

The newsletter serving SLO Quilters, Inc. — San Luis Obispo's Quilt Guild

QUILTSPEAK

March 8, 2010 The Congregational Church, 11245 Los Osos Valley Rd., SLO
SLO Quilters, P.O. Box 14306, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

Program

Margaret Wheeler and
Suzanne Heitzman

Mary Jo Hiney came to February meeting and told us more facts about silk than we ever knew existed! Silk can be used in quilting, and it can be washed. If you're going to use it in a quilt, be sure to pre-wash to remove excess dye, and preshrink it. Also pre-washing removes any lingering caterpillar spit! (Yes spit!) Silk comes from caterpillars as they weave a cocoon and saliva is part of the transformation. It is also wise to interface silk to stabilize the fabric, and minimize fraying, making it easier to work with. When it's stabilized it can be sewn with a 1/4 inch seam. Mary Jo has found knit interfacing works the best. Mary Jo has a web site at maryjohineydesigns.com/contact.html where you can obtain silk in a variety pack and also interfacing.

Coming in March we welcome an old friend back to our guild--Shelley Swanland! She will be speaking about "Cathedral Windows and So Much More." On the Tuesday following our meeting, she will provide a workshop entitled "Cathedral Window Sampler. To see pictures of her work, and what we can make at the workshop go to our own slo-quilters.org web site, and look under Programs. The work shop will be from 9-3, and we will be holding the class in our regular church meeting room. We have limited space the class is almost full. At the time of this writing there is space for only 3 more participants. Call Suzanne Heitzman if you would like to take

From Our President

Jill Sabol

A big thank you goes to Smitty Price for filling in as President at the February meeting. I also want to thank Suzanne Heitzman and Julie Towery for helping to have things ready for the meeting while I was down with the flu (ugh!). Thank you to Barbara Klaubert for filling in as secretary for Sue Barker who also was ill.

I wish all of you GOOD HEALTH. It is terrible to be so sick that you don't feel like sewing, or eating and drinking your favorite things!

I am looking forward to hearing former SLO Quilter Shelley Swanland at our March meeting and then taking her workshop. Shelley is a very creative, brilliant quilter. Don't miss this meeting.

The board will have met (February 22) to discuss our guild's participation in the 2011 Seven Sisters Show. The guild membership will discuss and vote on this issue at the March 8 meeting. This is an important matter to which you should all give careful thought, especially as to how much YOU will be able to help if we commit. Leadership positions and volunteers are necessary to put on this show. We don't want to take away from Shelley's lecture so there will be no Show and Tell this month.

Please look for the Mini Quilt Show blurb elsewhere in this newsletter. The event is March 26, 27.



the class. We would like to encourage you to bring your lunch so we can get the full benefit of the class time, and not take a long break to go off site for lunch. Shelley has as one of her goals that all students will go home with a quilt top done, or close to it! Shelley is a lively and entertaining speaker, and a wonderful teacher.

We're already looking forward to our April speaker, Dr. Denise Campbell. Dr. Campbell has quite a story to tell about her quilt. Her lecture is titled "Obama Quilt Experiences." She has recently returned from

Japan where she spoke about her quilt. We are very fortunate to have a local person of her caliber honor us with a presentation. We have had interest expressed from members of the community outside our guild that would like to attend her lecture.

Your enthusiasm and participation in guild activities in 2010 has made it rewarding and fun for the Programs committee. Please keep your ideas coming for things you'd like to have on the agenda to us, as we will be planning 2011 soon.

The Library Corner



Katrina Ostby
Bertha Evnas

Just a reminder, when you check out a book or video from the SLO Quilters library, the book is on loan to you for a month. Please check your shelves, and return those library books which have been a little SLO to find their way back to the guild.

Is there a book or video you think should be in the SLO Quilters' library? If so, please let us know the title and author's name.

Free Patterns

Last month I provided you with lots of websites to check out for instructional videos. This month, I thought I'd share some websites where you can download free patterns for quilt blocks, quilt patterns, appliqué, and more. Just type in one of the addresses below and have some fun.

