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February Guild Presentation with Phyllis Binkley

Phyllis specializes in Western Mountain and Desert Landscape Quilted Wall Hangings. She uses her own hand-dyed fabrics for sky and mountains. All of her pieces are one of a kind, Original Art Designs.

She never repeats a quilt and none are made into kits. The workshops she teaches encourage original designs. Many of her pieces include hand as well as machine embroidery on the flowers in the foreground.

Machine thread painting is also used on trees and foliage. Beads, three-dimensional fabrics, trapunto, and many other enhancements add interest, textures, and sparkle to the landscapes.

Many of her wall hangings include horses, birds, and wild animals such as bear, deer, elk, moose, wolves, etc. Alaska is one of her favorite places. The expanse of the huge mountains and abundance of wildlife there has had a real influence on her work. Although she loves the mountain scenery, she also does

many desert scenes with blooming cactus and desert animals.

Phyllis is a retired Art teacher of 30 years. About 1994, her mother, who is a traditional quilter in Illinois, insisted that she attend the International Quilt Show in Houston. That was a life changing experience. She began to see that quilts could be expressive, personal statements and that quilters did not have to stick to preset patterns.

She has a Masters Degree in Art with background in weaving and fabric design, but teaching in these areas was limited in public schools.

Since her retirement in December 1999, her passion for fabrics, dying and creating with these materials has led her through some interesting and enjoyable experiences. The method of collage has always been one of her favorites. Using either flower print fabrics or landscape textures to create original designs and compositions, she has found that raw edge appliqué is versatile

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Meetings:

- *Board Meeting: Mon. 2/2/09, 6:30 PM, home of Shelly Gragg*
- *Fieldtrip: Tues. 2/3/09, 1-3 PM, Eleanor Burns - Quilt in a Day, San Marcos*
- *Guild Meeting: Mon. 2/9/09, 7 PM, Phyllis Binkley, Tierra Bonita Elementary School*
- *Workshop: Phyllis Binkley, "Color, Depth and Space in Landscapes", Sat. 2/21/09, 10 AM-4:30 PM*
- *Workshop: Phyllis Binkley, "Color, Depth and Space in Landscapes", Wed. 2/25/09, 10 AM-4:30 PM*

President's Message

At last month's meeting, we recognized our ongoing Philanthropy activities. Each member contributes in some way to these efforts by making placemats, quilts, Christmas stockings, knit preemie caps, doo rags, wheelchair bags, and with the donation of their time and fabrics. We welcomed three representatives from Meals on Wheels to our January meeting, Marcia, Charlotte and Nancy, and learned how important our donations are to the homebound seniors in our area. They shared their heartfelt appreciation for our continuing program and told us of the warm responses from the seniors who receive each of our beautiful quilted items. This makes it all worthwhile, doesn't it?

So, how do you balance your quilting hobby and all the other things you do in your life... family, careers, household responsibilities? Do you have hobbies besides quilting? I know there are those of you who love reading, horses, art, needlework, knitting, crocheting, bingo, Sudoku, crossword puzzles, hiking, and many other hobbies that can pull you in and absorb your time. If it's something you really love, you'll find the time, right? Well, there's nothing wrong with that. It seems that we get busy with our families, jobs, and other responsibilities and all those fun things we want to do get pushed aside for a while. Then, when things slow down a bit, we're back doing what we love the most.

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Programs (continued)

and spontaneous. Because realistic sky fabrics are hard to find, and even distant mountains are not so plentiful, she started painting her own sky and mountain fabrics to use in the workshops and for her personal work.

Free motion machine stitching, thread painting, and hand embroidery allow her to enhance the collages with stitches and details. She has been giving Landscape Workshops since 2002 and enjoys teaching adults, especially ladies who share her love of fabrics and quilting.

President's Message (continued)

I'm glad so many of you have found the time (or made the time) to make some progress on your quilting projects while serving on the guild board or on a committee, juggling families and careers, and still making time to donate philanthropy items. Let's keep up our labors of love because just a little effort from each of us really adds up to a significant community contribution and loving support. It means so much to so many. Thank you for your continuing efforts!

Susan Axelrod, President

Philanthropy

February is the month of the "Heart"... symbolizing love and caring ...a quality shown so brightly by this guild. Our members think of others.

DONATIONS in January: 105 placemats, 3 Wheel chair Bags, and 1 quilt to Meals on Wheels.

All your questions on ... 'Where do the things we make go?' They were answered at the January 12th General Meeting when the three representatives came from Meals on Wheels to talk about their work and to thank us for all our support. ... And Meals on Wheels is just one organization we give items to.

Received during January: 23 placemats, 2 quilts, 1 quilt top, and 1 Philanthropy Challenge Quilt.

Update on Philanthropy Challenge: [Remember the brown paper bag with the sucker on top] ... Deadline is the end of April ...we have received 2 completed quilts.

Kits Available: Chemo Scarves; Doo Rags; Quilt top Blocks; Wheelchair bags; Placemats . All kits come with instructions, fabriceverything you need except time!

