



quilt speak

Programs

Dd Leece, Val Lund, Linda Lyon

In February, twelve brave quilters began a creative journey together. At our guild meeting this month, we will see the results of their Collaborative Quilt Project. Each participant provided a block to start, and these were traded every month and added to by others, keeping to given instructions. Those who joined in have been challenged and will share what they have learned along the way. We will have slides to show the progression over the months, then reveal the finished projects.

Sign up to join us for Sew Day on September 19th, from 9am-4pm, here at UCC-SLO, (\$10). A special perk for this day - Irene will demo her "Quilt-As-You-Go" method.

Planning ahead, you may also sign up for November's workshop, "Arrowhead Quilt," taught by Ginnie M. on the 14, from 9am-1pm, (\$25 guild members/\$35 non-members).

Have photos from 2015 Guild/Friendship Group activities? Send them along to Dd for our December slide show. Cleaning your sewing room? Bring items you want to pass along and we will add them to our "Stash" to sell at our January meeting.

Thanks!

From our President

Pres. Irene Dailey

Thank you, Sue B., for being our trusty Vice President and for leading the August meeting. I heard it was a good one! Thanks also to Signe James for sharing how important Community Quilts are to our mission as a guild, and for inspiring members to make them.

I can't wait to see all of the Collaborative Quilt tops at the September meeting! I wonder how my little cat block has evolved. Each month I was challenged by decisions of what to add to whatever was in my brown bag. Being pushed in this way for the past months has been a good, creative experience. *"Life is nothing if not a daring adventure,"* according to Helen Keller (and me).

Our big FUND RAISER, The Experience, is coming up in less than a month, and the quilts, boutique items, and refreshments donated so far are amazing and appreciated! All quilts for the silent or live auction are due at the September 14 meeting. Check out the guild website to see the form to fill out to accompany your quilt. Please volunteer to make a batch of cookies and to donate some of your time to this event. You can sign up at the meeting. Your Programs Committee has ideas for up-coming speakers and workshops, and the proceeds from this event will help their ideas come true. Tickets are only \$10.00. Buy one for a friend and make a night of it!

P.S. Opportunity Quilt tickets are also \$5.00 – for SIX!! Buy some for gifts for friends and relatives! Thank you for your generosity.

CQP

Dd Leece

Finishing up this month! Maybe you added one last border to frame the piece, or pieced a custom back or label, or prepared the binding. Be sure to write your info on the Quilter Log and bring bag to our potluck on Sunday, September 13, at Dede's home, 12:30. While we enjoy lunch, we will talk over what we learned

these past few months and how we can share it with the guild on Monday night. Of course, we will also get to see our blocks again!

Thank you for participating in this Collaborative Project! I hope you have enjoyed the challenge and fun.

Reminder – if you'd like to donate your collaborative quilt to The Experience, you have just a couple weeks to complete it.

The Experience

Jeannie Carmichael

Thanks to so many of you who brought in wonderful creations for the boutique and quilt auction! I am amazed! You are all so clever and sew with such precision.

We are still looking for quilts for the live auction and hopefully they will be turned in by the September 14 meeting. Don't forget your labels and your artist statement. We need these so that Susan Vesseley will be able to explain just what it takes to make the quilt.

I know many of you wanted to sign up on the volunteer lists, but just didn't get the chance to. Well, you have another chance at the next meeting. We REALLY need your help! Besides doing a huge favor for the guild, it is a great way to get to know other members and have a fun time. Remember when you were in high school and you volunteered to decorate the hall for the prom? Well, it feels a little like that! Come be a part of this important event.

The artist statement can also be accessed on our website.

A Call For New Members!

Ginnie Murach

Our guild currently has 107 registered members . . . this is the lowest number of registered members in the last 20 years! We added seven new members last year who have renewed, but we lost eighteen. Of those eighteen, a few are names that have come and gone throughout the years and I suspect they will be back again. A few specified that they

just don't have time to participate right now and need to back away for bit. Again, I believe that these members will come back. However, we also lost a handful to age and/or illness.