Blocks

+ www.quilterscache.com
(www.quilterscache.com/QuiltBlocksGalore.html) This website has hundreds if not thousands of blocks available for traditional piecing, paper piecing, appliqué, and more. Many of the traditional blocks are available in multiple sizes. The patterns are free for personal use. Lessons in paper piecing, hand appliqué, and binding are also available.

+ www.quilt.com/Blocks/AlphaBlockList.html Quilt.com offers a small variety of blocks. They not only show you the block, and give you cutting and assembly instructions, but also provide a coloring book page which you can print out and play with.

+ www.yvonne.dk. If you enjoy paper-piecing, and can do it without instructions, check out Yvonne's patterns for flowers, hearts, and various quilt blocks.

+ www.blockcentral.com. Block Central only has a few blocks, but includes good instructions for making the block. They even have a block of the month (Sentimental Journey) which just started.

+ www.patternsfromhistory.com. Check here if you are looking for a nice historic quilts.

Block a Month

Chris Lancellotti, Laurel Golling, Melissa James, Vivian Herriman, Sarah Blackstone

Block returned in February:

Pink Hearts & Red Hearts

Number of Blocks Won: 34

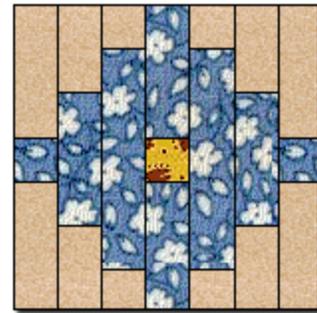
Won by: Dawn Jones

Block due in March:

Granny's Flower Garden

Blocks due in April:

Pantry Jars



Famous Quilters

Quilters like Eleanore Burns offer free patterns on their websites.

+ www.quiltinaday.com/

eleanorandcompany.com/freepattern/

+ www.bryerpatch.com/pattern/pattern.htm

+ www.caroldoak.com/free-quilt-patterns.php

Fabric Manufacturers

Fabric manufacturers publish free patterns to encourage quilters to purchase fabric. These can be downloaded off the internet or found at local fabric shops.

+ www.freespiritfabric.com/core-pages/patterns.php

+ www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts_patterns/

+ www.makoweruk.com/patterns.asp

+ www.michaelmillerfabrics.com/MME/Download.cfm?Gid=1160

+ www.ttfabrics.com/patterns/

+ www.unitednotions.com/un_main.nsf/free_patterns

+ www.rjrfabrics.com/patterns/patterns_search.cfm

+ www.henryglassfabrics.com/

+ www.clothworkstextiles.com/patterns.asp

+ www.freespiritfabric.com/core-pages/patterns.php

+ www.hoffmanfabrics.com/content/content-folder.asp?FolderID=7

+ www.marcusbrothers.com/makeit/

+ www.baumtextile.com/projects/index.shtml

+ www.hoffmanfabrics.com/content/content-folder.asp?FolderID=7

+ www.marcusbrothers.com/makeit/

+ www.baumtextile.com/projects/index.shtml

+ www.ezquilt.com/patterns/patterns.htm

+ www.connectingthreads.com/free+quilting+patterns_PL601021.html

Cute tufted pincushion, totes, and other gift ideas

English paper piecing pattern sheets

More Links

Haven't found what you are looking for yet? The following sites have links to patterns on various websites. Each has its own way of organizing the links, and although there is some overlap, you might want to visit both.

