

QUILTSPEAK, the newsletter of SLO Quilters, March 2017

Our next guild meeting is on Monday, March 13, 2017. Social Hour begins at 6:30; meeting starts at 7:00.

President's Message, Dian Robinson

Welcome March!

We have all been enjoying watching the rain, the hills have become green again, and our reservoirs are filling. These are the good things, but my thoughts and prayers go out to those adversely affected by our weather. I know of more than one person who has been displaced because of damage to her home. We, as a quilting sisterhood, must reach out to give any type of assistance we can. With that thought, our prayers go out to Marylu, and a huge thanks to Irene for stepping up to do the newsletter this month.

Reminder : Please save your empty berry baskets, yarn, and fabric scraps for the Mission San Antonio Days activity at the end of the month. Bring them to the March meeting for Pat La Pointe.

Message from Marylu

Your offers to help, and your good wishes are so, so kind. No help needed. We found a small house to rent from a friend and settled in yesterday. It's funky but fine. I need to find a corner for my sewing stuff!

Our house is still red tagged. We're hoping that the crane is coming soon. We'll be emptying and storing the contents of our house once it is stable. It could have been SO much worse. It wasn't a fire or flood, and no one got hurt. We are overwhelmed with love and help.

My new mailing address is P.O. Box 2023, Atascadero 93423.

My love to all. Marylu

Has Your Contact Information Changed?

If your contact information changes, please let the guild know *right away!* This is especially important for email changes, as the guild often communicates via email.

March Birthdays!!

3/8 Kathi Settle
3/22 Carolyn Robison
3/27 Loisann Cass
3/28 Shirley Head
3/29 Dawn Jones
3/28 Lynda Holloway
3/22 Meghan Boaz Alvarez

Email address change: Lori Gill, please use loweranch@yahoo.com

Library, Gillian Beadman

Hello, Ladies! This is just a short message to say that with all the wet weather that we have had in the month of February, I am hoping that you have been able to read the books that you signed out at our last meeting! Also, please check your shelves to see that books checked out in 2016 get returned. According to the signing out records there are several books still out.
Many thanks, Gillian.

Programs, Robbie Bos, Lori Gill, Meri Kay Gurnee, Linda Lyon and Barbara McPherson

Your newest committee members are Robbie Bos and Barbara McPherson. This year's committee has done an outstanding job assembling some terrific programs for you. As we plan for the future, we circulated a survey at the January meeting. Thank you to everyone that participated in that survey. Your top six preferences were: Art Quilting; Color and Design; Modern Quilt Design; Mystery Quilts; Scrappy Quilts; Paper Piecing. The remaining areas of interest not reported will not be overlooked, but incorporated into other programs.

Often with a survey, a second or follow-up study is used to distill preferences. At the March meeting, we'll be asking for additional information about what type of lectures, workshops, costs, days of the week, time of day, etc. would meet your needs. This is a heads-up chance for you to think

about what you'd like us to offer. Your opinion is important. Thanks.

The 2017 programs and workshops for SLO Quilters are now complete and available on the website - www.sloquilters.org

March 13th - Tracey Brookshire - will lecture "A Love Affair With Japan II."

March 14th - Her workshop will be "Bento Box" - for only \$35.00.

April 10th - Andi Perejda - Presenting information on judging quilts. Come find out what to do and not to do to get that perfect quilt (at least according to the judges).

May 8th - Judy Coates Perez, Creative Alchemist, will present a trunk show. Her beautiful work can be viewed on her website www.judycoatesperez.com

Seven Sisters Quilt Show, Kelsey P.

1. Announcement: SLO Quilters is in need of a representative on the Security Committee for the 2017 Quilt Show. Please speak with Kelsey P. or Luella M. to volunteer.

2. Upcoming Quilt Show Dates to Remember:

March 13th - Seven Sisters Quilt Show tote bags will be available for sale at the regularly scheduled SLO Guild meeting. \$10 cash or check.

April 2nd (8:00 am) - Registration for Jane Sassaman's workshops are open. Workshops are expected to sell out, so register right away to assure your spot

April 10th - Seven Sisters Quilt Show wristbands will be available for sale at the regularly scheduled SLO Guild meeting.