If you know someone who likes quilts, now is a fabulous time to invite them to join our guild...even if they've never actually quilted before. You know we can hook them! We've done it before! Bring them to a meeting...get them excited...the next thing you know they will be stash building! We need new members!

Happy September Birthdays

- 1 - Susan C
- 4 - Elaine P
- 11 - Meri Kay G
- 14 - Mary Lee W
- 15 - Barbara K
- 18 - Smitty P
- 19 - Sue T
- 21 - Anne G
- 23 - Jean D
- 24 - Judy F

Community Quilts

Signe James

Thanks to everyone who so generously helped themselves to the packets and bundles that we had available last month. We were pleased with the response to the program this year. Maybe next year we will ask YOU for a testimonial about contributing to Community Quilts. And speaking of contributing...since the meeting we have received two good sized donations of flannel which we were very low on. Thanks to Janice Benedict and Jill

Sabot who facilitated those donations.

If you missed out on the program last month, don't worry, you can still be part of the fun and pick up a packet or bundle at the September meeting!!!

Coffee Can Raffle:

Don't forget those dollars for the coffee can raffle - always interesting, unusual, can't resist items.

How Can SLO Quilters Get Involved in Teaching Young People the Art of Quilting?

Do you know any young people between the ages of 8 and 18 who might like to make a quilt? Do you have some suggestions for ways our guild members could teach a small group or a few individuals how to make a quilt top? Would you like to be involved in teaching or donating supplies and simple ideas for a class of young people?

After reading the "Focus on Youth Initiative Seven Sisters Quilt Show 2017 " included in this issue of QuiltSpeak (which you are all encouraged to read), SLO Quilters board would like our members' thoughts and suggestions for bringing this idea to fruition. Education is an important facet of our nonprofit status. The board is looking for ways to help young people learn to make a quilt. We already have some members willing to teach and are hoping more of you will be interested also. We also want

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some people with contacts on reaching an interested youth audience, such as 4-H, scouting, church youth groups, etc.

- Some ideas so far include
- 1. A "Make and Take" area at the 2016 Seven Sisters Show with an instructor giving a mini-class with small ready-made packets.
- 2. Two or possibly three students meeting in a home with 2 or 3 teachers and machines for individual instruction.
- 3. A Sew Day at our regular meeting place for a larger group of youth with several teachers and machines.
- 4. Most suggestions have recommended the student groups be pretty much the same age initially.

Come to one of our next meetings with your ideas or contact a member of the SLO board.

Seven Sisters Show – 2016

Vicki Bookless

For anyone interested in entering the 2016 Show Theme Quilt Contest, the deadline is Nov. 10, 2015. Let me know if you INTEND to enter a quilt, so I can give the committee a heads-up (at their request).

We still hope some of you will shout out "I would LOVE to be our Guild Rep for _____"! The openings are for Garments, White Glove (Hostess), Judging, and Marketing. Contact me. it will make me VERY happy!!

Thank you to Irene Dailey for saying "yes" to being Vendor rep and to Sue Barker for saying "yes" to being Challenge Quilt rep!! You both have made me VERY happy!

A Tisket, A Tasket, Help Fill

Irene's Basket

Several more items have been donated to my DOGGIE BASKET – a doggie quilt top (with supplies to finish it), a rope toy, the book Inside of a Dog, and several dog bandanas! If you would like to help me with my silent auction basket idea, please bring a new item for a dog or dog lover to the September meeting. (See last month's newsletter if this is news to you.) Thanks!

SCCQG News

Irene Dailey

The topic of the next SCCQG meeting will be "Social Media: How to Make it Work for Your Guild." Doesn't that sound interesting? Perhaps you would enjoy attending this meeting at 9:30 a.m., October 3, in Simi Valley. The speaker will be Caryl Payzant.

