



Coast Lines

Newsletter for Coastal Quilters of Santa Barbara

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This Month:

April 9th Mtg.

- » Wear name tags
- » Return Library books
- » Bring canned goods for donation

April 18th Deadline

Newsletter articles due for March edition

April 16th Board Mtg.

at Maravilla (in the craft room)

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Insert: Challenge Entry Form

Make Your "Reservation" Now

Come fly with me, come fly, let's fly away!

There IS still time to complete your entry for this year's Challenge, The Art of Travel Posters!

The Coastal Quilters 2009 World Geographic Tour takes place all in one evening on Thursday, June 11th, celebrating the beauty and art of travel posters. Invite all of your "non-member" quilting buddies, family, and friends to join us and vote for their FIVE favorites!

You will find your "passport" application in this newsletter. You may also download and print the entry form application by using the "link" on the "Challenge" page of the Guild's website at: www.coastalquilters.org. Please follow ALL of the instructions carefully. It is permissible to turn in your entry at the May Guild meeting, OR call either "agent" to make arrangements to drop off your entry to them no later than the FIRM deadline of Monday, June 1, 2009.

Here's a final reminder that certain "Travel Restrictions" apply:

Port of Call	YOUR CHOICE
Language Skills	Must contain at least ONE word not part of a commercial fabric
Standard Baggage	Standard construction consisting of three layers, quilted
Longest Round Trip	100 inches "circumnavigation" (Smaller "jaunts" are OK, too!)
Baggage ID	A label with the quilt title and your name
One Carry-On	A 4-inch hanging sleeve
Valid Passport	A completed entry form; limited to one entry per member

Got questions? Call your travel agents,

Kathy Rose and Isabel Downs

Community Quilts

Spring is a time of renewal-new beginnings, new growth, clearing out the old. How about cleaning out your stash of those old scraps of children's prints and making a quilt for a child with cancer for the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation. Or pick up a kit from our Community Quilts table at the April meeting. We provide the batting, you provide the love.

A huge thanks to those of you who have already made quilts. Some have made several! You really are a gift to these children and their families.

We are looking for a couple of people to take on the Community Quilts for next year- someone who has some storage capacity. I can say from my experience that this is the most satisfying

service commitment I have ever taken on. It is fun and heart warming to build those quilt kits and to see all the lovely work coming back in.

If you are interested please contact one of us or Darilyn Kisch at 964-4943. Co-chairs make the work light and enjoyable. A new beginning for Spring!

P.S. Nancy King will also quilt your projects for her \$45 setup fee.

Lou Ann Smith: louannsmith6@hotmail.com
Jeanne Surber: jbs@surber.sbcoxmail.com

From the Library: New Books!

Check out our new books! You'll find stunning art quilts, innovative & traditional techniques, table toppers, beaded quilts, a compendium jam-packed with lists, and renowned teachers. Watch these pages next month for another list of new books.

- *Contemporary Quilt Art*, Kate Lenkowsky
- *Simply Stunning Woven Quilts*, Anna Faustino
- *Maple Leaf Quilts*, Ilene Bartos
- *Japanese Sashiko Inspirations*, Susan Briscoe
- *Skinny Quilts & Table Runners from Today's Top Designers*
- *Table Toppers: Celebrating the Great Outdoors*, Debbie Field
- *Quilter's Catalog: A Comprehensive Resource Guide*, Meg Cox
- *Ruth B. McDowell's Design Workshop*, Ruth B. McDowell
- *Quilting by Improvisation*, Vikki Pignatelli
- *Luminous Landscapes: Quilted Visions in Paint and Thread*, Gloria Loughman

Thanks to one and all for your generous book donations to the library! We are planning to hold another Guild Library Book Sale in tandem with the New Member Picnic in July, so please consider donating any unwanted quilt or craft-related books that you unearth during Spring decluttering. We're happy to pick up boxes of books anytime. To donate books for the sale or library, contact Heather Georgakis at hgeorgakis@hotmail.com.

