



quilt speak

Programs

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

What a fun meeting on January 9!
The thank-you presentations by Jill to
Smitty, Marylu and Signe; the
"Beginning" block-a-month showing;
the creative Show and Tell quilts and
on top of all that the buzz and
laughter of happy quilters making
their fabric origami flowers – a very
enjoyable evening!

For February, Paul Howell will be
talking to us about the History and
Maintenance of our indispensable
sewing machines. Your machine
wants you to have this knowledge, so
mark your calendar!

We have five more spaces for
Christine Barnes' workshop on March
10. It will be at the church from 9 to
4 and the fee is \$35 (including
material fee). You will be able to sign
up at the February meeting or you
can email Vicki.

Machine embroidery expert, Flora
Story, will have a trunk show for us in
April.

The survey taken at the January
meeting on machine quilting
interests showed a large majority
wanted contemporary, free-form
instruction. This workshop will be
scheduled in September.

Hope to see you all in February!

Happy New Year Everyone!

Pres. Susan "Smitty" Price

I hope you all are as excited
about the Seven Sisters Show as I
am! With six guilds participating
this year, I KNOW we are going to
have a DYNAMITE show!!!
Don't forget that your applications
WITH A PHOTO are due at our
February 13th meeting!!! (The
actual due date for your application
isn't until Feb. 15th, but since our
meeting is on the 13th, you only
have two days after our meeting, so
there's not much fudge room.)
On another subject, Lindy Sullivan
(our SCCQG Rep) and I went down
to the SCCQG meeting in Buena
Park in Mid-January. The topic was
"What to do when you don't have a
speaker." It was a nice program and
we brought back some good ideas
for our programs committee.

But what was MOST exciting was
the number of hands that went up
when I asked how many of them
were planning to come to San Luis
when WE, SLO Quilters, will be
hosting their July 14th meeting!!!



Origami flower from January's program

As you know, people love to come
to the Central Coast, so DO put
Saturday, July 14th on your
calendar, as we will be asking for
some volunteers to help - more
details as they unfold.

For now, what you need to know
is that the meeting will be held
Saturday, July 14th at the American
Legion Hall, (the far end of the
parking lot of the Vet's Hall).
Rooms have been set aside for
them at the Holiday Inn, right
across the street to make it easy for
them to come up the night before.
I'm also in the process of
'sweetening the pot' to add
additional fun reasons for them to
come up - again, stay tuned for
more details!!!

As most of you saw in the email I
forwarded, there will be a HUGE
"Meet the Teachers" on Saturday,
April 14th in Carson. Not only will
you be able to Meet fabulous quilt
teachers, but there will also be
vendors, quilts and LOTS of
opportunity quilts (including ours),
so if you can pop down for the day
or overnight, I'm sure it will be
WELL worth your time (translation
- free quilt show)!

So get back to your sewing
machine and get those quilts far
enough along to take a photo the
design and layout committee can
use to place your quilt in the most
appropriate spot!

New Members

Julie Towery

New members who join between now and the end of June will pay only \$10. Good time for you all to recruit members - we'll need all the folks we can get to work on the quilt show.

Coffee Can Raffle

Julie Towery

Just a few items this month because of the program, but they'll be interesting and worthy of your investments.

Community Quilts

Signe James

What a great year for community quilts...a grand total of 302!!! (A break down of the totals is in the minutes from the January meeting). That doesn't even count the 90 some quilts we sent to Japan in the spring. Thank you so much to each and every one of you who pieced a top, quilted a "bundle", made a quilt from scratch or donated fabric.

And speaking of donated fabric. Although I have more than will even fit in my closet, there are at times a few types of fabrics that we are completely missing or get used up real fast. We are always looking for teen boy fabric or fabric for older men. This can be sports, cars, motorcycles, outdoors, etc. A couple of such donations have come in lately and are greatly appreciated. This is just a reminder for those who may be sorting through their stash that we could use your leftovers from those quilts you made for sons, husbands, uncles, grandpas etc. Thanks for thinking of us.

Block A Month

Sue Fiscalini

The theme for February is "Love is . . ." What does it mean to you?

Since we started a new idea for Block a Month this year I will explain what we are doing. Every month I will give you a theme, then it is up to you and your imagination to make a block using that theme. The block can be pieced or appliquéd and any size you like. You can finish it into a little wall hanging or save your blocks to make a larger quilt at the end of the year. This is a good chance to try a new technique that you have always wanted to experiment with. I would love your ideas for themes, too!

The theme for January was "Beginning". It was great to see all the different ways everyone interpreted the theme. Also it is good to hear the explanations of the new techniques that were used.

Let's start thinking about March. The first thing that comes to my mind is green so lets see the different ways we can use our March theme - **green!**

Terry Hopkins and Vicki Bookless display their Beginning.



