San Juan Quilters Guild Newsletter

RANDOM SCRAPS

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April Guild meeting is on Tuesday, April 17th; the third Tuesday of April.

Daytime: 9:30-10:00 a.m. Social half hour.

Program: New Mexico's Centennial Textiles
Donna Barnitz & Colleen Konetzni

Fat Quarter Drawing: Blacks like the Black Bear. New Mexico's state animal. Black on black, mottled, blenders, marbled, or hand –dyed look.

Round Robin- (Four and last)

Evening: 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Social half hour!

Refreshments: Tami & Bev

May, 8, 2012

Daytime: 9:30 –10:00 a.m. Social half hour.

Program: Melinda Bula
Developing the Artist Within Through Quilts and Wearable Arts!

Fat Quarter Drawing: Blues like the New Mexico Sky. Mottled, blenders or hand-dyed.
Evening: 6:00-6:30 p.m. Social half hour
Refreshments: Gail Aspromonte & Mel Bunge

Carol's Corner.....

Hola Amigas,

The month of April will find us celebrating our New Mexico heritage by listening to a program presented by a group of New Mexico textile experts and feasting on tacos. What could be more New Mexican than that! And is that mariachi music I hear in the background?

My mind keeps going back to Show and Tell at the January evening meeting and recalling the joy, excitement and pride in a new member's voice as she showed her very first quilt to the Guild members. I wish we could all recapture that wonderful feeling of our first quilt! The quilt was beautifully done and just the beginning of many more quilts to come. Muchisimas gracias, Martha Orozco, for inspiring us all with your new love of quilting.

So, I'm wondering how everyone is feeling about the $50.00 gift certificates to our local quilt shops for Door Prizes. We'll take a little yes keep it or a no let's go back to several small prizes vote at the April meeting.

Our Guild should be proud of the number of Quilts of Valor we sent to honor returning New Mexico National Guardsmen. I'm sure each person receiving one of the quilts will feel very special and appreciated. A total of fourteen red, white and blue quilts were given by SJQG. Sue Ludwig did a great job heading up this project. A picture can be found on-line at the New Mexico National Guard's yahoo site at groups.yahoo.com.

The Round Robin quilts are really shaping up. It'll be fun to see the final results. Be getting your mind-set ready to do a mystery quilt project that Susan Wood has designed for us. Be looking for details.

The January Venders and the CCSC (formerly known as CCC) have donated the monies they earned doing a program for our Guild to our Auxiliary quilters. How special is that!

Have you checked out our redesigned Web site? You'll find it on the internet at: www.sjqg.org. Be sure to send me some new quilting tips or favorite tool info to update the Tips section.

Keep on stitching,
Carol Spangler

P.S. Thanks for all the cards you sent during my lovely visit to the south of Farmington. I should be dancing the Can Can again soon.

April Luncheon

TACOS– The Guild will provide the meat, shells, and cheese. Several people did sign up for a few of the needed items. We still need salads, desserts, and a few other fillings for the tacos.

May's Luncheon

POTATO BAR— The Guild is providing the potato's, sour cream, butter and cheese. There will be a sign-up list for other toppings, salads and desserts. NO ONE WANTS TO EAT A NAKED POTATO SO WE WANT TO MAKE IT WORTH EATING.

Minutes of the San Juan Quilter's Guild Board Meeting – March 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President, Carol Spangler, at 9 am.
There were no changes to the minutes from the January 10, 2012 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Betsy Lee and 2nd by Karen Bain.
There was no treasurer's report because the treasurer is out of town. If there are any dollars to be turned in, or bill submissions, the President will take them.
Old Business:

Memorials: Joyce Mills has contacted the Farmington Public Library regarding memorials for quilt members for people who passed away before January 2012

Committee to simplify job descriptions: Each committee member is reviewing the By-Laws and making notes. The committee will meet and compare notes and make suggestions.

New Business:

Auxilary Members Budget Line Item: A line item for Auxiliary Members will be added to the budget and will cover expenses for Auxiliary Member projects. Dues for Auxiliary Members will go into the dues line item.

Sunshine Quilt & Memorial for Catherine Bell: The Sunshine chairman will tell the library what book to order in Catherine's memory.

Door Prize Future: The current format has been well received. After discussion it was decided that the membership would vote in April on whether to continue the current format.

Ricky Tims sponsorship in Socorro, NM: The questions was whether we want to help sponsor the workshop on August 24 and 25, 2012. The help would be sending out 3 mass mailings to our membership and taking the money for the reservations. Our guild has a workshop already scheduled for the same dates. After discussion a motion was made by Betsy Lee to put the information in the newsletter announcing the opportunity and not make a commitment to help Socorro. The motion was 2nd by Karen Bain. Carol Spangler will let the Socorro guild know about our decision.

