

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA QUILT COUNCIL

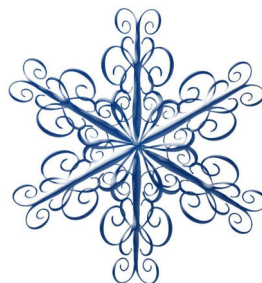
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

This is the year when the positions of Director and Treasurer change. I am proud to announce that the board elected Sharon Malachowski as Treasurer and Karren Lusignan as Director. I would like to thank Sharon for the great work she has done in directing NCQC and recruiting new board members. The board continues to look for additional board members to support our mission. If you are thinking about volunteering, please contact any of our board members to learn more about what our board does.

Before I write about the January meeting, I need to let you know that we have not been able to reserve the meeting room for the 2nd Wednesday of April and July. Therefore, **the April meeting will be on Saturday, April 8th and the July meeting will be on Saturday, July 8th.** We will still be meeting in the Pavilion Building of the Pleasant Hill Community Center, just on the 2nd Saturday and not on the 2nd Wednesday of April and July.

Part of NCQC's annual mission is to provide meetings that entertain, educate, and foster communication within our quilting community. We have a special treat scheduled for our January 2016 quarterly meeting. **All Star Review!!!** We are so excited about this opportunity. Check out the article about our January meeting to see who will be presenting their techniques.

All guild members of a Guild that belongs to NCQC are included. So any member of your Guild can attend NCQC quarterly meetings, not just the NCQC rep. Hope to see many, many of you on Wednesday, January 11th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, Pavilion Building. The address is 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

NCQC continues to serve the Northern California quilting community by hosting biannual Meet the Teachers meetings, curating the New Quilts of Northern California exhibit, and by fostering communication among quilters, Guilds, Shops, Long-arm quilters, Museums, Teachers, Judges and Vendors.

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

Karren Lusignan, NCQC Director

Tips for Newsletter Editors and Guild Representatives:

We want to make sharing the information as simple as possible. If you want to extract a portion of this newsletter for your guild publication, highlight and copy the text. Then paste it into a Word document to save it. Then you can paste it into your publication, or forward it as an attachment in an email.

****Reminder****

"All Star Review"
January 11th, 2017
TIME: 10:00–12:00

Pleasant Hill
Community Center
320 Civic Drive,
Pleasant Hill, CA

ALL STAR REVIEW - JANUARY 2017



Free mini classes & demos

For our NCQC first meeting of the year, we invite you to join us for a fun, informative, and educational introduction to 9 of the teachers on our MEET THE TEACHERS list. All guild members and guests are invited. We especially hope that you will send your guild workshop representatives to see what these exceptional teachers have to offer your guild.

This year our All Star list includes two teachers who ribboned at PIQF, 2 teachers who were instructors at the Houston Quilt Festival this year, one instructor who will be teaching at World Quilt Florida in Orlando, and one teacher who will be an instructor at the Empty Spools Seminars at Asilomar.

Each Teacher will repeat their chosen technique 7 times in the two hours. You, our guests, will rotate every 15 minutes, allowing you to take in 7 different techniques that you can use in your own quilting and also that you can choose to come and present in a class to your Guild.

Our All -Star cast is:

Mel Beach teaching Slice and Insert Improvisational Piecing

Vicki Johnson teaching Stenciling Techniques

Lynn Koolish teaching Mixed Media Fiber Collage

Jenny Lyon teaching Top Ten Tips for Successful Free Motion Quilting

Therese May teaching Machine Appliqué

Sue Rasmussen teaching Paper foundation piecing tricks for seam ripper-less perfect placement

Linda Schmidt teaching Making Trees and Rocks with puff paints, Lutradur, and Tyvek

Meri Vahl teaching Layered Landscape Collage with tulle overlay

Lynn Wilder teaching Taking the Mystery out of quilt math

Plan to join us for this new January NCQC Event

Sherry Werum, Board Member

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We continue to offer topics of interest to Northern California guilds, shops, individuals and teachers. Please contact us if you have topic suggestions.