Welcome New Members:

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1317 San Miguel
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
anutlu@cox.net

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Carpinteria, CA 93013
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April Program

Peggy Martin's lecture topic will be "Beyond Tradition." I hope you checked out her website: www.peggymartinquilts.com The workshop is "Quick-Strip Paper Piecing" and she will show us alternatives to sewing the curved seams and many setting options. Did you sign up for her workshop yet? This time we'll need our machines in class to create our own masterpiece.

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Loose Threads

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From Darilyn's Desk:

After the New Member Welcome Coffee debut, I received an email from Susan Carty with some great suggestions that have the board very excited! Beginning with the April 15th meeting, the Welcome Coffees will expand their function to include an ongoing satellite group starter. Meetings will be held every other month, alternate between day and evening and will be hosted by rotating board members. The hope is that after just a few meetings, 6-8 quilters will find a common denominator and spin off their own satellite group. In the meantime, new members will have met board members, each other, and even newer members coming in. You don't have to be a new member to attend. All members thinking about joining a satellite group or just interested in meeting other quilters are encouraged to attend. Questions? Come to the Coffee for answers.

Many thanks to Susan for the ideas. Contact me if YOU have an idea to share!

Switching hats – I ask that each of you consider what talents you can bring to the guild. We need volunteers for Recording Secretary and Public Relations as well as several Committee Chair positions beginning July 1st. If you are not comfortable being a chair, how about the committee part? All committees can use more help! Consider your perfect fit, then call me.

Until then, let's go sew!
Darilyn

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Future Programs

May

BJ Adams' topic will be "Is It a Painting or What?" Her website is terrific: BJAdamsArt.com Hundreds of colors of threads have become paint to create realistic or abstract images. Let's check out her surrealistic work. Her actual work as well as slides will be presented. The participants in the workshop, "Drawing and Lace in Machine Embroidery," will be using their machines, fabric and a dissolvable stabilizer.

June

The Quilt Challenge: "Travel Poster Art." A fun, fun evening planned for all. Be sure to pencil in this date on your calendar.

July

Our Picnic and (new this time) a Book Sale will tickle your fancy this month.

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to one and all!

Nancy King	Apr. 5	Fern Halperin	Apr. 18
Peggy Biscay	Apr. 7	Julie Gardner	Apr. 18
Margaret Kocimski	Apr. 8	Jean McCaffrey	Apr. 19
Juli Shulem	Apr. 10	Karen Pickford	Apr. 20
Ruth Walters	Apr. 12	Louise Salgado	Apr. 20
Amaryllis Bridges	Mar. 8	Carol Drescher	Apr. 21
Katherine Rose	Apr. 13	Laura Nanna	Apr. 25
Maryann Huggins	Apr. 13	Paula Whited	Apr. 25
Norah McMeeking	Apr. 13	Paulette Ley	Apr. 26
Erma Sheaha	Apr. 16	Diana Hamilton	Apr. 27
Betty Shumaker	Apr. 17	Gwendolyn Jeter	Apr. 27
		Linda Karpinnen	Apr. 27
		Darilyn Kisch	Apr. 29
		Gladys Brown	Apr. 28

Organizing Tip of the Month:

from Juli Shulem, Professional Organizer

I am always seeking new ideas in keeping areas free from clutter and disorganization, so when I see a good product, I like to pass it along to others to investigate. I know I mentioned a great storage system for fabric last year, and I found another one that is pretty nice as well. Fons & Porter has a very attractive series of storage boxes for fat quarters in particular, but I am sure other sizes of fabric will work as well. Plus they have a wonderful Block Box. You can see it on-line at www.shopfonsandporter.com or call 1-866-729-9601. You really should check this out.

– Juli Shulem

Around The Block: This Month's (appropriately!) Featured Group: "The Blockheads"

The Blockheads have been around for quite some time, but its present members include Isabel Downs (currently our head "Blockie"), Ranell Hansen, Leslie Hogan, Marcia Moore, Jean Phillips, Marlene Pearson, Kathy Rose, Judy Rys, and Gail Tinsley. In the past few months we've lost some members to attrition, so we've recently adopted four "new kids in our Block": Marie Butcher, Diane Eardley, Pam Holst and Nancy King. Originally the group was primarily comprised of women who worked full-time in salaried employment, but the percentage now is fairly evenly divided with full- and part-timers and newly "retired".

