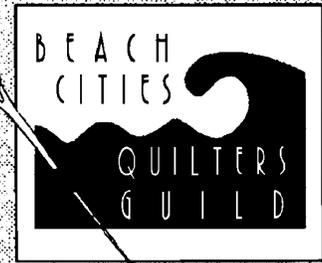


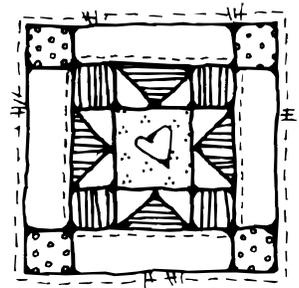
STITCHES IN THE SAND



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MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 11, 2007
HAPPY (HALF) HOUR: 6:30 - 7:00 P.M.
BUSINESS: 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.
PLACE: Marco Forster Middle School



Kelly Gallagher-Abbott

We are so lucky to have Kelly Gallagher-Abbott as our speaker in January. Kelly is educated in the science and art of nursing and continues to work as a high-risk labor and delivery nurse. She has always been very interested in textiles and art; thus, she has become a very accomplished quilter, lecturer, and teacher. She is not only the curator of the Hoffman Challenge, but she designs fabric, creates patterns, and has written several books.

Marsha Burns, Programs

A PEEK AT FUTURE PROGRAMS

February	Cathy Miller	March	Lyn Mann
April	Members Showcase	May	Patt Blair
June	Peggy Martin		

Bettie's Bits and Pieces

Wasn't our December Auction, Rummage Sale and Silent Auction simply amazing? As our auctioneer, Lyn Mann did her usual awesome job. Laurie Sageser, Marianne Cunningham and their respective committees did an absolutely incredible job. They put in many long hours over the last few months. And it certainly showed. This was the BEST December we have ever had and we have these ladies to thank for it. I was just dazzled as I walked into the room. It was bright and cheerful and you could just feel the excitement. I know I say this often, but our guild is the BEST EVER!!!

By the time you get this, we will be celebrating the new year of 2007. I just can't believe the speed of this past year. I will do the usual things I do to celebrate the new year, have a great dinner and then fall asleep while waiting for the ball to drop in Time Square. I tell you, I have not managed to be awake at that time for many a year. I will also set my new year resolutions that I will break within 2 weeks. You know the ones, I'm going to lose weight, I'll go to the gym, I'll give up chocolate... Ahh, well, that one normally lasts about twelve hours. I just can't go a day without chocolate. I hope that if you have any resolutions for 2007, that you will have more discipline than I. This month's tidbit was provided by Julie Vlahos. When sewing small pieces of fabric together, they often get stuck or jammed in my machine. What happens is the fabric gets pushed down the hole in the bottom plate by the needle, thus jamming your machine. If you use a "starter" piece of fabric, you will not have that problem and it also helps you keep the threads trimmed. You can use a piece of scrap fabric or muslin. The good thing about the starter is that you can use it over and over and over again.

I hope you have a safe and Happy New Year!

**May you always have a quilt to quilt on.
Bettie**



It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year . . .

Yes, it's that time of year when all the shopping, decorating, wrapping, baking, arguing, un-decorating, returning gifts and making-up are over! Finally, January, February and March, the quiet months of winter. Time for reflection. Time for quilting. Time to get back to the important matters in life . . . making your Spring Tea Challenge Quilt!

This year's theme "It's All About Me" is your chance to share a little something about yourself with the guild. We encourage you to make a quilt that is a reflection of who you are, what you do, who you love or how you live. It can be traditional, abstract, painstakingly appliquéd or fused in five minutes. It may include photo transfers, buttons, beads or keepsakes. It could even be an actual reflection of you, and since it's how you see yourself, you could be looking mighty fine! We welcome all quilts, dolls and decorative items. The main requirement is that your entry tells us something about you. This is your chance to be a star!

We encourage all members to participate in the Challenge. Mark your calendars for our fabulous Spring Tea and Tour on Saturday, April 28th. The final forty kits will be available for sale at the January meeting and tickets will go on sale at the February meeting. You won't want to miss it!

Marian Mapes, Spring Tea and Tour Chairman
Julie Greenspan, Spring Tea Challenge Chairman



Hospitality

Thank you, Jaine Culbertson, Rennie Faith and Bobbi Tannin for the extremely festive Christmas and Hanukkah hospitality table. Thank you ladies for signing up to host the table in March. So gracious!

Next month the table will be hosted by the Material Possession Girls. Thank you ahead of time. And we already have groups signed up for February and March.

