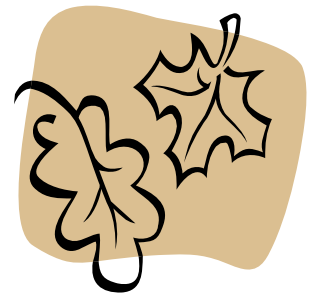

STITCHES IN THE SAND



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MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2005
HAPPY (HALF) HOUR: 6:30 - 7:00 P.M.
BUSINESS: 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.
PLACE: San Juan Capistrano Community Center

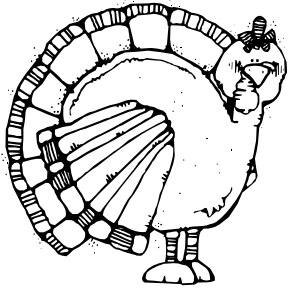


Melody Crust Presents "A Fine Line"

Do you have a project that could use help with the "what, why and how" of quilting? Learn the thinking process involved in selecting an appropriate quilting design. The emphasis of this lecture is in the creative use of the quilted line. This informative lecture is both for the traditional and non-traditional quilter. A gifted fabric artist, Melody is renowned for her quilting talent. Her work has been shown in many juried shows and exhibitions. She has traveled to many areas of the country bringing her natural teaching ability and contagious enthusiasm to quilters everywhere. Her very popular lectures are always well received. She is an active promoter of every facet of the quilting world. Melody has judged and curated regional and national exhibitions, and she co-founded a major quilter's association in the Pacific Northwest. You won't want to miss this very gifted and talented speaker.

**Bettie Blausler
Programs**

**November's meeting will be located next door to Marco Forster School
at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center.**



From the President's Desk

Halloween and Thanksgiving are approaching and we will soon be in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. The plight of the hurricane and earthquake victims will fade from the news and we will be consumed with our own lives. Knowing the generosity of our guild members, we will continue to give and support those less fortunate. It makes me proud to be associated with you fine women. Philanthropy has stepped up their effort, which was amazing already, and they have added extra meetings and kits to accommodate the increased need. Since there will be approximately 100 families relocated to the El Toro Base, we will be delivering our quilts, pillowcases and stockings to this group and any other hurricane victims in the area.

My sister was able to return to her home in Kenner, Louisiana, with just minor damage to her fence. Her neighbors are all recovering and getting busy with work and repairs. She has a 21-year-old daughter and this four-week exile together has made a world of difference in attitude as to what is important. She also celebrated her 50th birthday while away, and there was no major depression as she expected. She said she has laughed more in the last few weeks than she had in the last year because now she really knows what is important.

I know quilting has made me more sensitive to color, nature and texture. While driving around I notice the cloud formations and the many colors of green and brown. Now I believe it has made me more sensitive to the community. It may be retirement also contributing to the need to give back in gratitude for all my good fortune. Thank you all for your generosity and inspiration in all you do.

Sheryl



THANK YOU!

The receiving of the Golden Thimble award is a great honor to me, especially in light of the tremendous work and dedication the members of the guild provide everyday. I must admit I did not anticipate winning such a prestigious award and was caught off guard (and speechless) when my name was called. So I want to thank you all now. It has been a pleasure working with the wonderful women of BCQG, and the friendships I have made throughout the years are the greatest reward. Thanks again for the tremendous honor!

Diane Collins

To The Dear Ladies of Beach Cities Quilters Guild,

You know how there are important dates in your life that you always remember, such as birthdays, anniversaries, first kiss, etc.? Well, October 13th, 2005, will be a date that I will never forget. That is the date the president's quilt that you have all worked so hard on for many months was presented to me. To say that I am totally overwhelmed by its beauty would be an understatement. I have worked on president's quilts in the past and **know** all the hard work that goes into each one. To be on the receiving end **IS** such an amazing and humbling feeling.

From the design, to the blocks, to the signature leaves, to the border and wrought iron scroll, to the logo, to my name on the sign, to my initials on the flower pot, to the beautiful Back art, to the quilting bees, to the binding, to those who did one stitch or many stitches, my eternal heartfelt thank you. To Elaine, BCQG's esteemed Past President, your expert guidance created an absolutely beautiful quilt. Thank you a million, trillion times.

For those who were not able to attend the October meeting, I will bring the quilt to the November meeting so you, too, can "ooh" and "aah" over it.

You ladies are awesome, and it has been my pleasure to serve as your president this past year. I cherish the memories and my fantastic quilt. My love to you all.

Pat Pardoen



Thank You Philanthropy!

