

# The Common Thread

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## *A Scant Quarter -*

Singing the praises of the fabric, thread and machine. What a joyous song we sing as we quilt. I've been trying once again to get out to my sewing room first thing in the morning for 1/2 hour each day to put a few stitches on a block, or press a few seams to one side or sew a string of blocks together, or even just to cut a few strips of color for a new quilt (yes, i know i shouldn't start a new quilt but buying the fabric means the quilt is started so i have more than a few going!!!) This connection with my inner, creative spirit puts me in a great place to start the day. My day job is full of people and books. I love what I do, but my spirit is refreshed when I see the colors, feel the fabric, watch the stitches do their magic and create. I hope each of you find a corner of the day when your spirit of creativity is set free to smile.

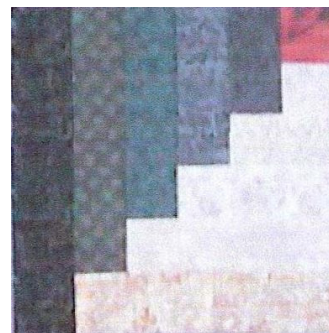
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## *Block of the Month -*

WOW, Ladies, Sixty blocks were tuned in for the February Block of the Month, yes 60, 60! There were five winners in February - Christie Fowler, Florence Patrick, Roth Solis and Ruth Solis again! The fifth winner is the Susan G. Komen Foundation. A charity quilt will be made from the additional blocks and pieces donated by the generous quilters in our guild. The quilt will be raffled off to help in the fight against breast cancer. Thanks so much to all who participated! And a big thanks to our BOM lady, Carol Holmes for all of her hard work.

The March BOM is pictured below. Instructions can be found in the February newsletter. If you have questions call Carol Holmes.



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## **NEXT MEETING:**

**March 18 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.**

## **Join in the Fun -**

Sew Night is 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.

## **Snacks:**

The snacks are being supplied by our March, July and November Birthday members.

## **Community Service**

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.

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.

The Friendship Quilters meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the Janet Goeske Senior Center to sew quilts for various charities.

The UCLA Hospital neonatal unit is in need of gowns. The pattern will be provided at the March meeting for those interested.

Nila, the pillow lady has made over 1000 pillows for Kaiser heart surgery patients using orphan quilt blocks. The patients hug the pillows when they cough. The pillows were so successful that Kaiser has decided to have them made for them. Nila is now in search of another hospital to donate pillows to so keep those orphan blocks coming.

17 hats were provided for cancer patients. Katy Sanchez will provide the pattern to Angie so it can be posted on the website

## **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.

We will have demos at the April guild meeting.



## **Quilt Events:**

### **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](http://www.friendshipsquarequiltguild.com)

### **Desert Magic**

#### **Desert Quilt Guilds Quilt Show**

March 7 - 8, 10am - 5pm  
401 S. Pavilion Way Palm Springs  
Admission \$7.00, Free Parking  
Please no strollers, Info (760)367-5817

### **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](http://www.glendalequiltguild.org/2008quilt-show.html)

### **Quilt, Crafts and Sewing Festival**

**March 6 - 8**, 10am - 5pm  
Pomona Fair Grounds, Building 5  
Parking at the Sheraton Suites Fairplex

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## Membership:

We had 63 members and 4 guests sign in for the February 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!

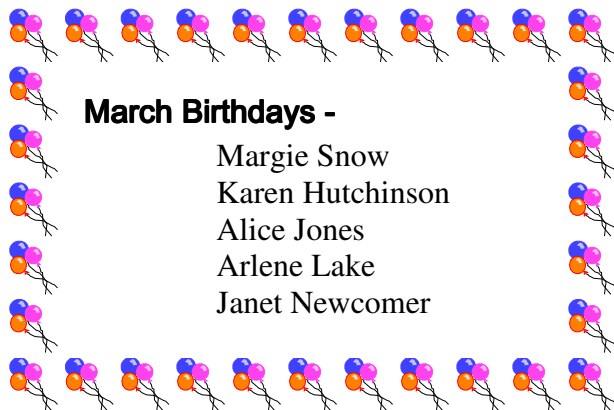
## Door Prizes:

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. A big thanks to Moore's and Fabric Patch! Congratulations to all the February winners:

Lynette Williams, Christine Sharp, Deanna Baldwin, Mary Mertz, Renee Nofil, Debbie Whipple, Shirley Peters.

## Friendship Block

The friendship Block will continue! Katy Sanchez has volunteered to carry on. This is a great way to get a quilt made and to try new blocks and techniques without having to do a whole quilt. It runs for 3 months on and 3 months off so you get a break in between. If you have any questions call Katy Sanchez.



