

The Common Thread

Join in the Fun -

Sew Night will now be the 1st Wednesday of the month at the United First Methodist Church, located at 4845 Brockton Ave, 6-9pm. Everyone is invited. Bring a project and some goodies if you so desire. We sew a little, visit, and laugh a lot! Hope to see you there.

NEXT MEETING:

Feb 19 at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6pm.
Janet Goeske Center
5257 Sierra St, Riverside
Membership dues are \$25.00 per year
Non-Members \$3.00 per meeting.

Snacks:

The snacks are being supplied by our February, June and October Birthday members.

Community Service

Carol Holmes, our BOM lady, will be making a Quilt Pink quilt using the February BOM pattern. If you would like to contribute extra strips (mentioned in the January News Letter, Page 4, BOM instructions) or make a few extra blocks or 9 patches for this project bring them with you to the February meeting. Once the quilt is completed it will be raffled off and the proceeds donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

If you would like to make quilts for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Riverside County Medical Center Hospital, they are asking for quilts a minimum size of 30x30. This size covers the top of the bassinet and shields the little ones from light. Please bring to the meeting and our Service Coordinator will make sure they get delivered. Thank you for your generosity!

The Quilting Connection group meets every Monday night at 6:30. Location Grove Community Church, 19900 Grove Community Drive, Riverside, CA 92508 in room C4. Making quilts for various charities.

Coming Events -

To be continued by popular demand, member classes will return in 2008. There are already plans for a felted bag class, quilt embellishing, Jacket/ vest sew-in and more! Details to follow.

Quilt Events:

28th Annual Quilt Show

By Valley Quilters in Hemet
Feb. 8-9, 10am-4pm, Admission \$6.
Valley Wide Recreation Center
901 Esplanade Ave.
San Jacinto CA.
Featuring over 100 quality quilts, consignment shop, boutique, quilt appraiser, vendors, and featured quilter.
Info: 951-927-9739 or
sewbetty3@adelphia.net.

South Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show

Feb 16-17
Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3341 Civic Center Drive
Torrance, CA
Info: www.southbayquiltersguild.org

Quilted Treasures

Mar 1-2 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4 (strollers Sun only)
Friendship Square Quilt Guild
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd
La Habra, CA 90631
(Corner of La Habra Blvd & Euclid St)
Admission \$6.00, Parking Free
Info: www.friendshipsquarequiltguild.com

Desert Quilt Guilds Quilt Show

March 7 - 8, Palm Springs Pavilion

29th Annual Glendale Quilt Show - Threads of Time, Glendale Quilt Guild

Mar 28-30, Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4
Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel & Convention Center
2500 Hollywood Way
Burbank, CA
Admission \$9.00 a day or \$15.00 unlimited, children under 11 are free, Husbands free on Sunday.
Info: www.glendalequiltguild.org/2008quilt-show.html

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Membership:

We had 67 members and 7 guests sign in for the January meeting. **We are so glad you could join us!** Ladies, please remember to take a minute and "X" your name on the sign-in sheet each month, and note your ZIP CODE on sheet 2!

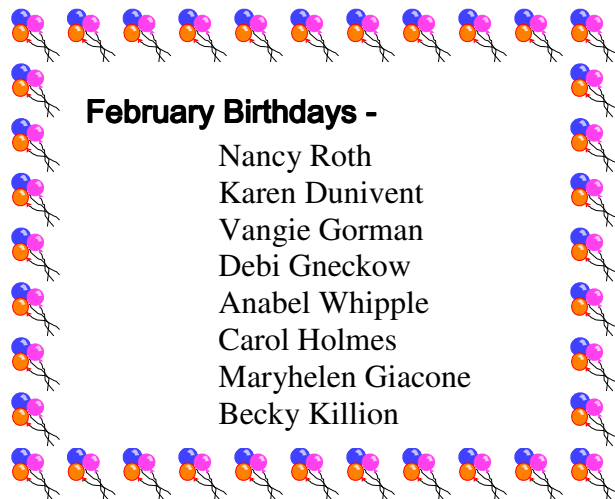
Door Prizes:

Got name? Got name tag? Well, put that tag on (don't you want other members to know who you are?), and put your name in the drawing! Chris and Connie make a big effort to find great, useable door prizes. Congratulations to all the January winners:

Susan Ewing, Sandy Shammas, Karen Valentine, Lynn Cashman, Joyce Norton, Jackie Skudlarski, Angie Nudge, Shirley Lillie.

Friendship Block

Pat Hale will not be able to do the Friendship Block this year. If any one is interested in taking over give Pat a call and she will provide you with all of the information you need. Pat screens her calls and will pick up the phone when she hears your voice, so talk to the machine.



Challenge -

A pieced, quilted apron, any type or style. Bring your creations to the April Guild meeting. If you have any questions call our Special Events lady Christine Sharp.



Show & Share

- Christine - Raggedy Jacket
- Jackie Hansen - 2 quilts & 'Be a Deer'
- Beverly & Dana - 2 tops, 3 wall quilts, 1 table runner
- Bonnie Hale - Pink Nine Patch
- Fern Fujimoto - Auction quilt
- Katy Sanchez - Mary Englebriecht Friends quilt
- Rebecca Carmona - Light Houses, Fans & Butterflies, Ballerinas
- Sandie Sutherland - Last month exchange block
- Jan Mills - Apple quilt
- Renee Tieszen - Baby quilt
- Joyce Norton - B.O.M. Daughters quilt
- Melissa Mattz - Lone Star quilt
- Angie Nudge - Charity Quilt
- Diane Taliane - Pansy Quilt
- Carol Cox - 2 baby quilts
- Jean B. - Row by Row, wall hanging

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MARCH 2008 BOM

9 1/2" square—9" finished square

1-2" square for corner block (provided)
5 assorted beiges---print and tone on tone
5 assorted greens---med to dark
5 assorted blues-----med to dark
Cut in 2" strips.