Dear Volunteers,

I've been in the Marine Corps for twenty-two years and have witnessed many volunteer programs that were inspirational but yours sets a higher standard. Recently I was hospitalized for a motorcycle accident that occurred on July 4th. During my stay at Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital I was given a hand made quilt from the Chaplains office. I couldn't believe I was getting such a nice gift; the patchwork looks labor intensive. It was such a beautiful gift and I used it during my stay at the hospital. I eventually transferred to Scripps Encinitas for the rehabilitation and the quilt was used there as well. The compliments I received were endless. I want to express my appreciation for your hard work and generosity. The quilt was a huge success and is now being used on my bed at home.

I am sure this quilt will be with me the rest of my life. Although being in the hospital was a dark time in my life, the quilt was truly one of the highlights that warmed my heart. You are very special and I want you to know, you made a difference.

**Semper Fi,
Rob**

Holiday Auction And Rummage Sale

Our annual Holiday Auction and Rummage Sale is coming!!! Mark your calendar for **Thursday, December 8th, 2005, December General Meeting**. This year's location will be at Marco Forster.

The evening will consist of a Rummage Sale, Silent Auction and a Live Auction. So please invite everyone you know, and, remember, there is no charge at this meeting. To make The Silent and Live Auction successful, we need your **GOOD QUALITY DONATIONS**. **Any quilt or sewing related items are welcome.** We would love to have quilts and quilt tops, quilt blocks, thread, books, patterns, notions, UFO (Unfinished Objects), handmade items, ornaments, dolls, garments, baskets, decorative boxes, ribbons, etc.

Please bring your donations to the November 10th General Meeting. Live auction items need to be brought inside to the Ways And Means table located at the right side of the stage area. If you are unable to bring your items to the November meeting, please call either one of us to make arrangements to have the items dropped off.

If you can help with pricing, arranging items on tables, or working at the various stations the night of the auction, please call or email us. There will also be sign-up sheets at the Ways And Means table.

**Thank you,
Margo, Soley and Kathy**

NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER !

It's time to review the Guild's By Laws to see if any changes are necessary. We need volunteers to meet once or twice with Parliamentarian Elaine Pappas-Puckett to review the By-Laws and Rules and Procedures and present any changes in early 2006. Please call Sheryl Smith-Bailey to be placed on a volunteer list.

Workshops

**November 11th, Friday: Melody Crust presenting:
A FINE LINE: Creating the Quilting Design**

Do you have a project that could use help with the "what, why, and how" of quilting? The emphasis of this workshop is the creative use of the quilted line. Discover the elements of winning quilting designs and how to apply them to your quilt tops. Select, fit, and mark a quilt design. Should you hand- or machine-quilt it? Learn about thread and the basics of batting and basting. Learn to successfully finish all your projects. This is an informative workshop for both the traditional and non-traditional quilter.

Material Possessions

\$30.00

10:00-4:00pm

Please call **Rachel Severance** for Workshop sign-ups.

Secret Sisters

Thanks to everyone who participated in this month's Sew-In at Leah's. We had such a wonderful time and worked on so many awesome projects.

Remember to save the evening of December 2nd for our Holiday Party. Details will follow by mail and will be on the Secret Sister table.

Here is a sneak peek at some of the other activities planned for the year: Stamping Party with Jhone late Jan./early Feb., a picnic and block exchange in the Spring, and many more! Again, if you have any ideas, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Thanks!
Megan and Renate



Art Show

Current fabric compositions made by Beach Cities Quilter, Carol McDaniel, are on view at the Aliso Viejo Library. Nineteen pieces, including costumes, wearables, bed quilts and wall hangings will be on display until January, 2006. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am until 9:00 pm. Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. The library is located at 1 Journey, off Park Pacific, across from the fire station. The phone number is 949 360-1730.

