

STITCHES IN THE SAND



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MEETING DATE: Thursday May 11, 2006
HAPPY (HALF) HOUR: 6:30 - 7:00 P.M.
BUSINESS: 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.
PLACE: Marco Forster Middle

Happy
Mother's
Day!

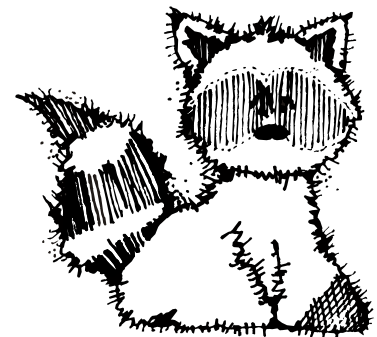
Phil Beaver, father, grandfather -- quilter!

Phil Beaver found quilts and quilt shows by chance in 2000. Some first quilting attempts followed soon after that, but he became serious and more productive as a quilter and quilt teacher in 2003. As of January 2006, he has produced ten large quilts and won 59 major awards, including 9 Best of Show awards. He appeared regularly on HGTV's *Simply Quilts* with Alex Anderson and is often seen on cable's DIY channel, also. His work and quilting accomplishments have been featured in over 50 related magazine publications.

Bettie Blauser
VP Programs

A PEEK AT FUTURE PROGRAMS

June	Nancy Odom
July	Sharon Schamber
August	Patricia Lei Murray
September	Cindy Brick
October	President's Quilt
November	Katie Pasquini Masopust





From the President's Desk

The Member's Showcase really emphasized what a talented group we have. The camaraderie and sense of competition that inspired Veronica, Linda and Jennifer are truly why a guild and friendship groups make us stronger and better as quilters. The range of these wonderful quilters shows the possibilities for creativity and style. Inspiration from Show and Tell also sparks ideas for our next quilts. Well, now that we are inspired, we have to execute. There are lots of distractions; the beauty of our gardens budding up in spring is my main distraction. Even though we really do not have a hard winter, I am so elated to see spring and the colorful flowers and fruit trees in bloom. Working in the garden has taken some time away from quilting; but it actually enhances my quilting since I have a large window in my sewing room that looks out on the garden. I am very fortunate to have this room and the time to enjoy my space. We are getting down to crunch time with only a month to go for the quilt show. I still have many hours of hand quilting to complete my quilt show entry. I hope you are on track with your entries. With over 400 entries and these being the most special quilts of our members, this show is going to be spectacular.

**Happy quilting,
Sheryl**



Guild member Monika Grant will be participating in the Avon Breast Cancer Walk, in Long Beach, September 16 and 17. If you would like to honor a friend, sister, mother or your own fight against breast cancer, please consider becoming a sponsor by calling or emailing Monika.

Nominating Committee Members

Beach Cities Quilters Guild needs **YOU** to be on the Nominating Committee for the slate of Executive Board Officers to be presented at the August meeting and voted on in September. The Committee usually meets only one time probably in late June or July. This is a great way to volunteer to "do something" for the Guild that will really involve a limited time commitment.

Please call Elaine Pappas-Puckett to include your name for this committee.

Quilt Show Items – DUE DATES

All items being displayed in the quilt show will have to be turned in at **Leah's-Mission Viejo** store on one of the following dates. If you have an item that is to be professionally evaluated, please plan to turn it in on Tuesday, May 23rd. or Thursday, May 25th.

You must pick up the envelope with the labels and bagging instructions and a **required, provided** plastic bag at the May Guild meeting or arrange for a friend to pick them up for you. Thank you to those who picked up their envelopes at the April meeting

We will NOT accept any items at the May Guild meeting!

Tuesday	May 23	10 AM to 12 Noon - regular and evaluated items
Thursday	May 25	5 PM to 7 PM - regular and evaluated items
Tuesday	May 30	12 Noon to 2 PM or 4 PM to 6 PM - FINAL TURN IN

Becky Reed and Diane Collins, The Acquisitions Team

QUILT SHOW 2006

“A CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP”

Every committee is very busy working on getting the show ready!! We do appreciate all of the members who have signed up for volunteering in addition to making quilts! We still need more volunteers. Please sign up to give some time to white-glove, set-up & take-down, food, and any other areas that you might be able to volunteer for the show. It is vitally important that each member not only provide quilts but donate time to the show. We will be setting up the show on Friday, June 2, 2006, and we will need help for both Saturday and Sunday in various areas. We cannot do it without YOU.

