

# QUILTSPEAK

January 10, 2011 The Congregational Church, 11245 Los Osos Valley Rd., SLO  
SLO Quilters, P.O. Box 14306, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

## Program

Margaret Wheeler, Vicki Bookless,  
Lisa Gray, Esther Kueffer, Suzanne  
Heitzman

Our December meeting was the annual holiday party, and transition from the 2010 board to the 2011. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the meeting. We had a great potluck dinner. There are a lot of wonderful cooks in SLO Quilters. It was one of the best attended holiday parties we've had and one of the most relaxed.

January will start our year with a take-away project. We are going to have some fun and make a chicken pincushion. Programs Committee will hand out a kit to make the chicken at the January meeting. We will assemble the pincushion at our meeting. Please bring your hand sewing tools: small scissors, needle and thread. You will be able to put the pincushion together that evening but not be stuff them. You can fill it at home with rice. We would rather not risk spilling raw rice in our meeting hall. We have made projects a few times in the past and it has been a popular activity. We think you will enjoy making a Chicken Pincushion. It's a fun, cute project and you can visit while you work on it.

In February, we have Heidi Borchers coming to tell us every thing we need to know about quilting and the use of GLUE! Some of you may be familiar with Aleens Glue, which was invented by her mother. In March we have the highly regarded Susan Branch as our fea-  
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## From Our President

Susan "Smitty" Price

WOW! What a fun December meeting!!! I hope you all had as much fun as I did - with the bells, yummy potluck, apples and of course, the presentation of "Jill's Flock" to our outgoing president, Jill Sabol. Even though she had provided the pattern for Chubby Chicks, she was TOTALLY blown away with the beautiful workmanship (or should that be workwomanship) of her president's quilt. I want to again take this opportunity to again thank ALL of the SLO Quilters members that helped create her quilt!

Now that the new board has been officially installed, with a 'meaningful' ceremony, I thought you all should get to know me a little better . . .

As a child, I learned how to knit, crochet and make Barbie doll clothes from my Czechoslovakian next door neighbor, Olga. I grew up in Orange County and in school made my own clothes, crocheted many afghans, did crewel embroidery, needlepoint and cross stitch, and was on student council.

I moved to San Luis in 1974 and worked full-time as the bridal alterationist at Magnuson's Bridal (many of you will remember that name). I also attended Cal Poly and eventually earned my degree in Home Economics in 1981. One of my favorite classes was "Special Fabrics," where I was first introduced to piecing blocks and quilting (as well as other cool stuff).

Shortly after that I moved to San Jose and married Dale. I worked at a canvas shop, where we did tent repairs and made canvas awnings (quite the contrast from working with delicate wedding gowns!).

Then I wanted to move back to San Luis, so we bought American Muffler & Trailer Hitch in 1988 and became members of the Automotive Service Councils (an automotive organization). I soon became their Chapter Coordinator, which I did for the next 13 years.

In 1989, I started the first wedding coordinating business in San Luis Obispo, "I Do" Weddings, where I was successful at helping brides and grooms organize and plan their weddings. Then in 1992, I started the Central Coast Wedding Professionals, which is now completing its 18th year. I was the first president and after two years, held other position on the board for another 13 years.

As you can see, I have been 'creating things' and been in leadership roles for most of my adult life, so it only follows that I would end up as your president sooner or later (and if Emily Cletsoway had had her way, it would have been sooner!).

All kidding aside, I try to lead from the bottom up rather than the top down. HUH? Successful groups listen to 'their membership' and maintain the kind of group the 'membership' wants, rather than being what the Board of Directors tells them. So I'm always here to listen to YOUR ideas. I want you to ENJOY your membership in SLO Quilters and have it be the kind of group you want your friends to be in also.

I'm very much looking forward to being your president for this next year and hope to see (and hear from) you ALL at the Brainstorming Session on January 18 (details elsewhere in this newsletter)!!

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tured speaker. She is a local, well known and popular artist. She will be speaking to us about designing fabric.

Currently we have two workshops scheduled for 2011. In September we have a very special nationally known teacher, Carol Taylor. She lives and makes her base in New York. We are sharing her expenses with Almond Country Quilters. Her lecture topic is "So Many Quilts, So Little Time." The workshop is titled Arc-i-tectures. We will learn about composition, textures, and circular quilting. Here is the link to the page describing the class. <http://www.caroltaylorquilts.com/> Not only will our guild be hosting a workshop but the other guild will have a workshop as well. Please look at the Almond Country guild website to get that information.

Our other workshop scheduled for 2011 is dealing with the subject of color. It will be taught by Christine Barnes and will be Tuesday November 14. The workshop is "You Can Do Color." This will be a no sew workshop, using cut and paste to develop techniques regarding in-depth understanding of value, light and dark, and how to create stunning color combinations, among other topics. We can learn everything we need to regarding quilting techniques, but nothing is more important than color. We will continue to use fellowship hall of our meeting room at the Congregational Church for workshops through 2011. We will talk more about each of these workshops and get more information posted to our website as well.