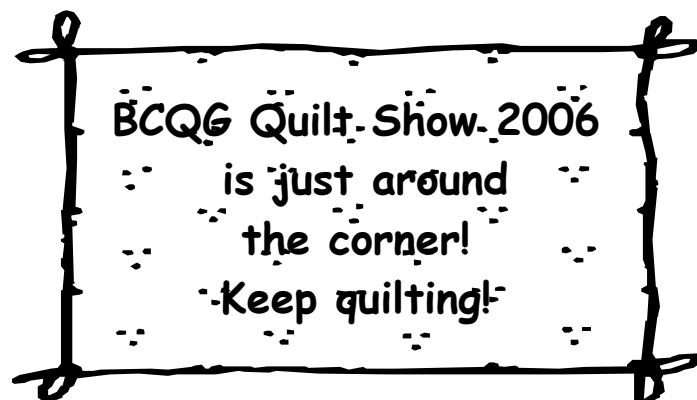
November

Birthdays

Flower: Chrysanthemum

Birthstone: Topaz

Elizabeth Geer	3
Heddie Lee	3
Jhone Hardesty	4
Lu Pringle	4
Cindy Gilkey	5
Katy Lillie	6
Pat McNeil	7
Paula Omidyar	8
Barbara Cotter	11
Kathy Baltierra	12
Catherine Huebscher	12
Jan Maag	13
Alice Coons	15
Margaret Patch	15
Norma Fiorello	16
Linda Rice	16
Jeanne Tavasci	18
Virginia McCullough	19
Helen Brassaw	21
Dorothy Tarr	21
Polly Hada	22
Carolie Malenius	23
Jacqueline Graeff	26
Jarry Myers	26
Alice Schreiner	26
Grace Errea	27
Julie Maclean	27



Show and Tell

Nancy McBride
Savannah Starr Jordan
Cecile Rogers
Helen Brassau

2004 Leah's Saturday Sampler
Rail Fence, given to parents for their 10th anniversary
"Mama's Favorite Flowers"
"Hearts" February block party
"Sunflowers," August block party. Both will be Holiday Auction donations.
"Santa Table Runner" – Holiday Auction donation
"Nine to Five in the Garden"
Pacific Northwest Indian
Woven Blanket/Robe and Quilt using similar designs

Sheryl Smith Bailey
Sylvia Pixley
Juin Foresman

Field of Friendship Flowers
Untitled birthday quilt

Barbara Cotter
Jennifer Morgan
Megan Lord
Karen Kowalchuk

"It doesn't make me sick."
"Geese Going in Circles at Sea"
"Geese Lost at Sea"
"Prickly Star"

Marilyn Egler
Janet Crosson
Annice Douglas
Betty Prottas
Rennie Faith

"Fair Trade Pumpkins"
"Zebra Dots"
"Bedazzled"
"Ricky," a pillow
"My Tortured Turtles"

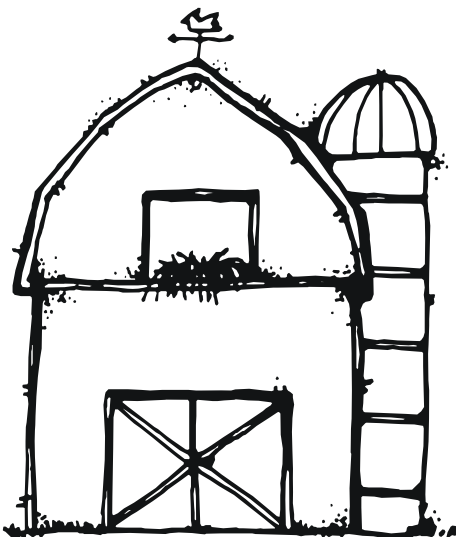
Anne Baron,
Susan Lefner
Rosemary Sinacori,
Jean Bull,
Donna McDonald and
Christine Bruce
Janice Dove
Keri Follmer

Untitled friendship challenge, Variations on a 2" block

"Catch a Falling Star"
Untitled Halloween wallhanging

Please remember when bringing a Show and Tell item, it helps us to have a "Brief" description already typed. Include maker, owner, and title. If you are able to help taking in or holding quilts at the meetings, please give me a call.

Thank You!!
Karen Wendel



MEMBERSHIP

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP, IT HAS LAPSED

October Attendance: 268
Members: 233
New Members: 20
Returning Members: 3
Guests: 11
Advertisers: 1

There are currently 398 members in good standing and 5 newsletter members.

Welcome to new members: Susan Adams, Betty Ames, Glenda Britten, Margie Carnahan, Kim Cota, Marianne Cunningham, Annice Douglas, Barbara Harney, Donna Hauck, Elayne Hoyle, Martha Hurlburt, Mary Lois Kuhn, Jackee McMichael, Linda Rogers, Nancy Sandoval, Kathy Schultz, Frieda Shull, Dorothy Snyder, Linda Ward, and Sharon Wilhite. Also welcome back to returning members: Jeannie Downey, Jacqueline Graeff, and Sue Peters.

THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please update your information on the form enclosed in your September newsletter and bring the form, with your check for \$25, to the next meeting or mail them to Janet Cowart at the address on the form. Remember to review and complete the back of the form.

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.

The December meeting is the deadline for updating directory information. Please give me changes in writing at the November or December meetings or mail or e-mail them to me.

Thanks to LaVerne Armour, Linda Martinez, Lynn Blackburn and Toni Selman for helping at the Membership tables at the October meeting.

