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President's Message

Hello Quilters!

In the past couple of weeks, I have been pondering the concept of "by small and simple things, great things are brought to pass." As quilters, that concept is right in our wheel house. We take small scraps of fabric and make a small seam. Take a bunch of these small and simple things, and you have a beautiful quilt.

Sometimes the quilts we make are small and simple in themselves, but its impact can be great. Give it to a child and they feel loved. Give it to the Marjoree Mason Center and a woman feels comfort amid trauma and distress. Give it to a friend undergoing health challenges and they are given courage. Give it to a veteran and they feel appreciated for their sacrifices.

There are a multitude of great things that come from small and simple acts. Often times, a mere smile is monumental. Being noticed by someone when lonely. Being missed when absent. I have often thought "I won't ever do anything particularly grand or noteworthy." I just had a very narrow perspective though. I AM capable of doing small things. I AM capable of doing simple things. I may not even see the results of my small and simple acts. But they are there. Never underestimate the power you personally have to bring about great things.

Michele Carlson



PROGRAMS – Dianna Short

Last month's guild meeting social was fun! We did a "Chinese Auction" in which you could buy raffle tickets and then win someone else's UFO (unfinished project). It was great to see the variety of projects, fabrics and frustrations 😊. While most of us have a room full of fabric and projects; it was nice to see members get excited to finish something new. We cannot wait to see some of the finished quilts during show-n-tell!

This month our guild member, **Sandy Gaines**, will give a lecture on the *Electric Quilter (EQ)* program. If you have ever considered purchasing this program to create your own quilts, this will be the meeting to attend! Learn how to navigate the program and design the beautiful quilts you can make.

Below is a short-list of our upcoming events – you can also view more info regarding each on the website (under "Guild Activities").

- **June 14: Ann Turley**
Lecture: Confession of the Quilt Police
Website: www.annturley.info
- **July 12: Fabric Stash Yard Sale**
Is your sewing room overloaded with TOO MUCH fabric? Bring new fabric kits, thread, scissors, needles, batting, or any fabric bundles to sell... let us get our rooms ready for Winter sewing! Members can purchase a table for \$5 and sell items they would like to liquidate (members keep all profits from merchandise sold). There will be a sign-up list at the May and June meetings to reserve a table.
- **August 9: Speaker: Annie Smith**
Lecture: HELP! My Fabric Stash is Growing and I Don't Know How to Make it Stop!
Website: www.anniesmith.net
- **September 13: Speaker: Sherry Werum**
Lecture: Mosaics and the Quilts They Inspire
Website: www.mosaicque.com

BLOCK OF THE MONTH---Sandy Woods & Donna Coppin

Chris Snyder won nearly 20 blocks in our April drawing. Sewn together, they will make a good-sized throw. Can't wait for you to share it at the next guild meeting. Lol

Donna has chosen a pretty tulip applique for May. The instructions did not include the dimensions, but the sewn block will be 5 ½". So the finished block is 6". Start with a background fabric a little larger and trim it to 6" after it has been appliqued.



COMFORT QUILT NEWS – Susan Schara

Wow! Guild members have answered our cry for help with the backlog of 23 tops! **Laura Fisher** visited the stash and took an armload of tops—literally!—and had four backs made to turn in at our April meeting and a few more to make for May. **Marlene Osa** looked at the several remaining tops, selected a couple and stash fabric for their backs, and then remarked, “I know I’ll have some extra free time this week, so give me another one.” Additional members picked up tops as they left the meeting, some even promising to complete the quilting themselves. Of the 8 tops turned in at the meeting (by **Teresa Orr, Nancy Lord, and Carol Mills-Henry**), every single one went home with someone who will create the back. Thanks, everyone, for your much-needed help!

Completed quilts were turned in by **John Lilly/Fanchon Owen** (9), **Elaine Grace** (4, and 10 fleece blankets), **Nancy Lord**, and returning member **Erica Jarrett** (2). Additional stash fabric came from **Susan Gill, Leslie Knutsen, and Chris Schneider**, and a ton of beautiful, bright pre-shrunk flannel came from **Elaine Grace**. (Thanks, Elaine, for doing all that washing and drying...) **Teresa Orr** provided one of her string-pieced block collections, and the amazing **Betty Baxter** turned in 5 Quilt of Valor “kits” with top, back, binding, and pillowcase, and 5 comfort quilt “kits,” all waiting for batting and quilting. Thank you, fellow quilters, for your massive support, it came at just the right time!