New Address and New Members

Judi Carlyle

Cynthia Eastman

New Members:
Joyce Huddleson

Barbara Watson

Happy February Birthdays

3 - Patty Reis
6 - Kathi Battles
13 - Marlene McCutcheon
19 - Vivian Herriman
Valerie Lund
24 - Mary Vendenberg
26 - Sandy Edmunson

Sew Days

Smitty Price

Since we have had numerous members request some Sew Days, now we need someone, or a friendship group, that would like to coordinate this. This would not be horribly time consuming, but our board members are pretty stretched. Anyone?

Opportunity Quilt

Smitty Price

Along with the fundraising ideas elsewhere in this newsletter, the first and easiest thing EVERY member can do is double up on the amount of tickets you sell for the opportunity quilt. If everyone just does that, we can DOUBLE the money we make - it's that simple.

I also would reiterate that everyone should send out an email, with the photo of the quilt to your friends, whether you think they would buy tickets or not, and you'll be AMAZED at the response! (They've emailed you for their causes, so now it's time you email them for your cause!)

Major Fund Raiser

Smitty Price

Along the theme of trying to get 'other peoples' money,' the board voted to participate in an existing event, such as the Strawberry Festival, Harbor Festival or Christmas in the Plaza. We don't know exactly which event we will be participating in yet (due to availability), HOWEVER, what we will need is for everyone to start making 'boutique items'.

It's been proven that our boutiques have always brought in good money and these types of

fairs draw lots of people that want something unique to take home, so something handmade is always good. So while we're figuring out which event we will participate in, start making those items for the boutique!

Some of these items might include, but not be limited to:

- aprons
- potholders
- placemats
- napkins
- table runners
- fabric bowls
- totes
- grocery bags
- project bags
- silk scarves
- pillows
- small quilts
- baby blankets
- Christmas stockings
- Christmas ornaments

(whether or not we do the Christmas show, these types of shows ALWAYS have Christmas items that sell)

• knit and crocheted items (even though we're quilters, some of us also do these also and scarfs and mufflers are easy to make and can bring good money)
 • other items that can be easily made

2013 Small Quilt Auction

Smitty Price

Also at our board meeting, it was discussed that we schedule a Small Quilt Auction for late 2013. By doing that in 2013, it would be the alternate year from the Central Coast Quilters' Small Quilt Auction, which will be later this year. No decisions have been made yet and the suggestion

would be that it truly BE a Small Quilt Auction, with a size limit, but again, nothing was decided. So be thinking about that.

Seven Sisters Show

Smitty Price

As you might have guessed, we will soon need volunteers from SLO Quilters for various jobs at the Seven Sisters Show, so be prepared to sign up.

Some clip boards will be going around at the February meeting and for sure at the March meeting, so be thinking about what you would like to do and be ready to sign up. Remember, the show is only a success if we ALL participate and do something.



Val Lund's Show and Tell (above) and friends making flowers (below)



Treasury

Sue Fiscalini

Beg. Bal.	\$13,392.38
Income	December
Advertising	
Coffee Cans	50.00
Comm. Quilts	
Donations	
Interest	3.25
misc.	
Membership dues	32.00
PIQF trip	
Polling Place	
Workshops	
Total Income	85.25
Expenses	
AQGCC	
Bank Fees	
Block a Month	
Comm. Quilts	
Donations	
Historian	
Hospitality	14.00
misc.	
Newsletter	24.05
Operating Expenses	Rent - 75.00
PIQF trip	
President's Quilt	
Programs	
Seven Sisters Show	
SCCQG	
Taxes	
Total Expenses	113.05
Balance	11,365.00

Meeting Minutes

Lois Ann Cass

January 9, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Pres. Smitty Price.

Hospitality – No guests. Board members stood and board members that missed last month were given a token of appreciation from Smitty for being on the board last year.

Announcements - Jill Sabol presented gifts to Smitty for her contribution as president and Signe James, Julie Towery and Marylu Meagher for their many hours spent volunteering for the guild. Jody Nelson, our VP, is being operated on for colon cancer at Sierra Vista and will be in the hospital for a few days and recuperating for six weeks. If you'd like you may send her a note of encouragement. Reminder to check the back table for upcoming quilt shows and information.

Fundraising – Bring in ideas on a fundraiser to get other people's money besides SLO quilters, to come to a function to raise money for the guild. One idea is to show the DVD Why Quilts Matter and charge for refreshments. **AQGCC** - There is a meeting Saturday, January 14 at Betty's. **Seven Sisters Quilt Show** - Susan Knowles volunteered to be the vendor representative for 2013 Seven Sisters Show. We also need a member to do publicity for the show. Gail Simmons, admissions, has a sign-up sheet for SLO Quilters to work admissions Saturday, April 28, 2012, 11:30 am -2:15 pm. Signe James, wearable arts, is accepting applications for wearable arts, a separate application. You can fill the form out on the computer or turn it into Signe. Meri Kay Gurnee, acquisitions, is accepting applications for quilts for the show.

