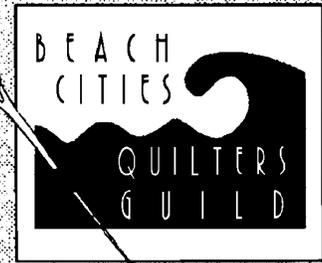

STITCHES IN THE SAND



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MEETING DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2007
HAPPY (HALF) HOUR: 6:30 - 7:00 P.M.
BUSINESS: 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.
PLACE: Marco Forster Middle School



CATHY MILLER, The Singing Quilter

Cathy Miller, along with her husband John Bunge, will entertain us tonight! They are a Canadian singer/songwriter combo that has performed for over 350 quilting guilds and events on two continents. Back in 1991, she was asked to write music for a play about quilting so she set about researching every quilt book in the library; she was hooked! She took a quilting class and has been singing and quilting ever since.

The duo will not only sing for us but Cathy will show us her quilts; her quilts have won several prizes and along with her music, this makes for a very delightful evening. She is capable of astounding an audience with her vocal ability and simultaneously charming them right out of their socks. People love her!

Come prepared to enjoy not only an evening of quilting but wonderful entertainment also!

Marsha Burns
VP Program Chair

A PEEK AT FUTURE PROGRAMS

March
May

Lyn Mann
Patt Blair

April
June

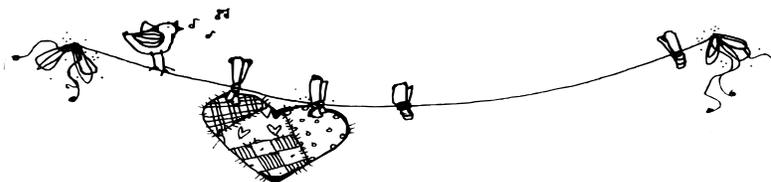
Members Showcase
Peggy Martin

BETTIE'S BITS AND PIECES

I don't know about you, but I am wondering WHAT happened to the ending and beginning of the 2006/2007 years??? I just blinked my eyes and now January is gone and we are going into February: which just happens to be one of my favorite months. The chocolate month; we have Valentine's Day. I celebrate it the entire month by having chocolate every day. After all – what is a day if you don't have chocolate in it? It also gives me a reason to give my darlings; Savannah and Skye chocolate. I don't have to worry too much about the frowning countenance on my son's face as I spoil his little girls with sweets. When I was going to become a grandmother, I was given a plaque by one of my sisters. It says "Many a child is spoiled because you can't spank GRANDMA". I have had the need to point this out to my son on a few (many) occasions. I try to explain that it's my JOB to spoil them. They are my reward for having to put up with a teenager! He just can't argue with that. I hope that your Valentine's Day is full of Chocolate. And if you currently don't have someone to receive it from, then I suggest you purchase yourself a lovely box of See's.

When rotary cutting fabric for your quilt; always use the same ruler throughout the entire quilt. Different rulers measure differently. Use the lines on your ruler to measure your pieces and not the lines on your rotary mat. Mats tend to warp and then you get an inaccurate cut of fabric. If you use the plain side of the mat to cut on; you will find ruler lines easier to read and it is less confusing on your eyes.

May you always have a quilt to quilt on!
Bettie



Location Change March BCQG Meeting

Our guild is not able to meet at Marco Forster in San Juan Capistrano on March 8 due to a pre-planned school event. Our guild meeting will be held in Rancho Santa Margarita at the Bell Tower Community Center in the Lyon Ballroom. The address is 22232 El Paseo, RSM, right near the corner of Santa Margarita Pkwy and El Paseo.

It is a beautiful facility with lots of room and parking. Directions: from So. County you can take the 241 toll road and exit Santa Margarita Pkwy. Turn right and proceed to El Paseo (just a couple of blocks). Turn right on El Paseo, turn left at El Portal (the 2nd street) and park in the lot. Look for the yellow BCQG banner, it will be in front of the entry way.

If you do not take the toll road, get yourself to Santa Margarita Pkwy (Alicia Pkwy and Antonio Pkwy both go to Santa Margarita Pkwy). Once you're on Santa Margarita Pkwy take it toward RSM to El Paseo and follow the above directions.

There are lots of restaurants close by including a Ruby's on Antonio and a TGIF around the block from the community center. There is also a huge shopping center right there where you'll find lots of places for fast food and shopping (there is a Kohl's). For more information check out www.belltowerfoundation.org.

It's All About ME!