If you are showing a Challenge quilt in the show, we are asking that you put a sleeve (it can be a temporary one) on the back. This is because we are not allowed to pin into the drapes, so in order to hang these quilts, we must have a 4” sleeve on them.

Opportunity tickets and show entrance tickets will be available at the May meeting. The entrance tickets will be \$5.00 at that meeting but will increase to \$7.00 after the meeting and at the door. You will want to purchase them now at a savings! There will be basket a for the person who brings in the most opportunity tickets at the May meeting also.

This is an exciting time and so many people are working so hard to make this show a success, and we thank each of you for your time and effort. We truly could not make this happen without each of you.

Kathy Stolhand and Marsha Burns
Co-chairs quilt show 2006

Making a Sleeve for Hanging Your Quilt

1. Measure the width of the quilt between the bindings but not including them.
2. Cut a strip of fabric 6-9" wide by this length. If the length requires two strips, join the strips with a 1/4" seam allowance; press seam allowances to one side.
3. Hem the short ends of the strip by folding under 1/2", pressing, then folding and pressing once more. Topstitch close to the edge of the hem.
4. Fold the sleeve in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and press.
5. Bring each cut edge to the center fold and press. These two folds are your sewing guides so press them crisply.
6. Unfold and, wrong sides together, sew the length of the sleeve with a 1/4" seam allowance. Press this seam open very carefully so that the crisply pressed folds are not ironed out.
7. With the seam allowance against the lining, center the sleeve and pin the top fold just below the binding.
8. Smooth the sleeve against the lining and pin at the bottom fold.
9. Using thread to match, blindstitch along both folds and ends of sleeve. To reduce the pull on the lining, catch some of the batting in the stitches but not the front of the quilt

VOLUNTEER FOR THE QUILT SHOW!!!!!!!

The success of the Beach Cities Quilt Guild show on June 3-4, 2006, is dependent on the volunteer efforts of ALL members. Listed below is a partial list of jobs that need volunteers. Please note that some of these jobs need to be done before the show itself. This a great opportunity to help the guild. Volunteer sign-ups will be available at the May meeting. WE COUNT ON YOUR HELP.

SETUP: Many people are needed on Friday, June 2, 2006, to hang our glorious quilts and dolls. Volunteer for a few hours or all day. Great way to meet people, and lunch is provided on this day!

FOOD: This is the perfect job for the member who works full-time or has a busy schedule. We provide a continental or light breakfast and snacks to our vendors, so we need people to bake muffins, cookies, and snacks for our wonderful vendors for both Saturday and Sunday.

WHITE GLOVE HOSTESSES: Friendly and warm quilters are needed to show off our wonderful quilts, garments, and dolls. Beginning at 10:00 A.M. on both Saturday and Sunday, white glove hostesses are needed to work two-hour shifts. People love to see the backs of the quilts. Some of the white glove ladies will also need to sit on chairs at the exits and make sure no one walks off with our precious items. If you're coming to the show anyway, why not volunteer 2 hours of your time!

TICKET SALES: We need several volunteers to work 2 or 3-hour shifts to sell tickets and hand out programs to our guests. Collecting admissions is important--this is the money we use for our great speakers!

OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKET SALES: So many people will want to buy tickets for our opportunity quilt that we will need members to sell tickets. This is great for members who need to sit down.

AUCTION: The auction will be held on Saturday. Volunteers are needed to show quilts, register participants, and escort those lucky winners to the cashier. If you can work on Saturday only, this exciting event is for you! You might even see a quilt you can not live without!!

TAKE-DOWN: When our show closes, we need people at 4:00 on Sunday to take down the quilts and give them to their makers. If you have to pick up your entry on Sunday, why not lend a hand for a few hours.

