom. If you want to learn this technique be sure to get the yarn and loom (see website for supply list).

After the April 19 meeting Jan Westerman will teach us the tricky technique for making pillowcases with a nice border. We have been making pillowcases for our troops in Afghanistan using this method but you can make them for other purposes as well. They make great gifts too! Supply list is available on our website.

 Kat Stephens, Kay Hartman & Chris Nolen

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.

Be sure to let me know if you find an item that our library needs!

QUILT A KOALA – AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS AND BIRDS IN PATCHWORK by Margaret Rolfe (This darling book was sent to me all the way from Canberra, Australia, from Beth Clary in appreciation for my consulting with her on setting up her guild's library and website!)

PRECISION & PANACHE by Susan K. Cleveland (including a triangle template that I have placed inside the back cover that Susan GAVE to us with my order!)

SONOMA ROSE – an Elm Creek Quilts Novel by Jennifer Chiaverini

COLOUR IN ART QUILTS by Janet Twinn

ACCENT ON ANGLES – EASY STRIP-SET QUILTS by Susan Purney Mark

THREAD MAGIC GARDEN by Ellen Anne Eddy

ENGLISH PAPER PIECING by Vicki Bellino

SIMPLY TRIANGLES by Barbara H. Cline

QUILT BLOCKS ACROSS AMERICA by Debra Gabel

QUILT BLOCKS AROUND THE WORLD by Debra Gabel

CAREFREE QUILTS by Joy-Lily (lives in San Francisco!)

KIM SCHAEFER'S CALENDAR QUILTS by Kim Schaefer

HEARTWARMING POSSIBILITIES by Lynda Milligan and Nancy Smith

CANINE QUILTS by Stephanie S. Hedgepath (patterns for Beagle, Chihuahua, Dachshund, German Shepherd, Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever, Poodle, Pembroke and Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Rottweiler, Shih Tze, and Yorkshire Terrier) – our thanks to Melissa Trunick for donating this book for our library

HEIRLOOM QUILTS BY MACHINE by Martha Campbell Pullen, PhD. (autographed) – this book was given to us from the library of Doris Maneke, one of our favorite quilt guild members who passed away

April 2012

Citrus Fair Winners!

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild had two winners at the Cloverdale Citrus Fair this year.

Nancy Lou McAllister won 2 First Place Awards and 2 Best of Divisions. Ann Wilson won 2 First Place Awards, Best of Division, Best Use of Color and Design from MQSC and our Best Hand Quilting Award.

Congratulations to Nancy and Ann.

 Pam McVey

Library News continued

QUILT FOR JOY by Barbara Brandeburg (who lives in the Windsor area) and Teri Christopherson – The Halloween quilt on page 82 cracks me up – VERY simple! A nice donation for our collection

BIBLICAL BLOCKS by Rosemary Makhan (we have the original 1993 in our library, but this newer 2001 edition features a gallery of quilts that did not exist in the first book) – A nice book of blocks and quilts that was donated for our library

QUILT BLOCK BONANZA by Nancy Mahoney (a donation)

SIMPLE FABRIC FOLDING FOR CHRISTMAS by Liz Aneloski (a donation from Linda Emis)

PADUCAH QUILT SHOW - 2011 – CD by American Quilter's Society

LANCASTER QUILT SHOW – 2011 – CD by American Quilter's Society

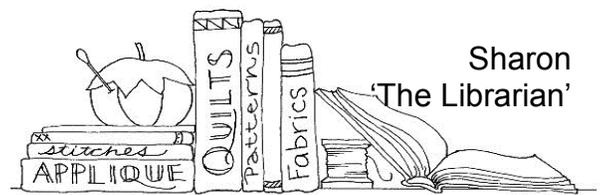
DES MOINES QUILT SHOW – 2011 – CD by American Quilter's Society

KNOXVILLE QUILT SHOW AND CONTEST QUILTS 2011 – CD by American Quilter's Society

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

Check out as many of our more than 2,800 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'

www.srqg.org

Opportunity Quilt 2012

The lucky winner will be drawn at our meeting on April 19th!



**Tickets are available from
Glenda Ross and Membership**



**Support our Guild's activities by purchasing
\$20 in tickets each year!**

Pointless Sisters

The Pointless Sisters art quilt group has an exhibit at the Rincon Valley Library from April 2-April 22. This current exhibit features quilts from two recent challenges, architecture and food. The library is located at 6956 Montecito Boulevard, Santa Rosa and is open Tuesday through Saturday. Hours vary. Call 707-573-0162.

The Pointless Sisters group shares their work, discusses new trends and art quilt techniques, provides education programs and sponsors challenges.

The Pointless Sisters art quilt group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue in Santa Rosa. A study group on color theory using the book *The Quilter's Color Club* by Christine Barnes meets monthly following our meeting.



