



Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild

“Promoting the art of quilting through sharing, friendship,.”

President's Message

Quilters Unite!

I used to crochet, knit, garden, make clothing, paint rooms as needed, etc., etc., etc. You probably have your own list of things you do as you go through life's march through the years.

I mention this because it occurs to me that when I met people and they asked what I "did", I never called myself a "crocheter, knitter, and gardener" or what have you. I made reference to staying busy, working full time and raising a family, but it never seemed plausible to give myself a label.

Funny thing, now one of the first things I put out to people I know is that "I AM A QUILTER." I think that speaks volumes about who quilters are. Because quilting is not just a one dimensional activity that we fit into our lives, is it? It is so much more.

We appreciate good design, enjoy the science of working with colors, learn to address enough math to measure, cut and plan. Then, we shop carefully, cut, sew, iron, sometimes re-sew, layer, construct, maybe outsource some work, and then ... Quilt!

If someone was writing a job description called "Quilter Wanted" what would the qualities required be?

Every year or so I hear the value of a wife/mother/homemaker discussed on the news where they outline how much it would cost to replace her. I think we too may be under credited in our chosen field. Many people have an image of a quilter as a sedate dear lady sitting at a quilting frame humming as she quietly stitches (probably 14 to the inch) across stretched fabric. Now we all need to change our mental image to more of a wonder woman with sharp implements, measuring devices, books, machines, a color wheel, tools and a directory of suppliers and such.

So, stand tall, show your capabilities, and announce for one and all, "I AM A QUILTER."

Susie Bakman

Programs

APRIL: Community Service Night was a great success. Thank you to everyone who pitched in.

MAY: **Annie Smith** from San Jose will present "**Help! My Quilting Stash is Growing and I Can't Make it Stop!**" Take a humorous look at the quilter's nature to multiply. Take a sneak peek into the inner sanctum of quilter's stashes. This is for the quilter who loves fabric and needs to find creative ways to manage and get control over their stash. Isn't that just about every quilter you know?

<http://www.simplearts.com/blogs/lectures/index.html>

Programs, Continued

SCHEDULE CHANGE:

JUNE: Raylene Bement with Quilter's Haven will join us and bring her traveling quilt store. You remember how fun it was to shop for the newest notions when she joined us in Jan 2009? Well, she has tripled her inventory and will be sharing lots of new "toys". She is in Paducah right now getting ready to join us.

(The Block Auction has been moved to the September meeting.)

Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds Meeting April 10th.

This meeting was held in Yucaipa, hosted by the Citrus Belt Quilters Guild. It really was a wonderful day - and the ladies were friendly, welcoming and helpful. I can't report on the quilt stores in the area (there were several, but I had to run to Redondo Beach after about a puppy). The meeting covered business issues - most of the board was either ill or out of town so this went quickly. After a short break, we had presentations dealing with Community Service possibilities. It was a real tear-filled session. I am summarizing for you the information that was presented and have provided the same details to our board and the community service chairfolk.

1) Royal Family Kids Camp - Presenter Darly Dulion (once owner of Quilt n Things). This is a series of camps that are sponsored by churches, started in 1985 with 155 in the United States, and 20 international. They have over 7000 children go through the camps each summer which are staffed by volunteers. Their website is www.rfkc.org where you can check out what is happening. They normally look for a church to support all or part of a camp, but are willing to take donations.

They normally accept pillowcases, birthday boxes (most of the kids have never had a birthday party) and quilts. I am avoiding some of what really got to me - the children are from the foster system, and have been abused. They are given a week in the summer at a camp where there is a "grandpa" (who tells lots of stories), a "grandma" (who bakes cookies etc), an aunt, uncle - role models who have positive sides. One night there is a birthday party and the children each receive a birthday box which is approximately shoe box size with gifts in it.

2) Citrus Belt Quilters - Presenter Marguerite Tate. They have approximately 30 community service projects that they support in some way. They pick 5 or 6 to concentrate on each year, organizing workshops to create what they are donating.

Their website contains information about their community service projects and links to other sites like Quilts of Valor and Home of the Brave. See www.citrusbeltquilters.org.

3) Los Angeles Veterans Quilt Project - Presenter Karen Van Den Brink. Karen spurred this project beginning about 5 years ago. They focus on giving a quilt to every soldier returning from Iran and Afghanistan who has been wounded. When they register with the VA, they are allowed to choose a quilt. Most are red/white and blue but others are not and all seem to find a home with someone. Most are lap or twin size but if you give them a bigger one, it will be available to the returning vets. She told of one that was peach & green, full sized. It turned out to be peach cow/bull skulls. They put it in the mix. There was a couple who was returning and fell in love with it. Apparently it was perfect for their home - colors and theme.