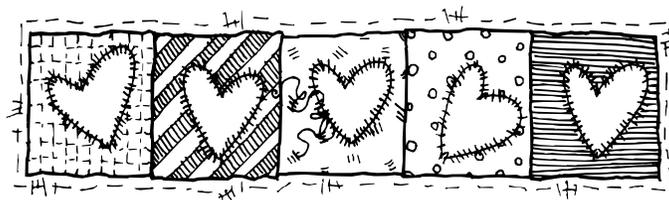
I can't wait for the Spring Tea and Tour! This is always a fabulously fun event, and a chance to see the 'inner sewing sanctuaries' of a few very generous members. Tickets for the event, which includes sewing room tours, Challenge presentation, mouth watering catered luncheon and captivating program, will be \$23. This is a wonderful new venue at J. Serra Catholic High School, and there will be ample space to park and carpool to the various homes on tour. Get your tickets in February, as this will be another amazing BCQG event and you won't want to miss it! I'm sooo excited!

Marian Mapes
Spring Event Chairman

Tickets! Tickets! Tickets!

Yes, we have lots of tickets for sale. Ticket sales will begin for BCQG members ONLY Thursday, February 8th at the general meeting. Tickets sales for both members and guests will begin on Friday, February 9th. If you are unable to attend Guild meetings in February, March, and April, you may contact Elaine Pappas-Puckett at 831-1072 to arrange to deliver your check and receive your tickets. If you mail a check, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Because J Serra School can seat almost 400 people, we are confident that everyone will be able to attend. Fabulous quilts, a delicious catered luncheon, and the company of wonderful quilters---it doesn't get any better than this! Come see us at the Spring Event table to get your ticket.

Elaine Pappas-Puckett
Ticket Sales Chairman



How's Your Challenge Quilt Coming?

If you haven't had the joy of attending our Spring Tea before you are in for a treat! The entire parameter of the room will be decorated with wonderfully creative wall hanging quilts, garments and decorative items. It is fascinating to see how members combine the same three chosen fabrics, following the given set of rules, to create a beautiful display of art with no two objects alike. This challenge is open to all BCQG members. If you've never entered before we encourage you to join in the fun! It makes the entire day more meaningful when you see your creation on display. The remaining few Challenge kits will be for sale at the February meeting, \$12 per kit. Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions.

Julie Greenspan

SPRING TEA AND TOUR

The planning for the Spring Tea and Tour is well underway, especially that we now have four wonderful members who have volunteered to let us visit with them in their sewing rooms (and homes!). The ladies are:

Becky McDaniel – Becky loves to do many types of sewing as you will see when you enter her Laguna Niguel home. As you walk through the house and up the stairs to her sewing room, you will see all the lovely draperies that she has made. She will have quilts on display showing off her beautiful handwork.

Deborah Komatsu – Deborah joined Beach Cities one year ago and we are delighted that she is on the tour. Deborah has been quilting for about 10 years with a keen interest in art quilts. She also does beautiful needlepoint, which will be in evidence throughout her home. Her Laguna Hills home is just down the street from JoAnn's.

Alicia Passarelli – Alicia is very fortunate to have her sewing room in a separate “cottage” at her Mission Viejo home where she does long arm quilting. Alicia has been a Beach Cities member for several years serving on special committees.

Joyce Tachner – Joyce is also member who joined about one year ago. She has always wanted to learn to quilt and after mentioning this to a friend on several occasions, the friend, who is not a quilter, gave Joyce a membership to Beach Cities for her birthday. She is extremely eager to learn all aspects of quilting. In her University Park home in Irvine, she has completely redone her sewing room – she calls it her 4-in-1 room - sewing room, office, library, guest room. Joyce is an avid knitter.

This is always a fun event and we thank these ladies very much.

Pat Pardoen
Sewing Room Tour Chair



Opportunity Quilt 2008

The building blocks of the next BCQG opportunity quilt have come tumbling in. Debbie Myers and Jan Hirth received over 190 of the colorful 7 ½” blocks as of the January guild meeting. They will be putting together one large quilt as well as two smaller ones. They hope to have the layout completed by the beginning of March. A sewing day is planned at Leah's for February 26, 10-4, to put the blocks together for the tops. Anyone wishing to help sew can contact Jan or Debbie. A huge thank you to everyone who made blocks. They look beautiful! And any blocks not turned in yet are still needed. They can be mailed to Jan.