We have put together a combination of topics for 2011 that includes hands on techniques, theory, traditional and contemporary topics for this new year. We hope you will find the information inspirational and informative.

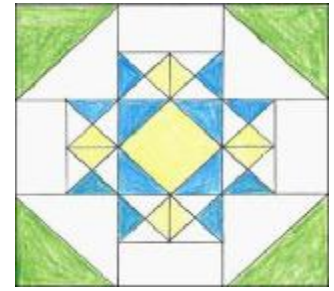
## Block a Month

Sarah Blackstone

**Block due in February:**

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**Number of blocks turned in: 4**



## Brainstorming Session

Smitty Price

As mentioned in the December newsletter, ALL members of SLO Quilters are invited to participate in a "Brainstorming Session." As the incoming president, I would like to hear your thoughts on things you like, and any ideas or suggestions that could make SLO Quilters better.

The Brainstorming Session will be from 6 - 7:30ish Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, in the Training Room at the Tribune offices in San Luis Obispo - Light refreshments will be served.

If you can not make the meeting but you have comment, suggestion or idea, you can call me at 550-5636, or email me at [ssprice@charter.net](mailto:ssprice@charter.net) and I will bring that idea to that meeting for you. If you KNOW you already have an idea or suggestion, go ahead and let me know now so I can add it to my agenda of topics to be discussed. See you there!

**DIRECTIONS:** Go to the Tribune office on S. Higuera and park in the BACK/EMPLOYEE parking lot. Follow the signs to the EMPLOYEE ENTRANCE.

## Membership

Julie Towery

To all of you who participated in the coffee can raffle last month - thank you for helping to clear out my downstairs bathroom (I store all the raffle items in there). You'll have another great selection of goodies in January, so be sure to bring some spare change for a chance at interesting items. See you then, Julie

## Community Quilts

Signe James

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to our Community Quilt program this year. From donations of fabric to completed tops or quilts, every bit helps. The total number of quilts this year was 221. The separate totals are as follows: SART - 109; Chemo Cozies - 55; TAPP (baby quilts) - 14; Nursing Homes - 12; Adult Chemo Cozies - 10; Prado Day Center - 10; Military - 3; and other - 8. The military count may be off a bit since Judy Fry has been collecting and mailing those.

It was not a record breaking year, but that is still a lot of quilts. They are all greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Thank you tons for my wonderful quilt! I love it so much. It has been an HONOR to serve as the president of SLO Quilters the past 2 years. A Happy New Year of quilting to you all!  
Love, Jill

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January



2 - Charlotte Abeloe  
16 - Emily Cletsoway  
Jody Nelson  
24 - Cle Longden  
Dian Robinson  
28 - Luella McCombs  
Kathy Peterson

## Presents at the Party



Outgoing President, Jill Sabol, loves her Chubby Chicks quilt, made and quilted by members of the 2010 board and committees.



Jill Sabol presented apples to outgoing board members for the "many seeds they had sewed", except that new President Smitty Price received a pomegranate as they have A LOT more seeds!



Jill's presentation of a guild check to Jack's Helping Hand's Bridget Ready. The Readys formed Jack's Helping Hand in memory of their young son, Jack.



Mary Ann Reid with her project from Cindy Rinne's class



# Treasurer's Report

Sue Fiscalini

**Beg. Bal. Income** **\$16,662.23**  
**December**

Advertising	
AQGCC	
Coffee Cans	45.00
Comm. Quilts	
Gift	
Interest	16.56
Library (misc. book sales)	25.79
Mem. Dues	20.00
PIQF trip	
Polling Place	605.00
Programs	
Q. Auction '10	
SCCQG	
Sm. Auction	
Total Income	\$712.35

**Expenses**

Auction 2010	
AQGCC	
Bank Fees	
Block A Month	
Comm. Quilts	
Donations	450.00
Historian	138.38
Hospitality	
Insurance	
Library	
Membership	
Newsletter	29.83
Oper. Exp.	60.00
	Rent -- 75.00
PIQF	
Polling Place	
Pres. Quilt	65.26
Programs	44.86
7 Sisters '10	
SCCQG	459.00
Total	\$1322.33