+ www.freequiltpatterns.info

+ www.freequilt.com

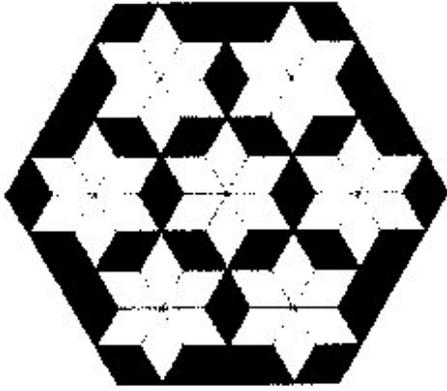
• www.quiltbus.com/Free-Quilt-Blocks.htm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March



1 - Brenda Steers
2 - Christine Kulick
8 - Kathi Settle
22 - Carolyn Robison
24 - Lorraine Ridgeway
27 - LoisAnn Cass
28 - Shirley Head
29 - Dawn Jones
Mary Richmond



To Show or Not to Show -- Seven, That Is?

The board met February 22 and spent almost two hours discussing the pros and cons of participating in the 2011 Seven Sisters Show versus opting to participate in alternate years beginning in 2012. We voted unanimously to bring a recommendation to the full membership that our guild participate in alternate years beginning in 2012.

The board determined that having a quilt show in alternate years would be a more positive experience for our guild. We will review the factors in this decision at our next meeting, and they are available on our website.

Give this matter some thought yourself, and come to the March meeting prepared to vote. We will have discussion and then a written ballot.

Opportunity Quilt

Jody Nelson

The Opportunity Quilt has been a hit! We have sold tickets totalling over \$800 so far. Katrina Ostby has been so much help taking it to other guilds for us; thanks Katrina! Hopefully we will be able to hit the remainder of the guilds in March. If you didn't have the opportunity to see the quilt be sure to go to the guild website at sloguild.org and click on the link. Send it to all your friends in your mailbox, they will thank you for it!

Remember . . . if you run out of tickets or come up with a new place to sell them let me know. You can call me, Jody Nelson, at 489-9568 or e-mail me at jjn44@charter.net. I will gladly drop some in the mail to you. I will also be at the guild meeting in March. So many of you have handed me money at the meeting; it's been nice to say hello.

So . . . carry on . . . sell, sell, sell! It only takes one ticket to win; maybe that one will be yours.

Seven Sisters Quilt Show Wristband PreSale

Judie Kirkhart and Jean Dettloff
Admissions Co-Chairs

Wristbands for entrance to the Seven Sisters Quilt Show will be available for pre-sale AT the March 8 meeting. Judie and Jean will be there by 6:15 p.m., so come early and take advantage of this one-time opportunity. No sales will take place during or after the meeting. Prices are \$7.00 for a one day band, and \$10 for a two-day band. Thanks.

We wish Smitty Price a speedy recovery from her surgery on Feb. 23!

Mini-Quilt Show March 26, 27

Jill Sabol

If you would like to have a quilt hung in the Beacon Art Show, Mini-Quilt show held at the SLO Methodist Church, please bring your quilt to the March 8th meeting or let me know the length and width and title of the quilt at the March meeting (or you can phone or email me). I can make arrangements to pick up your quilt. Quilts will be returned at the April meeting or earlier with prior arrangement.

Remember this is not for quilts planned to be in the Seven Sisters Show and is meant to showcase our guild's work as well as advertise the upcoming Seven Sisters show. Also if you would like to help me with set up, take down or white glove, let me know.

The following should be on the quilt pillowcase

Your name _____
Quilt title _____
Length of quilt _____
Width of quilt _____

Volunteer for the Quilt Show!

Paula Jaster

Clipboards will make the rounds at our guild meeting for YOU to sign up to volunteer for the Seven Sisters Quilt Show in April. There are plenty of opportunities for fun available. Helping at the show is such a great way to see people and all the quilts. If you are not able to sign up at the meetings, please call me to reserve your spot or spots. Areas to choose from include White Glove, Security, Challenge Quilts, Opportunity Quilts, Vendor Hosts, Food, Set Up, Take Down and Clean Up. Here's my number---I am waiting for your call!! 215-0710 Spaces to fill remain but are really disappearing like yummy hotcakes! Thanks.

The World's Biggest Hexagon Quilt!

Some of us participated in an online challenge to contribute blocks to help create the world's biggest hexagon quilt. Fingers are flying in Australia to connect all of these blocks from around the world.