Thanks!
Janet Cowart

MEMBERSHIP GIFT

A table will be set up inside the meeting room for 2004-2005 guild members to pick up their "Membership Gift" if they did NOT receive their gift at the October meeting. Please stop by and get your gift at the November meeting as they will not be at the December meeting. Thank you in advance.

Ardie, Joyce & Glenda

Door Prizes

LEAH'S

Elizabeth Brooks - fat pack - Wuthering Heights
Jeanne Stone - fat pack - Giverny
Bettie Blouser - fat pack - Old Sturbridge
Helen Brassaw - fat pack - Aunt Grace
MATERIAL POSSESSIONS
Maggie Bell - fat pack - rust
Margo Hays - fat pack - Halloween
Onice Douglas - fat pack - rust
Jo Ann Lockart - fat pack - Halloween
Katy Lillie - gift cert. -\$15
Linda Rice - gift cert. -\$15

BEARS

Martha Maruca - gift cert. -\$10
Monica Shafer - gift cert. -\$10

CALICO COTTAGE

June Patterson - gift cert -\$15
Pam Densham - gift cert -\$15

MOORE'S

Sandy Confalone - book- "Great Sets"
Maggie Bell - book- "Fans & Flutterbys"
Nancy Sandoval - fat pack - Gather Sunshine
Linda Brooks - fat pack - Fancy Cats
Dorothy Jarr - pattern - "Fall" and Omnigrid rulers
Chris Haben - spring fat pack
Joyce Conyers - fat pack - Hydrangeas
Donna Bradshaw - fat pack - Spanish Rose
Josie Robinson - pattern - Crazy Cats
Anne Baron - book - Garden Lattice
Katy Schultz - fat pack - blue

COTTON SHOP

Sue Haw - gift cert. -\$10
Shirl Benda - gift cert. -\$10

TALL MOUSE

Brenda Sirignano - gift cert. -\$15

BUNNY HUTCH

Diana Imhof - book and fat pack

FLYING GEESE

Julie Greenspan - gift cert. -\$10
Rosemary Sinaconi - gift cert. -\$10

Friendship Circles

We are full of enthusiasm as we start our new position in charge of Friendship Circles for this next year. Our experience with our own Friendship Circle has been so positive that we knew we wanted to be more involved in helping to start new groups. So, here we are!

Since the holidays are fast approaching, we have decided to schedule our first Friendship Circles luncheon for Saturday, January 28th. We will have this luncheon at Alicia's home in Mission Viejo. The Road to California will be the weekend before and we hope to continue with the *quilting enthusiasm* the following weekend and invite any of you who are interested in being a part of a Friendship Circle. Friendship Circles are a great way to meet people and make new friends. Give yourself the gift of friendship!

Stop by our table at the November Guild meeting and sign up to be in a Friendship Circle, and we will give you an invitation to the luncheon in January.

**Karen Richesin
Alicia Passarelli**

GET OUT AND
VOTE!



Block Party

October's blocks of bright orange and lime green stars completely filled our display this month—54 blocks' total! Congratulations to winners: Lyndy Dye, Monica Shafer, Betty Koskinen, Betty Korleskie, Shirl Benda and Helen Brassaw. Special congratulations go to Soley Wendell who won the annual drawing of 12 blocks—one from each of the past 12 months!!

This has been a great year, and many thanks to all who helped make it so.

*Sandy Corbin
Linda Campos
Christina Ehrenguber*

Now come join the fun with this year's Block Party theme, "Basket Case." There will be a different basket each month with a seasonal flare.

*Janet Cook
Mary Arntz*



HOSPITALITY

Thanks to all who brought goodies to our meeting. Wow! Lots of homemade goodies, too. You know we love them. **November's** meeting will be hosted by Around the Block Friendship Group. We are looking for volunteers for the **December** meeting. **January's** meeting will be hosted by the Gals from Material Possessions.

Remember, you receive an extra door prize ticket for hosting and one for bringing a goodie. It's a lot of fun to host the table, you get to visit with everyone as they make a stop by the table.



October Monthly Mini "Pricilla Pumpkinsitter" By Judi Hasselkus

Judi has been quilting for 30 plus years and doll making for the last 20. She was a judge for the Hoffman Challenge in 2000 as well as the most recent 2005 challenge. She enjoys all styles of dolls but her ultimate favorite to make is "one of a kind" dolls. One of her dolls will appear in a book to be published in January, 2006. Judi says, "Fall is my favorite season, and I always enjoy making a special Halloween doll each year. This year I have created a very special lady. Her name is Pricilla Pumpkinsitter, and I believe she is a cousin, twice removed, from Lizzie LaTesh and Scoots LaRue. You might remember those two wild and crazy girls from a monthly mini a year ago."