BOOK & FABRIC – M'Liz Nelson & Janet Patten Veeck

Winners of our our April raffle were:

Sandra Larson – Fabric bundle

Teresa Orr – Fabric bundle

The April fabric was donated by **Authorized Vac and Sew** Next time you visit **Authorized Vac and Sew** at 5233 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno, let them know how much you appreciate their generous donation to our guild.

Next month **KiKi's Quilt Shack** will be donating fabric for our raffle.

MEMBERSHIP – Sharon Pryor

Membership cards and directories for the current year are available at the monthly meetings. Please stop by the membership table if you have not picked yours up yet.

The guild is still accepting new and renewal memberships for the Sept 1, 2017 – Aug 31, 2018 year. The application can be found on the web site at sjvqg.org or at the monthly meeting. Membership dues are still \$35. However, to cover the rising cost of printing and mailing the newsletter each month there will be an additional \$5 charge for members requesting the newsletter by postal mail.

The addendum to the directory will be available at the May meeting. This will include all members who joined or renewed their membership after the directory was printed last November.

If you are not receiving the e-mail for the monthly newsletter, please let membership know. Also, please advise us of any changes to your e-mail, address or phone number so that we may keep our membership directory updated.

WELCOME - We would like to welcome our newest member, **Linda Hudson**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - wishes for a Happy Birthday go out to the following May birthdays:

Irene Allen

Barbara Friesen

Carol Mercer

Pat Baker

Ellen Hemink

Kathryn Miller

Michele Carlson

Joanie Martin

Linda Weyant

Dottie Daybell

Shellie McMenemy

DOTTIE'S FINDINGS – Dottie Daybell

MAY FINDINGS

1. Del Thomas took a Flowers class from Sue Benner at Asilomar a couple of months ago. Here are her posts, with lots of photos. Start here:

<http://delquilts.blogspot.com/2018/02/day-two-at-empty-spools-with-sue-benner.html>

and click the Newer Post link at the bottom of each post to see several more, through March 1.

2. QOV BOM. This Moda Bake Shop pattern, a variation of Jacob's Ladder, uses 8" blocks made from 4-patches and HSTs.

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/2018/03/janes-ladder-quilt.html>

Use a white or light solid for the background, and a variety of red and blue scraps. To make the two 4-patches and two HSTs in a block from matching fabric, you'll need two matching charm squares.

3. Gladi Porsche visited an exhibit of Japanese quilts at the New England Quilt Museum. She has several posts with photos of the quilts, along with some of her own beautiful work. Be sure to click to enlarge her photos.

<https://gladiquilts.wordpress.com/2018/02/16/february-16-2018-new-doll-quilt-started-a-special-finish-japanese-quilts-at-the-new-england-quilt-museum/>

<https://gladiquilts.wordpress.com/2018/02/25/february25-2018-project-updates-and-part-2-of-japanese-quilts-at-neqm/>

<https://gladiquilts.wordpress.com/2018/03/04/march-4-2018-slow-progress-more-japanese-quilts-vacation/>

<https://gladiquilts.wordpress.com/2018/03/22/march-22-2018-project-updates-navaho-textiles-part-4-japanese-quilts-at-neqm/>

<https://gladiquilts.wordpress.com/2018/04/10/april-10-2018-spring-fever-last-of-the-japanese-quilts-at-neqm/>

4. Tina Curran is a California quilt maker who doesn't have a blog, but does publish a monthly email newsletter, with lots of ideas and photos. You can see the back issues, and subscribe to upcoming ones, here:

<http://www.tinacurran.com/newsletters/>

Be sure to visit her Galleries page while you're at her site. Click each photo to open a page of quilts in that category.

5. One of my favorite blogs is The History Blog. It's characterized by high-resolution photos of its topics. This article is about a tumbling blocks signature quilt owned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art. (Or perhaps it's only a quilt top?)

<http://www.thehistoryblog.com/archives/50822>

When you click on any of the photos, you'll get an image that can be clicked again to greatly enlarge it. He also shows us an applique quilt to enlarge and enjoy. Finally, he links to a PDF article by the Museum, with more details.

