

QUILTSPEAK

September 12, 2011 The Congregational Church, 11245 Los Osos Valley Rd., SLO
SLO Quilters, P.O. Box 14306, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

Programs

Margaret Wheeler, Vicki Bookless,
Lisa Gray, Suzanne Heitzman,
and Melinda Monteen

Our meeting in August was great fun. The group "Applique and Beyond", a friendship group of whom some are guild members, presented a wonderful trunk show. Their work is quite artistic, and technically masterful. They are experienced at presenting and it was an inspiring program.

Our long awaited September program with the nationally-known Carol Taylor is here! We have been planning this since 2009, as we are sharing her travel expenses with two other guilds. Her lecture, "Sew Many Quilts, Sew Little Time", a challenge for all of us. Carol specializes in using color, texture and design in her quilts.

Our October meeting will be very special: a challenge organized by the library and the creators will display their projects. The challenge was 30 -- 30 anything. Why 30? Because it's OUR birthday! 30 years ago group of quilters formed what is known today as SLO Quilters. We have some very special activities planned for this event. More details to follow!

At our September meeting we will start sign-ups for the class in November. Pam Munns will lecture and will also teach a workshop. The guild meeting will be Monday night, November 14, but the workshop will be the following SATURDAY, November 19. This is to make our classes available all members of the guild. We will offer only Saturday workshops in the future, at the Congregational Church. The topic of the class is making Modern Wedding Ring quilts with a template. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! This is a departure from our past practice.

Take care and happy quilting.

From Our "Prez"

Susan "Smitty" Price

From the Prez:

I always knew we had a wonderful group of ladies in the SLO Quilters, but when one of our members is down, that member truly gets to experience the love and support our members are known for giving each other. To me, this is the meaning of 'sisterhood' and the REAL reason we are in a group such as this (quilting is the bonus).

As you all know, Donna Feagin, one of our long-time supportive members, is fighting a very serious diagnosis with pancreatic cancer. I visited with Donna last week and she told me how moved and touched she has been by all of the cards, notes, emails and other forms of support our members have given her - she has been truly blown away by your support. She told me she has even heard from some ladies she had lost contact with, so that means we are all reaching out to anyone that might know Donna. The cards and emails really have helped keep her spirits up, especially when she has a bad day, so 'keep the cards and letters comin'!

I wanted to share with you an item that has been going around on the internet, and given the situation, I thought it was quite fitting. I don't think you'll mind seeing it again, even if you have already seen it.

ENJOY . . .

Sisterhood of the Traveling Butterfly

Time passes . . .

Life happens . . .

Distance separates . . .

Children grow up . . .

Jobs come and go.

Love waxes and wanes.

Men don't do what they're suppose to do . . .

Hearts break. Parents die. Colleagues forget favors. Careers end.

BUT . . . Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach . . . When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end . . . Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you, or come in and carry you out. Girl-friends, daughters, granddaughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, nieces, cousins, and extended family, all bless our life! The world wouldn't be the same without women ... and neither would I. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead.

Nor did we know how much we would need each other.

Every day, we need each other still.



Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is forming to select next year's officers (already??). We have 2/3 board members and now need to round that off with three members from the general membership. This is a VERY EASY committee to be on and goes rather quickly as all you 'need' to get are the four executive officers (pres, vp, sec. and treas., and some of them are returning). We will be asking for volunteers at our September meeting, so be ready to volunteer at the September meeting.

Classified Ads in QuiltSpeak

Susan "Smitty" Price

Every once in awhile, some of us has a quilting related item that we need to sell, so we have opened up a Classified Ad section of our newsletter to let other members in on the 'good deal.'

If you have something you need to sell, you can write it up, but it must reach Marylu by the newsletter deadline (the last Monday of any given month). See the roster for her information OR send it to me and I will make sure she gets it.



Block a Month

Kathy Clarke and Paula Jaster

Block theme for the year: Stars

Block for August: Spinning Star

Block for September: Starstruck



Questions? Call Kathy 466-1107 or Paula 215 0710

This month is our final star block pattern--"Starstruck". I hope that you have enjoyed these as much as we have enjoyed presenting them to you. The sashing is also included to be added to each block. Next month you will be given some finishing ideas. There will be one additional sashing piece, then borders. Happy quilting!