NEWSLETTER EMAILS

A big thank you to Laurie Sageser for agreeing to send out our Newsletter via email. Currently we are mailing via the USPS almost 500 Newsletters and the cost of postage is going up. This means there is a possibility that we may have to increase our dues next year to cover this cost to those who do not receive their Newsletter via email.

Last month we did a test run to everyone who has an email to see if you would consider receiving your Newsletter via email. We heard back from 150 of you.

This month, if you have indicated either by email or renewal form that you would like to receive your Newsletter via email, you will no longer be receiving it from your mail carrier. Additionally, if you originally indicated "NO" or left the space blank on your renewal form, and we have not heard back from you, we will continue to send it via email as several people have changed their mind and we are not sure if you would also consider doing this. Please respond back to the email or call Nancy McBride if you do not wish to receive your Newsletter via email and we will discontinue this service with the next Newsletter.

Hospitality

Thank you, Material Possession Girls for a lovely table and for hosting our January hospitality table. There was no lack of goodies, either, as you may have noticed. There were plenty of treats left over for the workshop groups. Thank you all!

We have sign-ups for February and March but still need sign-ups for the rest of the year. Did you know that you get 3 pink or gold tickets for hosting? Grab a few friends and have some fun while helping out. All you need to do is greet your fellow members and keep items tidy. Set a theme or not and go for it. It's a kick.

Please remember to bring your goodies in disposable containers. If you bring them in something that you would like back, remember to check the back table at the end of the meeting, because that's where those things are left.

Sharon & Eileen

Library

Please start bringing your membership card in order to check out books.



**** A Huge Thank You to all of our Door Prize Donors****

**Anonymous
Bear's
Capistrano Sew n Vac
Cozy Cottage
Flying Geese
Ginger's Quilt Shoppe
Jenny Jensen-Howard
Leah's
Material Possessions
Moore's - Mission Viejo
Tall Mouse**

Monthly Mini

The monthly mini for January was made by Maggie Bell, a member of BCQS for just over two years. Her mom taught her to sew on her Singer Featherweight when she was quite young. She earned her Girl Scout Sewing Badge when she was about 12. She made many of her own clothes and has always enjoyed handicrafts. She took her first quilt class from Johanna Gibson and has continued to enjoy her new-found hobby. The winner of this sweet sentiment is Vanda Bresnan.



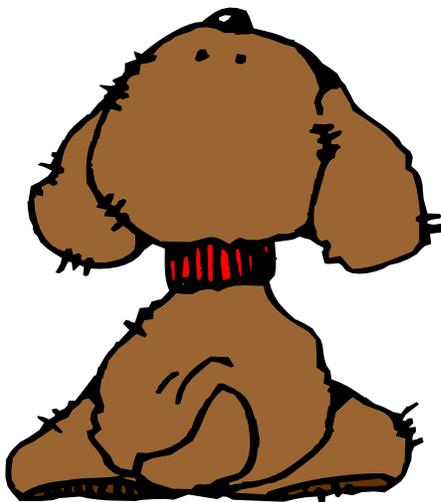
BLOCK PARTY

Thanks to everyone who participated in the January Block Party. Sixty four (64) blocks were turned in. We had five winners of nine blocks each and two winners of eight blocks each - Helen Brassaw, Betty Korleski, Jan Bogikes, Stella Ljungborg, Joyce Tackner, Tara Hilde, and Ruth Nahas. Congratulations to all who won!

If you have any questions regarding Block Party, block construction, or want to participate but don't know where to start, please don't hesitate to call any of us or you may visit the Block Party Table during the regular meeting.

Megan Lord, Lupe Maher, and Sandra Silbernagel

Stitching some
whimsy



BCQG Show & Tell Newsletter Article
February 2007

Show & Tell

Collette McManus	Quilt from Kelly Gallagher-Abbot workshop
Sharon Pembrook	What's Buggin' You?
Carole Bassett	Huki Lau
Barbara Harney	Michael's Quilt (So He'll Let Me Sew)
Barbara Harney	Katie Is Always a Star In Our Eyes
Marnet Hazard	Sixteen Patch Hourglass
Marnet Hazard	Sunburst in Paradise
Helen Brassaw	Nine-Patch: November with Applique
Helen Brassaw	Nine-Patch: December
Cecile Rogers	Celebrate
Lily Shearer	Quilt For a Wounded Marine
Odette Osantowski	Enchanted Holiday
Barbara Redick	Rainbow Connection
Barbara Redick	Batik quilt top from her trip to Pennsylvania
Tara Hilde	Talkin' Turkey
Donna Bradshaw	Fantasy Rose
Donna Bradshaw	Oasis
Laurie Sageser	Lizard for Gage
Laurie Sageser	Quilt top: Terry Clothier workshop
Laurie Sageser	Quilt top: Carolyn Reese workshop
Nancy West	Circles
Monica Shafer	Unnamed (Peacock panel quilt)
Monica Shafer	I Left My Heart In San Francisco

Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone who shared their beautiful quilts in January. What a wonderful, creative way to start the New Year. We're inspired by the love and creativity poured into each of these works of art. Please bring us your beauties for February. We can't wait!