Anyone is invited to bring something to share. Don't forget to fill out your extra pink or gold ticket if you do contribute food! The tickets that were filled out this month will be placed in the Door Prize Box for January.

Thanks to all who bring the coffee, hot water and decaf, too—those that drink would sorely miss it if it weren't for you girls pitching in, so many thanks.

See you in January,

Sharon and Eileen

Workshops

January Workshop: Kelly Gallagher Abbott- “Jukebox Quilts”
Friday Jan 12th , again Saturday Jan 13th two – one day workshops
Leah’s Mission Viejo, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Cost \$30.00

Kelly was kind enough to send a sample of her work, this quilt represents a challenge that she did for Simply Quilts, and we will be able to create a larger version, during the workshop while we learn her unique techniques that will be explained in her lecture.

January 16th 2007: Road to California: Bus Trip.

We hope to get together a bus trip that offers ‘Take the Bus and leave the driving to someone else’, as well as a fun time while traveling. From the signups thus far most requests have been for Saturday Jan. 16th 2007 (only two requests for Friday).

Cost will be \$30.00 this year (due to increased fuel cost).
This trip promises to be fun and an opportunity to attend an exciting show.

February Workshop: Cathy Miller
Friday , Feb 9th , again Sat Feb 10th two- one day workshops
Material Possessions, 10:30 AM-4:30 PM Cost \$30.00

Cathy will be teaching the best ways to use freezer paper, both on top and bottom of appliquéd pieces. We will be making a mask in the West Coast Indian style (Haidi) using traditional colors. This class is appropriate for beginners and promises to be a unique learning experience for everyone.

March Workshop: Lynn Mann

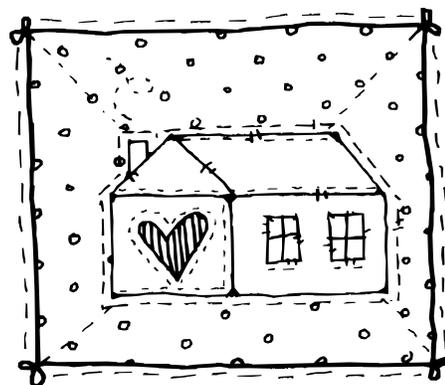
April Workshop: Members Showcase



Welcoming

The next New Members Tea is set for Jan. 24 and will be hosted by Elaine Pappas-Puckett. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know each other and to help new members find their way around the guild. If you do not receive your invitation please contact one of us on the Welcoming Committee.

Rachael Severance



“The Auction’s Over At Last”

Here we are again (your Ways and Means committee and Rummage Committee)! We have survived this years Live and Silent Auctions and the rummage was a world unto it’s self, if you didn’t visit rummage you really missed out. Now for those who don’t know after expenses we cleared over \$10,000.00 just like Marianne and I planed to all along. Okay we didn’t go much over the 10 grand, the actual number was \$10,046.56 but we broke the standing record. It is all thanks to you. First we need to say thanks for all the items you so generously gave us, Thanks for showing up and bringing your friends to buy the items and last but for us the most important thank you goes to our helpers who so unselfishly gave of their time during the prime holiday shopping season. So Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, for all the hard work put in by all our helpers, without all of you this auction and rummage would not have been possible. A special thank you goes to Lyn Mann who did a wonderful and entertaining job as our auctioneer. We all had a ball preparing for the December festivities and hope everyone who attended left with all the things their heart and pocketbook desired. We had well in excess of 300 items not including the 23 in the live auction and after all the dust settled only four items received no bids. I forgot Marianne and I skipped four numbers for last minutes add-ins and thought we had eight left over items but it seemed everyone liked the wares we had on display. Thank you all again for making this such a success for the Guild and for Marianne and I. Enjoy all those presents who ever gets them in the end.

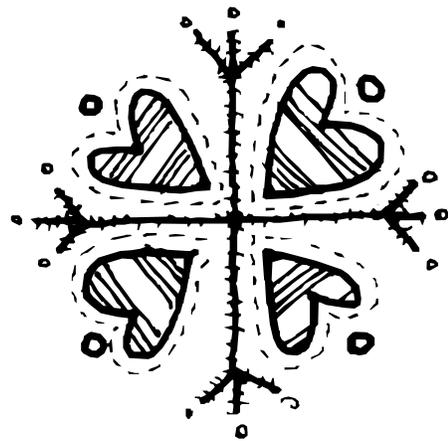
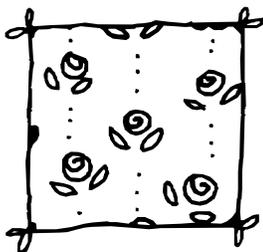
Laurie Sageser & Marianne Cunningham