Some of the blocks made for the Opportunity Quilt 2012, coordinated by Kathy Clarke.



--2011 SLO Quilters Guild Board --

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Guest speakers from Applique and Beyond, Emily Cletsoway, Sue Fiscalini, June Fincher, Signe James.

Left are pages from their journal quilts.

Seven Sisters Show

Susan "Smitty" Price

Last Saturday, I attended the monthly Seven Sisters Planning Committee meeting. Things are moving along nicely for the 2012 Show. Our very own Jody Nelson has volunteered to be the Show Chair, along with Co-Chair Katrina Ostby, both SLO Quilters members!!! THANKS JODY AND KATRINA!

Since some of the committees are already having meetings (publicity and challenge quilts for example), we DO need to make sure SLO Quilters has representation on each of the committees. Elsewhere in this newsletter, Susan Knowles, our SLO Quilters Rep, has made up a short description of the few committees still needing SLO Quilters representation - I want to thank everyone that has volunteered already!!!

There are some committees (white glove and set up, e.g.) that won't be meeting until closer to the show, but it would still be a good idea to at least be signed up, that way you won't miss anything!

I DO want to re-iterate that in most cases, your actual involvement will be minimal, since the blue print for the show is pretty solid after having done it for the past four years. All that is really needed is for people to carry out the instructions in the existing binders! (So if you're thinking there will be hours and hours of long meetings involved, that is NOT the case AT ALL!!!)

Again, if you are a fairly new member, this would truly be a GREAT way to get to meet and get to know other quilters!!! Come on and join the fun!!! Contact Susan Knowles if you are interested.

Seven Sisters Committee Descriptions

We will have six guilds participating this time, so it will be a little easier on the individual participating guilds. The show dates are April 28 & 29, 2012, with setup the day be-

fore Friday, April 27. We do need to fill our committees as soon as we can though! We still need the following committee representatives for our guild.

Here is a brief description of these positions:

Acquisitions- Work with your committee to get the applications into the newsletter, make guild presentations about what is needed from each participant to display their quilt at the show, and enter the quilter and quilt information for the "Data Diva" (Sue Tonik) to put together for Design and Layout and for the Artist Statements that go on the quilt. This can be a shared position. You would be responsible for attending acquisitions committee meetings with the other guilds, once they begin, and keeping our show representative (Susan Knowles) informed on the progress of your committee, as well as pick-up of applications at guild meeting and pickup and distribution of quilts at a guild meeting. You will also need to be at the show on setup day, which will be April 27, 2012 and for take down on April 29, 2012.

Security- This person will need to attend an organization meeting plus 2 to 3 meetings before the show. During the show you will be needed to help at the entrance/exit and must be willing to stop people if necessary. The job requires some standing but there will also be a lot of sitting.

Set-up and Take-Down- This person or group must be physically able to lift and hold arms above your head or to climb a ladder. Husbands/boyfriends are welcome to help at the show! You will need to attend an organization meeting plus 2 meetings before the show. You need to be at the show Friday and Sunday for about 2-4 hours each.

Sponsorships- This person or group must be willing to approach businesses or people about sponsoring the show. An electronic packet of information is available to help sell these spots. There will be an organizational meeting plus September, January and February. Nothing at the show.

Vendor- This person or group has an organizational meeting plus monthly meetings Jan-March. Must be at the show one to two days from Thursday to Sunday. Must be able to be on your feet and it would be helpful if you can go up a step-ladder. The vendor committee kick-starts the 2013 show by helping the vendors have a good experience, which makes them want to return next year.

If you are interested in serving on a committee or just getting more information on what sort of commitment is required for a committee, please feel free to call or email Susan Knowles at 438-3007 or email rsknow@gmail.com.



Christmas Stockings

It's time again to make Christmas stockings for our guild's annual contribution to SLO County children in foster care and the in-home supported services for the disabled and elderly. Stockings should be between 15" and 18" long and can be whole cloth, pieced, quilted, appliquéd and made of holiday prints, fleece, flannel – any fabric you'd like, any design you would like appropriate for any age group from young children through teens and older adults.

