



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY QUILT GUILD

Presents:

Critical Importance of a Label for Your Quilt

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**This program discusses the essential elements
in creating your quilt story**

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Jean Carter, and Carol Carter**

Marcia Dains

What's Behind the Label Push?



How it Started:

- 2003: Genie Bechtle Woytovich
Died in Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- 2019: Kristeen Dolan (SCVQG member)
Found the quilt in her aunt's home with no record
- 2020: Kristeen Dolan brought the 250 name Signature
Quilt to the Guild

.....And so the search began





- Find the most original name:

George P. Queen - Internet Search of Obits. (July 30, 1931 - October 7, 2007)

Raised by Aunt Jess and Uncle Brode Law
In Plainview, AR



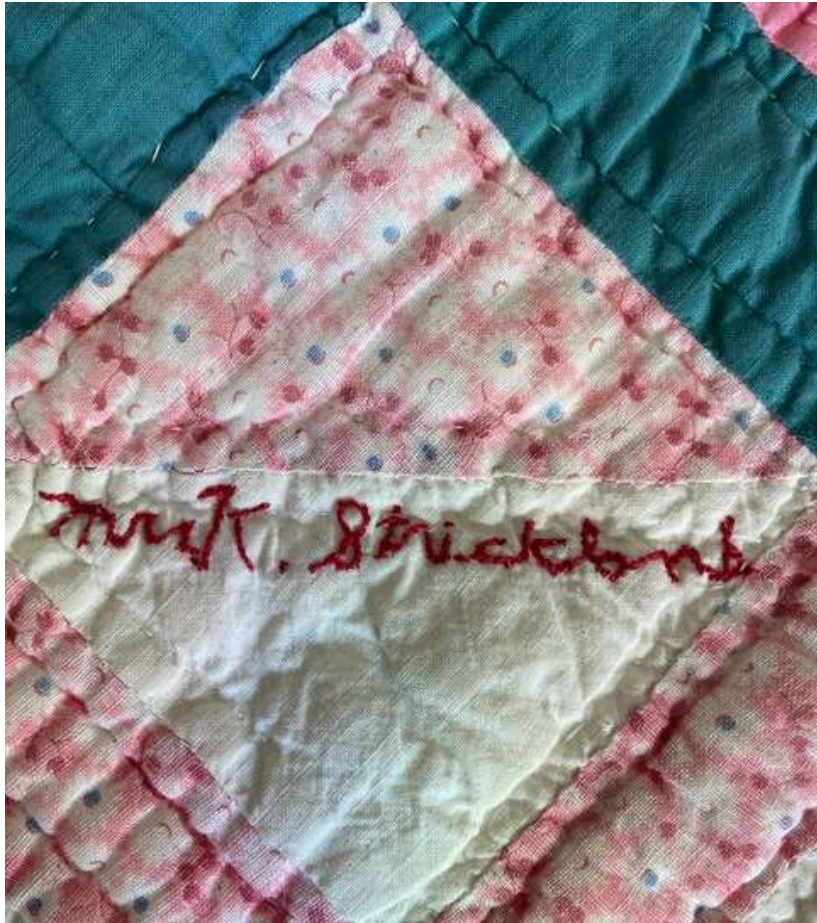
We now have an approximate TIME and PLACE for a label

- Continue to reach out to Quilting Facebook, Historical Societies, Plainview Residents, Cousins in Arkansas
- Dolores Jenisch in Arizona (whose son lives in Brea, CA) via Facebook Quilting Page
- Eva Bridges was her grandmother from Plainview, AR
Her name is on the Quilt!
- Dolores has her mother's wedding Quilt made by Eva





- Facebook Connection: Sharon Bell Hamilton, local Genealogist near Plainview, AR Grandparents W.A. Strickland and K. Strickland on Quilt. (Methodists)



- Sharon knew Clarenda Moats and her 99 year old mother, Perry Lee Whitlow

Interview: Friendship quilts after completion of the Assembly of God Church in 1938/39

2 - YELL COUNTY RECORD, Danville, AR., Wednesday, September 25, 2019

99th Birthday Celebrated Sept. 11th, Perry Whitlow



Perry Lee Whitlow, age 99 years, celebrated her birthday on September 11th at Fowler's in Danville. Perry had a great time with 16 family members and friends that came to celebrate with her. (Record photo submitted)





- September 29, 2020
Passing of a Matriarch/Generation: Tribute to all
Quilt Going home to Plainview



- So why a label?
 - To preserve Generational history
 - Who, What, Where, When and How
 - To make it indispensable
- What is your next step??