Committee Reports:
Cookbooks: The cookbook will be displayed and sold where the Opportunity quilt will be displayed and tickets sold. The cookbooks are displayed and sold at the local quilt shops. Karen Bain has quite a few at her house.
Membership:

Meeting Attendance	Day	Evening	Guests day	Guests evening
January	58	34	2	3
February	45	31	4	1
March	54	34	2	1

There are 15 new members, 6 returning members, 7 auxiliary members and 121 paid receipts.
Community Service: There were 14 Quilts of Valor, 15 quilts and 16 small fleeces to Birthright and 15 fleeces to S.A.N.E. distributed since January. Community Service is almost out of small quilts. There were several donations of fabric from the Re-Stash program in March. Birthright said that they need more small quilts, i.e. 36" square. These quilts don't necessarily have to be made by the guild. Sometimes they can be found very inexpensively at some of the local stores.
Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales: Tickets have been purchased and stapled and pictures of the quilt produced – ready to go.
Mini-Quilt Auction: There were 52 quilts in 2011. The auction quilts will be tracked in the database that is used for the quilt show information. Four have already been received. Discussion followed regarding having mini-quilt workshops in the afternoon between meetings.
Opportunity Quilt: The receipts for the 2012 Opportunity Quilt are ready to be turned in.
Programs: March - Re-Stash was very successful.
April - Lecture on Textiles of New Mexico. Tortilla warmers, provided by Naedeen Bacon, will be added to the door prizes this month.

May - The Melinda Bula class is sold out.
June - Children's Day is chaired by Carol Sims. We will also have Community Service sewing.
July – Gail Garber Stars. Gail will come back in August on the 25th & 26th for a class.
August – TBA

Auxiliary: Shari Schmitt and Gail Aspromonte have been working with the Auxiliary members quite a bit lately. The auxiliary members are doing the Christmas decorations for the Guild Christmas tree.

Sunshine: Cards went out in January, February & March. A Sunshine quilt was given to Virginia Miller by Patty Hanscom.

Hospitality: Should the guild provide for the evening meal, same type of deal as the morning meal?

Meeting Attendees: Carol Spangler, Janis Adams, Sue Ludwig, Viola Kelly, Karen Bain, Bev Maeschen, Shari Schmitt, Gail Aspromonte, Naedeen Bacon and Cathy Korzan.

Action Items from the January meeting:

Joyce Mills checked with the Library regarding memorial items.
Cathy Korzan contacted the newspaper and a reporter and a photographer attended the February meeting to write an article and take pictures.

New Action Items:

Naedeen Bacon will take care of the memorial for Catherine Bell.
Carol Spangler will conduct a vote on the Door Prize format at the April meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betsy Lee and 2nd by Sue Ludwig.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Korzan

Cook Books For Sale

Think of your special days that you need a gift for. Call Karen Bain, Karen Brimhall, or Betsy Lee. Those of you in Aztec may contact Quilt It Ya Ya.

Remember if you haven't made your block for Betsy's Presidents quilt, please get it done and give it to Karen Brimhall.
Kits available for pick up. This block is so easy. Do not write on the edge of the block. Put writing in the center somewhere.

New Category for 2012 Quilt Show

1200—Art Quilts

All quilts are art, but not all quilts are art quilts. You know an art quilt when you see one.

AQuA (Art Quilt Association) Definition of an Art Quilt:
An art quilt is an original exploration of a concept or idea rather the handing down of a "pattern". It experiments with textile manipulation, color, texture and/or a diversity of mixed media. An Art Quilt often pushes quilt world boundaries. An Art Quilt should consist predominately of fiber or a fiber-like material with one or multiple layers which are held together with stitches or piercing of the layers.

SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) defines an Art Quilt as a contemporary art work exploring and expressing aesthetic concerns common to the whole range of visual arts: painting, printmaking, photography, graphic design assemblage and sculpture, which retains, through material or technique, a clear relationship to the folk art quilt from which it descends.

These definitions are really "cerebral" and deep. Just keep reading and re-reading. There will be more on "textile manipulation", "embellishing" and other Art Quilt characteristics and features.

Thank you Shellie, for the great organization and set up of the Quilters' Re-Stash. Everyone seemed to enjoy the retail therapy!