HOWEVER, you need to sign up so we can count on you and for security reasons as well. Don't forget to sign up at the Quilt Show Table during the May meeting!!! Just look for the balloons and you will find the Quilt Show Table!!



WHITE GLOVES

Our Quilt Show is coming upon us soon and I need your assistance with White Gloving. I will be at the guild meetings in April and May taking sign-ups for volunteers. I need volunteers to work 2-hour shifts from 10 AM to NOON; NOON to 2 PM; and 2 PM to 4 PM each day. I will have a few sitting jobs but most will require standing and walking. The duties include showing our guests the backs of the quilts along with telling them anything you may know about the quilt or quilter. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet other quilters.

You can also call or e-mail me to sign up. Be sure to let me know which day and which two-hour time slot you'd prefer. I'll get back to you to confirm your request. Thank you in advance for your time. This quilt show would not be a success with you.

Janice

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE.....SOLD!!!

FantaSea of Quilts - Quilt Auction on Saturday, June 3rd, at 1:00 PM

BCQG has had a quilt auction during the last several quilt shows, and it is a very popular event, both with members and guests. But to go forward with this fun money-making auction, we need your participation. We need your donations of Quilts (any size), Dolls, Garments, and Personal Accessories to help make this a successful affair.

The quilt show and auction are the Guild's major fundraiser, and the profits not only continue to fund the Beach Cities Quilters Guild for the following two years, but the money earned at the auction assists the Guild in providing Nationally and Internationally known speakers each month. The auction proceeds also help to keep the workshop fees at an affordable level when our famous speakers are charging 2 or 3 times the workshop prices set by BCQG.

Please help us have the "Best Auction Ever" by bringing your donations to the April or May Guild Meetings, (Quilt Show Table).

You may also request the quilt item be picked up from your home. Any Questions ... Please call:

Maggie Ezell

Pat Pardoen

Karen Kowalchuk



April Show and Tell

Jan Hirth	"Do You Sewdoku?" sewn after becoming addicted to the game, Sudoku, and 9 patch with large Asian prints mixed with polka dots.
Suzette Blake	"Frogs Are My Friends" made for a nephew and his wife, "Spring Garden" made for a niece
Marianne Cunningham	"Pink Cotton Candy" made from batiks won at March's meeting.
Sharon Wilhite	"Autumn's Splendor" She used 24 quarter-yard fabrics.
Jaine Culbertson	No name, was designed and machine quilted by Jaine
Helen Brassaw	Irish Basket, will donate to the Christmas auction
Karen Kowalchuk	"Andrew's Star" incorporated Thimbleberry fabrics with a great Jinny Beyer border fabric.
Annicc Douglas	Log cabin pattern, given to Vitas Hospice, in memory of my husband
Susan Staebell	Quilt bought at an estate sale, would like to date it and clean it. HELP!!!
Polly Hada	"EGBOK, Everything's Gonna Be Okay," made for a friend recovering from breast cancer
Julie Vlahos	
and Dee Martin	Simple and sensational purses
Julie Greenspan	"Thanks A Bunch For Helping Us Grow," a wall hanging made with students' portraits to be given to their fifth grade teacher.
Nancy Ganske	"Tally in a Quiet Moment," a wallhanging made from a class at Road to California of her cats.
Sharon Wilhite	"Screened Kitties," a screen bag from Nancy Otta's class.
Barbara Mc Farland	"A River Runs Thru It," her first mystery quilt
Scrapbaggers club	"Lots of Dots" or "Out Damn Spot," 28 ladies exchanged dots and these were the results.

PRESIDENT'S QUILT 2006



It's that time of year again; the time to honor President Sheryl Smith-Bailey for all her hard work by making her a wonderful quilt. Sheryl has chosen "Under the Sea" for her theme.