To read more about this quilt and the Importance of Labeling Quilts see article on our website:

<https://scvquiltguild.org/f/importance-of-labeling-quilts>



Joyce Wilkinson

**How to Write the Story and
What to Include on a Quilt Label**

**The greater the story the more
valuable the quilt**



A basic quilt label provides information about the maker, designer, quilting, recipient, date and place made, and other information.

The information you include on the label depends on the ultimate use and you would likely put very different things on the label. It's important to think what someone in the future might want to know about the quilt.

Some ideas of what you might want to include on the label:

- The name of the quilt?
- Who made the quilt? What part of the quilt did each person do?



- Who made the top? Was it more than one person?
- Who quilted it?
- What is the intended use of the quilt?
 - For a gift, you might include the recipient's name and if it was made for an occasion like graduation, wedding, birth, friendship or a family heirloom.
 - Write a special poem or quote or Bible verse to make it personal. Or do a search on the internet: Saying & Inscription ideas for Quilt Labels



- For a show quilt, more identifying information such as a phone number would be good in case the quilt gets lost.
- Add special thoughts about the quilt and/or the person receiving it.
- Was it made out of special fabric...T-shirts, wedding dresses, baby's clothes, etc.
- Date and place where it was started and completed
- Tips to Care for the Quilt





Ocean Dreams

Dreaming of lying under an umbrella by the ocean hoping to spot a mermaid or maybe become one.

At the Beach: Umbrella's came from a pattern created by Tina Curran. I took her class on Zoom in 2021

As I was making the Umbrella's I remembered I had the pattern, "When You Wish Upon a Starfish" designed by, Roxanne Barbieri, from the Row-by-Row contest given out at the quilt shop, "Roxanne's Wish and a Dream" Carpinteria California, in 2015. I thought that both designs would complement each other. Thus "Ocean Dreams" was born.

Pieced and quilted by,

Joyce Taylor Wilkinson

Newhall, CA

Machine Applique, Longarm, Freehand quilted

2022



Jean Carter

**Techniques You Can Use
to Create Your Label**



It can be as simple or elaborate

Here are some examples:

- It can be as simple as information written directly on the back of the quilt with a permanent pen
- Using a piece of plain white fabric or you can get just as creative with the label as you did with the quilt
- Elaborate design printed on your computer
- Hand-drawn label sewn in place.



- Stitch a few pieces of fabric to be used in repairs, behind the quilt label
- Use a left-over block (or make an extra one on purpose) filling in the label information on the lighter or solid parts of the block. If you have no negative space on the block, add a light color border for writing space.



Quilt Label Method 1: Embroidery

Embroidered labels stand up to washing. No worries if the ink will fade! Hand or machine embroider the label information. Fabric that matches your backing makes it look like it was embroidered on the quilt itself.



Machine Embroidery

Many of the current sewing machines have some lettering capabilities.



Hand Embroidery

You can make hand-embroidered labels using an ordinary piece of quilting cotton, an embroidery hoop and some embroidery floss.

TIP: Another option is to use a printable fabric label design as a basis for your hand-embroidered label. Print out the design and trace over it with a water resistance pen. Embroider over the printed text with some embroidery floss.



Quilt Label Method 2: Fabric Pens

Handwritten is my favorite. There's something romantic about thinking your quilt will be found years from now with your own hand lettering telling your great great granddaughter that you made this quilt.

Tips:

- Use a permanent fabric marker with a fine point (.25mm) Pigma Micron, Prismacolor, and other water-resistant pens
- Trace a label printed or drawn/written on paper (helps avoid mistakes) But you could also attach it outside of the binding.



- Use a light box or sunny window for tracing
- Tape paper and fabric down to avoid shifting
- Iron fabric to freezer paper to make it more stable under the pen
- Don't forget to set the ink, following manufacturer's directions
- If you write directly on the back of your quilt, make sure you do a test before writing on the quilt backing itself.

Examples of water-resistant pens:





Prismacolor - .005 XtraFine Black Fine Line Marker, Water Resistant, 1-Each



Sharpie Products - Sharpie - Permanent Markers, Ultra Fine Point, Black, 5/Pack - Sold As 1 Pack - Extra precise, 0.2mm narrowed tip for extreme control and accuracy. - Permanent on most surfaces. - Quick-drying ink is waterproof, smearproof and fade-resi.



Quilt Label Method 3: Pre-printed Quilt Label Fabric

Purchased by the yard at a fabric store or order online

Use a water-resistant pen to write your information on the label.



Quilt Label Method 4: Printable Fabric Quilt Labels

The next option is basically to make a printed label on fabric at home yourself.

