

QUILTSPEAK

April 11, 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, Suzanne Heitzman, and Melinda Monteen

Our March meeting was not really what we had in mind! We had booked Susan Branch to speak, expected a big turn out, and then unfortunately Susan was ill on the day of our meeting and could not attend. Her staff was able to bring her products and give guests and members the opportunity to see Susan's wares and shop. Programs Committee is very appreciative of the understanding on the part of guests and members, some of whom had come considerable distance for the event. However, given the nature and severity of Susan's condition we felt it was in everyone's best interest to cancel the presentation.

Moving on to our April meeting, we have scheduled Dr. Denise Campbell to return. She spoke at our group last year and was very well received. She will be elaborating on her comments of a year ago and providing us new information as well about the dynamics of African-American quilts, by exploring the creative process of the culture arts, such as dance, jazz, narrative storytelling and fabric mediums. We will be in the Fellowship Hall for her presentation. Dr. Campbell is a well renowned sociologist in our community and we are looking forward to hearing her speak.

In May, we're doing a program that has been a favorite in the past. Several of our own guild members will teach us components of quilting techniques. It will be a "roving"

From Our "Prez"

Susan "Smitty" Price

Did you notice something different about this newsletter??? Check out the new 'revised' 30th Anniversary logo!!!! Our webmaster, Will Benedict, modified our SLO Quilters logo to acknowledge our 30th year as an organization!!! Thanks Will!!!! GOOD JOB!!!

For those of you that get my emails, you know that we, as SLO Quilters, have been collecting quilts to send over to Japan. Jill Sabol has been instrumental in coordinating that effort (thank you Jill)!!!! I think she was hoping to get a package off by the end of March, but if you are just now seeing this and have a quilt (s) that can be donated, please give Jill a call (see your directory) and she can see that your quilt gets into the right hands.

This is another amazing display of how our SLO Quilters members work together unselfishly to help others less fortunate than ourselves. We all should be VERY proud of our ability to use the skill, that is the basis of our friendship and meetings, to help these folks that are without warmth (among other things). Having seen photos of the devastation of these peoples' land, it just boggles the mind of what they are going through. I think I speak for all of us in saying that our prayers go out to all of the families that have been impacted by this tragedy.

Although SLO Quilters are not participating in this year's Seven Sisters Show, I would encourage you to ALL support this year's show!!! I know that many of you are members of other guilds and will be participating anyway, but for those of you that are not members of other guilds, it will still be a FABULOUS show and it will undoubtedly give you inspiration to finish the quilt(s) you are currently working on as well as inspire yet another quilt for next year's show when we ARE participating!!! Be thinking of what quilt(s) you will be working on FOR next year's show NOW!!! It's NOT too early to start, if you haven't already!!!

See you at the Seven Sisters Show, Saturday April 30th and Sunday, May 1st!!!



workshop in that each section will be just a little over 10 minutes and then members can move on to the next demonstration. This is still in flux a little but what we have to

date are: paper piecing; English paper piecing; mitered corners on napkins; and continuous binding. All fun and useful skills for the SLO Quilter!

Community Quilts

Signe James

The session in March to cut fabric squares for quilt packets went very well. We got a lot cut, especially a large selection of juvenile prints from Neva Orton's collection. So you can expect to see a lot of colorful packets available when we have them for distribution at the June meeting.

Next comes the April session to sew tops. This will be Sunday April 17 from 10 am – 4 pm, but feel free to come for all or just part of the day depending on your Palm Sunday schedule. The session will again be at the Clubhouse building at the Rancho San Luis Mobile Home Park at So. Higuera and Prado Rd. Eight volunteers are signed up so far, but if you can't come to the meeting to sign up, just give me a call. We'll have a good time I'm sure.