Please keep in mind the following:

- COLORS:**
- * Background - Blue/Aquamarine – the color of water NOT SKY BLUE
 - * Bright colors for fish and coral
 - * Greens for seaweed
 - * Remember BRIGHT COLORS
- PATTERNS:**
- * Fish – Many types and colors: Octopus, Whale, Lobster, Crabs, Sea Horse, Eel, Star Fish, Jelly Fish, etc.
 - * Coral – Fan Coral, Staghorn, etc.
 - * Shells – Sand Dollar, Scallop, Abalone, Conch, Barnacles. Mussels, Clam Shell with Pearl, etc.
 - * Anchor, Mermaid – THINGS YOU WOULD FIND "UNDER THE SEA"
 - * LET THE CREATIVE JUICES FLOW
- DIMENSIONS:** Your block should measure 5 ½" unfinished – 5" finished. If you are appliquéing, please make your block larger. DO NOT TRIM YOUR BLOCK.
- NO-NO:**
- * NO BLACK/WHITE (unless you are making an Orca Whale), AUNT GRACE, PASTELS, GRAY TONES
 - * NO BIRDS, FLOWERS OR THINGS NOT FOUND "UNDER THE SEA"

Please feel free to embellish your block, but if you are going to add anything that might be breakable, such as beads, shells, etc., put it in a baggie and pin it to your block.

Please sign your block (first and last name) using permanent ink or embroidery. Avoid signing in the margins. Pens will be available for you to use at the guild meetings.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE BLOCKS WILL BE THE JULY 13TH MEETING.

You can also mail your block to me (my address is in the roster).

Make sure to stop by the President's quilt table at the Guild meeting for ideas and to see sample blocks. We will need workers to help with Sheryl's quilt; sign-up sheets for various jobs will be at the table, also. We want everyone to participate.

Any questions, contact Pat Pardo.

**Pat Pardo
Past President**

HOSPITALITY

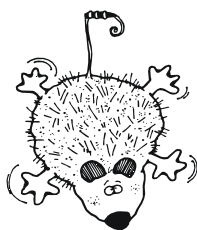
WOW!! Did you all see what a *spectacular* table the Stitches of the Night provided for us! I think it was one of the most beautiful tables I have seen for the 5 years I've been in Guild! Sharon Scholfield provided the wonderful pastel table cloths, silver trays and the spring napkins. She and Leonora Tucker brought the bunnies. Lillie Shearer supplied the basket of marigolds. Polly Hada brought the chocolate dipped strawberries, deviled eggs and the linens to line the napkin baskets. Jeannie Downey set up the big basket of silk flowers and the large decorative baskets. Charleen Eames was key in the set up. And all of them brought TONS of goodies! Thank you, Ladies! It just goes to show that you don't have to have a huge group to do a nice hospitality table.

The Dining Divas will host for May, and the brand spanking new friendship group, the Bobbin Babes, will host the June table. Thanks to you all! And thanks to all who step up to help carry the supply boxes and coolers to and from my car. See you in May.

Barbara and Emily

Membership

April Attendance: 218
Members: 205
New Members: 4
Guests: 8
Advertiser: 1



There are currently 537 Active members and 7 Newsletter subscribers.

Welcome to new members who have joined since the March meeting: Jan Bristow, Clare Hallewell, Sue McKee, Teri Seavey.

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.

2005-2006 membership cards and directories are ready and will continue to be distributed at meetings. Please have a friend get yours if you are unable to attend.

Thanks to Linda Martinez, Laverne Armour and Kris Smith for their help at the Membership table.

Thanks!
Janet Cowart

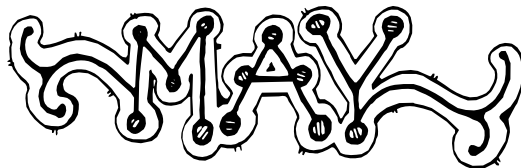
Time to say farewell . . .

I am sad to say that my California adventure is over. I am returning to live full time in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. I want to express my thanks to Beach Cities Quilt guild. When I came here five years ago, I knew no one, but the members of Beach Cities "adopted" me and made me feel so welcome. Thank you to all of you amazing women in this quilting "family."

I became part of two wonderful friendship groups, and I know our friendships will always continue. I had such a great time being a workshops co-chair and getting the opportunity to meet all the wonderful guest artists and the participants.

