

The Common Thread

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The Newsletter of the Raincross Quilt Guild - Riverside, CA
President - Jeri Read



Block of the Month -

There were four BOM winners in May, the winners were Hiltje Fierro, Sylvia Ramos, Cheri Erwin, Susan McCoy and Florence P.

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



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June Challenge:

Don't forget to bring your placemats to the June meeting for the Place Mat Challenge/Exchange. You bring one, you take one home. If you have any questions call Christine Sharp, our challenge coordinator.

Guilds Sale:

Thank you, ladies! We now have \$207.00 for the happy bags from the sale of items from Becky Killion's estate. More goodies will be available in the months to come. For June - I'll be bringing issues of Australian Patchwork & Quilting - the spectacular magazine from quilters Down Under. These will be \$5.00 each as they are very special and hard to get.
Angie.

NEXT MEETING:

June 17 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.

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 inches.

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. They make 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. Call Jan or Florence for details.

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.



The bus trip to the Long Beach Quilt Show on Friday, July 25th is a go! The bus has been reserved. For those who would like to come please either mail a check to Barbara Moynihan or bring it to her at the June guild meeting. The Cost is \$35, and it includes the bus trip, your entry to the Quilt show for the day and games and prizes during the bus ride. A day full of fun and fellowship!

Quilt Events:

Beach Cities Quilters Guild 2008 Quilt Show

June 7-8, 2008, 10 am - 4 pm
Soka University Gymnasium
1 University Drive, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656
Admission \$8.00

Long Beach International Quilt Show July 24-27, 2008 Long Beach Convention Center

Quilt Daze VII

August 2 & 3, 2008, 10 am to 4 pm
Yorba Linda Community Center
4501 Casa Loma (Casa Loma & Imperial Highway), Yorba Linda
Admission \$7.00

27th Annual San Diego Quilt Show 2008

August 28 - 30, 2008,
Thurs & Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 5
San Diego Convention Center
111 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego, Hall F
www.sandiegogultshow.com
Admission 11yrs to adult, \$8.00 single day, \$12.00 multi day, 4 to 10 yrs \$5.00, under 3 free.

Snacks:

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

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Show & Share

Sorry, somehow I missed getting the show and share list for May.

A big THANK YOU to Chris Kerns and Connie Mersereau for the quilt photos in this months newsletter!

Membership:

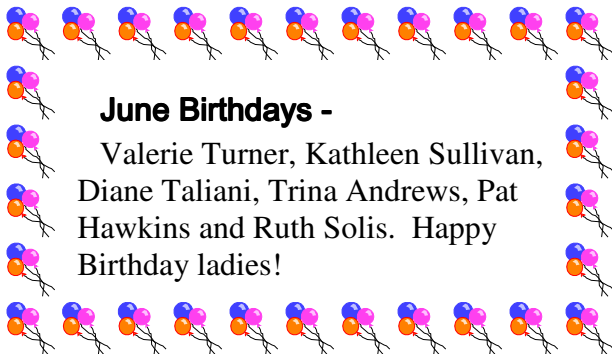
We had 74 members and 5 guests sign in for the May meeting. **We are so glad you could join us!** Ladies, please remember to take a minute and "X" your name on the sign-in sheet each month, and note your ZIP CODE on sheet 2!

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 May winners: Christie Fowler, Linda A, Carol Holmes, Susan McCoy, Joan White, Heidi Richey, Marlys Whipple, Zena Fisher, Christine Sharp, Jan Cox, Jean Bigham and Nancy Roth.

Friendship Block

Katy Sanchez is our Friendship Block lady. 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.



June Birthdays -

Valerie Turner, Kathleen Sullivan, Diane Taliani, Trina Andrews, Pat Hawkins and Ruth Solis. Happy Birthday ladies!

Tips & Tricks

1. Use dental floss for sewing on buttons, and other hand sewing projects.
2. Trouble threading a needle? Put a little hair spray on your fingers and pull end of thread. Helps stiffen the thread so it goes through easier.
3. Tangled thread? Make a few stitches through a dryer sheet. Pull the thread through and this will eliminate tangled twisted threads while hand sewing.
4. To keep fold lines and creases out of fabrics you're storing or tablecloths, pants, etc. Use a paper towel tube inside the folds. I use these all the time and it works great. Especially for pants hanging on hangers in the closet or in suitcase while traveling.