## Challenge -

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



## Show & Share

- Katy Sanchez - Love Bunnies Raffle Quilt
- Joan White - 3 Tops
- Karen Hubbard - Quilt
- Judith & Amber - Wall Hanging
- Nancy Roth - Civil War Quilt
- Lynn Cashman - Joann's BOM Quilt
- Debi Gneckow - Quilted Chicken Doorstop
- Beth Totten - Landscape & Horse Wall Hangings.
- Dana Thompson - Baby Quilt
- Jackie Hansen - Christmas Projects
- Janet Newcomer - 5 Quilts
- Angie Nudge - Caring Heart Quilt & Charity Quilts
- Jeri Read - Latte Cup Quilt

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APRIL 2008 BOM

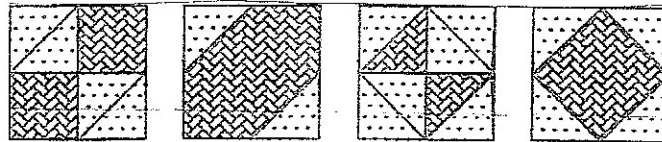
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12 1/2" unfinished---12" finished block

1-6 1/2" square	Yellow 30's Reproduction Print (provided)
4-3 1/2" squares	30's print of your choice
4-6 1/2" x 3 1/2" sqs	30's print " "
4-3 1/2" squares	Unbleached muslin or Kona Natural.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 4-3 1/2" 30's print squares.  
Place on upper left corner of the 6 1/2" square, sew on the line, press and trim. Do the same for all corners. Square up to 6 1/2".

Unit A



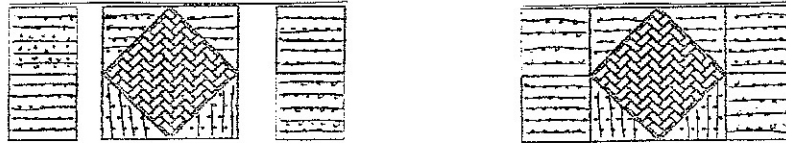
Sew a 3 1/2" muslin square on each side of the 6 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangle. Make 2

Unit B

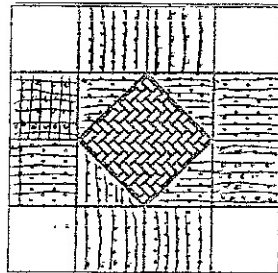


Sew a 6 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangle on both sides of Unit A

Unit C



Sew all 3 sections together to form finished block.



I used Kona Natural, available at Moore's Sewing Center.  
10357 Magnolia Ave., Ste. L  
Riverside, Ca.  
951.688.6254

Extra material squares and patterns available at Moore's also.  
Questions? Call Carol Holmes 951.657.6531

Pattern, courtesy of The Kansas City Star . 1929

## Tips & Tricks

I am taking an Appliqué Class in Orange Co. once a month and the teacher told us this. Thought it was great and works really well.

Instead of using appliqué pins for holding your pieces in place, use quilting between. There is no head for your thread to get hung up on and they are very sharp and thin. They go into the material easily and do not leave a hole. I use #12 between, but any size you have will do.

Also, do you ever get those refrigerator magnets from companies that are a calendar or business card? If you cut them slightly smaller than a small container, (just big enough to fit into your travel bag) glue it inside and you can carry pins that will not fall out if you accidentally tip the pin box over.

That's it for now.

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## Meet the Stripper

Our March stripper is **ALICE JONES**. Alice has been a member of Raincross Quilt Guild for about 7 years.

Alice's husband of 64 years is Ralph (he's her PET)!! Alice has 3 sons -- in Tucson, Arizona, Redding and Nuevo, she has 5 grandchildren and she has 6 great grandchildren with #7 on the way.

Alice has been sewing most all of her life and began quilting about 7 years ago. She was inspired to start quilting by pal Jean Bigham, many dollars and many fabrics ago, and she's still going! She's made about 46 quilts and many baby quilts, and they're all in Redding, Arizona and California.

Alice's family did not quilt, so she's a self-taught quilter. She doesn't prefer either paper piecing or stripping, and she stitches both by hand and by machine. Her biggest oops? Many, and she doesn't want to spill them to us!!

Her favorite quilt is a Dresden Plate quilt that her mother started but never finished. So Alice finished it!! Really cool is how Alice learned to put her fabric pieces together with her "crazy eyes."

Alice also enjoys crocheting, china painting, and bowling, and has taught dance. But with her failing eyesight, she has stopped doing most everything. Now that Ralph and Alice are retired, she has retired to quilting. They've hung up the fishing poles!!

What Alice enjoys most about Raincross? Socializing and the friendships she's found.

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