



quilt speak

Programs

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

What a nice way to close the year!
Our annual Holiday potluck was a fun
and relaxing evening with yummy salads
and desserts provided by our multi-
talented quilters! Thanks to Melinda,
Barbara K. and Margaret for the pretty
table arrangements! By the way, who
won the bells?!

The new Program Committee's goal
is to provide a varied, fun and
educational year for our members.
We have big shoes to fill, but we're going
to do our best!

January's program will be a "make and
take" project. We thought it was fun
last year to have time to catch up with
each other after the hectic Holidays, so
we're doing it again. This time we will be
doing a fabric origami piece that can be
used in many ways, including as an
embellishment on a quilt. You will need
to bring basic hand-sewing supplies –
needle, neutral thread (light, dark or
both), scissors, etc.
We will provide the fabric and
instructions.

In February, Paul Howell, from
Howell's Machine and Serger Service &
Repair, will talk to us about "The History
and Health of your Home Sewing
Machine." He will also give us
information on needles and thread - from
the machine's point of view. It sounds
like this will be a very informative
evening. We (and our machines) can
probably all benefit from his experience!

On **FRIDAY, MARCH 9**, Christine
Barnes' lecture and trunk show is titled,
"Color, Color, Color". On **SATURDAY**,

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Happy New Year Everyone!

Pres. Susan "Smitty" Price

I had to sound trite, but where did
2011 go??? I blinked and it's
January again! ... and 2012 is going
to be another blur!!! I don't know
about you, but I've already got
quite a few major things already in
the works for 2012. There's just so
many fun things to do!!!

One of the first things I **MUST**
do soon is get started on my quilts
for the Seven Sisters Quilt Show.
Another fun thing this year is our
NEW Block A Month!!! For those
of you who missed the
announcement, this year's Block a
Month will not be a traditional
block as in years past, but a
'theme', and you will create a quilt
with that theme in mind.

When Sue Fiscalini announced
the theme for the January Block A
Month, "Beginnings," I knew
instantly what I was going to do -
one I've been wanting to do for
about a year now, so this allows me
to move it from 'the list of quilts to
make' to 'quilts in progress.'
YIPPEE!!!

We will need to do some kind of a
fundraiser before the end of the
year (on top of the Seven Sisters
Show) so we can continue to bring
you **FABULOUS** teachers and
speakers. In the past we have had
quilt shows and quilt auctions but
since we already are doing the
Seven Sisters Show, I'm not so sure
we have the energy/fresh quilts to
put on another show in the same

year. As for the quilt auction, the
general consensus is that the
auctions just don't bring in enough
money for the time and energy that
we put into the quilts that we
donate - it's very disheartening to
spend hours and hours working on a
quilt that only sells for \$30!!!

So we're looking for some fresh
new ideas. At our last board
meeting a 'virtual quilt show' was
mentioned, where people could
just donate money rather than
actually have a quilt show. That
could be rather fun, if done right.

We're also looking into the rules
about doing a 'night at the movies'
with the DVD the guild just bought,
'The Importance of Quilts,' so we'll
see where that leads us. As you
ponder, think of something that
maybe another group or
organization you belong to has
done - even the crazy ideas -
sometimes that can spark the
discussion into something that
really can work!!!! Any creative
idea you can think of that could
generate money for the guild would
be **GREATLY** appreciated.

I'll be anxious to see what you all
come up with at our January
meeting. In the meantime, I'll leave
you with this.... *"The beginning is
the most important part of the
work."* - Plato

MARCH 10, Christine's workshop will be "Color Camp: A One-day Retreat", based on her book, "The Quilters Color Club". Christine gives a serious, in-depth class on color that includes more than just the importance of value. If you are interested in taking the workshop, you might want to take a look at her website: christinebarnes.com. Click on "lectures/programs" and scroll down to our topic for more details and the supply list.

JANUARY 9, GUILD MEETING – We will begin taking **SIGNUPS** for Christine Barnes workshop. Payment of \$35 (includes materials fee) will be required to register.

You can see our year unfold on our webpage at sloquilters.org. We will update it as programs are booked.



Community Quilts

Signe James

Community Quilts received a welcome gift toward next year's completed quilts: Judy Davidson, from Seattle, a friend of guild member Carolyn Davison, donated 24 (yes, twenty-four) quilt tops to the guild. These are all of the 6" square variety in the size I love to receive, and they are all lovely. Judy was spending time in the area because of her daughter's breast cancer diagnosis. I will be making sure that these tops get made up as Chemo Cozies for the teens at LA Children's Hospital, or as Adult Chemo Cozies for the local Oncology Treatment Center. We offer a big thank you to Judy and to Carolyn.

