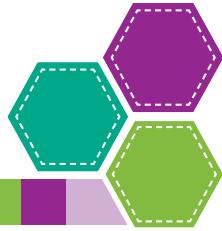


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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

BY KAREN LUSIGNAN, NCQC DIRECTOR

I would like to say that spring is in the air, but it snowed yesterday. Big, fluffy flakes.

Beautiful. But it did not last through the day today. Hopefully it will warm up soon. Meanwhile, it is a great time to be quilting or shopping for fabric and patterns at your local quilt shop.

Meet the Teachers program is Wednesday, April 11th, 10am at 320 Civic Drive, Pavilion Building, Pleasant Hill. Our April meeting in Pleasant Hill will bring us some new teachers as well as those who have presented in prior years. Encourage the program chairpersons of your guild to attend and hire teachers for the coming years. Our NCQC board is always delighted to present Meet the Teachers for our members.

Looking ahead to October and the Pacific International Quilt Festival in Santa Clara, NCQC will again sponsor the special exhibit "New Quilts of Northern California." This year NCQC will grant awards for "Visual Impact" for the New Quilts of Northern California exhibit . The recipients will be selected by the hanging committee and will be awarded ribbons and cash prizes of 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50, and 3rd place \$25. Entry is open to all residents of Northern California. See entry details and entry forms on our website, www.ncqc.net, or pick up an entry form at the meeting.

There are a lot of wonderful quilt shows, lectures, and open houses this spring. Please check out the events calendar on our website.

We welcome your suggestions for meeting topics that would be of service to you. Please contact me with suggestions at klquilts@wavecable.com

Also, we are always looking to expand the NCQC board. We are a working board and our board meetings follow the general meeting. You will find the Board Member Application on the NCQC website.

Keep on Quilting, Karren Lusignan, Director

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FROM THE EDITOR

BY DEBORAH MILLER



Changes are happening in the quilting industry. One of the biggest surprises was in January, when FreeSpirit Fabrics abruptly closed. This news led to speculation as to why it happened and what would become of their artists and their much loved fabric lines by designers such as Tula Pink, Kaffe Fassett, Amy Butler, Tim Holtz, Anna Marie Horner, and many more. When it was announced on Monday Feb. 26 that Jaftex Corp. was acquiring FreeSpirit, it sent a wave of relief through the industry. Jaftex produces Henry Glass Fabrics, Studioe Fabrics, The Blank Quilting Corp., Fabric Editions and A.E. Nathan Co., Inc. and expect minimal disruption for FreeSpirit customers. For more several articles on the subject see:
<https://craftindustryalliance.org/> (then search for "FreeSpirit").

If you have an editorial submission please email it to me for consideration:
deborah@plumeasypatterns.com

Have a happy spring! Deborah



PHOTO BY JENNY K LYON OF WWW.QUILTSKIPPER.COM AND NCQC TEACHER

NCQC MEET THE TEACHERS

- BY KAREN LUSIGNAN, MEET THE TEACHER CHAIR
- We are pleased to present our biannual **Meet the Teacher** program on Wednesday, April 11th at 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA. The meeting begins promptly at 10:00am. The doors open at 9:30am.
- This is an opportunity to hear quilting and wearable artists introduce themselves with a short presentation.
- Afterwards, each will have a display showing their work and available classes that they can teach at our guild or shop.
- The April NCQC meeting is an excellent time for shop owners and quilt representatives to visit with these teachers directly. You will have the opportunity to schedule them to come speak and teach.
- For your convenience, the list of teachers is posted on the website. In addition, the handout with teacher contact, lecture, and workshop information is posted on the website.