I extend an open invitation to all to come and visit me at my lake home in the beautiful Northwest.

Happy Quilting Everyone!
Lorna Barrowman



Birthdays

Flower: Lily of the Valley

Birthstone: Emerald

Kathy Stewart	1
Sandra Confalone	3
Sharon Ludwig	3
Jane Zappia	4
Marcia Kuehl	5
Sandy Corbin	6
Sherry Muetzel	7
Kristin Smith	7
Patrice Badir	8
Judy Burrell	8
Bambi Comer	8
Joanne Florence	8
Jeanne Haynes	9
Jan Hirth	9
Charleen Eaves	10
Donna Hauck	10
Mary Arntz	11
Flint Reed	11
Margie Ehrhart	12
Mary Harrigan	12
Elizabeth Brooks	14
Joann Arthur	16
Maggie Bell	16
Cindy Lebus	17
Donna Wagner	17
Ruth Nahas	18
Sushila Sampat	18
Kathy Hutchins	19
Barbara Harley	20
Mary Axtell	21
Patty Mayer	21
Frieda Shull	21
Beverly Peters	22
Carolyn Yamashiro	22
Patricia Kubba	24
Jan Bristow	25
Rosemary Sinacori	25
Sherry Glidden	26
Bonnie Rausch	26
Sheila Hammer	28
Nancy Butler	30
Nancy Gilman	30
Jill Donaldson	31
Deborah Yanes	31

April Door Prizes



Joni Downum - \$25 Gift Cert. - Tall Mouse
Kathy Stewart - Quilt Block Kit - Tall Mouse

Peggy Mayer- Fat Pack Set - Moore's
Teri Seaney - Fat Pack Set - Moore's
Barbara Green - Fat Pack Set - Moore's
Sharon Scholfield - Fat Pack Set - Moore's

Marianne Cunningham - Fat Pack Set - Leah's
Judy Freund - Fat Pack Set - Leah's

Sue Peters - \$20 Gift Cert. - Quilting Divas
Jaine Culbertson - \$20 Gift Cert. - Quilting Divas
Sally Gard - \$20 Gift Cert. - Quilting Divas

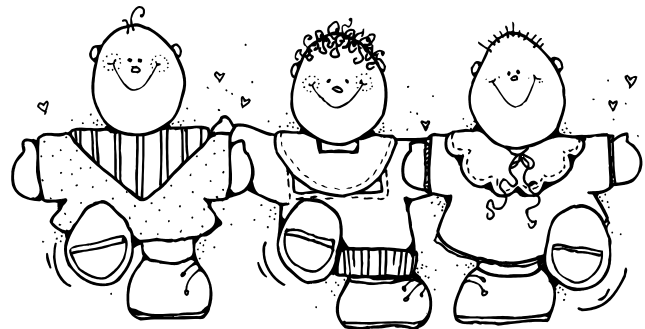
Jan Bogikes - \$10 Gift Cert. - Bear's
Polly Hada - \$10 Gift Cert. - Bear's
Jan Bristow - \$10 Gift Cert. - Bear's

La Verne Armour - Fat Pack Set - Material Possessions
Liz Isom - Fat Pack Set - Material Possessions
Sue Mc Kee - \$15 Gift Cert. - Material Possessions

Sunshine and Shadow

The guild has sent cards, along with our deepest sympathy to Linda Ward and Chandra Gomer who recently lost their mothers. Get Well Wishes have been sent to Jhone Hardesty, Diane Collins, Wendy Hager and Juin Foresman. Congratulations to new Grandma, Janet Cook, on the birth of twin girls! We sent a thinking of you card to Flint Reed in her new home in Nebraska

Count your
many blessings



Monthly Mini

“STAR BRIGHT”

Quilt Maker: Joann Bishop
Quilt Winner: Tara Hilde

Joann sews “almost every day, some time, some way.” Since she and hubby Al moved to Dana Point just over a year ago, she enjoys her own sewing room devoted to her favorite hobby - quilting. She immediately joined BCQG and loves being involved with the “Seams Rite” friendship group and working on the Workshop Committee. Joann especially enjoys making miniatures and traditional patterns but is breaking out of her “comfort zone” with all the wonderful influences found in our guild.