QUILTS OF VALOR – Gerri Pymm

Reminder: If you have a Veteran that you would like to be a recipient of one of our Quilts of Valor, please see me for a form for your recommended Veteran. The guild's Quilts of Valor (QOV) presentation will be at our November 8, 2018 meeting.



EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR CUTTING MAT

Cutting mats are a quilter's best friend. When you start your journey of quilting, your life will be made much easier by purchasing a self-healing mat to cut your fabrics on. These mats close up any incisions from rotary cutters leaving no visible slices on the mat. Self-healing mats have a certain limit to the amount of slicing they can take so if you start seeing cuts remain or need more pressure when using a rotary cutter, this may indicate your mat needs replacing.

Cutting mats can last a long time and to ensure your mat serves you well, take care of it. You can extend the life of your cutting mat by following a few tips:

- Avoid harsh chemicals when cleaning your mat. Clean stains and dust by using a gentle soap and water combination and a lint-free cloth.
- If you cut a fuzzy or linty fabric, such as minky fabric or loosely-woven canvas, the extra fluff can sometimes get stuck in the cuts. In order for your mat to heal, the fuzz needs to be removed.

From Superior Threads website: <https://www.superiorthreads.com/education/cutting-mat-care>

Calendar of Events - 2018

- May 5 Mariposa outdoor quilt show 9-4, Free, Mariposa Museum & History Center
5119 Jessie Street, off Hwy. 140 at 12th Street, Mariposa, CA 95338
http://mariposapiece makers.com/2018_Quilt_Show.php
- May 10- SJVQG Meeting 7pm, open at 6:00pm for raffle & BOM tables, social time.
Sandy Gaines, Lecture re Electric Quilter, EQ Software
- May 17- SJVQG Board Meeting, 6:30pm at Michele Carlson's home
- June 14- SJVQG Meeting 7pm, open at 6:00pm for raffle & BOM tables, social time.
Ann Turley Lecture: Confession of the Quilt Police, Website: www.ann turley.info
- June 21- SJVQG Board Meeting, 6:30pm at Michele Carlson's home
- June 23&24 Seven Sisters Quilt Show, Alex Madonna Expo Center, 100 Madonna Rd.,
San Luis Obispo, \$10 for 2-day entrance, Sat. 9-5pm and Sun. 9-4pm
http://www.aggcc.org/Seven_Sisters_Quilt_Show.html
- July 12- SJVQG Meeting 7pm, open at 6:00pm for raffle & BOM tables, social time.
Fabric Stash Yard Sale

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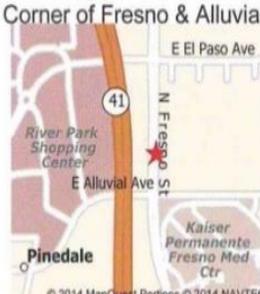


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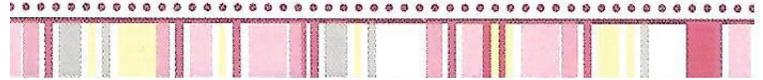
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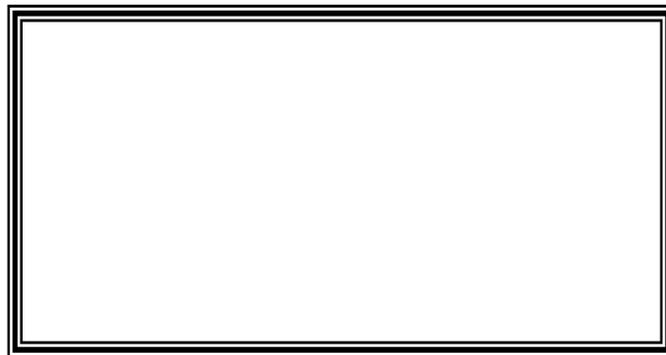
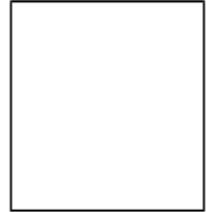


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Checklist for our May 10th Meeting:

- ✓ Name Tag
- ✓ Turn off cell phone
- ✓ Completed Block of the Month blocks
- ✓ Show-n-Tell Items
- ✓ Everyone - Snacks - finger foods
- ✓ Bring Comfort Quilts, Pillowcases, Bags