Block A Month

Sue Fiscalini

Since we are starting 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 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 you have been wanting to try. Use your creative imagination.

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

The theme for January was "Beginning". Don't forget to bring your block to the January meeting.

It will be fun to see the many different ways we interpret the theme.



Kelsey Parolini and Jill Sabol already have tops made using the 2011 Block a Month stars

Corrections

Cherie Halsey
942 Mesa Drive

Heidi Baird
748-1942

Happy January Birthdays

- 6 - Shirley Irving
- 8 - Carolyn Burkart
- 16 - Emily Cletsoway
Jody Nelson
- 24 - Cle Longden
Dian Robinson
- 28 - Luella McCombs
Kathy Peterson
- 29 - Lori Gill

Emily Cletsoway and her Modern Wedding Ring quilt from Pam Munns' class

New Members

Cynthia Eastman
955 Monterey Street Suite 512
San Luis Obispo 93401
202-9533
milagro369@netzero.net

Debbie Skogsberg
1328 Royal Way
San Luis Obispo 93405



Seven Sisters Show

Susan Knowles

It is now time to plan for the Seven Sister's Quilt Show. Think about what you would like to enter and how you would like to help, deadlines are coming soon. If you are interested in participating in the Challenge quilt for Seven Sisters, please see Smitty Price for the challenge fabric and to sign up. She will have forms and fabric at the meeting.

For the calendar: 1/14/2012 AQGCC/ Seven Sisters Meeting, Betty's Fabrics, 1229 Carmel St., SLO; AQGCC at 9:30 AM; Seven Sisters at 10:00 AM.

We had hard copies of the applications at the December meeting and I will bring them again in January, or you can call me at 438-3007, or email me at rsknow@gmail.com. If you would like an application mailed to you, please mail me a self-addressed stamped envelope to: 17150 Nuevo Place, Santa Margarita, CA 93453. Remember, they are due February 15, 2012!!!

You also have the option of e-filing your quilt show submission. Just access the e-file form at <http://www.aqgcc.org/Events/quiltshowapplications.htm>. There are instructions on the website. All you do is fill it out in MSWord, save it to your computer and attach it to an email to Sue Tonik, as it says online. BUT you must also print and sign the application and attach a photo, then give it to Loisann Cass, your Acquisitions Representative. Make a copy of your signed quilt show application before you submit it, and please attach it to your quilt(s)/wearable(s) when you turn it/them into Loisann in April. Remember, you need to submit your application by February 15, 2012, and you will need to submit the quilt, with at least a 4 inch hanging sleeve, no later than April 10, 2012.

As a reminder about the Judging application, judging is first come, first served, and there will be a tentative limit of 20 quilts per guild that can be submitted for judging. You must submit

a quilt application designating your priority of quilt to be shown as first, second or third choice. Only your first choice will be judged, unless we have fewer than 20 quilts to be judged, such as other guilds do not use their full 20 judging submissions. Loisann will keep track of the order in which the applications come in, and will keep a waiting list of those above the 20 allotted for judging, just in case we are given more judging opportunities. Your e-file applications will be time-stamped by Sue Tonik when she receives them and emails them back to Loisann for recording. I know this is a lot to take in. Please call Loisann or Susan for clarification, they are happy to help. It sounds a lot more complicated than it actually is!

"Mother Earth Rejoices" is the challenge for the 2012 Seven Sisters Quilt Show. There are only 11 packets available to our guild, so don't wait too long! Applications and fabric are available from Smitty Price and are due in February. The quilt will need to be turned in on April 10.

Seven Sisters

Show 2013
Smitty Price

Once we filled the few open committees for the 2012 show at the December meeting we voted YES to participate in the 2013 show!!! YIPPEE!!

Since there were three guilds that participated this year (2011) and there will be six guilds participating in 2012, we're hoping that by us going two years in a row that it will help balance out the number of guilds each year.

Challenge Quilt

Smitty Price

I still have a few pieces of fabric left if you're still wanting to create a quilt with the theme "Mother Earth Rejoices". I will have applications (or you can download it from the website) and fabric at the January meeting.