April 21st - Quilt Show Applications are due (Quilts, Garments and Challenge)

Good Sewing News from Irene

Thanks to Karen Hogan for stepping up to provide Block-A-Month for us. Her directions are perfect! I felt like I was sewing a mystery quilt - not sure how the block was going together - but it worked and was fun, too. Try it!

Remember to support our young Girl Scouts, Megan and Vivienne, by making a Pillowcase Dress or 2. They are so quick and easy to make. Bring your finished dresses to the March meeting! See you there, Irene

SLO Quilters Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2017,
Elaine Paulson, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by President Dian R. Welcome to our new member Juanita from Morro Bay.
Announcements: Maddie and Vivien gave details about their service project for their Girl Scout Troop. They plan to donate 100 dresses to "Little Dresses for Africa" - Pattern (from a pillow case) and sign-up sheet available. Dresses are due by the 2nd week of April - they can be brought to the meeting, or if you are local, they will pick them up or they can be mailed. Also, yummy Girl Scout cookies for sale tonight!

Irene D offered an "easy quilter" mini frame and Maddie and Vivian were the fortunate recipients.

ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) is having their annual "Empty Bowl" fundraiser on April 27.

Donations of potholders, mug rugs, coasters and other home-made items would be greatly appreciated.

Donation of 5 items = a free ticket to the luncheon (a \$25 value) Bring items to April meeting.

Pat L: Mission San Antonio April 1 "Mission Days" fundraiser/festival for the earthquake retrofit. Food, music and artists plus weaving demonstration - to make it "kid friendly", they will learn how to weave ribbon or fabric strips into berry baskets. Please bring to March meeting - berry baskets, ribbon and fabric.

AQGCC: Kelsey P. Presented a general summary of what the Seven Sisters Quilt Show is all about - reminding us that it is a volunteer effort with 20 different committees. At this time we need another volunteer for Security to work with Luella M.

Key dates: March meeting show totes will be on sale celebrating the 10-yr anniversary of the show - \$10 cash or check. April 2 is registration deadline for Jane Sassaman workshops. Wristbands will be for sale at April meeting. April 21 is deadline for quilt applications (quilts, garments, judging, Challenge quilt) A link on the guild web page has all forms. June 10 is the deadline for finished items. Remember to bring fat quarters to Smitty.

BOM: Karen H, displayed this month's block - pattern in newsletter - 1st block due in April - pick your fabrics - all have 9-grid format - 12" block - a new block every other month for a total of 6 months. You pick how many you want to make of each block for your finished project.

Programs: Barbara M - member survey to indicate what programs they would be interested in. A clipboard was passed around.

Library: Gillian B, Terry H, please remember to return your books - look for the pink tape on the spine.

Community Quilts: Signe J, Sew Day at SLO Creative finished 8 quilts - tops made by Judy D and Janis B binding. 33 total donated tonight

Hospitality: Michele S, Sue B, Jeannie C - a total of 17 door prizes were presented!

Coffee Can Raffle: Julie T - 14 super items were raffled off.

SCCOG: Smitty P, attended Jan meeting in Rancho Cucamonga. Topic was how to get teachers for meetings - information will be given to Programs Committee. An exhibit will be sponsored at next year's Road to CA show. Theme is "Emerging Light" - create a quilt showing use of light - flyers on back table - August deadline.

Show and Tell: Many wonderful creations shared. Sue Tonik recommended the Bento Box workshop. Ellen November will have her art displayed at The Stynberg Gallery, 1531 Monterey Street, March 3, "Art After Dark" evening.

Tonight's Program: Jan O introduced her long-time friend and also a guild member Darlene Shubert.

Darlene shared her experience with quilting and showed us many beautiful quilts she has made over the years. She became interested in quilting with the arrival of grandchildren - 1980 with Diana Leone's book as her "bible". She witnessed the evolution of quilting - from the invention of the rotary cutter, mat and ruler and from only hand quilting to machine quilting being accepted and also hand embroidery to machine embroidery. She admitted she doesn't follow a pattern - she looks at a picture and "makes it". We all immensely enjoyed this most interesting and gorgeous presentation of her work. The meeting was adjourned at 8:2.