



Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild

"Promoting the art of quilting through sharing, friendship, education, and meaningful service to our community."

From Our President

What a great meeting to start off our year! Our guest speaker, Raylene from Quilt Haven, brought us great ideas plus the opportunity to shop her "store" from the comfort of our guild meeting.

We covered a lot of information at our January meeting and I have had the opportunity to speak to many of you since. I received offers to help, suggestions for the future, and genuine feelings of support and it is all appreciated.

Right now there are several volunteer positions we need to fill. Can you sit in at the 4 board meetings (February, March, April and May) to take notes while Paula Fleischer is taking a class for her Masters Degree? Can you serve as Historian for our guild? The Historian takes digital photos of quilts at our meetings and passes them along to the person that uploads them to our website. Now that I mention it, are you interested in taking the position of website volunteer? Can you serve on the committee to start organizing a quilt show for this year? Once a committee is formed, we can figure it out from there, but we need to get started.

Our community service volunteers, Dana and Helena, really need members to sign-up for the work groups for next month's turtle

pillows. It was a busy meeting; I bet you just didn't get away from the shopping in time so please do something about that right now. Call or e-mail Dana or Helena and let them know if you want to be: a fabric or paper cutter, pattern tracer, sewer, ironer, or whatever. We are a non-profit educational organization and this community service project is a chance for us to fill a need in our community while working together as a guild. The turtle pillows make a child happy, and in the bargain, you can have the pattern and experience.

I wish the timing were different for writing this article so that I was already back from my trip to the Road to California quilt show. When I get home from the show I've always collected lots of ideas, inspiration, "stuff", and tired feet. This year I bought new shoes so hopefully the tired feet will be a thing of the past. I'll let you know.

Take care,
Susie Bakman

Shadows –

I received a call from Jaime, Sharon Brooks' sister, last evening. She was looking for phone numbers of Sharon's friends. Sharon lost her fight with cancer the night before. She brought so many of us joy through her shop and with her participation in the guild. She was being assisted by her son Tommy and her sister, in hospice care, when she died.

Patti Voyles, Editor

Programs

Community Service Night

We will be making turtle pillows for the Painted Turtle Camp at the February Guild meeting. The camp uses about 125 turtle pillows a week for the campers. The fabric will be supplied by community service and will be brought to the meeting that evening. We will have several copies of the pattern ready for use at the meeting as well. In making a trial turtle pillow we found that the pattern is not rotary cutter friendly so those of you that signed up to bring mats and cutters are now going to need to bring both fabric and paper scissors.

Irons

board or mat/pad

Connie Weber
Carrie Gereb
Susie Bakman's minigroup

Ironing

Carrie Gereb
Connie Weber

Paper and/ or Fabric Scissors

Lorraine Quintero Cheryl Maylis
Carrie Gereb Karen W
Susie Bakman's minigroup

Sewing Machine

Janell Cornell Barbara Montejo
Adva Price Dana Montague
Judy Polintan Patti Voyles
Susie Bakman's minigroup

Extension Cord or Reel

Carrie Gereb Helena Woodworth Janell
Cornell Susie Bakman's minigroup

Extra Light

Cheryl Maylis Judy Polintan Patti Voyles

Attendees please plan to bring personal sewing supplies such as pins thread cutting scissors seam rippers act. We will deliver the turtles unstuffed to the camp. The camp is always grateful for donations of poly fiberfill.

One more important detail - we need large buttons for turtle eyes. They need to be two or four hole buttons - no shanks! Please bring contributions to the meeting.

Questions??? Call Helena 257-2572 or Dana 295-0877

Kris Dolan
VP, Programs

Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds

The SCCQG meetings have been moved away from the historical 3rd Saturday of the respective meeting month - to the new date of the 2nd Saturday of that month. However, this year's Easter weekend is getting in the way. Please update your calendar to show the meeting on the third Saturday, April 18th at the Garden Grove United Methodist Church, Acker Hall, 12741 Main Street (corner of Stanford) in Garden Grove.

This meeting where we will focus on each of the officer jobs at the Guild levels. This is a hands-on workshop where we talk about each office's responsibilities; we all share what has worked for us and get help for troubling problems. A prepared Board is a much more effective Board - and that means less stress for everyone. If you wish to attend, please call Patti Voyles to make arrangements for car-pooling if you would like to save on gas.

(From e-mail by Kathryn Nolte, SCCQG Newsletter Editor).

Patti Voyles,
SCCQG Representative

"I'm My Own Grandma Challenge"

The quilt challenge this year will be to make a baby quilt AS IF you were your own grandma, welcoming the birth of YOU. There are no size restrictions, color restrictions or surface embellishment restrictions. This is about imagining the kind of quilt YOUR grandma (or other quilter at the time) might have created at the time of your birth. Completed quilts will be shown at the June 11th meeting, and we'll have a vote for viewer's choice. PRIZES will be awarded!

For those of you new to the guild: a quilt challenge is an opportunity to make a quilt according to some rules. Sometimes it includes a particular piece of fabric, other times it requires a certain quilt block or theme. It is surprising to see how different each project looks! Traditionally, we keep these projects a surprise from each other, however if you are a beginner, feel free to ask for help from fellow guild members. The goal is to stretch creatively. Participation is optional.

So, you may be wondering how I came up with this odd theme. First, our Show and Share time is full of the sweetest little quilts for various grandchildren - so I KNOW you all can make baby quilts! Second, I remembered a funny little song called "I'm My Own Grandpa" about a bunch of people who marry various other people and this guy ends up being his own grandpa. It's a little crazy, but fun! If you have internet access look up the lyrics for the song. The geneology is a real mind twister.