Quilt-As-You-Go

Irene Dailey

During the Sew Day on Saturday, September 19, I will be teaching my Quilt-As-You-Go method to anyone who is interested. I'll help whoever would like to get started with this fun technique. I will have a few quilts to show you at the September meeting, to give you an idea as to the fabrics that might work and the supplies you will need. Sue Fiscalini is also bringing a few of hers to share.

Here is a rough idea of supplies needed:

*sewing machine and supplies, including a walking foot,

- *fabric pieces in any block sizes you choose, with batting and backing fabrics in same sizes,
- *fabric(s) for bindings,
- *thread for machine quilting and for piecing.

Seven Sisters Show Clarification

Irene Dailey

SLO Quilters would like to make it clear that Taylor Rental did a wonderful job of getting the drapes hung perfectly for our quilts at the recent show. They have been setting up the show for years and we hope to continue working with them in the years to come. Taylor Rental is a family-owned local business that we would like to thank for their commitment to the Seven Sisters Show!

Library

Susan "Smitty" Price

Just a quick reminder that the Library WILL be open at the September meeting. Please bring back the books you have checked out and get some new ones - Christmas is right around the corner and there are LOTS of books with great Christmas gift ideas!

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- ALL PAYMENTS TO ●
- SLO QUILTERS MUST ●
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- (except raffles) ●
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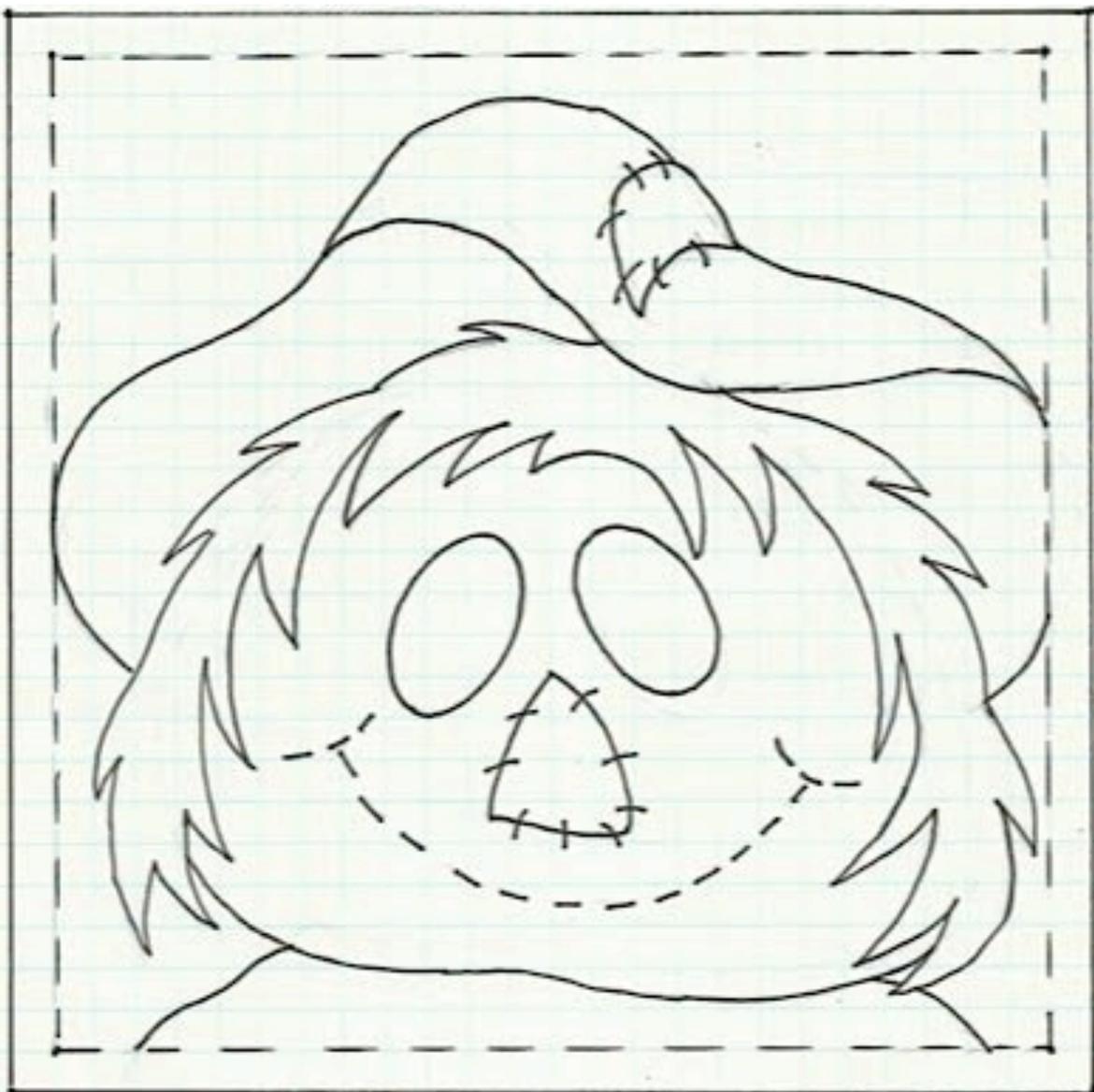
Block A Month