Becky, Keri & Polly

Friendship Circles

Anyone interested in being part of a new friendship circle is invited to a luncheon on Saturday, February 3rd from 11:30 to 2:00 at the Seaside Villas Clubhouse just off Del Obispo at Lighthouse, one block west of Stonehill. Please bring one or two of your quilting projects for show and tell. RSVP to Katy Lilie; or Maggie Bell. If specifically interested in being a part of a friendship group that does miniatures please contact Joann Bishop.

Maggie Bell

Friends and Love
are stitched
one day at a time!

Membership

January Attendance: 242
Members: 230
Returning Members: 2
New Members: 4
Guests: 5
Speaker: 1

There are currently 485 Active members and 10 Newsletter subscribers.

Welcome to new members Gail Brunell, Carole Payette, Debbie Reiner and Gladys Sherman. Welcome also to returning members Brigid Johnson and Jacci Morgan.

The new 2006-2007 membership cards and directories will continue to be distributed at meetings. Please have a friend get yours if you are unable to attend.

If you are unable to pick up your directory and would like me to mail it to you, please send a self addressed 6" x 9" envelope with 6 stamps to Nancy McBride, 22751 Via Terpero, Mission Viejo, CA 92691 and I will mail it to you. **No other size envelope will be accepted.**

All members are reminded to check in at the Membership table before the meetings. This gives us an accurate count for attendance and helps us plan the appropriate number of chairs for the meetings.

Please remember to wear your name badge at all meetings. It's a great way for new and existing members to get acquainted! (A fine of \$0.25 is payable if it is not worn.) New members are expected to have a badge made within three months of joining the Guild.

Thanks to Lynn Blackburn and Julie Montoya for their help at the Membership table and to Linda Martinez, Jane Salem, Caroline Sullivan and Marie Taylor for handing out membership cards and directories.

**Nancy McBride
Vice President, Membership**



February Birthdays

Penny DiCaro	1
Peggy Mayer	3
Bonnie Small	3
Glenda Britten	5
Eileen Campbell	5
Margaret Gutierrez	5
Elaine Pappas-Puckett	5
Rosie Beck	6
Suzann Skinner	6
Edie Long	8
Marilyn Egler	9
Cheri McDowell	10
Karen Kowalchuk	11
Wanda Matjas	11
Stephanie Wagner	12
Patricia Anne Baker	13
Kathy Chevalier	13
Alexis Ciurczak	13
Xetah Lucido	13
Julie Vlahos	13
Denise Whitney	13
Sharon Gilmore	15
Dorothy Zink	15
Debbie DeLuca	16
Carolyn Pierce	16
Laverne Armour	17
Christina Ehrenguber	18
Carol Henke	19
Nafsi Martin	20
Jean Jacobs	21
Stacy Russell	22
Keri Follmer	23
Iris Kunda	23
Sherrilee Seibert	23
Pat Finnerty	24
Barbara Thieme	25
Lee Brown	26
Deborra Singletary	26
Sue Bentley	27
Patricia Doughty	28
Susan Stemporzewski	28
Kristina Young	28

Workshops

February Workshop- "Sewing Machine Care & Maintenance"

Friday Feb 9th

Material Possessions, Lake Forest 10:30 A.M.

Fee: \$5.00 payable at door.

Please reserve your spot even though we are not asking for money in advance. At this point we do have a lot of interest and it will be only offered one time.

March Workshops-Lyn Mann

Friday, March 9th "Happy Birthday" quilt

Saturday, March 10th "Skew the A Word" quilt.