PROGRAMS, Continued

Karen emphasized that all donations are accepted for the quilts. See the San Fernando Valley Guild website for meeting times if you want to help with this effort. One of the most interesting things she presented was that they used the block of the month blocks to create quilts. The "winner" receives a prize instead of the blocks.

4) Quilts for those who died in service to our country - Presenter Cathy Kreater. Don Beld, the current council treasurer started this effort. They have given over 660 quilts to the families that have lost someone - in California. This effort is nationwide, but she was speaking to efforts in our state. If you go to Don's site you can get details on the quilts, the block they are recommending and the size. The quilts are civil war era style quilts that were called "Sanitary" quilts. The size was made to fit the cots the soldiers slept on and they were used instead of blankets (which they didn't have) or to wrap them for burial. Most are tied. Their biggest problem - finding the families because of privacy issues, it isn't easy. If someone in the community or other quilt guild members knows of a family who has lost someone, the council asks that they please provide the information and they will be sure the family gets a quilt. Cathy also presented a new project that Don started - the National Home of the Brave quilt - a block for someone you have lost in the war - to be put together and shows beginning in April 2011. Information is on the website: www.homeofthebravequilts.com. If you are interested, please check the site for details.

The remainder of the meeting was guild member announcements. Sometimes this means flyers that can be brought back to the guilds. This time there were only a few:

Antelope Valley Quilt Association May 22nd - Quilt Home Tour with display quilts. This is instead of their show.

Beach Cities Quilters Guild, Southern Ventura County - **June 5-6** FantaSea of Beauty Quilt Show

Camarillo Quilters Association - May 1 & 2 Quilting by the Sea, Ventura County Fairgrounds. They have a quilter who is 80 this year and generates over 75 community service quilts each year.

North Cities Quilt Guild (Placentia) April 25th - Spring Fling. Honors new members and has Stuffed Baskets, over 100 available for a silent auction. This is their meeting, guests are free.

Patti Voyles, Council Representative

Guide Dogs of America - "My Best Friend"

Our quilt this year is using the theme "my best friend" in honor of those dogs that have graced all our lives with their antics, their joy and their challenges. I haven't picked colors, backgrounds (light please) or blocks. You can do one with fabrics or one that reminds you of your friend. Put a note on the block with the dog's name or a line or two of a memory. Keep the colors bright and try for 12 1/2 inch unfinished. I need the blocks by September so we can meet the quilting and delivery schedule.

Thanks in advance for the support you so willing provide! Patti Voyles

Treasury Report	
Treasury Report April 2010	
Beginning Checking Balance	\$ 8,147.79
Expenses	
SCV United Methodist-Rent	\$ 601.80
Donna Chipperfield Oppty Quilt Fabric/Batting	\$ 60.00
Linda Kerston 2009 Challenge	\$ 50.00
Pat Garrant 2009 Challenge	\$ 15.00
Cash Box Opportunity Quilt	\$ 50.00
Directory Printing	\$ 62.43
Opportunity Tickets Printing	\$ 260.00
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 52.21
Income	
Feb. Workshop	\$ 450.00
Ways and Means March	\$ 72.00
Ways and Means April	\$ 42.00
Fabric Sale March Mtg.	\$ 24.00
Ending Balance	\$ 7,584.35
CD'S	\$ 7,539.99
Total	\$ 15,124.34

Please call me if you have any questions.
Dana Montague, Treasurer 661-295-0877

Membership News

Please welcome Megan Null, our newest, and youngest, member from Castaic. We are very happy to have you.

Last meeting we had 47 members present for the sewing night.

Don't forget to sign in as you come through the door, so I can have an accurate head count, **and** to get a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our door prizes.

Adva Price
Membership Chairperson
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Scholarships

One of the perks of membership in the SCVQG is the opportunity to apply for up to a \$50 scholarship to take a Quilt class. After taking the class, and, fulfilling one of the options to return something to the guild, you will receive the scholarship money. For all the details please stop at the Scholarship table at the guild meeting and pick up an application.



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Quilts That Soothe

The Samuel Dixon Family Health Center asked if our guild would be interested in lending quilts to adorn the walls at their new facility in Newhall. The answer was yes and we are happy to say the first round of quilts is hanging in their beautiful offices.

