



The Common Thread

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President - Jeri Read

A Scant Quarter -

It is with a sad heart that we say good bye to our friend and fellow quilter Becky Killion. Becky passed away Wednesday, March 26th. Becky was fun and funny! She loved her family, friends and quilting. I know she inspired me with her eye for color and desire to try things new & old.

I hope for all of us at the Raincross Quilt Guild, friendships that are dear, kind words that are spoken to encourage and quilts that inspire and touch you. Thank you for being that place for me.

Jeri



Block of the Month -

There were four BOM winners in March, the winners were Arlene Lake, Donna Z, Jackie Hansen and Karen Dunivent.

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



Library -

Rose Ornelas is our new Librarian. If you haven't browsed the library yet you are missing out. There are a lot of great books to choose from, and borrowing a book is so easy. To check out a book just take the card out of the book. Put your name and the date on the card and file the card in the box. When you bring the book back you just take the card out of the box and put it back in the book.

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On a Sad Note

A tragedy has struck our guild friend Jean Bingham. Her son Nathan was killed in a car accident on Friday, April 4, 2008. He was only 33 years old.

NEXT MEETING:

April 15 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 April snacks are being supplied by our April, August and December 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.

LLU Sends thanks for the hats and blankets!

Magazines sales, \$1.00 per magazine. The proceeds will go to buy goodies for the goodie bags. So bring in those magazines you are through with, and your dollars to get a few more you haven't seen.

Coming Events -

April is Apron Challenge Month. Don't forget to wear your apron to Guild in April. The April demos have been postponed.

The Guild Sale is coming up. So do your spring stash cleaning and get rid of all those fabrics, etc. you just had to have, but now have no idea what you were thinking about when you bought them. The details will be discussed at the April meeting.

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



Quilt Events:

Spring Fling Quilt Dash

April 3,4 & 5 9-6

6 Participating Quilt Shops

Sewing Shack, Riverside

Gerogia's Quilting Obsession, Beaumont

Busy Bee Quilt Shop, Caliesa

The Calico Horse, Redlands

Monica's Quilt & Bead Creations, Palm Desert

Fabric Fools, Desert Hot Springs

Quilting by the Sea

Camarillo Quilter's Association

May 2-4,

Seaside Park, Ventura CA

Ventura Count Fair Grounds

Admission \$7.00

Info <http://www.camarilloquilters.org/>

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Membership:

We had 68 members and 7 guests sign in for the March 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 for their ongoing generous donations! Congratulations to all the March winners: Vangie, Barbara M, Melissa, Mary Taynton, Angel, Sandy Okano, Marlys Whipple and Jan Mills.

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.

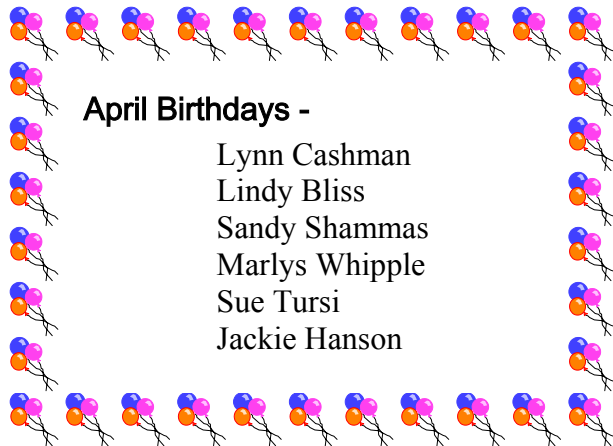
Challenge -

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.



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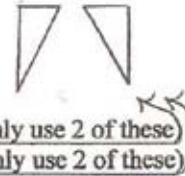
- Debi Gneckow - Quilt as you go
- Jan Cox - 2 Community Service Quilts
- Carol Holmes - Old Quilt
- Jean Bigham - 2 Quilts, 1 Wall Hanging
- Jamie Kennedy - Pink Lemonade
- Jeri's Quilt
- Hiltje Fierro - Quilt 2#
- Karen & Dana - Wall Quilts
- Angie Nudge - 2 Charity Quilts
- Dorothy McAtee - Birthday Quilt
- Karen Hundley - Baby Quilt



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MAY 2008 BOM MAGNOLIA BUD 10" SQUARE 9 1/2" FINISHED