**Ending** **\$16,052.25**

# Meeting Minutes

Sue Barker



December 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Jill Sabol at 7:16 p.m. Jill presented a \$450 check from proceeds of our September Quilt Auction to Bridget Ready of Jack's Helping Hand. Jack's Helping Hand provides services to SLO County medically fragile and special needs children. Adopt-a-Poll: Thank you gift certificates were presented to Suzanne Heitzman and Jeanne Carmichael for supervising the 11/2 election which earned the guild \$605. Jill read a thank you note from November's guest "Anything Goes" workshop leader, Cindy Rinne. The Young Piecemakers Quilt Guild extends an invitation to their April 9, 2011 biennial show on 4/9/11. This is the only guild whose focus is teaching and displaying children's quilts. Members of this guild sent a bus to the 2010 Seven Sisters Show. Committee Reports: Programs - Suzanne Heitzman: Participants in the Cindy Rinne workshop displayed their personal works. There are name tag kits available to new members. We will make chicken pincushions at the January meeting. Only one member present expressed interest in the June dye class, so it will be canceled. Hospitality: door prizes provided by Beverly's, Quiltin' Cousins, Birch, Quilt Attic, Quilter's Cupboard, Sew Fun, Wine Country Quilts, Creative Patches. Historian - Kathi Settle: member Kate Froman is featured in SLO Journal Plus; also Julie Towery is pictured twice as Downtown Assn. volunteer. Library - Katrina Ostby: although the library is closed tonight, books may be returned. Block-a-Month - Sarah Blackstone: 209 stockings were turned in last month. Next years BAM will be a make your own star quilt with design in next month's newsletter. Community Quilts - Signe James: 18 quilts turned in. Seven Sister's Show 2012: MOU must be turned in by January 1st. Membership approved by show of hands. Jill presented "Pink Lady" apples to 2010 board members to thank them for their service. Smitty Price, incoming President, introduced new board and has set a brainstorming session January 18 in the Tribune meet-

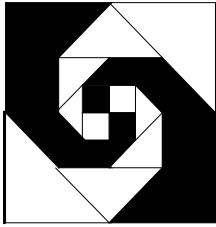
ing room. President Emeritus Jill was presented with a lively chick and pin-wheel quilt that members pieced, appliquéd and quilted. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**--2011 SLO Quilters Guild Board --**

[www.sloquilters.org](http://www.sloquilters.org)

[www.aqgcc.org](http://www.aqgcc.org)

- President – Susan (Smitty) Price
- Vice-President – Jody Nelson
- Secretary – Loisann Cass
- Treasurer – Sue Fiscalini
- Block-a-Month – Sarah Blackstone
- Community/SART Quilts – Signe James, Gay Ann Harvey
- Friendship Group Coordinator –
  
- Historian – Kathi Settle
- Hospitality – Sarah Blackstone, Melissa James
- Library – Gail Simmons, Judie Kirkhart
- Membership – Julie Towery, Jean Keller, Vicki Bookless
- Newsletter – Marylu Weaver Meagher, Emily Cletsoway
- Programs/Special Events – Suzanne Heitzman, Margaret Wheeler, Lisa Gray, Esther Kueffer
- ACGQG Rep. - Julie Wolfenberger
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- Website – Janis Benedict



# SLO Quilters

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**Monday, January 10, 2010**

~ **6:30pm Social Time**

~ **7pm Meeting**

**The Congregational Church**

11245 Los Osos Valley Rd.  
San Luis Obispo

*Please bring  
small sewing  
scissors,  
needle and  
thread to  
the January  
meeting.*

## Events & Information

### Road to California

Quilters' Conference & Showcase  
Featured artist: John Flynn  
January 17-23, 2011  
Ontario Convention Center  
[www.road2ca.com](http://www.road2ca.com)

### Machine Quilting Workshop With Jill Schumacker

Needle & Threads Workshops  
January 28-30, 2011  
Sea Pines Golf Resort, Los Osos  
[Needlesandthreadsworkshops.com](http://Needlesandthreadsworkshops.com)

South Bay Quilters' Guild 2011 Show

### Twice as Nice

February 19 & 20, 2011  
Torrance Cultural Arts Center  
Torrance  
[qshow@southbayquiltersguild.org](mailto:qshow@southbayquiltersguild.org)

### Seven Sisters Quilt Show

April 30 & May 1, 2011  
Madonna Expo Center  
San Luis Obispo  
[www.aqgcc.org](http://www.aqgcc.org)

### Jinny Beyer

February 19, 2011  
Two interactive lectures, rare West-coast appearance for Jinny Beyer.  
Dei Catholic High School Theatre,  
1615 Mater Dei Drive, Chula Vista, CA  
Morning session - 9:30  
Afternoon session - 2:00  
Lecture #1 - Color Confidence and  
Lecture #2 - Design Interpretation.

Same two lectures will be presented for both sessions. Mail-in registration form available through web site. One form required for each registrant. Tickets \$25.  
Email Contact: [sewsalot@aol.com](mailto:sewsalot@aol.com)  
Website: [friendshipquilterssd.org](http://friendshipquilterssd.org)

*Those wonderful Church Bulletins! These sentences (with all the BLOOD-ERS!) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:*

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*The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.*

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*The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'*  
*The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'*

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*Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*

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*Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.*

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*Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.*