A traditional pattern has been used for several years and there will be a supply of that pattern, as well as some pre cut stocking front/back/lining packets available for you to pick up at the September meeting. You can also use your own favorite stocking pattern.

Stockings are due at the October meeting and, as always, fantastic prizes will be awarded to the top contributing individual and friendship group. Let's try to surpass last year's contribution of 209!!!!



Stocking cutting instructions: Layer as follows:

- Cut two pieces of stocking fabric --Layer two fabric pieces, right sides together
- Cut two pieces of lining fabric --Layer one batting piece
- Cut two pieces of batting --Layer two lining pieces, right sides together
- Layer second piece of batting

Insert a 6" to 7" hanging loop (made from fabric or use decorative cording) between the two lining pieces along the back side of the stocking, about 1" down from the top (loop to the inside of the stocking). Using a ½" seam allowance, sew through all layers all the way around the outside edge of the stocking. Do not sew across the top edge. Trim seam allowance to ~ ¼" and clip curves.

Reach in between the stocking front and back and turn right sides out and make sure all layers were sewn. At this point, if you don't wish to add a cuff as outlined below, you can simply bind the top of the stocking.

Adding a cuff:

- Lay stocking flat and trim top, if necessary, to even all layers.
- Measure across the opening of the stocking top and multiply by two. Add ½" for seam allowance. Record measurement.
- Cut an 8" wide strip of your cuff fabric to the recorded measurement.
- With right sides together and using a ¼" seam allowance, stitch the short ends of the strip together. Press seam open.
- Fold strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and raw edges together to form a circle (seam allowance is on the inside).
- Pull the two stocking lining pieces apart. With raw edges up, tuck the cuff inside the stocking between the linings, matching the cuff seam with the stocking back seam. Place one pin at the matched seam and then pin remaining edges. Sew with a ¼" seam allowance around the top (make sure you don't catch your hanging loop in this seam).
- Pull cuff out, fold down and your stocking is done!!!!

If you have questions, need help constructing a stocking or obtaining free fabric, please call Paula J. 215 0710

Treasurer's Report

Sue Fiscalini

July Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance \$15,387.47

Income

Interest -8.02
Membership - 360.00
Miscellaneous - 211.00 -
(Magazine Subscriptions)

Total Income \$579.02

Expenses

Membership - 20.00
Miscellaneous - 210.00 -
(Fons & Porter)
Newsletter - 39.60

Total Expenses \$269.60

Ending Balance \$15,696.89

August Treasurer's Report

Income

Advertising - 150.00
Coffee Can - 29.00
Interest -7.71
Membership - 300.00
PIQF Bus Trip - 280.00

Total Income \$776.71

Expenses

Library - 36.73
Newsletter - 22.53
Operating Expenses - 40.00
Rent - 75.00
PIQF Bus Trip - 644.00
Programs - 111.00
SCCQG - 335.13

Total Expenses \$1,264.39

Ending Balance \$15,209.21

Meeting Minutes

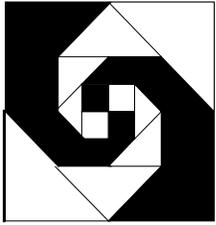
Loisann Cass
August 11, 2011



Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Smitty Price. Hospitality - Julie Wolfenberger - Guests introduced. Board introduced. Smitty invited everyone to greet people around their table. Reminder to check table for upcoming quilt shows and vendor information. Kathy Clarke is hosting classes on Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. PIQF - Gwen Weedon is in charge of one-day bus trip to PIQF, which we are sharing with Almond Country, on Sat., Oct. 15, \$40 (bus and entrance fee). Payment must be made when you sign up. Call Gwen. Frog Project - making draw-string bags to hold painted ceramic frogs that are being sent to the tsunami victims/children in Japan. Kits were available to make pouches. Nominating Committee - By-laws dictate we have two members from board and three from floor on nominating committee. Jill Sabol, Suzanne Heitzmann and Vicki Bookless volunteered. Committee Reports: Budget - Sue Fiscalini - copies of proposed budget were on hand and questions answered regarding budget. Kathy Settle/Emily Cletsoway moved to approve the budget; motion passes unanimously. Opportunity Quilt - designed by Kathy Clarke: an appliqué, Hawaiian design, each block representing factions of the Central Coast. Eight members turned in completed blocks. Members asked to man Opportunity Quilt booth at Pacific International Quilt Festival. Members volunteered. (Note: it was determined that white glove participation was part of offer to do opportunity quilt, so that may make it impossible for us). SCCQG - Lindy Sullivan - Meeting in Orange County on guild newsletters. We have the opportunity to host a meeting for SCCQG in 2013, which would net us \$500. Maybe

