

Membership:

We had 69 members and 9 visitors sign in for the March meeting. **WELCOME** all! Ladies, please remember to take a minute and "X" your name on the sign-in sheet each month, and note your ZIP CODE on the appropriate page. Visitors, too, please.

Door Prizes:

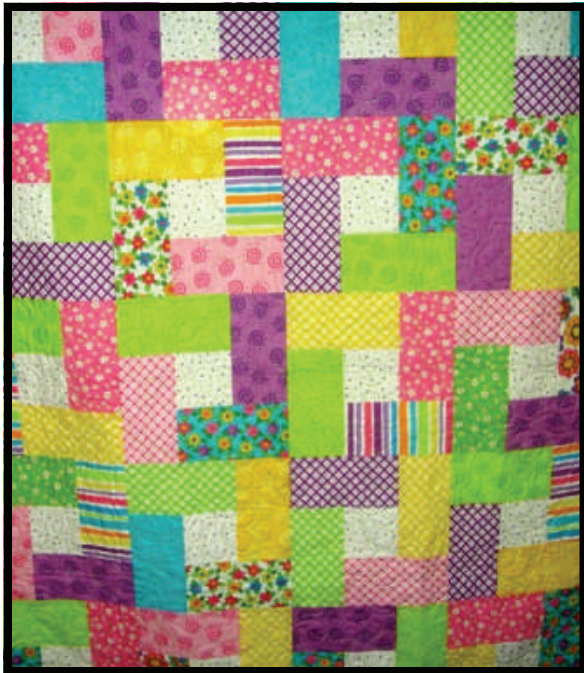
Got name? Got name tag? Well, put that tag on (don't you want other members to know who you are?), put your name in the drawing.

The winners for March were Chris Johnson, Jean Bigham, Karen Hundley, Barbara Moynihan, Lilianna Davis, Valerie Turner, Becky Killion. Congratulations winners!

Snacks:

The snacks are being supplied by our March Birthday Members and anyone else that would like to bring something.

In advance, we thank you for your hospitality, and the goodies you bring! You make our meeting special!



**Christine Sharp
Quilt**



Show & Share

- Jan Mills**-Chicken Quilt, Winter Row, & Self Portrait
- Margie Snow**-Block Challenge Quilt, & 2 Panels
- Judy Bellow**-Quilt for the Monthly Class
- Linda Adams & Mary Mertz**-French Rose Quilts and Crazy Heart
- Angie Nudge**-Spring Blossoms Table Runner
- Dorothy McAtee**-Three peas in a pod, & Community Quilt
- Christine Sharp**-Baby Quilt
- Lynda Nanann**-Cancer Prayer Quilt
- Elaine Smith**- Birdhouse Quilt, & Table runner
- Carol Holmes**-Table runner
- Sharon Gross**
- Lilianna Davis**
- Eleanor Stewart**
- Brenda Adamo, Karen Berkey, Connie Dykes, Marlys Whipple, Debbie Whipple, Jeri Read**-Quilt Tops made at Retreat

Community Service:

Donations are gladly welcomed anytime— All can be used to brighten someone's day and heart at our local hospitals.

Meet the Stripper:

If you are interested in participating in “Meet the Stripper” Contact Sharon Gross at redhatgoddess@yahoo.com. Please put “Raincross Quilt Guild” in the subject line of your email.

Tips & Tricks:

This was sent in by Chris Kerns a few months ago, so thought this would be the time to share with all of you. Thanks Chris.

This tip is for those days when you feel like doing something towards your quilting hobby but just can't. Your machine might be in the shop or you're getting over an illness or your husband wants you to watch the big game with him. How about sorting your stash? An easy way is to put like colors or types together in piles. Then put them into one or two gallon zip type bags by color. If time allows, you can iron and fold and sort them by color graduation.

All fabric scraps go into a container, any unsorted are on the bottom with the sorted bags on top. Mine stay upright and open, not zipped, for easy access. I have four color groups that I use most often in these bags: cream and off-whites, reds, blues, and greens. This comes in very handy for foundation paper piecing when you want a small piece of color and know there must be something for the project in your scraps.

Another use for sorted fabric bits is to tie fabric ribbons on paper gift bags or around the top of clear cellophane bags filled with treats. It was so easy to find red and green strips to accent Christmas gifts this past season.

This makes watching TV something productive and, after all, our fabric needs to be aerated, right?