Block a Month

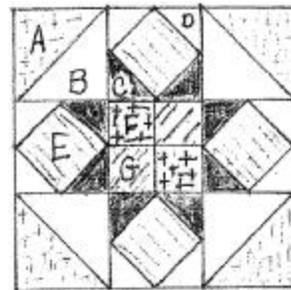
Kathy Clarke and
Paula Jaster

Block theme for the year: Stars

Block for April: 4-Patch Star

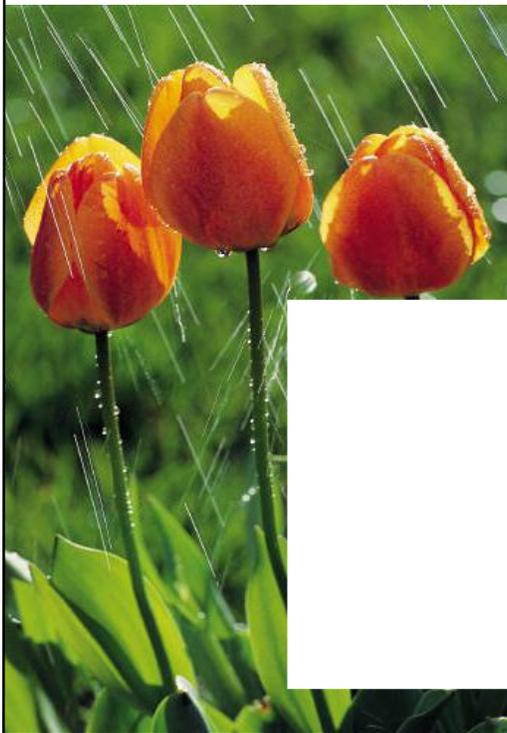
Block for May: Twisted Friends

Questions? Call Kathy 466-1107
or Paula 215 0710



Opportunity Quilt

Just a reminder that the board is looking for any group that would like to create the Opportunity Quilt for next year. We DO need to get started on this soon so we can have at least six months 'selling' the quilt and raising money!!! So get your friendship group or other group of quilters together to present it to the board at our April 5th board meeting!!! THANKS!!!





Shopping the Susan Branch 'store'



Vicki and Jean greet one of several visitors.



The crowd awaits.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- April**
- 1 - Mary Russell,
Sandra Nichols
 - 7 - Donna Feagin
 - 9 - Christine LaBuda
 - 10 - David Eckstrom,
Vicki Bookless,
Judy Burke,
Barbara Martin
 - 15 - Jeanne Carmichael
 - 16 - Carol Russell
 - 17 - Carol Orona
 - 21 - Katrina Ostby
 - 27 - Signe James
 - 30 - Chris Iancellotti

Ways We Can Help

Quilts for Comfort

Quilts for Japan

Jill Sabol

eQuilter is partnering with Mission of Love to send quilts to Japan for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami tragedies. Many members of our guild have expressed interest in participating with this endeavor. Suzanne Heitzman and/or Jill Sabol are receiving quilts and would like them no later than April 23 in order to get them to Ohio in time. Suzanne Heitzman has batting and backing fabric available as does Signe James. If you are saddened that you cannot make a quilt in time, Mission of Love would appreciate cash donations for shipping the quilts to Japan.

At this writing (March 27) 11 quilts have been donated with several more coming soon. Donors so far include Sue Barker, Pat Marcom, Barbara Martin, Barbara Neal, Kathy Peterson, and Jill Sabol. Jean Dettloff, Darlene Shubert and Jan Ostermann are dropping off quilts in the next few days. Kathy Peterson also donated some money for postage. Other guild members have promised them as well. One shipment will be mailed soon and another as more quilts come in.

Equilter sent out the following suggestions for size and fabric choices as well as a message to affix to the quilt.

QUILT SIZE:

I'd like to suggest that you make small personal-sized quilts for a child or small adult. That could be from 46" x 60" for a child's cot quilt, to 60" x 68" for a lap quilt, or 65" x 85" for a small twin size. We'd like to

request full/double size quilt as the maximum size. See our project page later this week for more ideas.

Be sure to put your name, address, and a message of Hope on a label, on the backside of the quilt. Even if you don't hear back from the recipient, they will surely read your message of caring. Use a permanent waterproof pen like a Pigma or Sharpie, write on a light colored fabric, use a double-sided fusible and hand-tack for security.

Fabric suggestions:

Asian fabrics are nice, but young adults and children in Japan love Western fabrics. "Shabby chic" florals and "cute" prints are very popular for adults, bright happy prints are great for the kids, and traditional Asian prints might be most appreciated by the older generation.

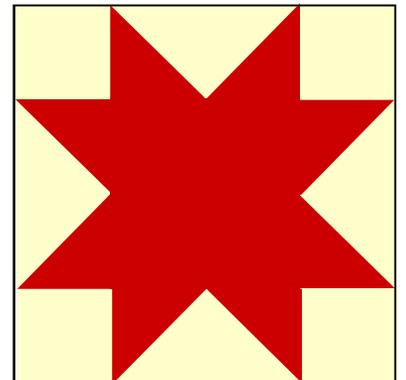
To all of you who are willing to make and donate a quilt to a total stranger on the other side of the world who has suffered unimaginable loss - we will work to make sure your gift of love goes into the hands of those most in need.