**Join us for
Meet the Teachers
on April 11th!**

April 2018 Presenters:

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| 1 Laura Fraga | 16 Cathie Hoover |
| 2 Claire Witherspoon | 17 Scarlett Rose |
| 3 Mary Boyer | 18 Lynn Wilder |
| 4 Vicki L. Johnson | 19 Linda Wagner |
| 5 Mel Beach | 20 Thom Atkins |
| 6 Dora Cary | 21 Judy Coates Perez |
| 7 Linda Ballard | 22 Laurel Anderson |
| 8 Kevin Kosbab | 23 Nancy S. Brown |
| 9 Tracey Brookshier | 24 Pamela Day |
| 10 Colleen Pelfrey | 25 Sherry Werum |
| 11 Lynn Koolish | 26 Sarah Goer |
| 12 Jenny Lyon | 27 Inger Blood |
| 13 Michelle Peerson | 28 TBA |
| 14 April Sproule | 29 Sondra Von Burg |
| 15 Sandra Mollon | 30 Fern Royce |

NEW CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE FOR QUILT EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Most of you are aware that we have a **CALENDAR** where quilt shows can be posted. This is done by clicking on the Events tab and filling out the information you want posted.

Find the calendar at

<http://www.ncqc.net/calendar.html>

In addition, we have created a new **WORKSHOP CALENDAR**. This calendar is intended for both teachers and guild program chairs to post workshops that have been booked. This workshop calendar provides information about when and where a given teacher is teaching. Also, if you are having difficulty filling your workshops, this may be a great way to reach out to other quilters.

The CALENDAR is also a way for a program chair to see if a teacher could be booked and share transportation costs with another guild. We know it can be challenging to know when your workshop day will coordinate with another guild within easy driving distance.

The screenshot shows a web-based calendar interface for the Northern California Quilt Council. At the top, there are navigation links for Home, Meetings, Membership, Newsletters, and FAQs. Below that is a section titled "Calendar of Events" with a note that it can be viewed by week, month, or agenda. A specific event for "East Bay Heritage" is highlighted in yellow on March 24, 2018. The calendar grid shows dates from March 1 to March 31, 2018. A legend at the bottom indicates that yellow represents "Events shown in time zone: Pacific Time". There are also links for Print, Week, Month, Agenda, and Google Calendar.

ALL STAR REVIEW RECAP

Thank you to our nine teachers and to all the Guilds that were represented. We almost doubled our attendance over last year. The teachers expressed appreciation for all your bookings. It was a fast-paced and fun learning time to get to know the teachers

and their teaching styles. It was such a success that we have reserved the Pleasant Hill Recreation Center for our 3rd Annual All Star Review for January 9, 2019. So Save the Date and invite your fellow quilters.



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CALL FOR ENTRIES

New Quilts of Northern California Exhibit at PIQF

BY SHARON MALACHOWSKI, NEW QUILTS CHAIR 2018



NCQC is sponsoring the special exhibit, New Quilts of Northern California, at the Pacific International Quilt Festival October 11-14, 2018. Entry is open to all residents of Northern California. The exhibit will be juried to 70 quilts. Medium size quilts show the best, and quilts longer than 90 inches will hit the floor. Enter quilts that are new and have not been widely shown before; your best and latest work NCQC will again grant awards for "Visual Impact." The winners will be awarded ribbons and cash prizes of 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50, and 3rd place \$25.

Entries are due August 6th, and acceptance will be sent by September 10, 2018. Entry forms are available at the April NCQC meeting, and on our website www.ncqc.net.

This is a great opportunity to showcase Northern California's quilting talent at a world class venue. We encourage you to enter or to pass this on to fellow quilters.



PHOTO BY DEBORAH MILLER, CONFETTI GARDEN QUILT 2008

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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For contact information, refer to the Contact page on the NCQC website.

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of NCQC is to facilitate communication among quilt groups, shop owners, teachers, judges, museums and vendors. NCQC maintains a master calendar of quilting events occurring in the Northern California area.

As a service to our affiliates and the community, NCQC provides lists of teachers, judges, guilds, shops, conferences, museums and other organizations that promote quilting.