Leah's Mission Viejo 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Happy Birthday is made up of two high contrast fabrics that result in a personal quilt producing different results, depending on your birthday

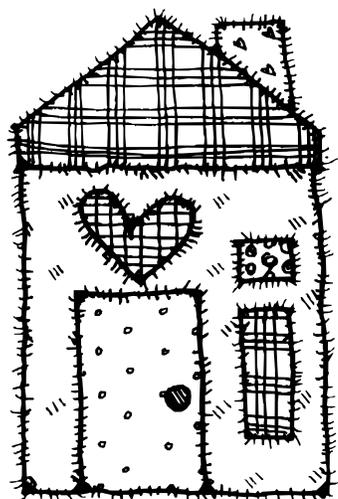
Skew the A, is a smaller quilt with a unique checkerboard design definitely on the skew.

Workshop committee: Marjie Butterworth, Paula Pangle

Philanthropy

Please join us on Monday, February 26th at 9:00 at Leah's. We will continue to work on the teen boys quilts for Orangewood. It would be wonderful if any the friendship groups would like to take on the making of a quilt or quilt top.

Please bring: sewing machine, cutting mat, scissors.



Sunshine and Shadows

Did you read the newspaper article about the baby boy born on the way to the hospital in his dad's truck? Our own Veronica Dibble is this little boy's grandmother! Congratulations Veronica!

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Barbara Green. Her dear husband passed away.

The Pinderski's welcomed a new grandson into the family and we congratulate them for that. Life really is about Sunshine and Shadows.

Rachael Severance for your Welcoming Committee

Places to Go, Quilts to See . . .

February 9-10, 2007

Valley Quilters (Hemet, CA) 27th Annual Quilt Show, Valley Wide Recreation Center, 901 Esplanade Ave., San Jacinto, CA 92582. 10 am - 4 pm. Admission \$6. Please, No children under 6 yrs. Over 100 quilts, Philanthropic Quilt, Opportunity Baskets, Vendors, Guild Boutique, Consignment Shop, Hourly Door Prizes, Quilt Appraiser - Julia Zgliniec, food available. Contact Wanda Souza -951-927-8727 or Becky Miller - 951-679-6525 Bec3@earthlink.net

February 10-April 16, 2007

CONTEMPORARY CALIFORNIA ART QUILTS – MODERN QUILT EXHIBITION -- 2/10 – 4/16: As a modern art form, Guest Curator Marinda Stewart has assembled the best regional contemporary art quilts that will inspire awe and delight the imagination. The Santa Barbara Historical Society Museum located at 136 E. De la Guerra Street , Santa Barbara , CA., is open to the public free of charge. Museum hours: Tues. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ; Sun. 12 – 5 p.m. Free parking available on-site.

February 11, 2007

Quilt Appraisal Fair – 2/11 Julie Silber, The Quilt Complex. Covarrubias Adobe and Lower Courtyard. Verbal appraisal - \$20; Written appraisal - \$75 each piece. The Santa Barbara Historical Society Museum located at 136 E. De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara, CA, is open to the public free of charge. Museum hours: Tues. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ; Sun. 12 – 5 p.m. Free parking available on-site.

February 17-18, 2007

South Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show at Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3341 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA. For details: visit our website: www.southbayquiltersguild.org

March 3-4, 2007

Hi Desert Quilt Guild, Ridgecrest, CA presents "Quilts for a Desert Springtime". Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4 at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds. Appraiser Anne Copeland. Over 150 quilts, vendor mall, guild boutique, door prizes. Small Quilt Auction. For more information please e-mail hidesertquiltguild@lycos.com.

March 16-18, 2007

"Fiesta Fantastica 2007!" The 28th Annual Quilt Show of Glendale. Friday, 2 PM - 8 PM; Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM; Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission: 11 yrs. to adult \$9.00. 10 yrs. and under FREE. Hilton Convention Center, Burbank, CA. Quilts, Vendors, Wearables, Dolls, ATCs, and Post Card displays. Friday, Small Quilt Auction and Fashion Show; Saturday, Banquet w/ silent auction, Excellent Classes in a variety of techniques. Teachers: Wendy Butler Berns, Dale Fleming, Ruth Hutches, Diane Ricks, Anita Shackelford, Christine Shively, Sharon Pederson, Karen K. Stone, Mary Stori and Zena Thorpe. For detailed information: call 818.337.8458 - 818.759.6515, or e-mail gggquiltshow07@earthlink.net or go to www.glendalequiltguild.org/

March 29-31, 2007

Canyon Quilters is hosting The Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar featuring Ricky Tims, Alex Anderson and Libby Lehman at the California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido. For more info go to www.rickytims.com and click on "San Diego Super Quilt Seminar to print out the registration form.

April 21, 2007

SCCQG Meeting – Host: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild. Topic: TBD