

DISPATCHER

SETS EDUCATION FEATURED, Women get new ideas for old problems

Best Quotes:

It's okay to fail. What's not okay is to NOT TRY for fear of failure.

Never ask your kids what color quilt they want.

Dare to be a little weird. Your quilts will become more creative.

There ain't no accounting for taste.

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Guest speaker Sharyn Craig gave Wrightwood her 6th to last speaking engagement. After 30 years she plans to stop traveling and sew like crazy at home in San Diego. When Sharyn started her first class in 1978 she was 10 minutes ahead of her class, and has followed her passion for 30 years. Sharyn has exchanged quilt blocks with 16 different groups over the years. Like everyone else, she had incredible stacks of blocks that were the wrong size, too big, too small, an orphan block, ugly colors, too hard, etc., but she has learned that problem solving is her favorite part of quilt making.

Sharyn insists that all colors go together, and a quilt becomes the color that sets its blocks together. So, she uses color bars to change the perceived color of the block and to regiment the size of her imperfectly sewn exchange blocks. This beats the other options of: *1. Leaving the block in your closet forgotten. 2. Remaking the block—yuck-o! 3. Trimming blocks to the same size and losing points.*

Sharyn likes to think outside the box, and adds framer strips of contrasting colors, or strips of the same background color, which she calls negative visibility coping strips. She has added blue corners to Christmas colored green and red blocks, or a Garden Maze setting to unify a group of blocks. In the pictured quilt she is pointing to an orphan block that was cut in fourths and used for the corner settings, with the

border coordinated to that block. She considers blocks made in class a catalyst to learning and design challenges.

Other strategies Sharon uses is to (**Gasp**) cut the points off of blocks deliberately, bringing them to one size. In a busy quilt with lots of interest, it is difficult to spot imperfections. Sharyn glibly says if this bothers you, you're the one with a problem, and she is the one with a finished quilt. In fact, a successful quilt makes one's eye move with nothing so strong that it stops. The more one gives viewer's eye to look at, the less they can see the problems.

Participants in the Royal Cross workshop learned to sew gentle curves with no pins, to use double-stick tape on their rulers and templates for a no slip great grip, and my favorite: get a single stitch throat plate cover to give the needle less play and avoid little tips getting swallowed by the feed dog.





Morgan Owen, our youngest guild member, and her proud grandma, Marlene Bowman, show her 2nd quilt.



Kathy Mekemson, Joy Agnew, Charlotte Ketcheside, and Marlene Bowman show their bouquet of coneflowers from Melinda Bula's workshop. Excellent color use!



Today's mystery quilt is brought to you by—is that you Flo?



Here's a camp quilt for Kathy Mekemson's grandboy Luke.



Kathy's husband is going to enjoy this quilt all winter, sitting in his recliner.



Flo is proud of her 5 fabric challenger.



A stunning table runner by Flo Souza.



Another table centerpiece which Flo saw and then drafted the design for herself. A striking design.



Corrine Baker hand quilted this beauty over 4-5 months. It's a huge queen size bed quilt.



A charity quilt from Linda Rhoades.



Another nice charity quilt from Laura Green.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2009 PNQG BOARD:

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 1st VP Programs (2 positions) Darlene Packard and Cristy Marxsen
 2nd VP Membership (2 positions) Kathy Mekemson & Carol Poisal
 Treasurer: Joy Agnew
 Secretary: Debbie Stefan

Elections will be held at the November General Meeting. A big thanks to the nominating committee, namely Marilyn Caudron.

HOME TOUR

All of the homes for the Home Tour have been designated, with team leaders needed as noted:

Ludwick House next to Country Club—Debbie Stephan
 Powel Home on Apple Vista Drive—Leader needed
 Ginger Wheeler’s Home on Pacific Crest—Leader needed
 Acorn Lodge—Lynn Crawford. This house was built in 1926, and docents will be there as well.
 Cookie House will be Rose Burcher’s.

Volunteers are needed at all of these locations, and also four volunteers are needed at Ticket Sales. The schedule is 10:45 to 1:30 and from 1:15 to 4:00. Sign-ups will be at the next two meetings. Also, November will be the big QUILT GRAB when Home Team Leaders select from all your gorgeous quilts which ones they get for their house. Get your quilts ready for the Home Tour!

CORRECTION

Thanks to Joy Agnew and Pam Sutton for giving me the straight skinny on how our club came by \$410 out of the blue. **Karen Enoch**, who has **Granny’s Corner Quilt Shop** in Cedar City, Utah has been selling our cook books printed sometime ago and sent back the money. She must be some sales lady! Linda Hargeson’s name got into the mix because she also gave us some money. She did, \$50 to the auction, but Karen is the big dollar gal, selling for us clear out in Utah. Don’t go through Cedar City without telling her “hi”.

JOYCE FINAU is gravely ill. Please remember her in every prayer. Check with Debbie Stefan (249-6015) or Michelle Faub (249-3312) for an update. Nice to hear **Pam Sutton** is finally walking unaided after her hip surgery.

PRESIDENT’S CHALLENGE to be program in October. What challenged you? Members will be the judges of our best adventures in travel and/or quilting. Also, all Charity quilts from the 17 boxes for the free fabric we sorted through last February are due.

OCTOBER REFERESHMENTS

Elisa Gurley
 Marilyn Caudron
 Sally Dupont
 Marion Hall
 Door Prize: Elisa Gurley



Newest and youngest guild member Morgan Owen. Also, we had several visitors this past meeting, including Donna Hiekish of Pinon Hills, Kathy Watkins of Wrightwood, Carol Gaines, and Jan Adams of Indian Hills. Our membership is now up to 77.

FAIR THEME: “GREEN ACRES.....it’s the place to be.” Plan your quilts now for the San Bernardino County Fair next May 9-17.

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Next Meeting:
October 14, 6:30

Board Meeting:
October 21, 6:30

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