Send Correspondence to:

NCQC, c/o Sharon Malachowski
9644 Bodega Hwy.,
Sebastopol, CA 95472

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal date is every Jan. 1st. Membership costs \$25 per year or \$40 for two years. NCQC supports businesses, organizations and individuals working in the quilting industry. We offer references and resources to help open communication and networking for the following:

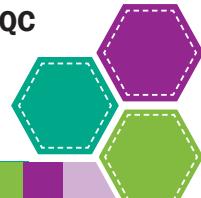
- Quilt Guild
- Long Arm Quilters
- Museums
- Quilt Teachers
- Quilt Judges
- Quilt Shows
- Quilt Shops
- Vendor Affiliates
- Conference Centers

Email: membership@ncqc.net

Membership Forms are available to download from our website. Please make your check payable to: **NCQC**

Mail your check with the Membership Form to:

NCQC, c/o Sharon Malachowski, 9644 Bodega Hwy., Sebastopol CA 95472



REGIONAL QUILT SHOWS AND THEIR OPPORTUNITY QUILTS

NCQC would love to have pictures of your Opportunity Quilts for our website. You can upload a photo online. We hope to promote Guilds and help you advertise your quilt shows. To see all quilts, go to www.ncqc.net/opportunity-quilts.html



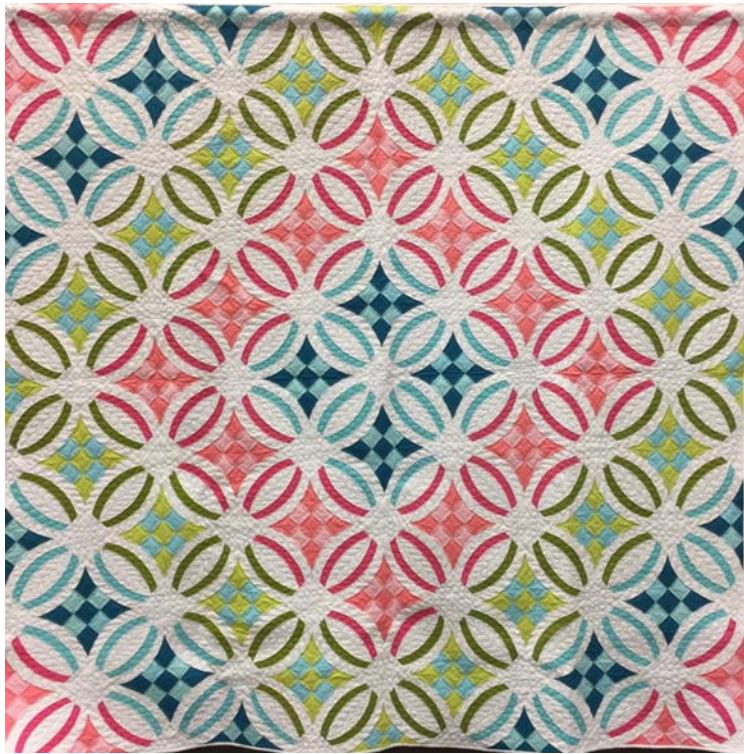
"Zinnia Bouquet" by Manteca Quilters
Manteca Quilt Show

April 21 & 22, 2018 Drawing April 22, 2018



"Country Crossroads" by Roseville Quilters Guild
"Celebrate Liberty With Quilts" Show

May 18 & 19, 2018 Drawing May 19



"Spring Dance," by Peninsula Quilt Guild
Drawing June, 2018 San Mateo Quilt Guild



UNTIL NEXT ISSUE...

Please check out our website. You'll find a lot of great information about many more Opportunity Quilts and Guild Shows in Northern California.

Guilds can use our website to check the status of their dues, and can upload their opportunity quilt information.

www.ncqc.net

**Remember Meet the Teacher
is coming up April 11th!
You don't want to miss
this great event!**