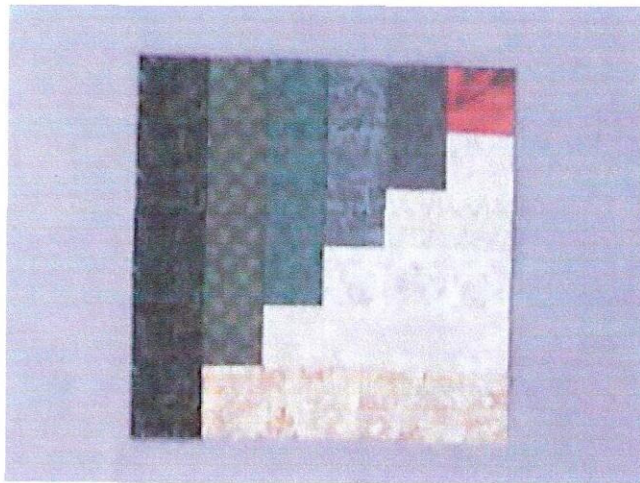
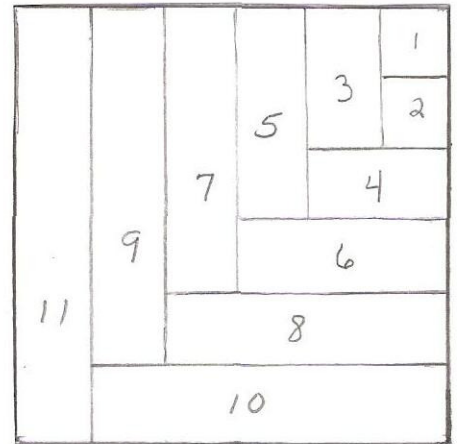
GREEN SQUARE

#1 is orange square
#2 is beige
#3 is green
#4 is beige
and so on.

BLUE SQUARE

#1 is orange
#2 is beige
#3 is blue
#4 is beige
and so on.

All lights go on right and
All greens and blues go on left.



2008 BOM Challenge:

Do you have BOM sets of blocks you've won in the last few years? Have you thought about what you are going to do with them? Well here is a chance to win \$50.00 cash. A fellow quilter (who wishes to remain anonymous) hereby challenges you to make those sets into a quilt top. At the 2008 Christmas meeting, all who have made a BOM top in 2008 will have a chance to participate in the drawing for the cash! You'll get one ticket for showing your quilt top or three tickets for showing your finished quilt! If you finish your top and show it again 2 additional tickets will be earned. Eligible sets are from years 2005—2008.

Tips & Tricks

Hope everyone enjoyed Road2CA. I took 5 classes and went to 3 seminars. I need another week off work to rest up from that week. Wow. What a great time and learned so many new things. I even bought a new sewing machine.

So one of the things I learned was when using freezer paper to do templates, draw your templates on one sheet, iron a second and maybe even a third sheet on top. This makes them much easier to use and they will last for a long long time. I even discovered that freezer paper shrinks when ironed. Not much maybe 1/16th of an inch. So if it matters to you, iron your paper first, then use it. Putting the second sheet on top of the drawn lines also will keep inks from running onto your material when you press the freezer paper onto the back of your material.

Everyone should be full of fresh ideas and tips that you learned in a class. Email them to me or write them down and give to me at guild meeting. Please don't tell me what they are, because by the time I get home I have forgotten.

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Meet the Stripper

Our February stripper is **LINDA ADAMS**. Linda has been a member of Raincross Quilt guild from the very beginning!!

Linda says her Raincross quilting friends have been a constant in her life for the last 10 years, and she never needed you more than when her husband of 37 years died suddenly in August of 2005.

Linda has sewn since she was 13 and said she's been quilting since 1990 - but she did make a quilt for her older daughter when she was 18 months old - 37 years ago!! She also made another quilt in the 1980's with friends. When she made these early quilts she didn't know how to "quilt," and they were "fly by the seat of my pants" projects.

Linda had a desire to make a log cabin quilt for many years before she took her first quilting class (It's Okay to Sit on my Quilt) in 1990 at the Fabric Patch. That same year she went to a class (School House Quilt) at Wood's Creative Sewing - where she met our very own JERI!!

Both Linda's grandmothers quilted, but she didn't learn her paternal grandmother's story for years. After her grandmother died, Linda was given a box full of her fabric, including lots of scraps of Linda's clothing projects for her girls. At that time she didn't know her grandmother was a quilter.

Linda has a much-cherished quilt that was made by her maternal grandmother before Linda was born. This Sunbonnet Sue quilt was on Linda's childhood bed for as far back as she can remember. This grandmother died this past summer at 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of age!!

Linda has made at least 100 quilts, and **stripping** is Linda's preference. She pieces by machine but does handwork such as embroidery. She usually machine quilts her tops but does send some out for professional quilting. Many of her quilts have been given to family and friends, some go to charity, some are in various stages of completion, and some she has kept.

Biggest OOPS was probably the quilt she considered her first -- a triple rail -- because it was her first quilting class. She didn't understand the concept and put the rails together so that it came out a double rail!!

Linda has many interests that center around her family - two daughters, four grandkids - and friends, her boyfriend, her yard/garden, three horses, four dogs and two cats!! She loves to be active, especially outdoors, and loves photography.

She likes being involved with our large Raincross membership and would like some sub-interest groups that would briefly meet for ten or 15 minutes - a great way to get to know everybody. Linda loves the Show and Share portion of our meetings,

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