Carroll Hirsch

Sew-A-Row

April 5th is *"Time to pass your row to the next person"* day at the guild.

Please bring your sew-a-rows to the April 5th meeting so that the next person in line can pick them up and get started on row three. I will be in the back by the Sew-a-Row sign.

For those of you thinking "Drat, I wish I had signed up for a sew-a-row!", there are still spots available. Come on to the back of the room and look over the green "sew-a-row" notebook. Sign up in any of the blank spots. The motifs vary from airplanes, wacky 9-patches, lanterns and baskets to butterflies and cats. Come give it a whirl.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me.



Ellindale Wells

April 2012

Friendship Blocks

Explanation of program: The FB program is a "time release" block exchange - This means that every block you receive must be offset with a FB credit that you can acquire in one of the ways listed below (or, in other words, "there is no free lunch".) Anyone with at least 3 credits, may request up to 20 blocks to be made for them. Think of this as "borrowing" the other 17 credits from the bank so you can get your blocks early. If you actually receive 20 blocks, 3 of these are offset by your qualifying 3 credits - but you then OWE the bank the other 17 credits.

The ways in which you get credits: make a FB for someone else; make a block for the opportunity quilt; make a block for the President's gift .

There are quite a few members who have 20 credits or more already; there are even more members who are more than halfway to 20 credits; and there are many, many who have at least 3 credits and are therefore eligible to request blocks to be made for them. Let me know what I can do to help you initiate a request for blocks.

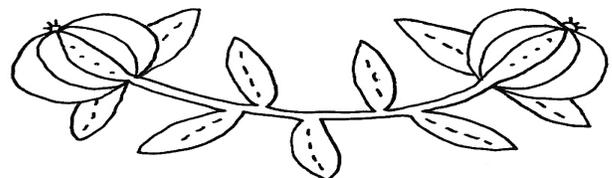
I cleaned out the files and there are also quite a few credits available from those who are no longer members, or from credit donations. These are being raffled off in groups of 20 credits. Tickets for three prizes of 20 credits each were sold in March, and will continue to be sold at the April business meeting. The raffle will be held at the end of the meeting and three lucky winners will be immediately available to request friendship blocks, without having had to make any in return! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

At this time, there are still two opportunities left to participate in Rhonda's friendship block, and we just opened Judy Bello's request for the "Cornerstone" block (the Dec block of the month pattern). Justine's modified "Lady of the Lake" block request might be ready at the next meeting, and perhaps my applique teapot block.

I look forward to seeing all the blocks that will be coming in this year.



Phyllis Gallaway



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Guild Retreat 2012

The first SRQG Quilt Retreat is scheduled for Aug 5 -10 at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, right on Lake Tahoe (just north of Stateline on the east shore.) The cost is only \$425 per person double occupancy (\$200 single supplement) - this includes room with two queen beds, and all meals except one dinner, and the sewing room. There will be no TVs, radios or phones to distract. We have the sewing room 24 hours a day! You may request special diets and room accommodations. If you want to share a room and don't have a roommate, I will put you in touch with the other "solos."

This retreat is open to anyone who wants to come play with us - they need not be a Guild member. The sewing room has an entire window wall facing the Lake, so the lighting is wonderful. There will be one table per person, and additional ironing and cutting stations.

To make this happen, we need to commit to 12 rooms. At the time of this writing, we have quite a few rooms reserved but need to fill 3 or 4 more rooms. If you are interested, let me know earlier rather than late. You may download the flyer and registration form from our website "Downloads" link (www.srqq.org) or call or email me and I'll send one to you. It would be great if I had all the deposits (\$200) by the end of March, but the absolute drop dead date for deposits is the April 5th Guild meeting.

Bring a spouse or significant other or friend who wants to enjoy the local activities: golfing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, many different forms of boating, swimming in Zephyr Point's lagoon, etc.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

 Phyllis Gallaway

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 on from the SRQG.

Happy Sewing,
Jan Westerman

Boutique & Raffle

The Boutique and Raffle continue to provide additional income for our guild due to the enthusiastic support of many of our members.

The Home and Garden Show brought in approximately \$200 for the Boutique and an additional amount for the Opportunity Quilt. Thank you to everyone who worked the home show. Glenda Ross does a great job enlisting help for the fundraising venues, and when she announces that she needs help, it is a great way for members to pitch in and help while providing some relief for the committee and board members. Getting involved is a great way to become an active part of the guild, and we need your help to participate in these events.

The month of March brought in approximately \$1,000 between the Opportunity Quilt and the Boutique, but this does not always completely cover the expenses of having one monthly guest speaker—a good thing to remember while enjoying the speaker, participating in the workshops, or enjoying the other benefits of guild membership.

