



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD

Next Meeting February 13, 2014

The Guild meets the second Thursday of each month • 7 pm
at Hope Lutheran Church • 364 E Barstow Ave • Fresno, CA
(NW corner of Fresno St and Barstow Ave)
Tables open at 6:30 pm

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Hi Quilter's!

Our new website has gone live! It is functional and easy to use, as well as being a visual delight. It would not have happened except for the hard work of Michele Carlson. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude! Thank you, Michele!

You will notice there may still be some fields in Latin that are in the process of being filled. So be patient, it will evolve and be complete very soon.

Michele Carlson will serve as Webmaster, with Carolee Clayton serving as Assistant Webmaster. They are very capable and technically savvy members.

However, since we recruited Carolee from Block of the Month, we need someone to step forward and volunteer to help out Joanie Martin. Call me at 289-6519.

Well, I'll keep it short this month, there are two quilts staring at me right now, that need binding!

See you at the meeting on February 13th.

Barbara Van Rozeboom

PLEASE NOTE::

BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 17, 2014

The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 17 at 6:30 pm at Professional Exchange Service Corporation, 4747 N First St, Suite 140. All officers and chairpersons should attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact Barbara Van Rozeboom. The board meetings are open to all members of the Guild.

COMFORT QUILT NEWS

Ta-da! Total guild donations to our various agency partners in 2013 were as follows: 135 pillowcases, 232 quilts, 33 tote bags, and upwards of 550 doll items—wow! And they were all beautiful, well-made, durable, and made with love to add warmth to the lives of others. Thanks, everyone, for your participation.

At our January meeting, to start the year off right, Pat Roberts turned in 6 women's totes with clever magnetic closures; Sandra Larson, Sharon Sylvester (2), Chris Schneider, Yvonne Mattingly, and Joanie Barker/Susan Schara brought quilts; Carol Mills-Henry(9) brought pillowcases, as usual; and Sandra Larson, Susan Gill, and Paula Grooms each donated wonderful fabric to replenish our stash.

In case newer members don't know: our guild stash is stored at Susan Schara's home near West and Shaw, and is open to you 24/7! Fabric and batting is available at no cost, to be used for donation items only. It can be on a "you pick" basis, if you come to the stash and select it yourself, or "we pick" as we make kits of stash fabric and bring them to you at our meetings. Feel free to call Susan and request batting to be cut to size, or backs in particular colors you need, or long-arm quilting (free) for comfort quilt tops no more than 50" wide, or binding applied by members who like to do that. We aim to do what it takes to facilitate your production of donation items. The comfort quilt team consists of Susan Schara, Nancy Lord, Diana Gardner, and Nancy Decker—let us know how we can help you make lots of things to give away!

COUNTRY STORE 2014

This is a reminder that we are looking for people to sign up to work in the store. Please call me or sign up at the next meeting. Great way to meet new people.

Also pick up an inventory form for the items you want to sell. This is a good way to make a little money while you clean out your supplies. Suggested items are sewing notions, sewing machines, carrying cases, fabric, quilts, patterns, etc.

All items and inventory forms need to be completed and turned in the Thursday before the quilt show.

We need your help to make this successful! Thank you.

Sue Rosa
325-7076

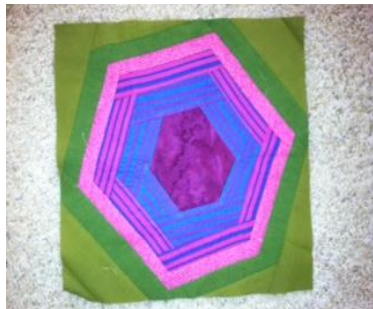
FEBRUARY PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP

This month we welcome Shelley Swanland who has elevated the traditional Cathedral Windows block to an art form. Shelley's sophisticated use of color and her technique for making the block completely on the machine promise to provide a stimulating lecture and enjoyable and productive workshop. Her black lacquer table runner is a small but elegant project which I think you will enjoy. Please check out Shelley's web site www.Shelleysstudio.com.

Please note that this workshop will be held at our new boardroom facility at Professional Exchange Service Corp; 4747 N First Street, suite 140. (South of Fashion Fair).

**Joaquin Valley Quilters' Guild, Inc.
Treasurer's Report December, 2013**

Checking Account Balance of December 1, 2013		59,300.00
Income:		
Interest	1.56	
Quilt Show - 2014	550.00	
Total Income		551.56
Expense:		
Book and Fabric	285.14	
Membership - Cards & Rosters	202.77	
Newsletter - Postage	35.88	
Newsletter - Printing	64.40	
Program - Central High School Choir	250.00	
Quilt Show 2014	233.73	
Rent - Meeting Facility	200.00	
Total Expense		<u>1,271.92</u>
Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2013		<u><u>58,579.64</u></u>



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

With everyone so busy with holiday projects, there was no BOM in December, so there was no drawing in January. But many of you purchased the pattern and background fabric for January's paper pieced bird. We hope you are having fun with that block and that there are many turned in for February's drawing. To whet your appetite for the next block, here is a preview of the Scrappy Rose Log Cabin which will be available at the February meeting.

