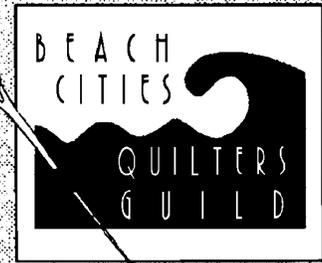


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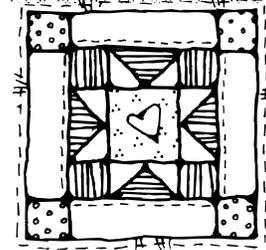
# STITCHES IN THE SAND



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**March 2007**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 8, 2007  
HAPPY (HALF) HOUR: 6:30 - 7:00 P.M.  
BUSINESS: 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.



PLACE: **Bell Tower Community Center  
22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita**

**Lyn Mann**

Lyn is a local quilter that everyone loves. Her quilting began in the early 80's when she took dozens of quilting classes and then began to create her own patterns. Since then she has taught throughout the western U.S.; some of which are Road to California, Quilt Utah, Camp Watch-A-Patcher, Quilting in the Pines, just to mention a few. She is known for her "mystery quilts" that are often found as popular features in guild newsletters.

She believes quilting is a wonderful way to express one's creativity and enjoys infecting her students with the quilting bug and seeing her students find meaning and satisfaction.

Lyn has donated immeasurable hours to BCQG by "playing" auctioneer at so many of our functions. Did I mention that she is bringing 30 to 40 quilts? Join us and see one of our own members who has been a huge influence not only many of us but the entire quilting society.

Now...we are meeting at RSM for this meeting, see above address. We will be having "meet the speaker" dinner at Canyon Fireside Grille, at 5:00 P.M., in RSM.

I look forward to seeing each of you at this meeting; it is going to be a very fun evening!

**Marsha Burns.Programs**

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## Bits and Pieces from Bettie

WOW. That is all I can say about February's program. I was delighted with Cathy and John. If you missed it, then any time in the future you have the opportunity to go and see them, I would highly encourage you to do so. They were just great and the evening was very entertaining!

March is here and I am getting excited about our Sewing Room Tour, Luncheon and Challenge. If you have not signed up yet to participate, please be sure to give Marian Mapes, Julie Greenspan, Sheryl Smith-Bailey or Pat Pardoen a call. They are working very hard at getting this all together and part of the success of this event is with your participation. There are many things that you can do to help. Believe me; you really do enjoy it much better if you help out. And remember, if you do, you get to go on the sewing room tour the evening before the event for a "Private" showing!!!

I am VERY EXCITED!! My youngest granddaughter; Skye; celebrates her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. She is adorable and definitely walks to the beat of a different drummer. Skye is never at a loss for words. Savannah (my other and oldest granddaughter) is making her sister a quilt for her birthday. It is Illinois Road and she is doing a great job. I am excited that it was her idea and she asked me to help her make it. Ahhh, another quilter. It makes me happy that I can pass on this wonderful passion to another generation. I'll have to encourage her to bring it to the guild meeting in April.

Well everyone, have a great March and as always –

**May you always have a quilt to quilt on!**  
**Bettie Blauser**

## LOCATION CHANGE FOR OUR MARCH MEETING

**Do not go to Marco Forster School for our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

Our guild is not able to meet there 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](http://www.belltowerfoundation.org).

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## GUILD MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO TEA...

That's right---ticket sales to the Spring Tea and Tour for guests as well as members have begun. The cost for the tour and the luncheon will be \$23. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Elaine Pappas-Puckett at the March guild meeting. You may purchase tickets for other guild members if they are unable to attend. If you are purchasing tickets for other members, separate checks are not required and you do not need to stand in two different lines. Ticket sales are final unless we have a waiting list. Get your tickets early---this is always a popular Guild event. Contact Elaine Pappas-Puckett or Marian Mapes if you have any questions.

### **The Fabulous BCQG Spring Event is Coming Soon!**

Don't forget to buy your ticket for the **Spring Tea and Sewing Room Tour**, to be held Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at JSerra Catholic High School in San Juan Capistrano. It's a fun filled day for all members and guests, and guaranteed to make you smile. Contact Elaine Pappas-Puckett for tickets.

The Challenge entries are always amazing. This year's theme, "It's All About Me," is sure to bring a variety of entries from our wonderfully creative members. A few Challenge kits are still available, so contact Julie Greenspan if you want to purchase one. There is plenty of time left to start AND finish your entry.

Volunteers are still needed to help the day of the event. A special Sewing Room Tour for volunteers is held on Friday night before the Tea. Contact Marian Mapes if you want to volunteer. Anyone interested in helping with fresh garden flowers for the decorations should contact Sheryl Smith-Bailey.