The Blockheads meet monthly, on the third Saturday of each month, at the Goleta Valley Community Center, pooling their "dues" to cover the cost of renting the same room used during the Guild workshops. Over the past couple of years they've decided to cut down on their monthly "quilting days", to make room for two "social" get-togethers at a member's home: Once during the summer for a potluck picnic, with lots of good food (and wine!), great conversation, and a "Show & Tell" time; and again in Decem-

ber for more of the same, including a fabric "gift" exchange (two yards of fabric, wrapped) and, for those who wish to participate, revealing their quilt challenge "exchanges" (more about these later). Some very big quilt shows always fall on the third "weekends", so we've recently decided to eliminate "working" get-togethers in January (to allow attendance at Road to California) and in October (to allow attendance at Pacific International Quilt Fest in Santa Clara).

A while ago... in fact, during two back-to-back years... the Blockheads made quilts that were raffled off during Guild meetings, with the "proceeds" benefiting the Domestic Violence

Women's Shelter in Santa Barbara. If you've been a Guild member for some time, you may recall the infamous "Panty Raid" and "Sock Hop" raffles. Instead of money-driven raffles, each ticket sold was "purchased" with a donation of a pair of new panties (in the second raffle it was socks). The clothing items were delivered to the shelter, for the benefit of women and children who possibly left their abusive home situations with few or no possessions, while the "winning ticket holder" received a beautiful afghan-sized quilt. These were two very cleverly structured raffles indeed!

The Blockheads have generally come up with a yearly "challenge" or "exchange" among those of the group who wish to partici-

pate. In past years, these have included black & white 4-patches, warm or cool half-square triangle patches, and Seminole pieced strips. The Seminole exchanges were fun, and here's how they worked: Each participant chose a focus fabric and provided a small sample swatch to EACH of the other participants. Each participant also received a SINGLE Seminole strip pattern; from that pattern, they were to make ONE (1) pieced strip for EACH participant, based upon the individual focus fabric samples of each participant. This got very creative, especially if you tried to only use fabric from your existing stash! At the December holiday potluck, a shopping bag was provided with each participant's name on it, into which each participant distributed the strips they had made for each recipient. For the big reveal, a bag was chosen (one at a time) and the strips removed and placed on the floor. It was amazing to see the variety achieved for each participant, who could then go home and assemble a new quilt... with most of the strips already constructed for her!

Last year's "challenge exchange" headed into an entirely new direction. Each participant was required to provide a photograph, drawing or quotation that they liked or found inspiring, placed in a sealed envelope. The "inspiration piece" could be ANYTHING, so that's what made it fun, as well as challenging! Each participant chose a sealed envelope, and was then required to make a "smallish" quilt inspired by that item, all the while keeping in mind that the person who brought the ORIGINAL inspiration piece would be the "keeper" of the finished product! The Blockheads shared those finished pieces at the March Guild meeting during Show & Tell. This latest "challenge exchange" turned out to be so much fun that they've decided to do it again for 2009! Maybe they'll share those results next year!

This new feature to our newsletter is envisioned as a venue to inform Guild members a bit more about our individual satellite groups and what activities they are involved in. For example: Group challenges or exchange ideas, interesting places they've been to or "Road Trips" they've taken, or worthwhile causes they contribute to. Each column will feature a different satellite group, and a digital photo or two may also be included if space permits. Any satellite group interested in sharing their experiences may contact the column's roving reporter, Kathy "the Rambling" Rose by email at katrose@cox.net with details. Please reference *Around The Block*.



Marcia Moore and Gail Tinsley showing the quilt that Marcia made for the exchange

Events Around California

Seven Sisters Quilt Show

April 25 – 26, 2009

Saturday 9a.m. - 5p.m. Sunday 9a.m. - 4p.m.