Consider backing it with flannel if you have it on hand, for warmth. Don't be afraid to piece together the batting from your batting scraps (butt the ends together and join with a zigzag stitch) or even piece together the backing.

One of the Quilts of Valor, with a purple heart, to go to one of the soldiers fighting for our country

Just One Star

As promised from our meeting last month, here's the website with the instructions for the 'Just One Star' block that Judy Fry announced. She said she would collect them, so contact her when you are through with your block(s)!!! She can be reached at: 748-7623 or layoutdi@juno.com www.unitednotions.com/LA_just_one_star.pdf



Judging . . . 2012 Quilt Show

Jill Sabol

Just thought everybody would like a profile of our judge for the 2012 quilt show so, here it is from her web site: ljrasmussen.com. Linda Rasmussen has had a lifelong love of sewing and needlework of all kinds. She started making clothing in middle school and attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where she received a Bachelor's of Science in Home Economics. After moving to Southern California in the 1970s, she began quilting and was hooked. Since that time, she has taught classes locally in many methods and techniques related to quilting. In 2001 she began to judge quilt shows and has taken both the NQA Short Course on Judging and the Northern California Council of Quilt Guilds Judging Course.

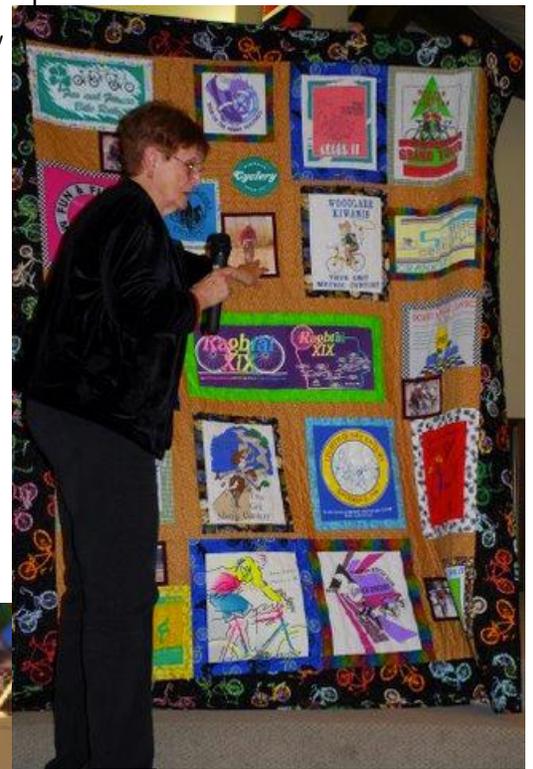
In her spare time, Linda takes classes from many nationally known quilters to expand her base of knowledge of quilt making of all sorts.

Traveling to quilt shows across the nation is also one of Linda's passions. She loves to see what is new and exciting in the world of quilting. Linda is an award winning quilter who has exhibited at Road to California in Ontario, California, and at the AQS Show in Paducah, Kentucky. Most of her work is traditionally-based, but she continues to explore her artistic side with new and experimental techniques.

I'm getting excited already! Hope you are too! More updates as we go. Stayed tuned.



Sue Fiscalini's husband 'volunteered' Sue to make quilts for a friend of his having TWINS! Sue's going to finish her UFO's yet!!!



One of the most interesting quilts created was this T-shirt quilt by Darlene Schubert



One of the many Community Quilts that Signe James and Gay Ann Harvey generate from guild members.

For Sale:
Sewing Machine Cabinet,
sturdy, compartments in
doors and underneath,
top folds to two levels, solid
medium colored wood.
3-1/2' long by 22" deep.
\$75.00.
Loisann at 528-3292

Treasurer's Report

Sue Fiscalini

Beg. Bal. Income **\$15,524.20**
March

Advertising	
Coffee Cans	
Comm. Quilts	
Interest	11.57
Mem. Dues	40.00
PIQF trip	
Polling Place	
2010 Auction	
Workshops	
Total Income	51.57

Expenses

AQGCC	
Bank Fees	
Block A Month	
Comm. Quilts	
Donations	
Historian	
Hospitality	
Library	
Membership	
Newsletter	31.20
Oper. Exp.	
Rent --	25.00
PIQF	
Pres. Quilt	
Programs	
7 Sisters '10	
SCCQG	
Carry over	
Total	56.20