Jill Sabol and Kathi Settle

We are going to do "row" quilts for BOM this year. You may keep what you make. We will have one or two patterns each month that you may make into a row for a year's quilt, or just do one block or make a few for potholders, table runner or small quilt. The decision for colors and quantity will be yours.

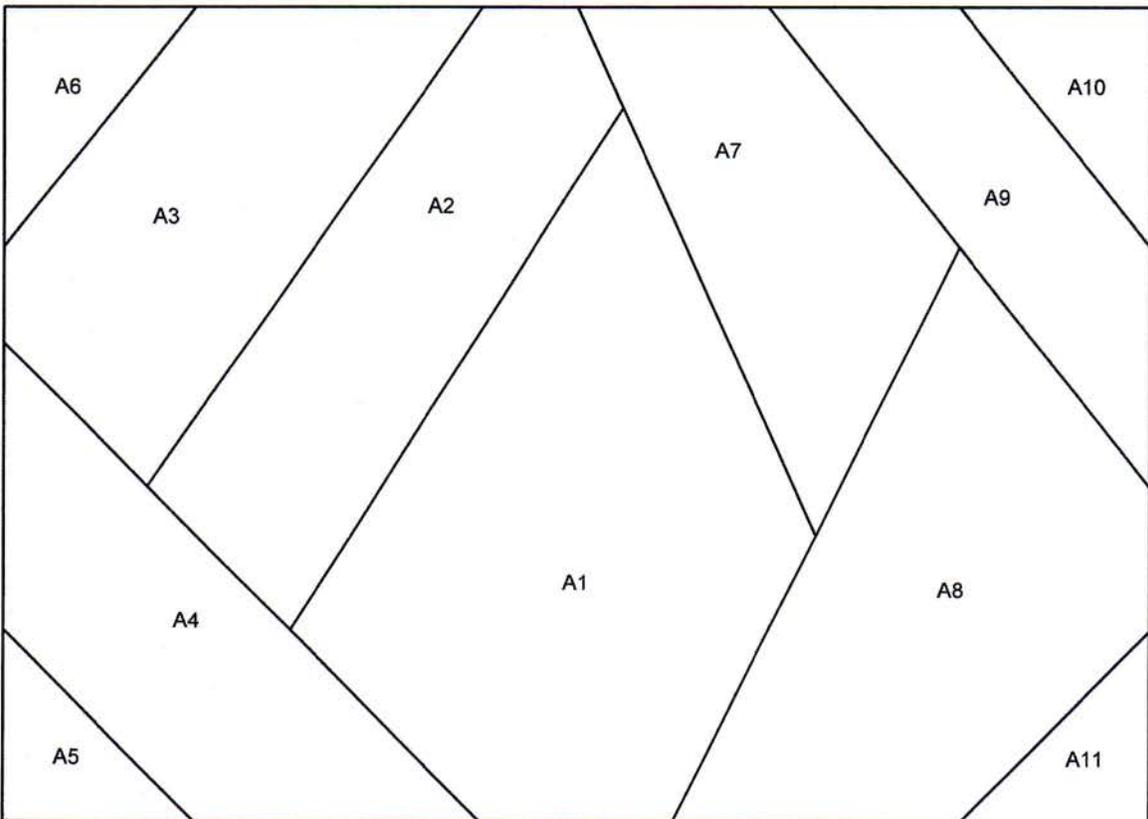
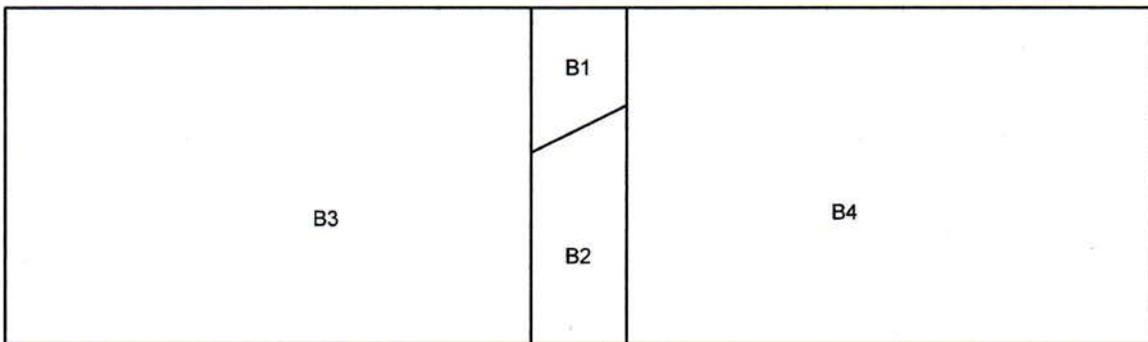
January's blocks are a paper pieced snowflake, an fusible applique snowflake and a fusible applique snowman. The patterns are printed in this newsletter, but we will bring copies to the December meeting. If you cannot attend a meeting and have trouble printing out the patterns, send one of us a stamped, self addressed envelope and we will mail you the patterns. Our guild is lucky to have Kathi Settle who is an artist and has designed the applique patterns. The paper-pieced pattern is from EQ.