Fundraising Ideas

Smitty Price

Since our January meeting will be somewhat of a casual nature, we're hoping you all bring your ideas for some fun NEW ways to raise funds for the guild. We're hoping to 'think outside the box' and come up with some fresh new way we can tap into the pockets of OTHER people's money (typically at a quilt show or auction, it's the quilters and their families that make the purchases, so we're trying to come up with a fresh, new approach to raising money for the guild that will bring in other people from the community. We will be discussing ideas during tabletop discussions, so bring your ideas - NO idea is too crazy!!!
January 9, 2012



Treasury

Sue Fiscalini

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| 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

December 12, 2011

Upon arriving everyone was welcomed by Pres. Smitty, given a bell necklace and if you said the word "quilt" during the evening you had your bell taken away. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by president, Smitty Price. No guests. Potluck Dinner. **Seven Sisters Quilt Show** - Vacant positions for Seven Sisters Quilt Show filled: Sue Fiscalini - publicity, Lori Gill - security, Jeannie Carmichael - vendors. Susan Knowles: All Seven Sisters Quilt Show committees filled. The chairs of the committees meet once a month at Betty's, sometimes sub-committees meet after that. Applications are on website at www.aqgcc.org for participating in showing quilts or garments. Application to have your quilt judge is also there. If you want an item judged, it must be the first entry on your application. Deadline for applications is February 15, 2012, with photo, and exact dimensions.

Vendors participating in past shows have been pleased, are requesting larger spaces this year and to can sign up for 2013. Discussion on whether the guild wants to participate in 2013 Seven Sisters Show. Other fundraisers discussed to replenish our treasury: auction, virtual quilt show (everyone stays home and makes blocks to contribute), wine and cheese quilt show, home tour of quilt studios including a boutique, SART quilts on display so people are aware of how we give back to the community showing a DVD, etc. Motion moved to participate in 2013 Seven Sisters Show, motion passed, one dissenting vote.

Opportunity Quilt Tickets - Val Lund - Ticket sales going well, but we want to display the quilt in order to sell more tickets at other guilds, fabric shops, etc. Members needed to show quilt if in multiple guilds or have other opportunities. **Membership** - New members: Debbie Skogsberg, Cynthia

Eastman. **Coffee Can Raffle** - Many donations. **Door Prizes** - donated by Betty's, Susan Branch, Remember Quilts, and Val Lund. **Community Quilts** - Signe James, Gaye Harvey: 12 quilts turned in; close to total of 300 donated quilts made by our guild members this year, not including quilts sent to Japan. **Quilts out of recyclables** - Anyone may contribute blocks designed out of recycled materials to person creating such a quilt. See Gay Ann Harvey. **Road to California Quilt Show** - Sue Fiscalini - Quilt Attic in Arroyo Grande has a bus going to Road to California, Jan. 21-22, includes motel, show entry, bus fee - \$225. Call Sue Fiscalini or The Quilt Attic. **Show and Tell** - Many members showed beautiful quilts. Kathy Clarke showed a block from her Clarke Cottage Quilting Class (appliqué on a curve) - January 3-24, 2012. **Board Members** - Smitty thanked outgoing board members and gave them bookmarks. Smitty welcomed incoming 2012 board members. **Block-of-the Month** - Sue Fiscalini: No patterns, directions, or sizes, but quilts on a 'theme' rather than a given block. Theme for January is "Beginnings." Each month bring in finished block for show and tell. You may contribute your block to Community Quilts or if you make a 9" x 12" you may donate them to Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. If you have any ideas for B-O-M monthly themes, call Sue Fiscalini. **Upcoming Programs/Workshops** - Susan Heitzman/Vicki Bookless: In February, Paul Howell will speak on history and health of your home sewing machine. In March, Christine Barnes will speak on color and has written a book called *Quilters Color Club*, which means that THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE ON A FRIDAY NIGHT!!! Sign-ups for the workshop will be next month. There was discussion on a future machine quilting workshop and what content we would like presented. Call Vicki Bookless with any ideas. Meeting adjourned by Smitty at 9:30 p.m.



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Monday, January 9, 2012
~~ 6:30pm Social Time
~~ 7:00pm Meeting
Make and Take Projects

The Congregational Church
11245 Los Osos Valley Road
San Luis Obispo, CA

Clarke Cottage Quilts
A Central Coast Quilters' Retreat
kathyclark@sbcglobal.net
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

Quilters' Cupboard
5275 El Camino Real, Atas.
466-6996

The Quiltery
1413 Riverside Ave., PR
227-4561

Remember Quilts
Long-Arm Quilting
801-7165
RememberQuilts.net

Sew Fun
8775 El Camino Real, Atas.
462-9739
aatsewfun.com

Sew Stitchin' Quilt Shop
197 S. 8th St., GB
904-6145

sloShears.com
Professional Sharpening Solutions
1919 Broad St., SLO
544-1948

Sonshine Quilting
1266 Sumac Ct., SLO
782-9112
sonshinequilting.net

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