Is there some little thing that you do, to make quilting or sewing easier? Share with us. Even if you think everyone already knows about it. Believe me someone will not have heard of it before, and you have just made their day.

Karen Hundley
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Original Handi Quilter Machine Quilting Frame (portable)

In very good condition.

The frame comes with a video and every thing you need to set the frame up and start machine quilting your tops. You can use your own sewing machine.

- Includes:
- Clamps
 - Poles
 - Leaders
 - Stylus
 - Tables

Asking \$200.00
Pick up is Local
Contact Angie Nudge if interested.



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JULY 2008 BOM
THE FRUIT BASKET
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished

From background piece provided, cut:

6-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " sqs.

4-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

4-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " sqs.

From Basket print material, cut"

1-5" sq.

2-3" sqs.

From Fruit print material, cut:

1-5" sq.

4-3" sqs.

Place 5" squares right sides together and draw a diagonal line. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of line. Cut on line and press towards dark. Square-up to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

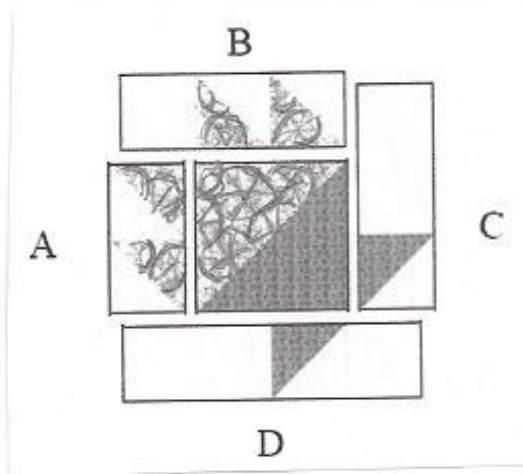
You now have the center block.

Enough to make 2 blocks. ☺

Place 3" background sqs. On the 3" fruit slices & do same as above.

Square-up to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Lay pieces to match the diagram below. Sew into units A,B,C & D. Sew units together in alphabetical order.



I got this pattern from BOM greats, Angie Nudge & Dorothy McAtee. We will miss you Dorothy, and all the wonderful things you did for charity.

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Dorothy McAtee

From the Memorial Service for Dorothy:

We have come here today to celebrate the life of Dorothy McAtee who we knew as a wife, mother, grandmother, co-worker, friend and neighbor. The world has been blessed by Dorothy's love and generous heart.

Dorothy took pride in her work on the Quilts of Valor for injured soldiers and the families of soldiers who lost their lives. She enjoyed making quilts for family and friends, marking special occasions such as the births or retirement. She was proud to be a member of the Riverside Raincross Quilt Guild. She was a wonderful cook and gardener.

Dorothy loved animals. Lost and abandoned dogs, cats and other critters, instinctively found their way to her home where they knew they would find love and shelter.

We are saddened to lose such a quality woman...

A reading from the Book of Proverbs:

The truly capable woman - who can find her. She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her; from her he has an unfailing prize.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She selects wool and flax and makes clothes with skillful hands.
She holds out her hands to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
She makes her own quilts; she is dressed in fine linen and purple.
She is clothed in strength and dignity; she can laugh at the day to come.
Give her share and what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises...



Dorothy was my neighbor for 32 years. At first we did not see much of each other. We both worked full time and kept busy with our growing families. But as the children grew up and left home, we had more time to get to know each other. The proverb above truly describes her. She made the most fabulous clothes and her favorite fabric was linen. She made her daughter's prom dresses – as good as any seen in Vogue. She made us a wonderful and clever Christmas wreath, a Jack-o-Lantern and the cutest fabric Christmas cottage. She loved to work with her hands.

Dorothy introduced me to quilting when she took a class and discovered the rotary cutter. She made several quilts before I even finished a pair of pillows. She was always encouraging. When she bought a Handi Quilter, she urged me to try it. She was always open to my questions.

But most of all she was a wonderful friend and we will miss her.

Angie Nudge