2017 Meeting Topics

All Star Review

January 11th, 2017

Meet the Teachers

Saturday - April 8th, 2017

&

Saturday - July 8th, 2017

(Note the Saturday meeting dates in April and July)

NCQC MEMBERSHIP/WEBMASTER

We have a new Calendar on the website. It's on the Events page. It contains dates when various teachers in the guild have workshops going on. Check it out. If you are a teacher use the form to send your workshops to our calendar person to post.

The new format for guild information is slowly being filled in. If you haven't sent in your new form please do so. If you have dues due please also send those in. They are due January 1, 2017.

Guilds might want to look at the new format for their guild if it has been entered and make sure I have everything the way you want it.

Teachers, you'll be next for the new format. I plan to use what you send in to Karren for MTT.

We have almost 500 contacts for NCQC. I've been getting a lot of questions from members that could be answered by just taking a look at the website. We spent a lot of time and money to set this up. It's your money so if the website isn't working for you we need to know so we can make it work.

Thanks, Judy Martinez, NCQC Webmaster and Membership Chair



Holiday Table Topper courtesy of Mary Boyer



Quilter's Quest Shop Hop Quilt featured in the Quilted Heart Quilt Shop in Vacaville, courtesy of Sherry Werum

CLOSURES

Don't Cry Because It's Over

I only take two magazines, Quilters Newsletter and American Quilter. I don't read them when they come in, I stack them on my end table, then pick them up when the spirit moves me. (My Momma says this is heresy, and that if I don't read them right away, they'll self-destruct, but so far, that hasn't happened.) Much to my dismay, I picked up the Feb/March 2016 (yes, there were dust bunnies on it) issue of Quilters Newsletter last night and found two disturbing articles: One said that the New York City Quilt Gallery closed, and the other said that the National Quilting Association (NQA) dissolved. I've been to that Gallery, I saw a Nancy Crow exhibition there. I was a long-time member of the NQA, participated in their Certified Teacher Program, won many ribbons in their shows, and took their Quilt Judging class. More upsetting was to find that the Oct/Nov 2016 issue of Quilters Newsletter is their last issue. The end. Over. Finished. Kaput. Gone. (I wonder if they'll give me my money back for the subscription I just paid for? Somehow, I doubt it.)

Far more disturbing is the passing of so many of our Guild members, lately. Conand Mead; Geri Leek; now, Mary Beth Branca. They were our friends, part of the fabric of our lives, and now, where they were are great, gaping holes that only time can mend. People have been making art to deal with life and death for a long time, since the days of the cave painters. As artists, as quilters, we deal with it by making quilts. We make birth quilts and mourning quilts, wedding quilts and divorce quilts, peace quilts and war quilts. Perhaps the reason for this is that it is somehow easier to face these emotional upheavals if you can do something - ANYTHING - about them, even if it's just to pick up a needle and thread and sew bright patches on hard times. We cannot stem the tide or stop time or bring the dead to life, but we can pour our love and our tears and the breath of our spirit into a work of art to celebrate the living and remember the dead. I've made several of these, in mourning and in joy, and it helps; it really does. A little bit.

They say change is the only constant, this I believe. No more NYC Quilt Gallery. No more NQA. No more Quilters Newsletter. On the bright side, we have more avenues of quilting inspiration than we've ever had. There are a million websites and online classes, more AQS Shows, more Mancuso Shows, better tools, better sewing machines, and more guild shows than ever before. Quilting is alive and well, just changing. As Dr. Seuss once said: "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

~ Linda Schmidt, AVQ President

Taken from the November AVQ Newsletter with the writer's permission

MEET THE NCQC BOARD MEMBERS

Roberta Burke



“How lucky I am to be a needlewoman here in the North Central Valley.” Inspired by the agricultural uses of the land, Roberta defers to the palate of the Northern California rural landscape for her quilts: “Mustard gold sunflowers are birthed here in sun-burnt fields. With ruffled leaf shoulders, they stare open-faced to the sun. Who could not learn from them?” She has a scrappy, intuitive folk art style of patchwork and appliqué that lets her build a quilt “story” that features bits of vintage fabric, with the embellishment of hand stitches.