Please work on your Challenge entries. These are the highlight of the event. We'll have entries from teens to, well, those of us who are in our more golden years. It's all about having FUN!

good friends  
& make  
good times  
& even better!

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## Library News

### Bring your membership card

In order to ensure that only current guild members are checking-out the guild's books, we are now asking that all members bring their guild membership cards to the library to check-out books.

### New Books

French Braid Quilts by Jane Hardy Miller and Arlene Netten  
Fourteen quick quilts with dramatic results.

Crowning Glories by Lerlene Nevaril  
Nine quilt projects. Discover the arrow crown block.

The Art Quilt – Quilt Visions 2006 By San Diego/Quilt Visions  
The Oceanside Museum of Art 2006 Exhibition featuring art quilts.  
This book was given to the guild by San Diego/Quilt Visions for a donation received from Beach Cities Quilt Guild.

Enjoy the new books and thank you for your co-operation with your membership card.

**Diane Reho**



## SECRET SISTERS



### Sunshine and Shadows

Thank you to Elaine Pappas- Puckett for sharing her home for the New Members Tea. We really enjoyed your hospitality.

We have already started planning the next Tea and will announce the date at the next meeting. We were saddened to hear that Karen Kowalchuk's father-in-law has passed away.

**Rachael Severance for Welcoming**

In January, the Secret Sisters Group had a wonderful workshop at Jhone Hardesty's house where we stamped gift bags and cards and tags. Jhone and Renate Gase taught us several easy and creative techniques with Stampin Up materials. We have planned several more activities for the spring. In February, we will visit Barbara Thieme's house for a shopping day. In March we are planning a day trip to the Glendale Quilt Show. In April we are going to get busy and have a Sew-In at Leah's, and in May we will have a block exchange. Great group, lots of fun!

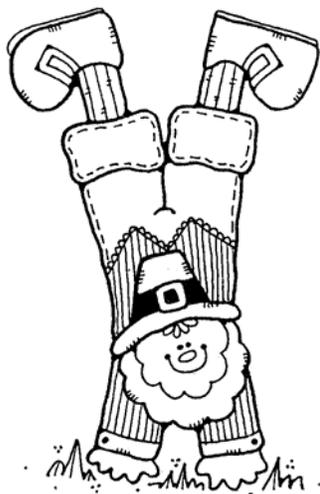
**Martha Hurlburt & Donna Wester**

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## Monthly Mini

February's mini was a stunning heart shaped applique pillow beautifully executed by Maxine McLachlan. Maxine moved to So. California about 6 years ago and lucky for us found the guild through Leah's. She lives in Rancho Santa Margarita with a very supportive husband and two teenage daughters who have very strong opinions about the types of quilts they like her to make. Also two Bengal cats who are much less critical and love quilting. As anyone owned by a cat knows - they can't resist a quilt! The sweet pillow was won by Kris Kouzelos.

**Janet Cook, Wendy Price, and Mary Arntz**



**\*\*Thank You to all of our Door Prize Donors\*\***

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

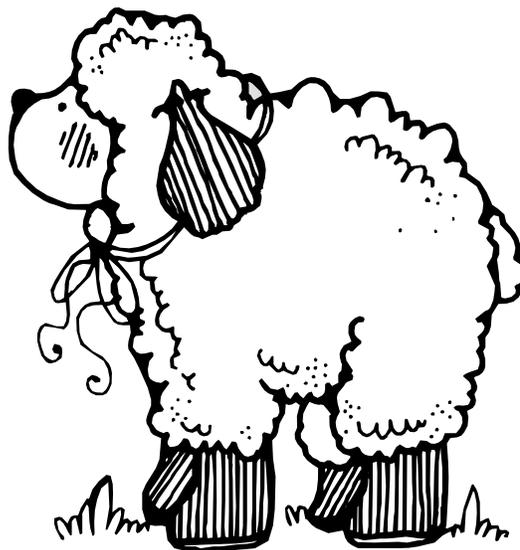
## Hospitality

WOW! What a spectacular table the Material Girls provided for us. All of them brought tons of goodies. Thank you, ladies for the treats and for hosting the table! Between the goodies from the Material Girls and the non-hosting members we had a wonderful turnout! There were plenty of treats left over for the workshop groups. Thank you all!

Next month the table will be hosted by Rennie Faith's friendship group. Thank you ahead of time.

We need sign ups for April and May. So get a few friends together and give me or Eileen a call or stop by the hospitality table & sign up. Give it a shot! It's a fun way to support your guild. See you in March.

**Sharon and Eileen**





## Philanthropy

Leah's 9:00 March 26th.