Patients will be able to gaze at comforting soft quilts as well as framed art from local artists. I stopped by their grand opening last week and took a picture of their staff at the reception desk. I am including the beautiful thank you note we received as well.

The quilts are scheduled to be "changed out" on a three month cycle. Would you like to have one or more of your quilts displayed next time? If so, please let me know so I can contact you to make arrangements.

Susie Bakman



Dear Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild,

WOW -- YOU STOLE THE SHOW!

Your beautiful quilts elevated our health center right out of clinical!

The given is that a quilt immediately offers comfort and soothing - even a dash of humor! Our patients suddenly have beauty to consider.

A drastic change of focus - from the sore foot, hacking cough - to nature's strawberries, turtles, fish, kittens, geometry, symmetry, patriotism. Somehow, the world enlarges and engages.

Thank you all for your patience and guidance. It's been a learning curve for us to display great art and we had a lot to understand. As soon as we purchase more track, we have a giant wall for *Scrappy Stars!*

Thanks to each of you for your interest in Samuel Dixon Family Health Centers. We are thrilled to share your creativity and energy.
Maureen

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Community Service

Thanks to so many of our very active guild members we had an enjoyable evening of visiting and sewing and pressing as we worked on novelty quilts for children.

It was great to see so many machines humming along! We had 34 kits made up and all but two of them were claimed. Helena and I are in the process of pulling backing fabric and cutting batting for them.

We were blessed enough to have four lap sized quilts taken by two members for quilting. This is a wonderful opportunity to polish your quilting skills while providing a finished quilt for donation.

We have several more ready for binding and quilting....

Two more quilts for the homeless were taken that evening to have patches sewn on them. There are several more that are pinned, ready for the patches to be sewn on. If anyone has unwanted denim or twill type fabric we could put it to good use for the homeless quilts.

Lorraine and Rita had 25 additional placemats for SCV Senior Center turned in at the meeting. Our goal is two placemats per member.

One of our members offered to take home fabric for cat pads for the shelter. Many thanks to all of you for your generosity. Cat pads can be up to 20" x 20" made up of several layers of old fabric including batting or not.



Members are always welcome to pick up any one of our ongoing projects at the meeting from the community service table.

Below is our tally for the projects year to date:

Project	Yearly Goals	Number reached to date
Placemats	210	50
Lap quilts	50	10
Homeless quilts	45	8
Senior Shawls	25	5
Twin sized quilts	6	2
Cat Pads Animal Shelter	100	80
Quilts of Valor blocks	100	77

We have fabric for use on community service projects.

Please feel free to contact

Helena 661-257-2572

Hwoodworth2003@yahoo.com or

Dana 661-295-0877

mdlsmontague@sbcglobal.net



Hospitality

Happy May to all! We had a great community sew night in April along with the pies we all had to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our guild.

Thank you to the Guild for the pies from Marie Calendar's and thank you to Yvonne Penny, Lorraine Quintero, Adva Price, and Mary Beth Will for bringing the drinks for the meeting.

Hope you also enjoyed the punch! (If I missed anyone I apologize as I think the signup sheet got covered up by pie boxes for a while.)

For May, Spring has sprung, let's think about some nice light snacks!

Food T to Z, A & B Drinks C to E

See you in May!

Eddie Moore and the Hospitality Committee, Mary Beth Will and Pat Garnet

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Opportunity Quilt

Cowboy Festival Weekend

The ladies working our location for the Cowboy Festival on April 24-25 brought in \$909.! Thanks to all the volunteers who made this work so very well.

We really need a coordinator who can help us set up dates for selling tickets. Do you have this skill? Those of us who have done this work in the past will be glad to pass on information on what has worked. Please consider helping out this way - and - for others, please look at your calendars when dates are announced and take charge of an event. It is really fun to meet other quilters and interested parties.

Patti Voyles.



Block of the Month

Block Auction

The Block Auction will be in September this year to give us time to get it organized. I will be collecting donations at the July and August meetings. If you can't make it to either of these meetings you can bring your donations to my home before Sept.1. I just cleaned and organized my garage so I have room for the donations. We do need the "stuff" before Sept. 1 so we can make up the auction lots before the night of the auction.