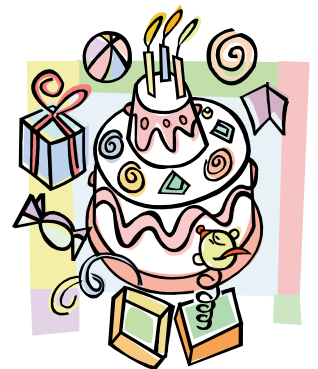
I am still looking for recycling ideas. I have received a few but would like a lot more. So please email me. Thanks again for your ideas and Good Quilting to you all.

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Happy Birthday

Lynn Cashman
Sharon DuBois
Lindy Bliss
Jean Franco
Connie Mersereau
Elaine Smith
Sandy Shammass
Marlyns Whipple



Join in the fun:

Sew Night is the 1st Wednesday of the month at Fellowship Baptist Church on Arlington Avenue just west of the 91 freeway, 6—9 p.m. Everyone (even non-members) is invited. Bring any project and a dish of food to share (if you like). We sew a little, visit, laugh and eat a lot.

NEXT MEETING:

April 24th 6:30pm. Doors open at 6pm
Janet Goeske Senior Center
5257 Sierra St., Riverside
Membership \$25.00 per year.
Non-members \$3.00 per meeting.

Mesh Screen Bags Supply List Saturday 1-4pm April 14th. \$5.00

1. Mesh Screen. Bring a piece that is twice as long as finished bag and 1" wider.
2. Zipper that is at least 3" longer than the width of your mesh. I prefer to use a Sweater/Jacket coil-separating zipper. You can also use polyester all-purpose zipper. Try not to get a Sport Zipper. Unless you are very careful, they can break needles.
3. Fabric 1" wider than the width of your mesh and as long as you want. Allow for 1/4" seam.
4. Long heavy duty pins and or marking pencil that will show up on mesh screen.
5. Thread to match the mesh.
6. Machine needle #14 or #16
7. Double fold bias tape, extra wide to match mesh.
8. Optional: Something to use as a zipper pull.
9. Sewing machine and basic sewing supplies.

If you have any questions contact Karen Hundley @ kbarrett-hundley@sbcglobal.net



Mesh Screen Bag
"Sample"

The Quilt

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls. Before each of us laid our lives, like squares of a quilt in many piles.

An angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life. But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in everyday life. I saw hardships that I endured which were the largest holes of all.

I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my whole life and was disheartened. My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air.

Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose, each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me and nodded for me to rise. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthy fortunes. I have love in my life and laughter. But, there also had been trials of illness and death and false accusations that took from me my world as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I have often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me. And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was and I had to accept it for what it was.

I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes. Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, "Every time you gave over your life to me, it became my life, my hardships and my struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let me shine through, until there was more of me than there was of you.

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through.



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RAINCROSS QUILT GUILD—MAY, 2007 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

NELSON'S VICTORY—12 1/2" UNFINISHED—12" FINISHED—RED, WHITE AND BLUE

FABRIC: COLOR 1-RED

4 - 3 1/2" SQUARES

2 - 3 7/8" SQUARES



COLOR 2-BLUE

4 - 3 1/2" SQUARES

2 - 3 7/8" SQUARES



COLOR 3-WHITE

4 - 3 1/2" SQUARES



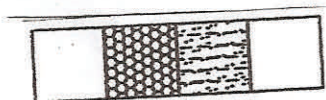
Draw diagonal lines on the lighter of the Color 1 or Color 2 - 3 7/8" squares. Place right sides together and sew 1/4" on each side of the line. Cut on line. True to 3 1/2" and press to the darker fabric.

Makes 4 - 3 1/2" squares.



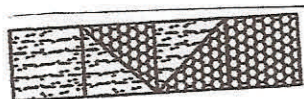
ASSEMBLE BLOCK:

Row 1:



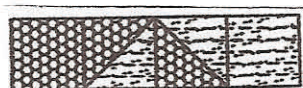
white, blue, red, white

Row 2:



red, red/blue, red/blue, blue

Row 3:



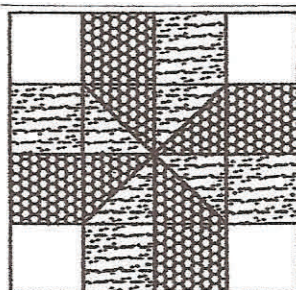
blue, blue/red, blue/red, red

Row 4:



white, red, blue, white

Press rows in opposite directions. Sew rows together.



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