The completed hexagon quilt will be displayed as a special feature at the Retrospective Quilt Show, in May 2010, in conjunction with The Inaugural TASA (The Australian School of Appliqué

In conjunction with TASA they will be having a Retrospective Quilt Show which will display Antique and New Reproduction Quilts.

As a special part of this Quilt Show they are hoping to create the World's Biggest Hexagon Quilt. They have asked the Guinness Book of Records to adjudicate the challenge at the quilt show.

After the completion of the quilt show the hexagon quilt will be made into smaller quilts and distributed to nursing homes and aged care facilities.

worldsbiggesthexagon-quilt.blogspot.com/2010/02/february-next-section.html

<http://www.practicalthreadmagic-ellenanneeddy.blogspot.com/>

Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival

There have been many wonderful pictures posted on Flickr of the Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival. Give yourself some time to check these out.

flickr.com/photos/23796207@N00/sets/72157623389537300/

flickr.com/photos/22514067@N00/sets/72157623288481576



**National
Quilt Day**

March 20

Classes at Cuesta Your Life Story Quilt, Pillow or Table Runner

4 Saturdays, March 6-27, 2010
10am - 1pm, \$69.00

Learn to make an improvisational quilt from the clothing and materials of everyday life.

Quiltmaking: English Paper Piecing

2 Saturdays, April 10
& 17, 2010, 10am-
12pm, \$27.00

Although the pattern known as Grandmother's Flower Garden may be the most recognized, it is certainly not the only pattern available. Kit available for purchase at the first class (optional).



Quiltmaking: More English Paper Piecing

2 Saturdays, April 24
and May 1, 2010,
10am -12pm, \$27.00

This class is for all levels and techniques acquired in the first class may be used to do more challenging projects. Kit available for purchase at the first class (optional).



communityprograms.net

Treasurer's Report

Sue Fiscalini

Beg. Bal. Income **\$10,091.31**
January

Advertising	
AQGCC	
Coffee Cans	28.00
Comm. Quilts	
Gift	
Interest	9.77
Library	
Mem. Dues	110.00
Opp. Quilt 08	
PIQF trip	
Polling Place	
Programs	
7 Sister '09	
7 Sisters '10	
SCCQG	
Sm. Auction	
Total Income	138.00

Expenses

Auction 2010	
AQGCC	
Bank Fees	
Block	40.60
Comm. Quilts	
Donations	
Historian	
Hospitality	
Insurance	407.00
Library	
Membership	
Newsletter	73.82
Oper. Exp.	75.00
Opp. Quilt '10	
PIQF	
Polling Place	
Programs	18.38
7 Sisters '09	
7 Sisters '10	
SCCQG	281.00
Total	895.80

Ending **\$9343.28**

Meeting Minutes



February 08, 2010

Barbara Klaubert (for Sue Barker)

Vice Pres Smitty Price called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Hospitality reported six guests. Prizes from In Quilt Attic, Beverly's, Sew Stitchin', Santa Maria Sewing, Birch, and our speaker Mary Jo Hiney. Smitty reminded everyone to check the bulletin board for various events. Membership reported that we have four new members. Coffee Can Raffles held. Smitty announced that the guild had received a thank you note from the Dept. of Children's Services for donation of Christmas stockings and gifts. They shared the stockings with In Home Support Services which serves elderly clients. The California Mid State Fair will be holding a quilt challenge titled Endless Summer Fun. Sarah Blackstone has the details. Kathy Clarke's new class at the Adult School will be Mary Russell's Double Wedding Ring. It will start at end of March or beginning of April.