Be sure to come to our December meeting to see how cute these blocks are!





Pumpkin
October Block-A-Month
Finished size 6"



Item # _____ (TO BE FILLED OUT BY AUCTION COMMITTEE)

The Experience 2015!

This form, along with your donated quilted item for this event, is due no later than September 14, 2015

Staple 4" x 6" COLOR PHOTO to the Front lower left

Your Name: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Name of Your Item:

Dimensions of Finished Quilt: – Width ____ Length: ____ Double–Check Please!

Quilt Colors – be specific (“multi” is NOT allowed):

Name of Quilter (if other than self):

Submitting more than one quilt (ITEM)? If so, please fill out a separate form for each.

Artist’s Statement: (inspiration, pattern, credits, design, book, artist, instructor, awards received, age – if an

antique or from a special time era, etc.) **INFORMATION FOR**

AUCTIONEER!

All quilts need to be submitted in a pillowcase or protective cloth cover (NO PLASTIC) labeled with your name, and your telephone number prominently displayed. Please use safety pins to attach (or stitch) the labels on pillow cases. No straight pins, please. Do Not Close case.

Treasury

Susan Knowles

Beg. Bal.	\$19,595.02
Income	Mar-July 2015
Advertising	
Coffee Cans	154.00
Comm. Quilts	
Donations	30.00
Interest	
Library	
Membership dues	1390.00
Operating Expense	
Opportunity Quilt	641.00
PIQF trip	
Polling Place	
Programs	
SCCQG	
Workshops	1595.00
Total Income	3810.00
Expenses	
Auction-Experience	
Block a Month	
Comm. Quilts	352.84
Donations	
Historian	
Hospitality	
Library	
Membership	1390.00
Newsletter	67.97
Operating Expenses	35.87
Opportunity Quilt	123.81
PIQF trip	
President's Quilt	
Programs	849.43
Rent	150.00
Seven Sisters Show	
SCCQG	
Taxes	
Website	
Workshop	1283.04
Total Expenses	2862.78
Balance	20,542.24

Meeting Minutes

Karen Hogan

August 10

Vice-President Sue Barker presided. Brought to order at 7:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Winner of Hoffman Fabric Challenge: garment by Mary Ann R; on tour for the next year. Congrats! Irene needs three members for board nominating committee. HOSPITALITY: Dian/Luella welcomed four guests; Sharon, Debbie, Jo, and Terry. 17 door prizes. SEVEN SISTERS: Vicki - 2016 show is in progress, seven members return as show reps. Still need reps for Garments, Marketing, Judging, Vendors, and Hostess. 2016 theme is "Bountiful Central Coast". BOM: Jill - shared blocks for August, "Stars and Stripes".