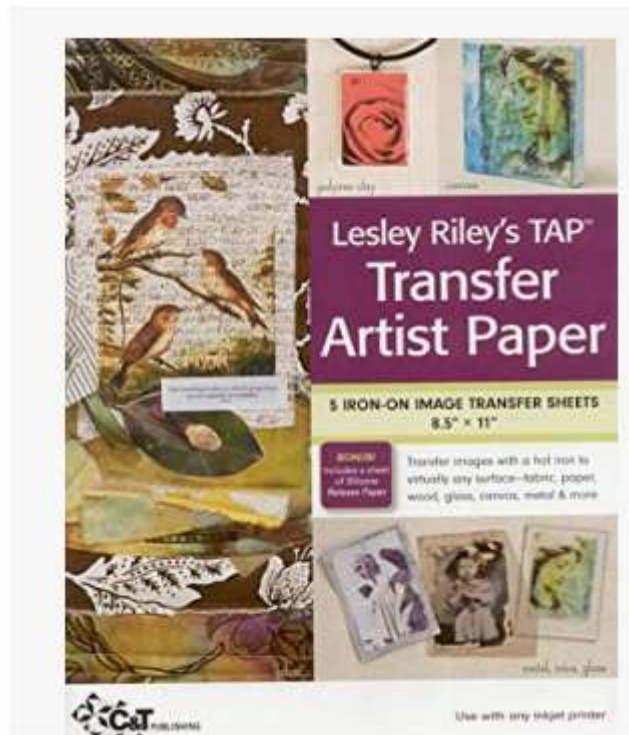
Quilt labels can be created using a computer and an inkjet printer by printing your design on printable fabric sheets. You can find these at quilt shops, Joann's, or Amazon.

This method will give you the option to include all sorts of things such as photos, unique fonts, graphics, and so on.

TIP: Make sure you have an INKJET printer.
Do not use a printer that takes TONER.



Use Transfer Artists Paper (TAP). You print in reverse on the TAP, then iron the image onto your fabric. It creates a very sharp image. With any of these methods you will want to follow manufacturer's directions on how to set the ink to make it permanent.



C and T Publishing Transfer Artist Paper,
8.5 by 11-Inch, 18 Sheets Per Pack
by Lesley Riley



Quilt Label Method 5: Print Fabric Quilt Labels with Freezer Paper

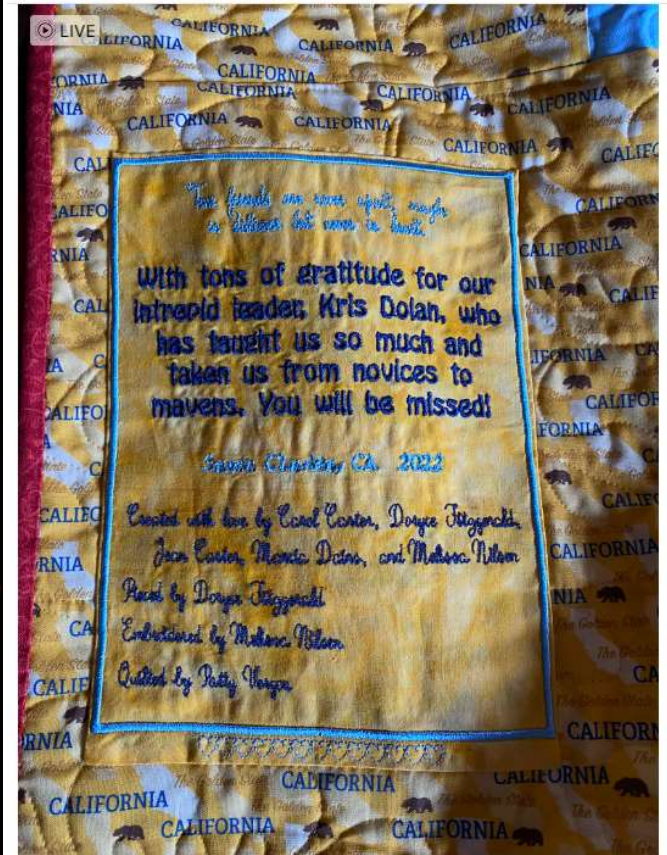
You can feed cotton fabric through your printer by ironing Freezer Paper to the back side. You will have to experiment to see if your INKJET printer will feed this way.

If you've never used freezer paper for printing, there are tutorials on line to follow.

Set your printed label using a spray sealer.



Farewell Labels for Kris Dolan's move to North Carolina



Examples of products to set the ink on your printed label:



Quilt Label Method 6: Buy Custom Made Labels

If all of the above seems like too much hard work, you might consider buying a custom-made quilt label from a small business seller on Etsy.



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Carol Carter

**Where to Place
Your Quilt Label**



- You'll want to place your label somewhere it won't show if the quilt is hung on the wall or placed on the bed.
- A common place for many quilters is on one of the bottom corners of the back of the quilt.
- Sew it firmly to the backing fabric before you actually assemble the quilt, then you can hand or machine quilt right through the label.