we could get other guilds in our association involved and we could split the cost. Library - Judie Kirkhart, Gail Simmons - Entries due today for SLO Guild Anniversary Challenge - Call Gail or Judie if you still want to participate. Upcoming Programs/Workshops - Suzanne Heitzman - In Sept. Carol Taylor needs equipment. People attending workshop will meet after guild meeting to exchange fabrics. Oct. it is our 30th birthday so we are inviting past presidents to our festivities. Nov. Pam Mums will speak, Quilting Pleasure. Pam has a workshop on Sat., Nov. 19. sign-ups next month. Board approved we split programs committee into one focusing on meetings, other workshops; both will coordinate. It would be VERY helpful if someone wanted to jump in now and 'learn the ropes' while existing programs people are still on board. AQGCC - Julie Wolfenberger - we don't have co-chairs for Seven Sisters show. Susan Knowles is our SLO Quilters rep. and has a sign-up sheet for volunteers. We need reps for all committees for show. Six guilds are participating in 2012, meetings the third or fourth Saturday of month in San Luis Obispo. Seven Sisters - Susan Knowles has sign-up sheet with approximate time commitment for all committees for Seven Sisters Quilt Show. Membership - Elaine is a new member. Coffee Can. Door Prizes - Gifts donated by Quilters Cupboard, Sew Stitchin, and Cotton Ball. Block a Month - Members showed blocks they made, next month's block introduced. If you have trouble getting BOM from computer, contact Paula Jaster. Next month is last block; with pattern will be given sashing and border directions. If you want block sooner, contact Kathy Clarke. Stockings - Next month we start assembling Christmas stockings to be given to children in county; patterns and material available next month, completed and returned in Oct. and

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Monday, September 12, 2011

~ 6:30pm Social Time

~ 7pm Meeting

The Congregational Church

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Nov. Community Quilts – Signe James - quilt bundles available. 31 quilts turned in, nine were turned previous week. Quilts donated to: SART Program, Los Angeles Children's Hospital, Adult Chemo Cozy, and Teen Age Parents Program and other organizations. Show and Tell - many quilts. Donna Feagin (who is very ill) was made a beautiful, bright quilt from her Friendship Group. If you'd like to contribute to help out Donna, there is a fund at Rabobank Donna is going through chemotherapy and it would be uplifting for her if you send her notes, prayers and good wishes. Programs – Appliqué and Beyond, a specialty group with Emily Cletsoway, June Fincher, Sue Fiscalini, and Signe James, who started in 1998 because of their interest in appliqué, They meet the first Monday of the month in SLO and work together and have show'n'tell'n'ask. Projects include tips on tools, photos from quilt shows, sharing, making quilts, ma-

chine maintenance,, quilts for charity, field trips. A pictorial quilt took a year to complete and represented the Central Coast, won many awards in quilt shows. It is presently at the National Geographic Theatre at Hearst Castle. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by Smitty Price.

Events & Information

Art Quilt Elements 2012

is open for online registration through Sept. 25. The 10th exhibition of this internationally acclaimed show runs March 30-May 13, 2012 at the Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA. All quilts must be offered for sale. Details: www.artquilelements.com.

Kings River Quilt Festival

September 24 & 25, 2011
Immanuel High School
1128 S. Reed Ave., Reedley

Historic Downtown Quilt Walk, Menonite QuiltCenter, Vendors. \$6.00
Information: Pat Robertson (559) 638-8624 or Kathy Hayes (559) 638-6545 Kings River Quilt Guild. Facebook: Kings River Quilting Guild 2

Quilts for Japan

"Project Threads of Hope"

There is a second phase of quilting projects to help the Japanese people. If you are interested in participating in that project or would like more information, the deadline is Sept. 24th, and here is the link.: quiltsforjapan.ca. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at; info@quiltsforjapan.ca