Roberta learned to sew from her mother, an army wife, who had sewn the guidons for WWII infantry troops landing in Europe. Roberta still owns the old grass-hopper green Elna sewing machine her mother used. She loves history but fears being “the quilter who was stuck in time.” In her everyday world, Roberta now uses a Bernina 770 QE. She is a devoted student of quilting, but she owes much of her artistic growth to learning from the quilters and artists of our region who playfully joust with tradition.

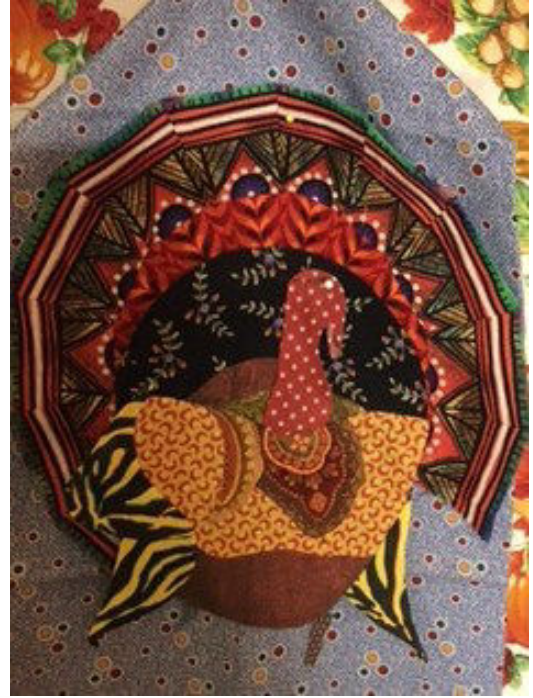
Roberta Burke is also a board member of The Flying Needles Quilt guild, The Valley Oak Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild, and an international land use society. She is a commercial real estate consultant, having previously been a director of a national commercial mortgage investment brokerage firm, and a Vice President with Bank of America. She was also a founder of the California Garden and Landscape History Society.

Roberta Burke is one of our new Board Members.



MEET THE NCQC BOARD MEMBERS

Roberta's Quilts



**Send correspondence to
the NCQC**

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**NCQC is seeking
pictures of your
Opportunity Quilts
for the website.**

*Send a photo
appropriately cropped
and sized (under
100kb works best)*

*Include the name of
the quilt, the date the
drawing will take
place, your guild
name and the web
address for your guild.*

To:
webmaster@ncqc.net

*We hope to promote
Guilds and help you
advertise*

Dear Members,

The Northern California Quilt Council publishes this e-mail newsletter quarterly for our members. Information from the newsletter can also be found on our website: www.ncqc.net. Our goal is to provide you with guild, shop, teacher and individual quilt-related information. We coordinate a master calendar of quilting events in the Northern California area and provide a forum for discussing common concerns and new ideas. If you have a topic you'd like us to discuss at our meeting, please let us know.

If you are receiving this email in error, or if you know someone else should be receiving it instead of you, please let us know. Send the corrected information to membership@ncqc.net

2017 WINTER CALENDAR

WINTER 2017 Shows & Events

- 1/21 - 1/22, 2017 - Country Crossroads Quilt Guild Presents "Heart of the Valley" Quilts and Textiles, Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and K St., Modesto, CA
- 2/3 - 2/5, 2017 Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630
- 3/18 - 3/19, 2017 Yuba-Sutter Valley Quilt Guild - 34th Annual Quilt Show , Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds 441 Franklin Ave, Yuba City, CA
- 3/24 - 3/25, 2017 San Francisco Quilters Guild Quilt Show, St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center
- 4/7 - 4/8, 2017 Foothill Quilters Guild, "Gems of the Foothills", NEW LOCATION, Parkside Church, 3885 Richardson Dr., Auburn, CA
- 4/22 - 4/23, 2017 Amador Valley Quilters Quilt Show "Colors of the Vineyard", NEW LOCATION Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Avenue Livermore CA

For detailed information including address go to the calendar page at www.ncqc.net



Vintage Hankerchief Quilt courtesy of Mary Boyer