\$7.00/one-day pass or \$10/two-day pass

Alex Madonna Expo Center

Madonna Inn,
100 Madonna Road
San Luis Obispo, California

Presented by the Associated Quilt Guilds of the Central Coast
The show will include over thirty vendors, Opportunity Quilts,
Challenge Quilts, Wearable Art, Food Vendors and a beautiful quilt
display!

Email Contact: mail@aqgcc.org

Website: <http://www.aqgcc.org/>

Inland Empire Quilters Guild Quilt Show

May 1-2, 2009

We will have a silent auction. We also are selling tickets for opportunity baskets and each one contains a sewing machine. Our opportunity quilt will be raffled off on Saturday. JOIN US! Plenty of Vendors as well.

Email Contact: busyfingers2000@hotmail.com

Antelope Valley Quilt Association's Quilt Show

May 16-17, 2009

Admission is \$7 for two days, Husbands and children under 12 are free. There is also \$5 for parking.

Antelope Fairgrounds/J. P. Pavilion Building
2551 W. Ave H (at Hwy. 14)
Lancaster, Ca 93536.

There will be a fashion show on Sunday, at 1pm., quilt auction on Saturday, at 1pm., vendors, door prizes, Children's color block workshop, opportunity quilt drawing, and a Bernina sewing machine drawing.

Altruism... It's easy AND can be free!

al-tru-ism: NOUN: Unselfish concern for the welfare of others.

For those of you who are on the Internet at home and/or at work daily (or even just once in a while!), we hope you've taken the time to visit the Breast Cancer Awareness website mentioned in the March newsletter and "clicked daily" to donate free at: <http://www.thebreastcancersite.com>

You may not have noticed the OTHER "tabs" at the top of the page, so we thought we'd bring them to your attention, too! Other worthy causes helped by these free "click daily to give" pages are: Hunger, Child Health, Literacy, the Rainforest and Animal Rescue. How could you NOT help them out, too? Your clicks on the "Click Here to Give - it's FREE" buttons on each tabbed homepage provide needed funding for all of these special causes... AT NO

Email Contact: jharrington66@earthlink.net

Website: www.avqa.org

Around the World in Stitches Show

May 16-17, 2009 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4

Cal State Univ Northridge

Presented by the San Fernando Valley Guild and Valley Quiltmakers Hoffman Challenge Quilts, Asilomar Raffle Drawing, Vendor Mall, Quilt Auction Sunday 2PM, and much more.

Email Contact: pureag@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.quiltinginthevalleyshow.com

All That Jazz

June 5-6, 2009

Friday 9am-6pm; Saturday 9am-4pm.

Presented by North Cities Quilt Guild - their biennial quilt show

Placentia Presbyterian Church

849 North Bradford
Placentia CA

Email Contact: northcities@yahoo.com

Website: northcities@yahoo.com

Explorations 2009

June 13-14, 2009

A quilt exhibition of traditional and contemporary works presented by Santa Monica Quilt Guild. Located at Loyola Marymount University in Westchester. More details available soon.

Contact Tina Nord 310/838-4333.

Email Contact: dahlnord3@yahoo.com

Website: www.santamonicaquiltguild.org

COST TO YOU! Your "clicks" provide donations paid for by the site sponsors!

There is wealth of information available there about each of these worthy causes, as well as many OTHER ways you can help. Some are "free", while their "stores" offer many beautiful items to purchase for yourself or as gifts to others... and a portion of those sales in turn help these causes, too! So be sure to explore them all!

Do you need a daily reminder? Click on "Remember to Click" on the website menu column to left and it's easy to set up a single daily email reminder and link to take you to ALL of these sites. For just a minute or two of your time every day, you can have a positive impact on these worthwhile issues!

After all, isn't that what we Coastal Quilters do best?

Block of the Month for May

Block of the Month—Arcs or Curves

The theme for this year's blocks is Geometrics. Each month will feature a different geometric shape. There are simple and consistent guidelines for the entire year, so you can stock up on fabric and use your creativity in the pattern, design and size you choose.