Library – Heidi Baird - The library is open. **Upcoming Programs** – Vicki Bookless - Paul Howell will be the speaker in February: history and maintenance of home sewing

machines. Christine Barnes will lecture on color at our meeting on

Friday, March 9 and the workshop from 9 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10th. She is presenting a no sew, color workshop (fee is \$35). The sign-up sheet for this class is being passed around this evening and payment is due (prefer checks) when you sign up. **Opportunity Quilt** – Val Lund – Smitty suggested we send out photo of quilt friends so they'd buy tickets. It's getting great responses, why not give it a try?

ZenTangle - Joyce Heddleson is offering classes on ZenTangle, which is like doodling. For more information 544-1090 or at joyceh7@charter.net

New Members - Cynthia Eastman, Joyce Heddleson and Barbara Watson

Coffee Can – Julie Towery. **Door Prizes** – Val Lund & Julie Tracy – Gifts donated by Betty's, Beverly's, Junk Girls (2) by Melissa James, Susan Branch (3), The Cotton Ball and Quiltin' Cousins. **Community Quilts** – Signe James – Year-end total for 2011 of donated quilts is 302, not including 90 sent to Japan. GOOD JOB!!! Signe acquired many quilts from an estate sale and finished them. Quilts donated to: SART-139, Chemo- 64, Adult Chemo- 58, Baby-13, Nursing home-8, Quilts of Valor-9, Get on the Bus- 6, and Homeless 5. **Block a Month** – Sue Fiscalini - Nine people made a BOM with the theme 'Beginnings.' Next month's block will be *Love Is*.

Show and Tell. Make & Take Project – origami flowers. Vicki Bookless, Melinda Monteen, & Ginnie Murach of the Program Committee, presented an origami flower project we did tonight. They passed out packets of fabric for the flowers, directions and demonstrated how to fold and tack the petals and put together the flowers. Many members participated and some finished their flowers this evening. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Beacon Art Show

Judi Carlyle

Artists are invited to enter the Beacon Art Show at the San Luis Obispo United Methodist Church. The details can be found at sloumc.com. Scroll down to Beacon Art Show on the left. The deadline for entries is Feb. 7.

White Glovers Needed

White Glove volunteers are needed for the Seven Sisters Quilt Show April 28-29. Judi Carlyle will have the sign up sheet.

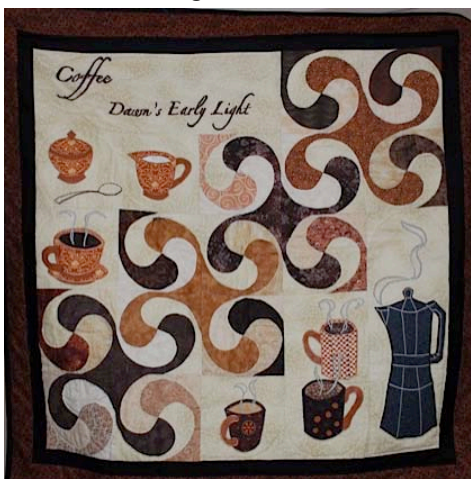
Free-motion Quilting Resource

Vicki Bookless

Thank you for your responses to the survey at the January meeting regarding free-motion quilting! For those of you interested in free-form free-motion machine quilting ideas, check out Leah Day's "Free Motion Quilting Project" at www.freemotionproject.com. You might also like to read the article about her and her amazing work in the Feb/Mar 2012 Quilters Newsletter magazine.



Jill Sabol gifts our President Smitty Price yard flamingos and a soft gavel



Dawn Jones shares her Dawn's Early Light quilt



Val Lund's Twister



Dede Leece thought she was using up her scraps



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Monday, February 13, 2012
~~ 6:30pm Social Time
~~ 7:00pm Meeting
Make and Take Projects

The Congregational Church
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A Central Coast Quilters' Retreat
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etsy.com/clarkecottagequilts

Designs by Joy
Long-Arm Quilting
P.O. Box 536, AG
By appt. only
474-5862

Lowe Ranch
Long-Arm Quilting
2778 Reservoir Canyon Rd., SLO
544-2081

Old Town Quilt Shop
165A W. Clark Ave., Orcutt
938-5870
OldTownQuiltShopOrcutt.com

Quilt Attic
106 Bridge St., AG
474-0717
QuiltSpot.com

Quiltin' Cousins
330 Pomeroy, PB
773-4988

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5275 El Camino Real, Atas.
466-6996

The Quiltery
1413 Riverside Ave., PR
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Remember Quilts
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RememberQuilts.net

Sew Fun
8775 El Camino Real, Atas.
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Sew Stitchin' Quilt Shop
197 S. 8th St., GB
904-6145

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