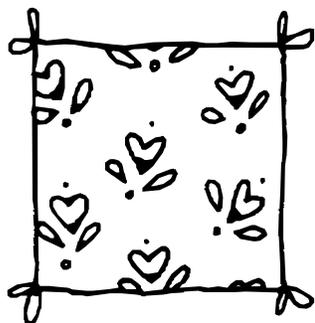
BLOCK PARTY

We had great participation for the December Block Party. Seventy (70) blocks were turned in. We had four winners of ten blocks each and three winners of nine blocks each - Jean Carr, Helen Brassaw, Peggy Reischman, Deborra Singletary, Susan Peart, Megan Lord, and Sandra Silbernagel. Congratulations to all who won! Much thanks to everyone who participated.

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





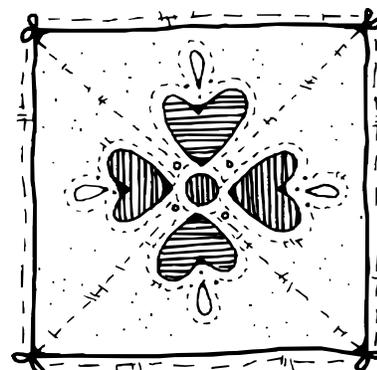
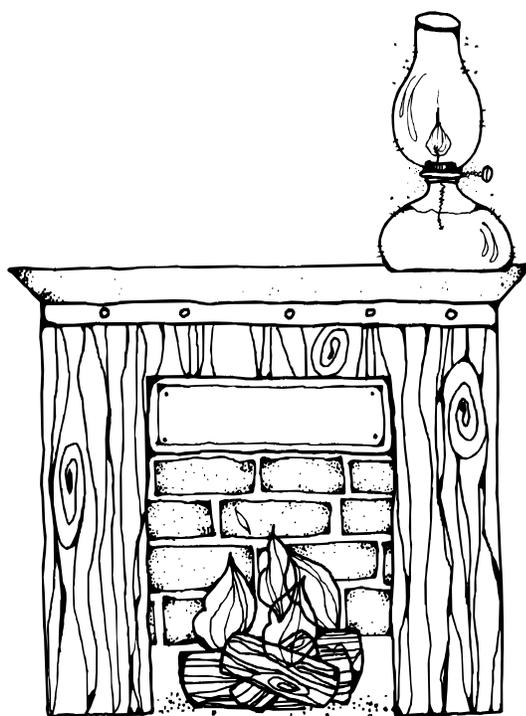
Opportunity Quilt Blocks Due

Opportunity Quilt block kits that were picked up at the October and November meetings are due at the January meeting. Those strips of yellow, orange, green, purple, etc. fabrics in that little plastic bag need to be sewn with your own scraps into an uneven log cabin per instructions in the bag. Call Jan (363-0533) or email Janhirth@cox.net if you have any questions.



“Nosegays for Helen” Quilt Winner Announced

Diane and John Collins were the winners of the Nosegays for Helen quilt. Their name was drawn at the December meeting. And the nosegays really are for Helen as Diane and John felt that Helen should have the quilt because of all the love for her that went into making it. They presented her with the quilt the day after the meeting. Proceeds from the ticket sales were over \$5500. Helen will have two more chemo treatments in the coming months.



Membership

December Attendance:
225 members & guests

There are currently 469 members in good standing and 9 newsletter subscribers.

Welcome new members: Inga Buell, Paisley Greenspan and Susanna Keesee.

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.

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The new directories and membership cards will be available at the January meeting. If your friends are unable to attend, please get theirs as well as your own.
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If you cannot attend the January meeting, fear not, they will be available at all future meetings. However, 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 Tercero, Mission Viejo, CA 92691 and I will mail it to you. No other size envelope will be accepted.

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, Julie Montoya and Diane Reho for helping me count at the December meeting.

Nancy McBride

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AND YOUR
FRIENDS BE MANY

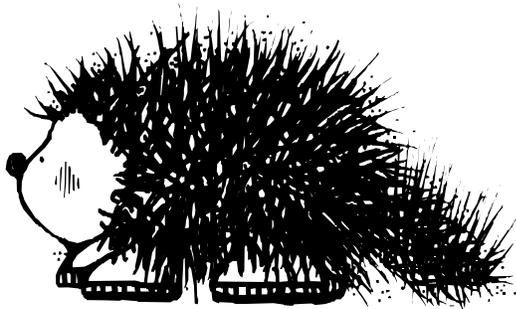
January Birthdays



Show and Tell

Due to the December rummage and auction event, Show and Tell wasn't held. We'll resume the Show and Tell "road show" at the January meeting. Please bring in your beautiful quilts, tops and UFOs to show and share. Happy New Year!

