

DISPATCHER

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Unless you leave your comfort zone—doing only what is comfortable for you—you will never grow creatively.

—Vikki Pignatelli

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We need you.

SINGING CANADIANS ENTERTAIN



Cathy Miller and her husband John Bunge (undoubtedly from the same family tree as our own Mel Bunge) are touring American quilt venues, including our own Wrightwood guild. Cathy began her career as a professional musician. Her first connection with quilts began with a job to write the music for a play about quilters. Soon she was quilting and singing and writing about the wonders of the quilting life. Her first quilt was a workshop in appliqué, but the single Cathy balked at making the requisite hearts, because legend has it that you don't sew hearts until you're married, in order to not spoil your chances for nuptial bliss. So she appliquéed a much more difficult Lips design, and eventually found John and the resultant bliss. Recently she made a queen size quilt solely from her scrap bag and didn't make a dent in it.

All of the songs Cathy performed for us were about quilting, such as The 12 Step Plan for Quilters: "Can do no wrong, Can't have too much stuff, never have enough, look at all I left, Be the best you can be, Rules were made for breaking, Call it art, Love me, Love my stash."

"Make a quilt with the scraps life gives you, Use the pieces as though they were planned. From the rags of the past fashion beauty to last. Something new to remember. They warm your heart with the strength of your hand."

Another fun song was "They're making sweaters for penguins", which memorializes an epic 1991 oil spill at Phillips Island, Australia, which jeopardized the lives of the penguin colony there. A call was put out to knitters for open ended socks to pull over these small penguins to prevent them from ingesting the oil preening, until their oily feathers could be chemically cleaned. Over 15,000 penguin slip covers eventually came in. Cathy imagined the penguins "wearing nice clothes sitting on the ice floes".

Dedicated to our long arm quilter Christy Close was "You can quilt that out, You're the professional" and closing the song fest was the "Husband's Lament" with John finally having his say. The CDs sold briskly, and quilters and husbands were well entertained.



Debbie Stefan remembers this antique quilt of her great-grandmother's from when she was a little girl. A treasure!



Flo Souza brought in 2 quilts for the kids at Cancer Camp. Nancy Fogo was amazed to have 110 quilts ready!



Our youngest guild member, **Morgan Owen** had fun making this quilt in a class at the Long Beach show this summer.



Corrinne Baker is tickled to have finished this lovely hand quilted Crow's Nest. Tick off another UFO.



Icky Orr loved this design so much she just had to make it for herself.



Mel Bunge's son has outgrown his cowboy quilt, so it's on to flames shooting out of cars. Double Wedding Ring is next?



Carolyn Villars made Grandma's Trunk for a Quilts on the Wall challenge—Digging through the Past, all with personal relics, baby dress, etc.



Here's a snip and glue and quilt art quilt copied from a painting Carolyn did. The fabrics are brighter than the oils.



Flo Souza made this deer panel with her own original border.



At our workshop with Cathy Miller, these three home schoolers had a lesson in art, reverse appliqué and free motion quilting. The next quilting generation!



Cathy Miller's Bella Bella quilt done in a set of graduated hand dyes.



Another of Cathy Miller's quilts with her collection of ethnic Australian designs.

LOCAL QUILTING RETREAT:**October 10-11, Sat. and Sun.**

10am—4 pm both days

Fee: \$10.00 per day



- ☉ Free Continental breakfast supplied by guild
- ☉ Lunch on your own Saturday
- ☉ Pot Luck dinner Saturday
- ☉ Dutch Treat Pizza lunch Sunday (each person pays a portion)

REFRESHMENTS FOR OCT:

Stephanie Neal
 Harriet McGlothlin
 Vivian Newton
 Leonor Ferris

DOOR PRIZE: Laura Green (aka Triathlon woman—taking 2nd in the Spring Valley Lake swimming, biking and running test of stamina this past Sept. 12. What a woman! And she quilts too.)

KID'S CANCER CAMP—Nancy Fogo has collected an unprecedented 110 quilts for the campers, aged 3 to 15. She told us about a little kid finding a quilt about horses—the one thing he wanted to do at camp. As he left the quilt room clutching his treasured horse quilt, he turned and whispered in awe, "How did they know?"

PROPOSED OFFICER'S SLATE:

Marlene Bowman—President
 Marion Hall—VP, Programs
 Darlene Packard—VP, Membership
 Debbie Stefan—Secretary
 Joyce Gwinner—Treasurer

Nominations will be accepted from the floor, and voting will take place at the October meeting.

DECEMBER 5TH HOME TOUR ROLLING ALONG:

House Leaders have signed up for the 4 homes and the Cookie House. Now it's your turn to sign up for a shift, either 11-1:30 or 1:30- 4:30 at any of the following:

1. Mill & Lark Home, leaders Linda Rhodes & Kim Ogilvie
2. Robin Circle (huge and new) Laura Green and Ginger Wheeler
3. Bluebird-Olden home—Icky Orr and Elisa Gurley
4. East Canyon Road—Leader Joyce Swimmer
5. Cookie House—Debbie Stefan

UFO CHALLENGES DUE at General Meeting in October. Prizes to be awarded. The Batty Lady is also rumored to appear with lots of info on the various battings.

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports can be found at the Check-in table. Ask if you don't see them there.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE QUILT was at Christy's long arm at last report. Some lucky member will get their name drawn for it at the Dec. meeting. **BLOCK of the QUARTER** will be awarded at the Oct. General meeting. Finish yours up in glorious fall colors and be in the drawing for 12 blocks. **FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS—get free quilting done**

Turn in a design for the Friendship block and Chairman Christy Close will reward your work with quilting bucks to be used towards quilting your finished top by Christy. See the Friendship kiosk at the back.

FOR SALE:

Bernina 1230 sewing machine, extra feet and bobbins. \$800 obo

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Proflex Stretch Frame (to use with domestic machine for quilting)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year is quickly drawing to a close, and I can feel the pressure of figuring out what to get everyone for Christmas. We will have several demos at our planned retreat this Oct. 10 and 11. The Cathy Miller workshop project will be reviewed, and can be finished in just a few hours—bring fat quarters of a bright and a black, batting and backing. It's all sewn together in one step.

We will also learn how to make the Casserole Kimono which I showed at a guild meeting earlier this year. For that project you need 1 yd. Asian (or any) fabric, 1 3/4 yd. Contrasting fabric, 40 x 36 batting, and matching thread. By the end of the weekend you should have two very nice gifts for Christmas!

Did you see Eileen Marek's article about our Guild in the Mountaineer Progress? I have to agree with Eileen. It is so exciting to come to the guild meeting every month and see all the amazing quilts we produce. It is also wonderful to be part of a group that shares their talent with the community. To all who provided quilts for Nancy Fogo's cancer kids, to all who voted to donate money for the heating/air conditioning at the Methodist Church, to those who bring refreshments and door prizes each month, to the wonderful secret pals, the list goes on and on—thanks for making our guild one of the nicest places to be each month. I'm looking forward to seeing the fruits of our labors at the upcoming home tour. See you at the retreat where we can share our talents and our friendship.

Marlene

Next Meeting:
October 13, 2009 6:30
Wrightwood Community
Bldg.

Board Meeting:
October 20, 2009, 6:30
Wrightwood Library

Retreat in Wrightwood
October 10-11

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