Seven Sisters Quilt Show: Vicki Bookless reported that Suzanne Heitzman will photograph show and make a DVD, available during the show for \$10. Show pins currently available for \$10. 52 vendors have signed up, 5 on a waiting list. Vicki asked for someone to be vendor representative; Laurel Golling volunteered. The Publicity committee is putting show information on a number of websites. Suzanne Heitzman suggested that anyone on Facebook become a fan and share show info with friends. Publicity has posters available for shops if anyone is going out of town. Ads are still needed for program. Design and layout committee met and have completed their work: 260 quilts, 20 garments have been entered. Entry wrist bands available next month and members are encouraged to buy ahead to speed up sales the day of the show. All committee chairs are encouraged to have a "shadow" so more people will know each job. All committee reps should keep notes and timelines and keep good notebooks for future use. Gay Ann Harvey will collect and store notebooks after show. Signe needs four volunteers to help with the Challenge. Committee Reports: Block-a-Month had

34 Heart blocks, won by Dawn Jones. Next month's block : a strip-pieced Grandmother's Flower Garden. Library took a poll on whether members prefer videos or books. The library has 3 Ricki Timms videos, 4 of his audio CDs. Friendship Group chair Dawn Jones asked that anyone interested in a hand quilting friendship group contact her. Community Quilts chair Signe James passed out packets for tops and quilts. Seven members showed the small quilts that had made to go to Ami Simms Alzheimer's project which raises money for research. Website chair Janis Benedict needs pictures of quilts to use as backgrounds for various pages. Opportunity Quilt chair Jody Nelson reported that the quilt is visiting guilds. Tickets can be ordered by printing the order form on our website and sending it in with a check. Programs reported Shelley Swanland will speaker at Mar. 8 meeting, workshop on Wed. Mar. 9. Workshop is \$20, 9am-3pm in our meeting room. At the last meeting someone volunteered to be on the Program committee but their name was lost and they are asked to contact the committee. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm and Margaret Wheeler introduced the speaker Mary Jo Hiney who is speaking about sewing with silk.

-2010 SLO Quilters Guild Board -

www.sloquilters.org

www.aqgcc.org

(Associated Quilt Guilds of the Central Coast)

President - Jill Sabol 544-1056

Vice Pres. - Smitty Price

Secretary - Sue Barker

Treasurer - Sue Fiscalini

Block-a-Month - Melissa James

Sara Blackstone, Vivian Herriman

Community Quilts - SART: Signe James

Chemos: Gay Ann Harvey

Friendship Groups - Dawn Jones

Historian - Kathi Settle

Hospitality - Melissa James Sarah Blackstone

Library - Katrina Ostby Bertha Evans

Membership - Julie Towery

Jean Keller, Vicki Bookless

Newsletter - Marylu Weaver Meagher

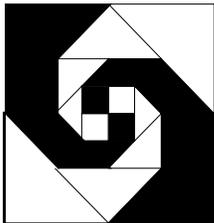
Emily Cletsoway

Programs/Special Events - Margaret Wheeler Suzanne Heitzman

AQGCC Rep. - Jody Nelson

SCCQG Rep. - Kathy Clarke

Web Site - Janis Benedict



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Monday, March 8, 2010

~ 6:30pm Social Time

~ 7pm Meeting

The Congregational Church

11245 Los Osos Valley Rd.
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Events & Information

Springtime in the Valley

San Joaquin Valley Quilters Show
March 6 10-5, March 7 10-4
Clovis Memorial Hall
453 Hughes Ave., Clovis
For additional information
Sue Sidebottom 559-455-06215,
suziquilts@aol.com

Santa Barbara Quilting Retreat

April 12 - 16
with Rosemary Eichorn

Seven Sisters Quilt Show

April 24 - 25
Associated Quilt Guilds
of the Central Coast
Madonna Expo Center,
San Luis Obispo, California.

Central Coast Quilt Shop Tour

June 4 - 6
centralcoastquiltshops.com

Templeton Outdoor Quilt Show

Saturday, June 19, 9am-4pm
templetonquiltshow.com

International Quilt Festival

July 23-25, 2010
Long Beach
quilts.com

Santa Barbara Quilting Retreat

August 9 - 13
with Yvonne Porcella

Harvest of Colors

Coastal Quilters of
Santa Barbara
September 25, 26, 2010
Earl Warren Showgrounds
coastalquilters.org