This month's "Star Bright" mini quilt is from a pattern in the July 2004 Fons and Porter "Love of Quilting" magazine. Joann added beading for a little extra sparkle.

Block Party

How beautiful all the 86 baskets were! Thanks to all who participated. The lucky winners were Tara Hilde, Helen Brassaw, Sharon Whelan, Diana Imhof, Stella Ljungborg, Marianne Cunningham, Deborra Singletary, Delane Turner and Betty Korleski. Next month, pretty blue and yellow baskets. Hope you will each make at least one block.

Janet Cook and Mary Arntz

New At The Library

We have acquired a few new books for the library. When Carol Doak was here last month, she donated a copy of her book "Easy Paper-Pieced Baby Quilts." We purchased seven new books: They are: "Museum Quilts," Kaffe Fassett; "At Play with Appliqué," Dilys Fronks; "Traditional Quilts to Paper Piece," Cori Derksen; "Attic Windows Quilts with a View," Diana Leone; "Puzzle Quilts," Paula Nadelstern; and "Strips and Curves," Louisa L. Smith.

Also, an audit of all our checked-out books was conducted. The audit revealed about twenty books that have been checked out and not returned since 2005! Ladies, the fines on these books are \$2 per month, so find them and return them so the rest of the guild has the chance to use them. Also, if a book is more than three months' overdue, a note will be given to you requesting the book when you check in. We plan to keep a lot better control over the books as members are requesting books that have remained out well past the allowed time. For any of you who are unaware, we allow books to be checked out for one month and renewed for a second month, then they must be returned. You are allowed to check out up to five books at a time. If you have any questions, please stop by the library and see Laurie Sageser or Deborra Singletary.

Nickel Club

Get out those 5" squares you've been collecting! We're having another workshop Wed., May 17, at Material Possessions. We'll be there to sew, share ideas and socialize from 10:30 am until 3 pm. On the **down side**, we're winding down in our collection of Nickel Squares, and this will be our last year for the Nickel Club. We've gathered lots and lots of squares, and it's now time to get the projects going. On the **up side**, we're gearing up for show-and-tell at our Sept. Guild meeting. So get to working on those quilt tops! More workshops will be planned this summer. It's not too late to join in the fun. Just stop by the Nickel Club table at the Guild meeting. We'll give you the information you need to start your own collection of 5" squares. Questions??? Call Delane Turner, Veronica Dibble, or Jennifer Morgan.

Here is a list of the remaining Nickel Club monthly fabric selections for the 2005/2006 BCQG Year.

Monthly Fabric Selections 2005/2006

May: 30's and/or Mini small florals

July: Batiks and/or Thimbleberries

Sept: 1800's and/or Laurel Burch

June: 1800's and/or Stripes & plaids

Aug: 30's and/or Black & whites

Workshops

May Workshop – Phil Beaver

Leah's Quilt Shop, Mission Viejo, 10am – 4pm

Presenting: Sunflowers & Poinsettias

Friday & Saturday, May 12 & 13, and

Monday & Tuesday, May 15 & 16

Both classes are full. Please call workshop committee if you would like to be on a waiting list.

June Workshop – Nancy Odom

Material Possessions Quilt Shop, Lake Forest, 10:30am – 4:30pm

Presenting: A Mother's Legacy Quilt

Friday, June 9

Cost: \$30 each plus \$8 for kit (payable to the teacher at the workshop)

Quilt designer, author and teacher Nancy Odom has created quilts for a number of fabric and sewing machine manufacturers and is the designer of Azalea Trail, a fabric line for P&B Textiles. Nancy has nine books and over forty patterns in publication. She will be guiding us through the "Mother's Legacy" quilt pattern in the June workshop.

Join us in this adventure on Friday, June 9th at Material Possessions.

Places to Go, Quilts to See . . .