The shape for May is **ARCS** or **CURVES**: Here's where you let your curvy sense of design fly. Ovals, circles, curved lines, simple arcs.... Do an Arc de Triomphe block and use it for the Challenge travel poster; do a rainbow design; take a leaf from Ranell's quilts and do a curvy woman; or how about the Arches National Park? And you'll get extra credit (and a free fat quarter from me) if you design a block with Pierre Bézier in it (he patented the *beziér* curve – but you knew that already, right?). Did you know that there's a new Blackberry out there called the Curve? If you Google arc and curve on its Images site, you'll get all kinds of weird ideas! Check out this website: <http://mathforum.org/~sanders/connectinggeometry/Quilt.html>

...and consider the Hawaiian quilt block design possibilities!

Above all, have fun!

–The Loose Threads satellite group

susan@carty.com

Guidelines:

1. You may choose **any size block** as small as 4 inches square (finished), up to 16 inches square (finished) as long as the finished size is divisible by two (4x4, 6x6, 8x8, etc.). Don't forget to build in your seam allowances—the working block would be one-half inch bigger than the finished block.
2. All blocks must have **black borders** – preferably at least one inch wide. If you use a pattern with a background, make that background color black as well. The border and background can be pure black, or black-on-black fabric.
3. **No large or busy prints** – think Batiks, Bali prints, brights, tone-on-tone, jewel tones, primary colors, whatever you think will look great.
4. **No other SHAPE** should be in the block for the month. But any block that features the shape-of-the-month will be just fine!



Lucky March Door Prize Winners

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| » Kathy Draine | » Barbara MacCallum |
| » Marti Frolli | » Mary Maxwell |
| » Darilyn Kisch | |

Our thanks to all who bought tickets. We hope the winners enjoy Their prizes.

Chris Allen & Sue Kadner
Door Prize Co-Chairs

A Big Thank You to Our Donors!

We appreciate the support of those who donated items for January's prizes including:

- Baron's Fabrics
- Creation Station
- Craft Essentials
- Grant House
- Quilt Ventura
- Quilter's Dream
- Treasure Hunt
- Anonymous Guild Members

Quilting Resources

Antique Quilt Dating Guide— By Style

Written by Kimberly Wulfert
www.antiquequilt datingguides.com
805.649.1821

Baron's Fabrics

Discount to Members
379 Carmen Road
Camarillo, CA 93010
www.baronsewfab.com
805.482.9848

Craft Essentials

Discount to Members
187 South Turnpike
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
805.681.3115

The Creation Station Fabric & Quilt Shop

Classes, Retreats and Online Shopping
Dawn and Patrick Farrier, owners
Large selection of cotton solids/prints
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252 East Hwy 246, Unit A
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www.thecreationstation.com
805.693.0174

Grant House Sewing Machines

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128 B East Canon Perdido
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
www.granthousesewingmachines.
com/
805.962.0929

Nancy King

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www.sbcustomquilting.com
805.687.2063

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20% discount given to members.
Need to organize your sewing room
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964-2389

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4572 Telephone Road
Ventura. CA 93003
www.quiltventura.com
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www.santabarbaraquiltingretreats.
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The Sewing Parlour

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1333 De La Vina Street; Suite A
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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805-899-0058

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*Custom Long-arm Machine Quilting,
Wearable Art, Wild Onion Jacket Pattern*
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The Treasure Hunt

Fabric Card
919 Maple Ave.
Carpinteria, CA 93013
www.carpinteriaquilts.com
805.684.3360

If you are a member of the Coastal Quilters Guild and have products or services relating to quilts, you can be listed in this section of our newsletter. Your listing is free, and special attention will be paid to members offering discounts, "stash" cards, classes or sale events. Please send your information to Juli Shulem, Newsletter Editor, 713 Cathedral Pointe Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 or email jshulem@aol.com.

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<http://www.coastalquilters.org>

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Guild Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 4575 Auhay, Santa Barbara, CA

PARKING ANNOUNCEMENT for April 9th meeting!!!

St. Andrew's will have a Maundy Thursday worship service on the same night as the guild meeting – April 9, at 7pm and asks that the guild members please park more at the back of the lot so that the people coming to worship can park closer to the Sanctuary.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Next Month's Meeting

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