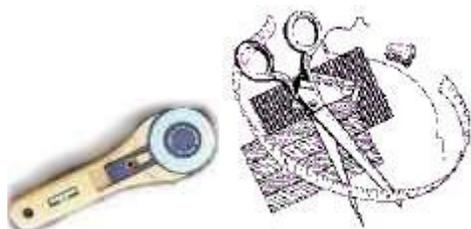
You might ask: what can I give as a donation? Here is a list, but any sewing related items will be accepted, - Quilt blocks, Quilt tops, Fabric, notions, patterns, and batting.

Thank you to all the members who made blocks for the Quilts of Valor. We had 77 blocks turned in at the meeting. If you still have a block please bring it to the next meeting.

Pam Erselius was the winner of the set of fat quarters, Pam please pick them up at the next meeting.

The block for June is called Summer Four Patch and really is an easy block. Give it a try. Any questions ask me at the next meeting. See you there.

Barbara E. Montejo 661-670-0293



*****Mini Groups*****

Friday Friends ***

See Caryl Jo or Cherrie Maylis
Meets 2nd & 4th Fridays
7 p.m. Shadow Hills Presbyterian
Church
10158 Johanna Ave. Sunland

S.E.W.U.P.'s

A Quality II 255-1870
25864 McBean Parkway, Valencia
Meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Sisters in Stitches

Lavonne Davidson 251-9795
Meets every other Wednesday 10
a.m.

Super Star Quilters

Patti Voyles 259-6198
Meets first and third Tuesdays
7 p.m., rotating member's home

The Tuesday Night Group ***

Carle Kouri 661-252-0741
21303 Soledad Canyon, Saugus
Greenbrier East Mobile Home Park
Recreation Center 5:45 p.m.

*** indicates membership is open. If you want to attend a meeting, we recommend calling to be sure that nothing has changed since this listing

Are you concerned about ink usage when printing the newsletter? You have several options:

1. Don't print it, save to file and read at leisure.
2. Print it in grayscale (doesn't use color ink)
From your menu bar, Click on File, Print, Properties, then in the "COLOR" tab, check the box named "Print in Grayscale", then OK.
3. Print in draft mode and grayscale (uses less ink)

Same steps as above. But instead of the "COLOR" tab, select the "Paper/Quality" tab. Look for "Print Quality". This is usually defaulted to "Normal". Click on the drop down menu and select "Fast Normal" or "Fast Draft", then OK.

SCVQG Block of the Month

June 2010

Summer Four Patch

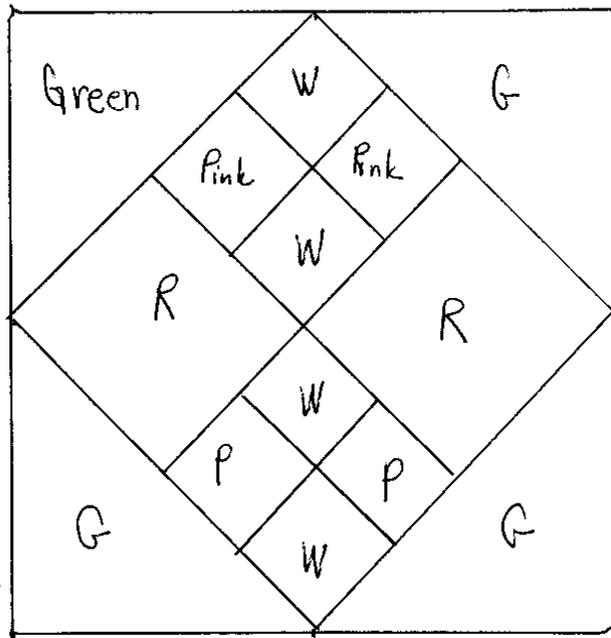
Technique-Pieced

Size- 12 1/2" x 12 1/2"

Fabrics- white on white, pink print, red print, green print

Cutting: white on white	4	2 5/8" squares
Pink print	4	2 5/8" squares
Red print	2	4 3/4" squares
Green print	2	6 7/8" squares cut on the diagonal

Number of pieces-14



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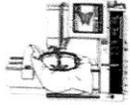
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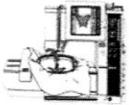
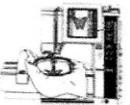
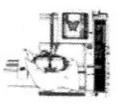
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Things to Remember:

- ❖ Bring Block of the Month Entry
- ❖ Initial sign-in sheet at the door
- ❖ Wear your name tag
- ❖ Food T to Z, A & B Drinks C to E
- ❖ Show and Share quilts

This Month's Calendar:

May 13th - General Meeting 7:00 P.M.
Guest Speaker: Annie Smith - Quilting
Stash
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