"During my trips to large quilt shows, I realized that there were many, many ways to make quilts, and all I had to do was find my own path. I began to make my quilts in my own way, and with my own voice. This is when I began to love quilting." Robbi Joy Eklow

Programs

April 17, 2012***New Mexico's Centennial Textiles**
Donna Barnitz and Colleen Konetzni

..."This exhibit presents a unique opportunity to highlight culture and the arts and their role in daily life in the statehood era New Mexico. Each of these textiles is a never before exhibited piece of history. They help us appreciate the hardships and struggles of communities in New Mexico at the time of statehood. These items bring to life the diversity of our region and expose us to a wide array of textile expressions, and enabling us to appreciate New Mexico's history."

- Funding from Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta Council, the New Mexico Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Official project of the New Mexico Centennial
- ***note change of date**

On April 17th will also be our celebration of New Mexico's 100th birthday. The menu will be Tacos and other epicurean delights. Call JoAnn Oakes if you have any questions.

May 8, 2012 **Melinda Bula**

Lecture: Developing the Artist Within Through Quilts and Wearable Arts
Class: The Coneflower building a Fusible Flower. Go to Melinda's web site to see her great work.
www.melindabula.com
☼☼☼☼☼☼☼**The class is full and there is a waiting list. Please let me know ASAP that you are not attending the class, it takes time to get fabric ready.**☼☼☼☼☼☼☼ **Shari 598-5672**
Fabric: can be mottled, hand-dyed, marbled, solid or a small print. Use fat quarters or traditional ¼ yard cut for petals. **Steam a Seam 2** is recommended because of repositioning fabric and sewing through several layers when you finish your flower with "painting with thread." Steam a Seam 2 is the easiest to sew through.

June 13, 2012 Children's Day ages 6 – 15.

Carol is putting the finishing touches on Children's Day. Let Carol Sims or Shari know how many children you are bringing and indicate morning or evening. Lunch provided for morning and snacks for evening.
Children's Day with Community Service: C.S. will be making quilts and cutting kits for young children. You can make a quilt using your own fabric and pattern (or a SJQG Kit) and piece by yourself, with a partner or help cut kits. (Bring your cutter, ruler and mat.) Read Sue's information in this newsletter. Thank You!

There is a great need for small quilts for infants to toddlers.

Children Wanted

FOR CHILDREN'S DAY, JUNE 12, 2012
AGE 6 TO 15

-HELP WANTED-

PEOPLE TO IRON - WE WILL NEED TO SET SOME COLOR

PEOPLE TO SEW- YOU WILL BE SEWING THE CHILDREN'S FOUR QUILT BLOCKS TOGETHER!
IF YOU CAN HELP, LET CAROL SIMS KNOW—EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER ARE IN THE ROSTER

Raffle Tickets are here!

Please see Viola Kelly and pick up your raffle tickets to sell, to support the Guild.

Remember your mini quilt (or quilts)
for the
Silent Quilt Auction at the 2012
San Juan Quilt Show
October 12 and 13

San Juan Quilt Guild To Do List

- NAME TAG ☐
- MONEY FOR DOOR PRIZES ☐
- BRING POT LUCK ☐
- FAT QUARTER (S) ☐
- BRING BOX FOR ROUND ROBIN (APRIL ONLY) ☐
- PICK UP RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS TO SELL ☐
- PICK UP 2012 QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE ☐

ENJOY THE DAY

May 14, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Aztec, Masonic Lodge

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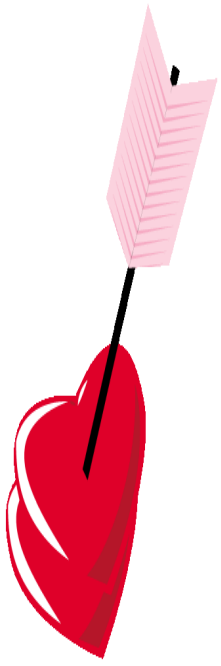
Bev Spellbring 1
Shirley Grubb 17
Janis Adams 11
Mary Foust 28
Connie Nordstrom 30
Charlotte Peacock 22
Andrea Johenk 23
Gail Hoffman 29
Deb Cutler 27
Teesie Altman 22
Sharon McCartney 17
Katharine Jenkins 11
Judy Pruitt 26

May

Sandy Matlock 16
Joanne Elliott 26
Virginia Miller 30
Brenda Dye 9
Karen Baumgardner 12
Sharon Green 16
Beth Chiapetti 25
Lauren Flack 11

Welcome to the Guild

Ann Anthony
Margaret Armstrong
Judy Pruitt
Margery Pruitt
Maxine Rhien
Laura Shepardson



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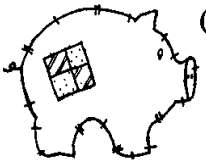
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REMINDER: Things to bring ……
Potluck dish, fat quarter, name tag. Please turn off cell phones (or on vibrate), and pagers.

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