



Coastal Quilters Guild

The Art of Travel Posters

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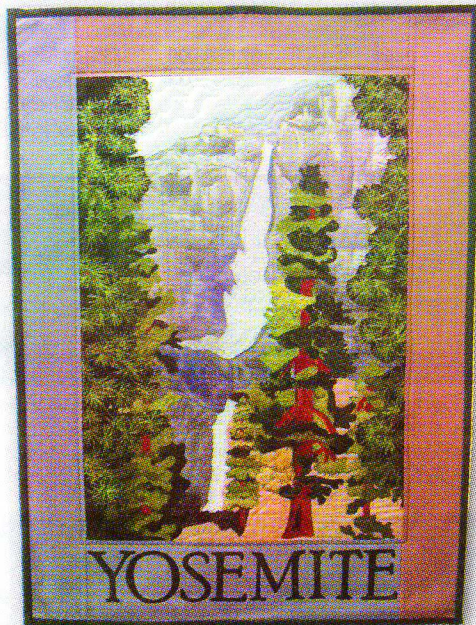
BEAUTIFULLY CRAFTED TRAVEL POSTERS created by the women of the Coastal Quilters Guild will be on display at Grant House

Sewing Machines through July 3rd. A reception will be held from 5 to 8pm on Thursday, July 2nd.

“It’s a joy to share the artistic talent of so many women,” said Kathy Rose, who co-chaired the event with Isabel Downs. “Quilting is both utilitarian and artistic—it’s a common thread that connects us to women throughout the ages.”

Each year, the guild hosts a members-only challenge competition, usually organized around a specific theme. Rose came up with the idea for this year’s

competition while flipping through an art magazine for inspiration. “I saw a poster advertising Cairo with this beautiful silhouetted Arab on it,” said Rose. “I thought with all the colors and shapes it would make a fun challenge.”



Yosemite by Ranell Hansen

Of the twenty-seven quilt artists whose work is on display, six were selected as favorites by other quilt-enthusiasts during a previous guild meeting. Ranell Hansen’s *Yosemite* received the most votes, tied with Isabel Downs’ entry, *Senegal*. “Yosemite has always been a magical place for me,” said Hansen. “This was the view that my husband saw

as he hiked up to the bottom of Yosemite Falls in April, while I was hanging out

with the grandkids down below. I enjoyed recreating this familiar scene in fabric. This piece helped me work through some technical challenges.”

Other favorites were Kathy Draine’s *Scotland*, Patty Latourell’s *Ski Squaw Valley*, Pat Masterson’s *California’s Hidden Treasure*, and Jeanne Surber’s *Aotearoa* (the Maori word for New Zealand). Surber’s quilt was inspired by a trip to New Zealand earlier this year and fashioned entirely using materials she found there. “I was inspired by a 1908 painting of a Maori chief by Charles Goldie from the Auckland Art Gallery,” said Surber. “While my husband was off on a fishing trip, I was using Misty Fuse and my travel iron to create the top.”

Each participant received a gift of travel-themed fabric, a travel charm, and a personalized luggage tag for future travels while top winners received an additional swag bag full of goodies.

The Coastal Quilters will hold their next meeting July 9th at 5:30pm at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. For more information, visit the Coastal Quilters Guild website at www.coastalquilters.org.

Grant House Sewing Machines is located at 128-B E Canon Perdido. Hours are 9:30 to 5:30pm, Mon through Fri, and 10 to 5pm Sat. For more information, contact Grant House Sewing Machines at 962-0929.



Aotearoa by Jeanne Surber



Senegal by Isabel Downs