September blocks are "Schoolhouse, Apples, and Sunflowers. COFFEE CAN RAFFLE: Julie - 13 wonderful prizes. SCQG: Smitty has two tickets for Yucaipa quilt show. SHOW AND TELL: 11 lovely quilts shared. PROGRAMS: Dd: one spot remaining for Pam M's workshop on Pineapple Quilt on 9/19. "Sew day" with Irene to demo "quilt as you go" technique; cost \$10; on 11/14, Ginnie M will teach the "Arrowhead" quilt in a half-day workshop, cost \$25; and in Sept., the collaborative quilt participants will share their quilts. PIQF - Karen is taking sign-ups for the Pacific Intl. Quilt Show, Sat Oct 17. THE EXPERIENCE: Jeannie - Sew day created many boutique items: placemats, potholders, iron caddies, quilted bags, table runners and several quilts for the auction. Tickets on-line for \$10. All items and quilts are due 9/14. Volunteers needed for boutique, silent and live auctions, food, set-up, take down, desserts, hors d'oeuvres. COMMUNITY QUILTS: Signe/Gay - 40

quilts. Recipients are SART, TAPS, Quilts of Valor, chemo cozies for kids and adults. PROGRAM: Our speakers were several of our own members. Signe explained the recipient groups and their quilt needs. Bundles of project quilts were available to be finished. Signe began quilting 20 years ago inspired by a book about pioneer women and their quilting. She estimated she has made over 1200 quilts, most given away. Gay has been quilting for 15 years. She was inspired after her daughter, a cancer survivor, was given a SLO Quilters chemo quilt. She connected with Signe to start chemo cozies for local and LA children. She also shared stories of local children in treatment. Judy F. got started in 1986 after the Challenger disaster. She enjoys making quilts for military personnel, and personal family quilts. She is our "Quilts of Valor" go to person. Sue F. loves bright fabrics, known for her wonderful designs, and enjoys making quilts for all reasons. Her quilts have been shown in several international shows. Tammy was a seamstress for about 20 years, then stopped sewing for awhile. Judy got her interested in making donation quilts for the guild. She's been a member for 6 months and has made 20-24 quilts. Dd says it is very self-satisfying to make the charity quilts for the children. Spirit of Irene - A written note read in Irene's absence telling of her love of quilting. Guild presented orchids to Signe, Gay, and Judy for their special service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.



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Monday, September 14, 2015

~~ 6:30pm Sewcial Time

~~ 7:00pm Meeting

The Congregational Church

11245 Los Osos Valley Rd. SLO

Seven Sisters Quilt Show

June 27 & 28, 2015

Alex Madonna Expo Center

The Experience

October 3, 2015

Veterans' Memorial , SLO



2015 SLO Quilters Opportunity Quilt

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Beverly's Fabrics & Crafts
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(805)543-6433 beverlys.com

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Birch Fabrics
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