Becky, Polly and Keri



Lisa Pool	1
Lynn Blackburn	2
Peggy Jaffe	3
Patricia Potter	3
Rosemarie Treher	3
Rose Larson	4
Carolle Schuegraf	4
Renate Gase	5
Peggy Linton	6
D' Mauerman	6
Toni Selman	7
Jaine Culbertson	8
Jennie Atwood	9
Carol Mayer	11
Geneva Wilson	12
Sue Haw	13
Vickie Volchok	13
Barbara Roberts	14
Aleida Doll	15
Ardie Chamness	16
Megan Lord	16
Claire Bell	17
Karen Harvey	17
Laurie Peden	17
Deana Progar	19
Donna Bradshaw	21
Judy Freund	22
Sally Gard	23
Mary Farrand	24
Julia Neff Maben	24
Mary Throop	24
Linda Martinez	25
Emily Pugmire	25
Emile Leighty	27
Renee Svarc	27
Karen Langham	28
Arline Stroup	28
Elaine Johnston	29

9:00 9:00 9:00 PHILANTHROPY 9:00 9:00 9:00

Philanthropy will once again meet at 9:00 on the 4th Monday, Jan.22nd. This month we will be sewing for teen boys at Orangewood. They permanently live there because the parents could not take care of them or they have been abused. These are good kids who have not done anything wrong and could really appreciate a quilt. We will have some of the blocks precut and ready to sew, some will be cut there. The quilts will be done in 2 different color schemes, medium to dark blues and greens, and tans, browns, and golds. If you have some appropriate fabrics you would like to donate, they can be precut to measure 4" by 42" and 5" by 42" - sport themes are always great. Items can always be dropped off at Leah's. Please come and learn a fun, fast new pattern.

Many thanks go to our long armers who stepped up for us during our Wounded Warrior Project, and once again may we ask for help for these larger quilts?

Items to bring: sewing machines---we really need sewers--scissors
cutters, mats and marking pencils, dark and light

Questions have come up regarding the giving of our quilts

Orangewood is a big concern for displaced children

Marines--we try to supply enough lap quilts for all incoming wounded

Baby Boot Camp--the Marines are having 200 babies a MONTH [Military
Outreach Ministry]

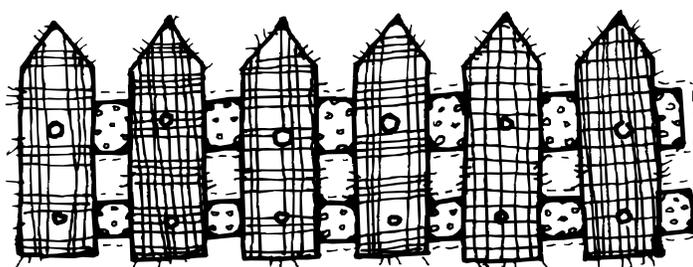
San Clemente Sr. Center [through meals on wheels]

2 board and care facilities

Cancer caps and pillows

We have been asked to donate to Choc at Mission Hosp.

Last year 547 members produced 355 quilts. This year we would like to challenge every member to donate 2 quilts or quilt tops. Imagine the possibilities! Precut kits with VERY easy patterns can always be picked up at the philanthropy table next to the desserts, and we all know where that is!



Secret Sisters

This month we got together for a lovely tea and ornament exchange. This is a wonderful group of ladies and we are all getting to know each other well. In January we will be making our own cards with the help of Jhone Hardesty and Renate Gase with "Stampin' Up". Watch for your invitation for when and where.

We hope to see all of the Secret Sisters there.

Martha and Donna

Places to Go, Quilts to See . . .

January 13, 2007:

SCCQG Meeting – Host: Glendale Quilt Guild. Topic: Contracts

January 25-28, 2007: Join the Traveling Quilters for a Quilt-Away Weekend in Temecula. Four days to do nothing but sew and visit with friends! For information contact lynn@travelingquilters.com

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

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 hide-

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

April 21, 2007: SCCQG Meeting – Host: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild. Topic: Joint quilt shows and events

April 27 & 28, 2007: High Country Quilters Present, "APRIL SHOWERS OF QUILTS", Chimbole Cultural Center, 38350 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale, CA 93550. Friday April 27 - 12 noon to 6 pm, Saturday, April 28 - 10 am to 5 pm. General admission \$7.00 or \$10.00 for both days, Seniors \$5.00 (62 plus), Children under 12 - \$5.00, Husbands – Free

MEMORIES...
LIKE QUILTS ARE
STITCHED
WITH LOVE!