

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**Value** is the number one thing about quilting, not color.

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SUE RASMUSSEN WOWS US WITH LANDSCAPE & ANIMAL QUILTS



At a fair, showing horses , Sue fell in love with a Bernina at the age of 10 because it made buttonholes. Later, she gave up veterinary science for a guy who eventually took her to every quilt shop in Hawaii, plus a few jewelry stores. Sue's quilts sequentially give the stories of her life, such as the quilt made of desperation while her husband and sons were each disabled and needing Mom-care. Each year when Sue went to Asilomar she came back with a different story and a quilt summarizing it: 1. Meeting her Dad at a stoplight when he didn't know she was in town 2. Her roommate borrowing a beer opener, and having to drink all 12 of the open beers in one night 3. Her drying bra giving her good vibrations all over town. 4. Taking home 4 very used but still usable tires inside her Suburban, while her sewing lamp and chair rode the roof.

After a class from Ruth McDowell, Sue learned how she could piece ANYTHING! This was an excellent thing. Because of a wrist injury she was limited to machine work, and hated raw edge applique..

How long did it take her to make that quilt? **ALL HER LIFE.** Every experience went into learning the skills needed, the ideas, and the verve to do it. (Not very many people would buy a pair of Gloria Vanderbilt pants to cut into a quilted barn.)

Sue has won Best of Show at Pacific International, and a Judge's Award in the world's largest show in Japan. The prize award of 6000 yen covered the postage. The doe won big in 2007 and was bought for an outrageous price which Sue named off the top of her head, never expecting to sell.





Betty Ann Fudala is new to our guild, new to sewing, new to being Publicity Chair. This is her very first quilt!



Eileen Kelly is another new to our guild, with her sampler quilt.



Beth finished this completely original design in two classes at Road to California with Gail Gerber.



Nancy Fogo is enjoying these flannel snowmen, begun on a retreat in Temecula.



Ex-president Beth must really have time on her hands—another beauty finished, plus one more not pictured.



Kathy Mekemson finished her Royal Cross from Sharyn Craig's workshop here last September.



With some help from the Stripper Gals, Kathy Mekemson completed this fun house collection, with special borders.



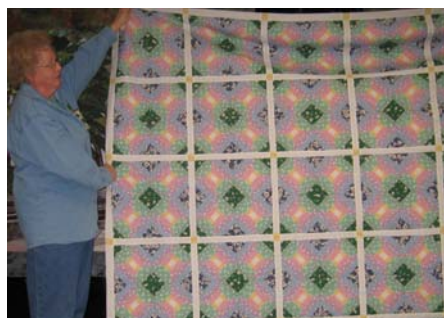
Carol Poisal has been busy sewing for herself, and her grandson. Not pictured is a panel quilt with a lot of yellow trucks for him.



Joyce Swimmer finished this brightly colored UFO, with back art even, from all the fabrics left over.



Harriet McGlothlin had to make this new quilt for her 7 year old grandson, because his little brother took his.



Marlene DeJong had fun with 1930 repro fabrics in this large quilt for her daughter's 50th birthday.



Linda Rhoades made this wall hanging from a Grab Bag. I don't get what she grabbed, because it all goes nicely.



CHECKERBOARD GARDEN is the pattern selected by the committee members for the **CHRISTMAS QUILT**. This quilt will be won by one of our members. You earn tickets by making blocks; and of course buying tickets. Checkerboard Garden is a simple but beautiful nine patch; perfect for all levels of quilters. Charlotte has a completed one that she will bring to the April meeting to give you an idea. There will be a meeting April 18th in which kits will be prepared and a work shop May 18th to assemble the kits. You will all want to be involved as this will be a beauty!! Call Rose 249-3994

**SPEAKER for March** will be **Marilyn Fromhertz, with wearable art**. Refreshments by:  
 Sally Dupont  
 Betty Tracy  
 Cathy Crase  
 Christy Close  
 Door Prize: Lynn Crawford

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:**

- May 30th Sandy Turner  
Attic Windows
- June 10th Judy Sisneros  
Patchwork Pizazz
- July 15 Jan Steffan  
Square in a Square  
(canceled in January)
- August Cathy Van Bruggen  
Autumn Applique/squirrels
- September Cathy Miller  
Reverse Applique
- October Sue Rasmussen (see p.1)

LINDA BARRETT, with the help of Beth, is posting an alphabetized list of the Guild's book collection on our web site, in hopes that you will use it more. Many of our past speakers have contributed books about their techniques. The list is also posted on the door of the **LIBRARY** cupboard. Thanks, Linda!

Help is still needed for the **FAIR**, before, during and after. **KATHY LEE** is signing up helpers from all Guilds. She reminds you that each quilt needs a 10' folded sleeve, attached top and bottom, 1 inch less than quilt width. She is still collecting clean sheets and used file folders for use at Fair. It's a "green" thing,

DEBBIE STEPHAN volunteered to take charge of the Mini Quilt Auction at Mountaineer Days in July. She's got experience and gumption.



CHRISTY CLOSE is manning the **FRIENDSHIP CORNER**, with blocks to share—Snowman, Old-fashioned Girl and Bear Paw. Make a block for your friends, and get yours made.

LORRIE HAVENS won the whole pile of 16 Civil War **Block of the Quarter**. We'll be seeing another fine quilt!

MICHELLE FALB introduced a new face in Wrightwood—Misty, who is opening what she calls a Guild House on Elaine Street—a meeting place for crafters. Opening soon.

JACKIE WEDDLE is still collecting items for the raffle. Drop off items at her home if you like. Tickets will be sold at the next meeting.

MARY ANN KUNZ has three senior girls at Serrano High who need quilting mentors for their senior projects due at the end of May. The next generation of quilters! Contact Mary Ann at 249-6049.

PRESIDENT MARLENE is working on a Guild Retreat at a local church camp featuring a pot luck and pizza and lots of sewing time.

CAROLYN VILLARS has assembled 60 teacup blocks into a nice tablecloth, with all but these three blocks identified by the 19 guild members who made them. Do you know who made these 3 blocks?



The oriental tea pot above is on a 12" block, and the hand blanket stitched pot to the left is 6".



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**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:** (who has been back and forth every day to Loma Linda Hospital for husband Don)

Thanks to everyone for your patience at the March meeting. We had so much business to wade through until we to the good stuff. And wasn't the wait worth it?! What beautiful quilts! If members are interested, Sue Rasmussen is willing to return and give a 2 day workshop on her technique.

While trying to get through all the business, I forgot to mention the nice thank you note the guild received from Terry Barrett, husband of guild member (and Guild Librarian) Linda, on behalf of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. We donated some of our charity quilts to them and they are being used to provide warmth to less fortunate members of our community right here in Wrightwood.

We're already through one quarter of the year. I hope you are all working on those UFO's and auction quilts. Thanks to Debbie Stefan for volunteering to chair the auction. She makes great Margaritas, so plan on helping out at the quilt sorting and naming meeting just prior to the auction in late June.

We have some great speakers and workshops coming up. Darlene and Cristy will keep us posted. (Of course, that means more UFO's added to my list!) Mark your date book for the Long Beach Quilt Festival July 24-26. Another chance to view great quilts and SHOP for fabric! In the meantime,

Happy Quilting.

*Marlene*