May 7 thru 11 QUILTERS' ESCAPE 2006 An annual quilting seminar/retreat on the California North Coast in the redwoods overlooking the Eel River and in the Victorian village of Ferndale. 2006 national instructors are: ESTERITA AUSTIN, CYNTHIA ENGLAND, SALLY COLLINS, CHARLOTTE ANGOTTI, NANCY PRINCE, SHARYN CRAIG and JANET JONES WORLEY. Please send SASE to QUILTERS' ESCAPE, 3414 K Street, Eureka, CA 95503 ph 707 442-0081 or visit www.quiltersescape.com for detailed information.

May 13-14 Beauty of Tradition III will take place at the Santa Maria Fairpark in Santa Maria, California - Contact: Sandy Turner, E-mail NQASLT@aol.com

May 13 Citrus Belt Quilt Guild Home Tour. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets \$10/presale and \$15 on day of event. For more information visit citrusbeltquilters.org or rahs.org or e-mail redlandsequiltshow@yahoo.com

May 20-21 Desert in Bloom Sponsored by Antelope Valley Quilt Association Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Lilac Pavilion, 2551 W. Avenue H, Lancaster, CA. 200 quilts; Opportunity Quilt; Vendors; Food. Quilt Auction with auctioneer, Saturday, 1:00 Drawings on Sunday at 3:00 for Opportunity Quilt & sewing machine donated by A-Quality Vac & Sew, Palmdale, CA. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4, \$7.00 daily, \$10.00 2-day pass, Husbands and Children under 12 Free, \$3.00 fairground parking, Exit H on Antelope Valley Freeway, Hwy. 14. Contact Sharon Ott, 661-285-8501, sott@sbcglobal.net, www.avqa.org

June 3-4 The Beach Cities Quilters Guild will host its 2006 FantaSea of Quilts show June 3-4, 2006, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Saddleback College's Gymnasium in Mission Viejo, CA. The dynamic quilt show offers more than 400 displayed items, a merchant mall, an auction (Saturday) and an opportunity quilt drawing. Presale discount tickets through May 11: \$5, at the door: \$7. For information, please visit www.beachcitiesquilters.org.

July 9-13 Going camping this summer? If you want to avoid bears and bugs why not try Camp Watch-A-Patcher? Camp Watch-A-Patcher, is sponsored by Orange County Quilters Guild and will take place at Concordia University, Irvine, California. You may begin downloading registration information on February 27, 2006. All of the great camp teachers and links to their websites may be found by going to:

www.orangecountyquiltersguild.com and clicking on Camp Watch-A-Patcher. If you need more information please contact Claudia Redfern, Camp Director, by phone at (949) 499-1267 or by email at redfernlaguna@earthlink.net. Stay in dorm rooms, sew all night, sleep late (or not) and have a wonderful time quilting with old and new friends. Call your friendship group and make it a field trip!

July 15 SCCQG Meeting hosted by Quilters by the Sea Topic: Meet the Teachers

September 9-10 Quilters Piece Corps of Victor Valley. Quilts for All Seasons III, San Bernardino County Fairgrounds - Bldg. D, 14800 7th Street, Victorville, Ca 92392. Friday 9 am to 8 pm; Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. Admission: \$5.00 (husbands free). For information send SASE to P.O. Box 774, Victorville, CA 92392. Contact: Jean Knierim (760) 244-7737 (bojjean123@aol.com) or Diane Corder (626) 339-6537 (corderm@ix.netcom.com)

September 9-10 8th Almond Country Quilt Guild Quilt Show at Midstate Fairgrounds on the corner of Riverside and 24th St. Paso Robles. "Quilting Between The Rows" has been selected as our theme and Cheryl Cramer will be highlighted as our featured artist. Hoffman Challenge Fashion Show at 2PM Sat the 9th. We will have our usual great vendors and lots of them. Admission is \$5.00 at the door. Tickets available to win opportunityquilt.

Sept. 14-16 Los Angeles County Quilter's Guild Quilt Show will be held at the Ritz Gardens, 11201 First Ave., Whittier, CA. For more info: contact Rose Ann Arnold at (562)947-1254 or Nancy Needham at (562)860-8821.