**Maxine McLachlan
Linda Ambrosini**

Nickel Club

We had lots of squares dropped off at last month's meeting. Your enthusiastic participation is great. Remember, you can join anytime. Just stop by the Nickel Club table, and we'll give you all the info you need. You can even see some completed squares! We're planning a workshop in January. The date and time will be coming in the next newsletter. Keep the squares coming. The more we collect, the more projects we can make!

Here is our complete list of Nickel Club monthly fabric selections for the 2005/2006 BCQG Year. Questions? Call Delane Turner, Veronica Dibble or Jennifer Morgan.

Monthly Fabric Selections 2005/2006

Nov: 30's and/or Christmas fabrics

Dec: 1800's and/or solids

Jan: Batiks and/or blue fabrics

Feb: 30's and/or polka dots

Mar: 1800's and/or background neutrals

April: Batiks and/or 3 Sisters/Robyn Pandolph types

May: 30's and/or mini small florals

June: 1800's and/or stripes & plaids

July: Batiks and/or Thimbleberries

Aug: 30's and/or black & whites

Sept: 1800's and/or Laurel Burch



Places to Go, Quilts to See . . .

- Nov. 11-20** **Performance Riverside's *Quilters* Relives Stories of Pioneer Women** Landis Performing Arts Center is located on the Riverside Community College City Campus at 4800 Magnolia Avenue. Performances for *Quilters* are on November 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th at 8pm, November 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th at 2pm, and November 20th at 7pm. Tickets are \$35, \$30, \$25, and \$20, and can be purchased through the Landis Box Office, 951-222-8100. Discounted weekday performance tickets may be obtained for school and senior groups by calling 951-222-8372. More information about Performance Riverside is available at www.performanceriverside.org.
- Oct. 22 – Nov. 23** **THE WEARABLE ART CONNECTION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** www.wearableartconnection.org presents "OPULENT SPLENDOR" A celebration of ornamentation, pattern & fantasy through painting, fiber art, costume, and fashion. Closing Reception - November 19, 2005 - 4 - 7 pm The Brand Library Art Gallery , 1601 W. Mountain St. , Glendale , CA 91201 . The exhibit showcases over 40 garments, paintings and objects which highlight the use of ornamentation, pattern and fantasy in modern decorative art forms. The centerpiece of the exhibition is a display of art to wear from the Fairfield and Bernina Fashion Shows created in the last 12 years by members of the Wearable Art Connection of Southern California (WAC) The exhibition includes three displays of wearable art garments and techniques from WAC , an exhibition of polymer clay "shoes" plus additional paintings and objects by guest artists selected by the curator to augment the specific themes within the exhibition.
- November 4-5** **Fallbrook Quilt Guild Quilt Show.** Fallbrook Presbyterian Church 463 South Stage Coach Ln 10 AM-5PM
- November 4-6** **The Traveling Quilters Big Bear Quilt-Away Weekend.** For information, contact Lynn Crawford at lynn.Crawford@verizon.net
- November 12** **The Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild will be having our Biannual Quilt Show** on November 12, 2005. "The Journey Of A Woman" It will be held at the Santa Clarita Sports Centre Complex at 20870 Centre Pointe Parkway, Canyon Country, Ca. We will be featuring Contemporary and Art Quilts, Quilts and Crafts to purchase, Vendors and Door Prizes. Refreshments will be available. For more information contact Gerry Hogan at kvgerry@comcast.com Eddie Moore at EkMoore@aol.com www.SCVQuiltGuild.org
- November 16-December 3** **Los Angeles Fiber Artists** will be having an exhibit at the VIVA Gallery - 13261 Moorpark St. Sherman Oaks, CA 91423; *Opening Reception Saturday, November 19, 2005 1-4PM; Panel Discussion:Collecting Fiber Art Sunday, November 27, 2PM*, Show information contact Joannell Connolly: 714/893-4352
- November 19-20** **Central Coast Quilters of Arroyo grande will be having their Quilt Show** at the South County Regional Center , 800 West Branch, Arroyo Grande. Sat 10-5, Sun. 10-4 Opportunity Quilt, Food, Vendors, Granny's AtticFor more information contact B'Ann Smith at 895-489-1559
- December 3** **Join the Traveling Quilters for our 6 th Annual Mystery Trip.** Yes, it will have a holiday theme, but beyond that, you'll have to trust that a good time will be had by all! For information, please contact Sue Glass at golarry@aol.com