- Machine sew the label into the binding on two sides and then needle turn applique the other two edges



- If you are putting a folded corner of fabric on each top corner to hold a dowel then one of your folded corners could be the label



- Extra Block -- If you want to make your label part of the quilt back you can also make a fabric label using an extra block that's left over from the front of the quilt then your label will coordinate with your quilt's fabric.
- If you are piecing your back anyway this can be a great option but remember that if you are quilting through it, you might obscure some of the writing which is why many quilters hand stitch their labels on at the end.

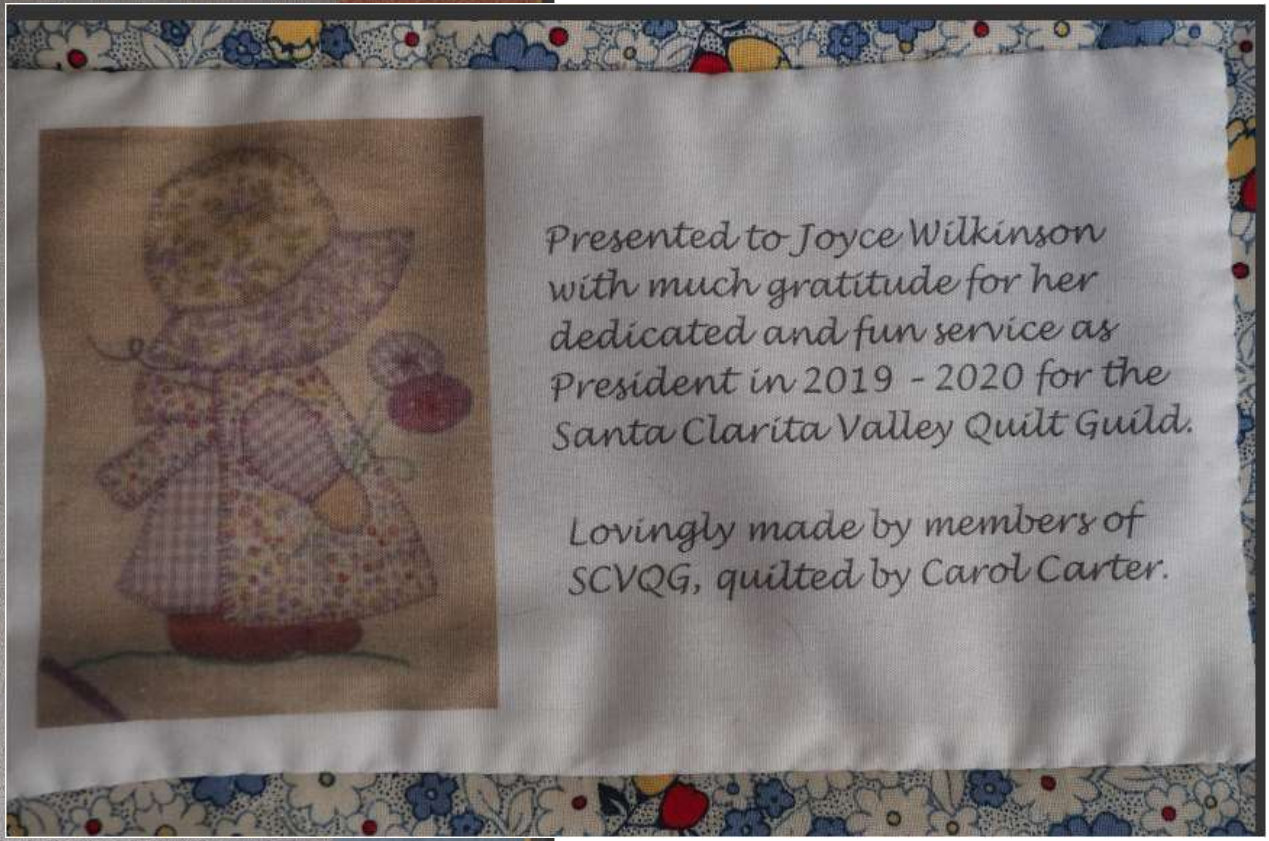


- Put it on the binding -- Machine embroidered on a scrap strip of binding (already folded) and then joined it to the rest of the binding for the quilt.



- Quilt your name into the quilt as you quilt the rest of it.
- Remember there are no rules! The label does not have to be square.
- So, add embellishments like applique or buttons or add a photo
- Or (that no rules thing?) fuse it to the back.





Quilt Presented to Michelle's Family



**CONCLUSION:
Just Make a Quilt Label!**

THE END