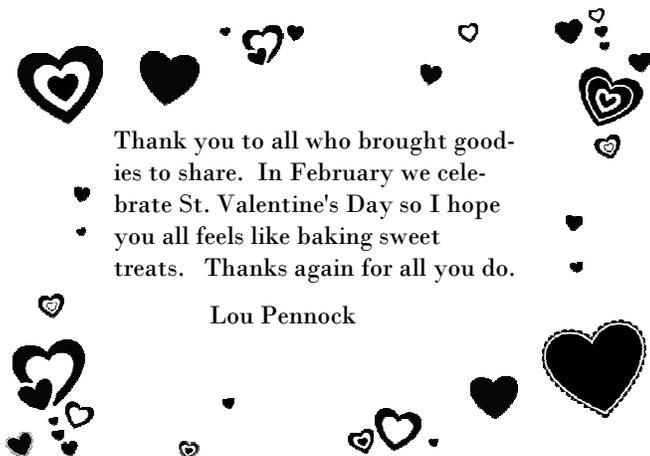
Quilting Bee: Next meeting, February 9th from 6:15 to 7pm ...just before the meeting. We will be tying a quilt for Children or Veterans Hospital, sewing on labels, clipping rag quiltscome say "Hello" ..come help.

What Can I Do To Help: Needs: (1) Quilt tops (twin size) for Veteran's/Balboa Hospitals ...Think masculine; (2) Quilt tops for Children's Hospital ...Think older teenager ...boy or girl; (3) Placemats. Completed quilts are also most welcome.

Report on "Snowball Workshop" will be in next moth's newsletter.

Lee Olson (858-484-8665) Jean Nagy (858-613-8711)

Refreshments



Thank you to all who brought goodies to share. In February we celebrate St. Valentine's Day so I hope you all feel like baking sweet treats. Thanks again for all you do.

Lou Pennock

Retreat

In February I'll start taking sign ups for the May retreat in Temecula. The dates are May 15-17 and the cost is \$200.00 for a double room and \$270. There is a \$25.00 nonrefundable deposit when signing up. If you are new to the guild or have never been on one of our retreats, I hope you can come. We always have a ton of fun. There is no structured class. We all just bring our own projects to work on. I do plan on having a fabric challenge again this time but participation is voluntary. We reserve 26 spots and they usually fill up fast so if you want to go, please come early to the meeting and sign up. Call me or see me at the meeting for more details.

Lou Pennock

Door Prizes

1. McCall's Trendy Totes Pattern - Kris Mitchell
2. Scraps Happen, Brenda Henning - Liz Schmidt
3. Cat T-Shirt - Quilter's Paradise - Judy Byrne
4. Garden Friends - 6 Pattern Appliqué - Rebecca Lighthill
5. Circles Pattern, Crazy 9 Patch - Mimi Byrne
6. Alphabets to Embroider - Lorraine Marstall
7. Patterns - C&T Publishing - Eunice Heidemay
8. More Retro Aprons - Terry Seaburg
9. Heart's Desire Pillow Patters, F&W Publishing - Linda Card
10. Starts & Flowers Runner, F&W Publishing - Dot Koerner
11. Porch Throw & Table Covers - F&W Publishing - Caryl Wilson
12. Peppermint Twist Quilt Pattern, F&W Publishing - Petty Quiseng

Roberta Russell

Tips and Tricks - submitted by Mary Tabar

After seeing many quilts washed, I have seen a lot of binding problems. First problem I have seen is binding coming loose after washing. Use a ½" seam to put a binding on a quilt that will be washed. If sewing by hand, stitch a small over hand stitch. Also using a bias binding will last much longer on a quilt that is washed.

Location Update

We will meet as usual at Tierra Bonita Elementary in February 2009. In March, Tierra Bonita is not available to us, so we will meet at Valley Elementary IN MARCH 2009 ONLY.

Mailing List

Members—please subscribe to the guild mailing list, provided by Google Groups. This is a free and convenient method to reach members with news, events and updates on meeting locations, etc.

Please go to www.friendshipquilterssd.org/Membership and follow the instructions to subscribe to the guild mailing list. Members only will be permitted to join.

Getting to Know You (Submitted by Susan Axelrod)

This month, I'm featuring Wanzie Walley, a living treasure member, who has been quilting since 1980 when she moved to Aberdeen, Scotland.

At that time, she used leftover fabrics from making her granddaughter's dresses for a Sunbonnet Sue quilt. Although she mostly likes traditional quilts, she does admire the innovative ways quilting is done today by younger quilters.

Wanzie says that the rotary cutter and strip piecing are her favorite improvements to quilting. She feels these came about because the younger quilters are mostly educated, working women who don't



have time to play around cutting one piece at a time. Now we all benefit from these time-saving techniques.

Wanzie usually watches TV or listens to music while she's quilting. If she gets stuck on a project she'll put it away for a few days and then take a look again later, with fresh eyes. Wanzie has been a member of a wonderful, small sewing group for about 10 years. Her advice to beginners is to get a solid foundation in quilting by taking a really good all-around beginner's class. One particularly helpful technique that Wanzie learned from a teacher and uses all the time is how to miter and turn the corner on her bindings.