- 2-3 1/2" x 5" rectangles, background material (cut in half diagonally)
- 3-3 1/4" squares background material
- 1-1 7/8" square " "
- 1-1 7/8" x 3 1/4" rectangle " "
- 1-1 7/8" square Rose colored material (provided)
- 1-4 1/2" square Flowered material of your choice
- 2-3 1/2" x 5" rectangles, flowered — cut in half diagonally (You will only use 2 of these)
- 2-3 1/2" x 5" rectangles, green ----- cut in half diagonally (You will only use 2 of these)

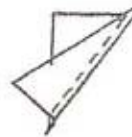


Sew the 1 7/8" Rose square to the 1 7/8" background square.
Sew the 1 7/8" x 3 1/4" rectangle to the Rose section.

UNIT A



Sew background triangle to flowered triangle allowing the points to extend 1/4" over the edge, as in the diagram.



2 UNIT B's



Make another one the mirror image of the first one.
Square up to 3 1/4" x 4 1/2"

2 UNIT C's



Do the same with the green and background triangles
Square up to 3 1/4" x 4 1/2"

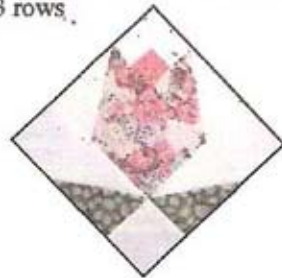
Sew 1 Unit A to 1 Unit B, then to a 3 1/4" background sq.



Sew 1 Unit B to the 4 1/2" sq., then to 1 Unit C



Sew 1 -3 1/4" background sq. to Unit C, then to 3 1/4" sq.
Then assemble all 3 rows



Pattern from Kansas City Star, March 30, 1932

Tips & Tricks

Well spring has sprung and its time to clean up the sewing room. Never knew anyone could collect so much stuff.

I love to read all the quilting magazines. I use to keep them, but then I could never find anything when I wanted it. So I started going through them while watching TV and removing only the patterns that I liked. I put those in a sheet protector and put into a 3 ring binder. My binders are by subject, Appliqué, Children's, Animals, Holidays, Things other than quilts, etc. When looking for a specific kind of quilt to make, I go to that binder. I go back through my binders every now and ask myself, would I ever make that? Usually the answer is no, so out it goes.

Does anyone cross stitch? I have 100+ books that I want to find a good home for. Call me or email if

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Becky Killion

As many of you probably know, guild member and my dear friend, Becky Killion, passed away March 26. The memorial was for the immediate family on March 29. They have asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Inland Valley Humane Society, a group very close to Becky's heart. She and her husband, Ron, provided a foster home to many animals over the past 17 years or so.

The address is:

Inland Valley Humane Society

Attn: Jenni Skidmore

500 Humane Way

Pomona, CA 91766



Becky was born February 27, 1947 in Pomona, CA. She lived in Riverside 28 years. I'm not sure how long she had been quilting. She also belonged to Citrus Belt Quilt Guild. I made a point of introducing myself to her at a Raincross Quilt Guild meeting after reading the membership roster. Her address was across the street from where we lived for 8 years (before she moved there) and we moved from there in 1975. When I asked her if she knew my next-door neighbor there, she told me the neighbor was still there and that they were good friends. After that meeting, Becky and I spent some time together almost every weekend, meeting downtown for coffee or hitting a quilt shop or two. We really connected. She said she had not been quilting long but her work looked like she had been at it quite a while. She did a beautiful job on the things I saw at that time. We've been hanging out together for at least 5 years I guess, time goes so fast. Becky loved animals, fabric shopping, lunching, going on quilt runs, hanging out with her husband Ron at car shows with their 67 Cadillac or El Camino. She spent a lot of time with her daughter, Tammy, and family in San Diego. She also had a daughter, Donna, in Boise, Idaho and visited there. She had a sister, Nancy, in Colorado who also quilts. She liked to garden and was interested in just about anything that seemed like it would be fun. She always wanted to go to Hawaii and was able to go this last Thanksgiving. I'm so happy she did that. It wasn't much more than 2 weeks later that she went into the hospital. She also enthusiastically participated in the "Quilts of Valor" program, "Home of the Brave" quilts, "Katrina Victim's" quilt project and "Quilt Pink" for breast cancer.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for your kind words and caring thoughts.

Dorothy McAtee