Thank you all again for all the support and help in keeping the guild solvent, running smoothly and enjoyable for all.

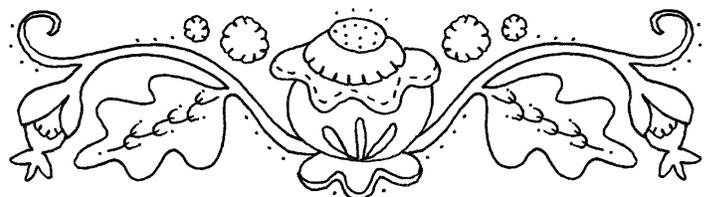
 Betty Upchurch, Joni Passanisi-Poole
& Carol Jarvis

Welcome New Members!

**Jennie Alexich
Penni Colley
Linda Salomon**

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

Be A Mentor!



Santa Rosa Quilt Guild Affiliate Members

Angie's Custom Quilting

Angela Thornton, Owner
4001 Old River Road
Ukiah, CA 95482
707-462-7411

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/>

Lavender Hill Quilting

Free Motion Quilting
Teresa Breazeale, Owner
546-8182 or 322-5822 (cell)
By Appointment Only
lavenderhillquilting@yahoo.com

The Material Girl, Inc.

Nicole Cowlin, Owner
559 David Clayton Lane, Windsor, CA 95492
415-892-707-836-0114
Tues. - Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5
<http://www.materialgirlfabric.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. 9:28-5:01, Sat. 8:61-12:04

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

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)

None of our recipients need anything larger than this. If you have enough to make a larger top, consider making it into two smaller ones, which can help two people, and are easier to finish.

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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

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 Patricia Kearns or Janice Juul.

Board Meeting

Thursday, April 26, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Scottish Rite Family Room
All Members Are Welcome

2012 Executive Board & Committees

2012 ELECTED BOARD

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Program Chairs

Janice Juul
Norma Viglienze
Helen Smith
Patricia Kearns
Linda Hooper & Linda Ziemer
& Barbara Cortelyou
Gail Alford & Nancy McDermott
Joy McGoran
Chris Nolen

Program Chairs Elect
Corresponding Secretary
Parliamentarian

2012 COMMITTEES

Bag Lady
Block of the Month*
Boutique*

Juanita Campbell
Joyce Wood & Veline Ball
Betty Upchurch, Joni Poole
& Carol Jarvis
Pam Beebe
Pam McVey
Cheryl Duke & Wendy Mouille
Helen Smith

Community Projects*
Fair Liaison*
Field Trips
Finance (Treasurer)

Friendship Blocks
Historian*
Hospitality

Library*
Membership*

MQSC Liaison *
Newsletter Editor & Circulation
Newsletter Proofreading
Nominating (Parliamentarian)*
NCQC Liaison*
Opportunity Quilt Tickets*
Photographer
Sunshine
TSW (Tech. Sharing) *

Website*
Past President*

Phyllis Gallaway
Sharon Fry
Carolle LeMonnier and
Edie Sorensen
Sharon Fry
Rhonda Denny
& Jan Westerman
Debbie Bainbridge
Jan Andrews
Diana Roberts
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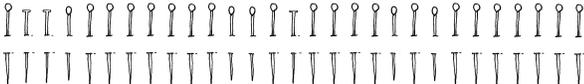
* Standing Committee

Remember!

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

SRQG 2011-12 Calendar

APRIL

- 5** **General Meeting**
TSW: June Moes ~ Neck Scarf with Knifty Knitter
- 12** **Electric Quilt Club**
10:30 a.m. Village Sewing Center
- 19** **Program Meeting**
Marci Baker "The Clearview of Quilting"
New Opportunity Quilt revealed
TSW: Jan Westerman ~ Pillowcases Made Easy
- 20** **Workshop**
Marci Baker "ABC 3-D"
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
- 24** **Pointless Sisters**
- 26** **Board Meeting**
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MAY

- 3** **Quiltathon!**
Round 3 Sew-A-Row due
UFO Challenge due
NEW OPPORTUNITY QUILT REVEALED!
- 10** **Electric Quilt Club**
10:30 a.m. Village Sewing Center
- 17** **Program Meeting**
Rami Kim "Two by Two"
TSW: Cathy Rapp ~ "Needle Safe"
- 18** **Workshop**
Rami Kim "Free Motion Embroidery"
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
- 22** **Pointless Sisters**
- 24** **Board Meeting**
- 31** **Fifth Thursday Retreat!**



Quilt Shows and Places To Go

March 31-April 2, 2012

39th Annual Quilt Show

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County
Saturday 10 - 5, Sunday 10 - 4:00
Centre Concord
Plymouth, CA

http://www.contracostaquiltguild.org/quilt_show.htm

April 14 - 15, 2012

Quilt Show 2012: Thirty Years in Review

Foothill Quilters Guild
Saturday 10 - 5, Sunday 10 - 4:00
Gold Country Fairgrounds
1273 High St., Auburn, CA