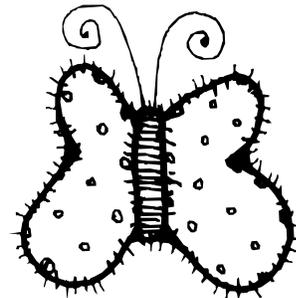
Bring: SEWING MACHINES, and general supplies  
We will finish up on the boys quilts, do easy baby quilts, pin and cut backings.

## BLOCK PARTY

Thanks to everyone who participated in the February Block Party. Fifty Nine (59) blocks were turned in. We had three winners of ten blocks each and three winners of nine blocks each - Betty Korleski, Stella Ljungborg, Joyce Tackner, and Ruth Nahas, Sandra Silbernagel, and Megan Lord. Congratulations to all who won!

Please come visit us at the Block Party Table during the regular meeting.

**Megan Lord, Lupe Maher, and Sandra Silbernagel**



## Wanted!!!

Your support for our US Military- Wounded Warrior Quilts.  
(*Quilts will be donated to wounded military at Camp Pendleton.*)

We need:

Sewers to help assemble quilt tops

Backing fabric

Batting

Quilters to quilt ONE quilt

Next workday Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm at Leah's

Contact Lynn Gast by phone or via email, for more details.

**Our Military thank you!**

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## Show and Tell

Thank you to the following lovely quilters, who shared their creative beauties with us. We love your Show and Tells. Keep them coming!

Becky McDaniel, Keri Follmer and Polly Hada

March Show and Tell Quilts:

<u>Quilter</u>	<u>Title of Quilt</u>
Sara Slygh	Very Berry
Barbara Cotter	As Yet Unnamed
Linda Whitesnake	Turtle Quilt with poem
Sheryl Smith-Bailey	Pat's Memories
Grace Errea	Sunset in Tuscany
Jan Bogikes	Landscape Quilt from Grace's class
Peggy Jaffe	Art Quilt
Sandra Silbernagel	Boys on Boards
Debbi Kulick	It Shouldn't Hurt to Be A Child
Laurie Sageser	Vest
Jurn	Foresman



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## Membership

February Attendance: 253  
Members: 230  
Returning Members: 1  
New Members: 7  
Guests: 13  
Speaker: 2

There are currently 502 Active members and 10 Newsletter subscribers.

Welcome to new members Claudia Evans, Miriam Harris, Sharon Kovac, Gail O'Sullivan, Michael Qualls, Sherrie Smith and Georgeanna Wood. Welcome also to returning member Mary Rightler.

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 Tercero, 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.

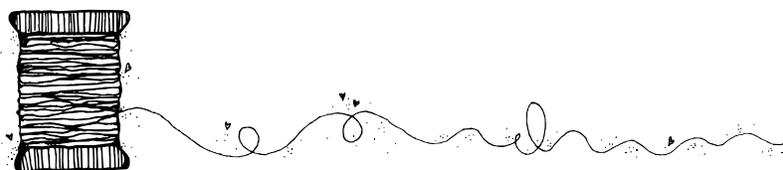
Please remember to wear your name badge at all meetings. It's a great way for new and existing members to get acquainted! (A fine of \$0.25 is payable if it is not worn.) New members are expected to have a badge made within three months of joining the Guild.

Thanks to Lynn Blackburn and Linda Martinez for their help at the Membership table and to Jane Salem and Kris Smith for handing out membership cards and directories.

Nancy McBride  
Vice President, Membership

## March Birthdays

Maureen Wagner	3
Betty Prottas	5
Barbara Korne	6
Pat Hughes	7
Julia Renaud	7
Sally Edwards	9
Sumi Maruyama	11
Larry "Bear" Moore	11
Kathy Stolhand	11
Marjorie Doyer	12
Sue McKee	13
Bette M. Bradley	14
Joan Provance	15
Donna Vidmar	15
Darci Bellamy	16
Soley Wendell	16
Colleen Baker	17
Patricia March	17
Alicia Passarelli	17
Carol Whiteside	18
Patricia Henderson	19
Lyn Mann	20
Ida Mae Monroe	21
Diane Reho	21
Nancy Caster	22
LeAnn Goettel	23
Susan Trindel	24
Carole Bassett	25
Gail Mann	28
Maggie Ezell	30
Allyson Volkman	30
Walli Skrocki	31



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## Workshops

**February note;** those who attended the machine maintenance workshop given by Steve from Singer Sewing Center of Orange County, were delighted with the knowledge that he imparted to us, and all came away with clean and serviced machines. Steve has graciously extended a 30% discount on fabric and notions thru March for BCQG members who show their purple membership card.

**March Workshops:** Lyn Mann will be giving two different workshops

Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> “Happy Birthday” a unique quilt that comes out differently depending on your own personal birth date.

Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> “Skew the A Word” this one is asymmetrical on purpose

Leah’s Mission Viejo, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM both days. Cost \$30.00 each

**April Workshops:** Member teachers will be: Bettie Blausen & Collette McManus

Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> our lucky day Bettie will teach us about “String Cleaning”

A perfect time to make use of all that stash, or clean out your scraps. “This quilt even looks great with ugly fabrics.” Some pre preparation is advised so you can really get moving on this project during the class.

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> Collette will share her technique for an amazing machine appliqué.

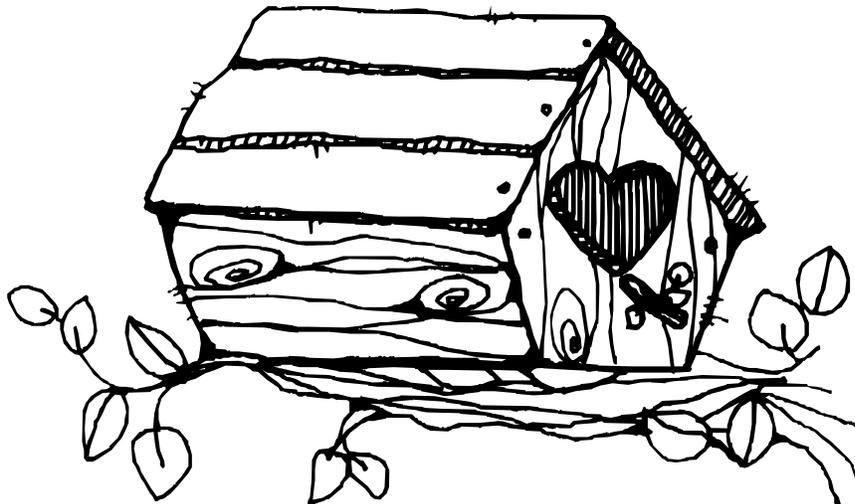
This one is especially good for those of us who are “hand appliqué” challenged, however if you prefer to do it by hand she will also help you with that technique. Take a look at her sample; it is so beautiful and possible for all of us to accomplish.

Tall Mouse Laguna Niguel 10:00 AM- 3:30 PM both days Cost \$10.00 (a bargain)

**May Workshop:** Patt Blair, Artist turned quilter, will offer something unique.

**Workshop Committee: Marjie Butterworth, Paula Pangle**

You may call or E-mail if you wish to participate in a workshop and have not signed up at a meeting. Phone #'s and E-mail are listed in the membership roster



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## Places to Go, Quilts to See . . .

**May 19-20, 2007:** Antelope Valley Quilt Association's 30th Anniversary Quilt Show, "Poppies and Pearls," will be held at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Eliopulos Pavilion, 2551 W. Avenue H in Lancaster. Hours are 10-5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. Quilt Auction on Saturday at 1:00. Fashion Show on Sunday at 1:00. There will be vendors, door prizes, a boutique, demonstrations, and drawings for an opportunity quilt and a Janome Jem. Admission is \$7.00 for both days. Husbands and children under 12 are free. Parking is \$3.00. For more information, see [www.avqa.org](http://www.avqa.org), or call Dawn at 661-943-4445. The admission price for groups of 10 or more is \$5 each

**May 31-June 3, 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 [pam@travelingquilters.com](mailto:pam@travelingquilters.com) or visit our website at [www.travelingquilters.com](http://www.travelingquilters.com)

**June 2007:** Orange County Quilters Guild Quilt Show at Anaheim First Christian Church, 520 W. South Street in Anaheim. Featured artist: Donna O'Brien Director: Gail Conser, phone 714-345-638, email [gaconser@earthlink.net](mailto:gaconser@earthlink.net)

**July 12-15 and 19-22, 2007:** 2007 Southern California Quilters Run. Hours will be 9 AM to 9 PM Thursday through Saturday, and Sunday, 9-5. Believe it or not, there are 37 shops on board this next year

**July 21, 2007: SCCQG Meeting - Host: Central Coast Quilt Guild Topic: Meet the Teachers**

**August 4-5, 2007:** Santa Monica Quilt guild Quilt Show at Loyola Marymount College. Quilts on display, quilt auction, guild boutique, merchant mall and more! For details visit our website: [www.santamonicaquiltguild.org](http://www.santamonicaquiltguild.org)

**August 20-26, 2007.** Join the Traveling Quilters as we visit the AQS Nashville show and Memphis. For information, contact Sue Glass (372-3945) or [Sue@travelingquilters.com](mailto:Sue@travelingquilters.com) or visit our website [www.travelingquilters.com](http://www.travelingquilters.com)

**September 15-16, 2007:** TLC Quilters presents "Quilt Round-Up at Hurst Ranch" - A members' showcase of quilts. Vendors, silent auction, country store and much more! Saturday & Sunday, September 15 & 16, 2007. For info contact: [tlcquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:tlcquilters@yahoo.com)