Ending **\$15,519.57**

Meeting Minutes

Loisann Cass



Smitty Price, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Old Towne Quilters in Nipomo has invited the SLO guild members to a luncheon on May 26 at 10:00 a.m. Friends of Cuesta Library sent a thank you for our donation of books from the library. We need of a chair/co-chair for the Seven Sisters 2012 Quilt show. If you can help and would like to volunteer, contact Lisa Boatman or Donna Feagin. There will be a SLO Quilters board meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m at the Tribune Offices. We need of someone to take charge of SLO's Opportunity Quilt for 2012. Don't forget that on July 11 we are having a sew day at American Legion Hall. More details to come. Quilt Buddy Program - Vicki Bookless talked about our mentoring program that 11 members signed up to participate in last month. If members want any quilting assistance, they can go to the SLO guild website to find names of members willing to assist. Hospitality: Melissa James - Door prizes were donated by Susan Branch, Sew Fun, Sew Stitch'n, The Quiltery, Quilters Cupboard, Quiltin' Cousins, and Wine Country. Just One Star: Judy Fry - Just One Star program by Moda is a challenge to piece, quilt and bind 100 quilts in 100 days using the Flag of Valor pattern, due on May 1. Join the Moda staff challenge to have 100 red or blue quilts finished in 100 days. They need 1800 blocks in order to donate 100 quilts. For information, contact Judy Fry at layoudi@juno.com or www.unitednotions.com/LA_just_one_star.pdf. Block-0-Month, April: Paula Jaster demonstrated how to put together the star for next month. If you haven't started your quilt yet you can begin any time. The newsletter block had an error in it but the correction will be in next month's newsletter. Paula will have directions for next month's block on line in a few days. Community Quilts: Signe Janes - This Sunday, March 20 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. There will be a cutting session at Rancho San Luis Club House. Sewing tops will be held on April 17, Palm Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Many quilts

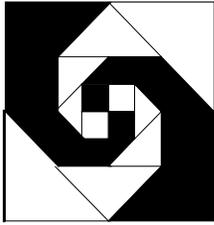
were shown that members made for Community Quilts. Vivian Herriman donated 600 six-inch squares to be used for Community Quilts. Many years ago, Gay Ann Harvey's daughter participated in a cancer program, so they did a follow up survivor survey and asked them about their experience and what they remember the most. People talked about the children that had received these quilts and that they loved them and what a big difference they made in their time of need. Programs-Suzanne Heitzman announced that next month Dr. Denise Campbell will be speaking on Africa American Artistic Rhythms. Next month there will also be sign-up sheets for September and November guild classes that will take place. Susan Branch, our speaker for this evening, was sick and could not attend, so one of her employees, Kelly, spoke for Susan. They brought Susan's products for sale in the hall. Kelly gave calendars to every guild member in attendance on Susan's behalf. Susan shares living in Arroyo Grande and Martha's Vineyard. Kelly is Susan Branch's graphic designer and Judy does licensing and the products for the website. Kelly answered many questions from our members regarding Susan, her business and products.

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~ **6:30pm Social Time**
~ **7pm Meeting**

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27th Annual Quilt Show and Contest
Paducah, Kentucky
April 27-30, 2011

Events & Information

Seven Sisters Quilt Show

April 30, May 1, 2011
Madonna Expo Center
San Luis Obispo
www.aqgcc.org

7 Day Fiber Arts Adventure Cruise to Alaska

July 29 - August 5, 2011
with award-winning art quilter Terry Waldron and purse book author Ricki Bremer. Three days of classes designed for all levels--special Quilter's Package, and non-sewing companions are welcome. For complete information sheet and class descriptions, contact:
john@connectiontocruise.com .

Textural Rhythms:

Constructing the Jazz Tradition,

Contemporary African American Quilts.

January 28, 2011 - April 24, 2011
Museum of the African Diaspora
685 Mission Street (at Third)
San Francisco, California 94105
415.358.7200

Curated by Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi, founder and coordinator of The Women of Color Quilters Network unites two of the most well known and popular artistic forms in African American culture, jazz and quilts. The exhibition of quilts includes work from some of America's best known African American quilters, Michael Cummings, Ed Johnetta Fowler-Miller, Tina Brewer, and Jim Smoote as well as quilts by top Bay Area quilters, Marion Coleman and Alice M. Beasley.

International Quilt Festival Long Beach, CA

July 29-31, 2011

We are looking for workers to help hang the special exhibit quilts before Festival, guardians to watch over the quilts during Festival, doorpersons to take tickets, and workers to help with takedown of special exhibit quilts after the show is closed. These are paid positions, also free parking and free entry for each day of work. Send your address and phone number, and include the show you're interested in working in the subject line. I will send an email when the webpage is ready, some time after May 18.

Thank you!

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