<http://www.foothillquilters.org/quiltshow.html>

May 5 - 6, 2012

Springtime in the Pines Quilt Show

Pine Tree Quilt Guild
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
Grass Valley, CA

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

June 2 - 3, 2012

Flying Needles Quilt Guild Show

Flying Needles Quilters Guild
Yolo County Fairgrounds
1250 E. Gum Avenue
Woodland, CA

<http://www.flyingneedlesguild.com/index.html>

June 2 - 3, 2012

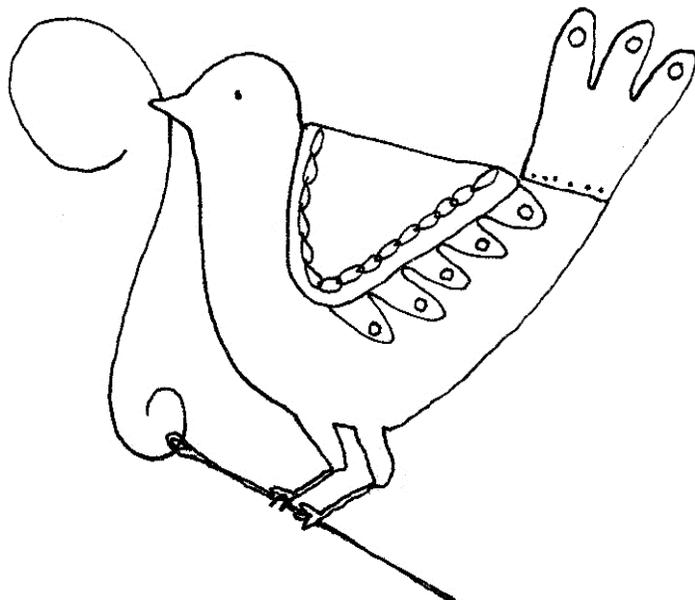
Wine Country Quilts Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County

Veteran's Memorial Building
1351 Maple St.
Santa Rosa, CA, CA

<http://www.mqsc.org/annual-quilt-show/>

Save the Date!

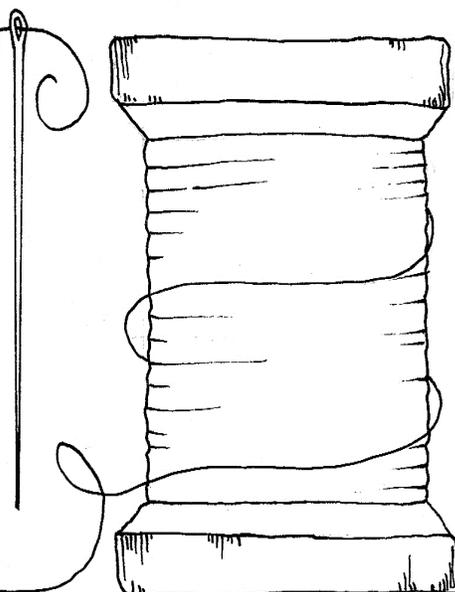
Pacific International Quilt Festival
Santa Clara Convention Center
October 11-14, 2012



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, do not browse the speaker's 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!



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/>

SRQG Challenge 2012

We hope you will take part in “The Quilt Guild Challenge 2012”. The challenge runs from March 2nd until August 2, where the challenges will be displayed on stage. This year’s challenge is designed for quilters of all levels and interests. There are three sections in which to participate. Feel free to do one or all three!

- ◆ The first section is to make a block using either your first or last name’s initial, like R for Rodgers or Roberts. This section of the challenge is geared toward the beginning quilter.
- ◆ In the second section you make a traditional quilt block in which the name of the block begins with either your first or last name’s initial. For example if your first or last name begins with “Z” you could make the Zinnias, Zodiac Stars or Zygocactus block. Choose the block according to your skill level.
- ◆ The last section is geared to the art quilter. This quilt must have a minimum 25% of the surface with items found at the hardware store.



In all sections of this challenge the block size is your choice. Make a block that is really small or really large.

So often people choose to participate in these things and afterwards wonder what to do with the block. Use your block as a starter to make a pillow, a baby quilt, a wall hanging, a table runner, a community quilt, a bed size quilt, a gift for a friend or donate it to the “orphan blocks” group. One idea that comes to mind is to finish your block and enter it in the Citrus Fair in February or the county fair in 2013.

The library will have many books with patterns for either the initial or the traditional block. Ask Sharon Fry, our outstanding librarian, for some help to point you in the right direction. Good luck and let the fun begin!