Joanie Martin 285 -6228

Ellen Hemink 434-0850

QUILTS OF VALOR

We are still in need of Quilts of Valor. There are many new Veterans checking into the new Veterans Home. Please let me know if you are willing to make a Quilt of Valor.

The VA home has requested Table Toppers for coffee table (24" x 48"). They also need Table toppers (22" x 26"). These should not be in patriotic colors but the colors of rooms around the VA home. These colors should be beige, sea foam green, burgundy or burnt orange.

They also need coasters.

Thank you for all of your help with this project.

Gerri Pymm

MEMBERSHIP

Membership cards and directories are now available for members who have renewed their membership. If you have not picked yours up yet, please stop by the membership table at the February meeting.

If you have not renewed yet, applications, along with the \$35 membership fee, are still being accepted and can be submitted to the Membership Committee at the monthly meeting or mailed to the address on the application. Applications are available on the guild website at www.sjvqg.org.

Shares Cards are available at the membership table. Stop by and pick one up, it's an easy way to help the guild.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - wishes for a Happy Birthday go out to the following February Birthdays:

Mary Bell
Linda Knabke
Lynn Psaltis
Carol Summers

Sandy Clark
Pamm Kowertz
Sharon Rossi

Debbie Gira
Jill Petrucci
Sue Simmons

Guild members are responsible for supplying a snack for the meeting in which their birthday occurs. Remember "Finger Foods Only"

BOUTIQUE NEWS

We are in the home stretch!! Please bring your boutique donations to the next guild meeting or call one of us for pick up. The success of the boutique has been because of your generous donations. Please keep them coming!

A big thank you to Gerri Pymm for her donation of a quilt which we will use in the "silent auction" part of the boutique along with a vintage sewing machine from Tina Cox's collection. Also thank you to Carolee Clayton for her "Downton Abby" basket that she is making. That will be fun!! Thank you to Chris Chapman and friends for the "Kitchen Basket" with all the cool dishes, cooking tools, potholders, etc. It is beautiful! Wanda Carter and friends have promised an "African Basket" like they did last time. It is sure to be a crowd pleaser! We are still looking for quilting items (scissors, pins, rulers, etc) for the sewing basket and yarn for the knitting basket.

Special invitation!!!

Terry and I would like to invite you to help put baskets together (date and time to be determined) and learn what is involved in this important position within the Quilt Show Committee so that we can "pass the baton" for the next show! It's a really fun job and it would be great to have the next volunteer(s) help us and learn the ropes. Please give us a call if you would like to volunteer.

Thanks so much!

Lor-Rae Raus
Terry Brown

PS: sign-up sheets will be available at the February meeting if you would like to help sell raffle tickets at the show. We will have 2 hour shifts available both days. It is a standing job!

2013-2014 Fat Quarters

- February** - Juvenile Fabrics
March - Bright – cottons/batik
April - Dots and Stripes
May - Florals
June - Patriotic Fabric
July - Summer Fun
August - Stars and Geometric Shapes

Mark Your Calendar...

- Feb. 13** – Guild Meeting
Feb. 17 – Board Meeting
Feb. 7-8 – Valley Quilters Quilt Show, San Jacinto, CA
Feb. 8-9 – Cotton Patch Quilters of Kern County, CPQ Quilt Show, Bakersfield, CA
Feb. 15-16 – Turlock Quilt Guild – 2014 Quilt Show, Turlock, CA
Feb. 22-23 – South Bay Quilters Guild 2014 Quilt Show, Torrance, CA

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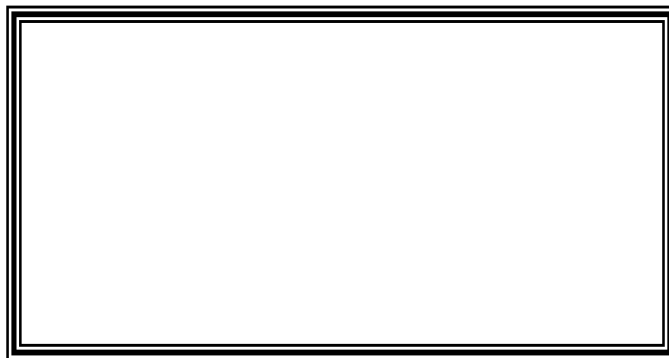
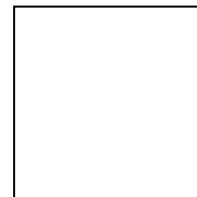
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Checklist for February 13th Meeting

- ✓ Name Tag - or - 25¢
- ✓ Turn off cell phone
- ✓ Fat Quarters - Juvenile Fabrics
- ✓ Library Books and Videos
- ✓ Show-n-Tell Items