So it got me thinking: What if we were our own grandma?? I think its a little crazy, but

fun! I'm looking forward to seeing some lovely baby quilts, and hearing some wonderful family stories at our June meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to email me: pvfleischer@hotmail.com (please put the word QUILT in the subject line)

Paula Fleischer
2008 Challenge Quilt Chair

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.

Block of the Month

There were no winners for the blocks at the January meeting as only one other member made the block but I am hoping we will have a much bigger turn out for the February block of the month which is for community service quilts.

The block for March is called Angles and Squares and is done in beige and dark brown. It's an easy block but if you have any difficulty please call me or talk to me at the February meeting.

Barbara E. Montejo
661-670-0293

Opportunity Quilt 2009

As many of you know, we are creating a log cabin variation for this year's quilt from a pattern by Betty Neff. The book where it was published is out of print, but Betty has retained pattern rights and is allowing us to use the pattern for our fund-raising efforts. Please be sure to give her credit! We also need to thank Patches - Jeannie has contributed a bolt of fabric that will be used for the back of the quilt. Do stop in, buy fabric and thank her.

Blocks - 1) Susie Bakman's mini group has done most of the work to complete the half-n-half colored log cabin blocks - thanks!!! 2) The house blocks and the remaining log cabin blocks have been kitted and I will be attempting to get them to the volunteers the weekend of Feb 1st. There are a few of each left as well as the border. If you want to help sew, please contact me and I will make arrangements to get you the fabric and instructions.

Please try to return any blocks by the February meeting - general or business - if possible. We are trying to get them assembled so the appliques can be done. Let me know if you will not make this deadline and we will work out a schedule. Our goal is to have the quilt completed for showing at the Cowboy Poetry Festival this April, thus the short time span.

For those who are not able to sew, we will be trying to take the quilt to as many venues as possible. Dates and times will be announced. You can help with this fund-raising effort by selling tickets on your own, or, in one of the other locations. Watch for news!

Patti Voyles
Opportunity Quilt 2009 Chair

Membership News

A good turnout at the January meeting - 70 members! Congratulations to the winners of the door prizes donated by Quilter's Haven: Connie Davis, Lavonne Davidson, Pam Erselius, Roberta Nicholson, Janell Cornell, Carmen Recinos and Glenna Beaver.

Some Quilt shops give guild members a 10% discount when they show a guild membership card. If you need a card, please ask me at the meeting. The cards are filled in individually and handed out annually per membership year (January thru December).

Membership dues for 2009 have been pouring in. Please don't be a straggler.
\$25 regular membership; \$22 for members 55 years young, and over; and \$50 for Associates/Sponsors (including an ad in the newsletter).

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UPCOMING EVENT:

Saturday, February 14 celebrate Valentines Day with us as we host a Fat-Quarter Frenzy! Buy 25 Fat Quarters for \$25. Any additional fat quarters beyond 25 for \$1. Come and stock up for those fat quarter friendly quilt patterns!

Hospitality

Thanks to Nancy Beck, Carolyn Walker, Lola Dyroy, Bonnie Weber, Debi Wilken, Sherryl Zurek and others for feeding us last meeting. That is if we went into the kitchen. With all the shop goodies some of us didn't make it that far.

Food D-G Drinks H-K

So, what's for Valentine's Day? Red anything... strawberries if they have made it to the stores, jello-almond-coconut strawberries if they haven't, cherry tomatoes, Kool-Aid. Pink... grapefruit or grapefruit juice, carnations (OK so we can't eat them but they'd perk us up.) White... milk, cream cheese, cauliflower, white bread or heart shaped crackers to go with the cream cheese. Purple... eggplant and ... and... grape juice! Lavender..... I give up.

Caryl Jo,
Hospitality Chair

*** Willing to have the backup bag in your trunk in case of need? Willing to store the materials and bring in supplies for each month's meetings? Call Patti at 661-259-6198 with any questions.

Community Service - Guide Dogs Quilt

Cag Gravet wrote to us: Thank you for all of the hard work you and the other 18 ladies put into making the beautiful quilt. I was knocked out when I saw it. It is absolutely exquisite! Thank you also for getting it to us so early in the year.

Cag enclosed 30 pins for the workers and other guild members who support the work of Guide Dogs. I will have them at the meeting so do stop by and see me! The quilt is hanging in their lobby in Sylmar when it is

not traveling. Cag gave me a tour of the grounds. They have a beautiful facility.

Patti Voyles, GDA Quilt Coordinator

**Get one?
Bring one!**

**Need one?
Take one!**

Look for the tin box on the Ways and Means table. Bring your unneeded coupons for JoAnn's, Beverly's or Michaels and drop them in the box. When members need a coupon, they can check the box. Please watch expiration dates.

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

Friday Friends ***

See Caryl Jo or Cherrie Maylis
Meets 2nd & 4th Fridays
7 PM 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 AM

Sisters in Stitches

Lavonne Davidson 251-9795
Meets every other Wednesday 10 AM

Super Star Quilters

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

TGIF at Night ***

Patti Voyles 259-6198
Friday 7 PM at A Quality II
***** McBean Parkway, Valencia

The Tuesday Night Group ***

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

*** Groups noted in this way welcome new members.
Call first in case meeting details have changed.

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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: D-G Drinks: H-K
- ❖ Sign up for email delivery of newsletter - or email me!
- ❖ Your part of the community service sewing - machine, iron, buttons. See article for what is needed.
- ❖ Show and Share quilts

If you have an article or item for the newsletter, it should be submitted by Saturday following the business meeting.

This Month's Calendar:

February 12th - General Meeting 7:00PM
Santa Clarita United Methodist Church
26640 Bouquet Canyon Road
Saugus

February 19th - Business Meeting 7:00PM
Green house Café
Bouquet Canyon Road
Saugus

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