Keep up the good work, Wanzie.



Guild Yard Sale

The guild yard sale is scheduled for March 14, 2009 (7:30AM-1:00 PM) in the lower parking lot at Tierra Bonita Elementary/Twin Peaks Middle school. We think this will be a fun and easy way to earn a bit of extra money for the guild and to perhaps offset the loss of income from the guild store.

What members can do to help:

- * Donate items for us to sell
- * Send us your ideas to help make this a successful venture
- * Drop flyers off at local quilt shops and other locations ahead of time
- * Join us at Mary's on the evening of 3/13/09 starting at 5:00PM to sort and tag items for the garage sale (please RSVP to Mary as she will be providing dinner)
- * Lend us your tables for displaying items the day of the sale
- * Come the morning of the sale and lend a hand

Please contact Mary or Debbie to volunteer for the day of, to lend tables, or to donate.

Thanks,

Mary Casner (mwcas@aol.com 760-743-7742) and Debbie Keener (keener80@cox.net)

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Cheryl Wilson)

Friendship Quilters of San Diego Balance Sheet As of January 16, 2009

	<u>Jan 16, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking Friendship QOSD	9,057.51
Friendship Quilters of San Diego	<u>14,858.19</u>
Total Checking/Savings	23,915.70
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expense	<u>100.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>100.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>24,015.70</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>24,015.70</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	27,118.76
Retained Earnings	-2,682.49
Net Income	<u>-422.57</u>
Total Equity	<u>24,013.70</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>24,013.70</u></u>

Calendar of Events

Jan 16-Mar 22: Visions Art Quilt Gallery presents "Personal Visions", art quilts from past Quilt Visions jurors. www.quiltvisions.org.

Feb 14: Afro-American Quilt Festival V – Veterans Memorial Museum, Fresno, CA

Feb 13-14: Valley Quilters' 29th Annual Quilt Show, 10-4, Admission \$6.00, Valley Wide Recreation Center, 901 W. Esplanade, San Jacinto, CA, enjoy over 100 quilts on display and vendors for your shopping pleasure.

Feb 21-22: The South Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show "Delectable Roses", Admission \$7, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA, over 200 quilts on display, Merchant Mall, quilt auction on Sunday.

Feb 21-22: Desert Quilter's Guild Quilt Show and Gift Boutique (Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm) Location: Southwest High School Gym, El Centro, Ca (Imperial Ave. Exit from I-8, Left at 1st light on Ocotillo Ave.) Over 150 quilts to view, vendor market shopping, demonstrations, and more. Admission \$5.00

Mar 27-29: Glendale Quilt Guild presents their 30th Annual Glendale Quilt Show "Cosmic Connections" at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505. There will be a vendor mall and workshops. Quilts are judged with ribbons and awards being presented. Entries welcome from all quilters. For more information visit our website at www.glendalequiltguild.org

Opportunity of the Month

This month, Kathi Doleshal won the bright print bag, and Dee McClelland two books: one to make her own bags, and one of show-winning quilts. \$10 was raised.

Rebecca Lighthill

Something different each month!

Guild Quilt Auction

The guild quilt auction is scheduled for April 18, 2009.

Our thanks to members who have completed and/or promised auction quilt(s). We request that completed quilts be turned in no later than the March guild meeting, to give us time to organize, label and photograph them before the auction.

In addition to those completed and promised, we need 20 more quilts to meet our goal. To donate a quilt or help finish quilts, contact Candy Dalton at dalton-gang@gmail.com or 858-486-2007. To volunteer for a committee contact Susan Axelrod at sewsalot@aol.com or 760-787-1649.

February Birthdays!

AMY CHAPMAN	2/3
DEANNA PADILLA	2/6
ANNE KONRAD	2/8
SUE SMURTHWAITE	2/8
JANICE RUDGERS	2/9
MARY ALICE STAGGS	2/12
JOANN CARPENTER	2/13
JEAN NAGY	2/14
CARYL WILSON	2/16
PAT HOWELL SCHMIDT	2/16
DEE MCCLELLAND	2/18
LORETTA HARRY	2/20
CELESTE WADA	2/25
WANZIE WALLEY	2/25



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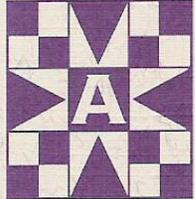


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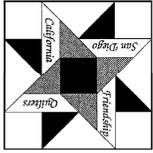
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Next General Meeting

February 9, 2009

- Name Tag
- Refreshments to Share
- Your Mug
- Library Books / Birthday Book Donations
- Donations for the Guild Store (on hold for now)
- Items for Sharing

Doors Open for Setup 6:00pm

Tables Ready 6:30pm

Meeting Begins 7:00pm

Please help put chairs away after the meeting

Friendship Quilters Guild of San Diego is a non profit corporation organized to educate the community and to promote interest in all forms of quilting. General Guild meetings are held the second Monday of the month. Please check each month's newsletter for up-to-date location information.

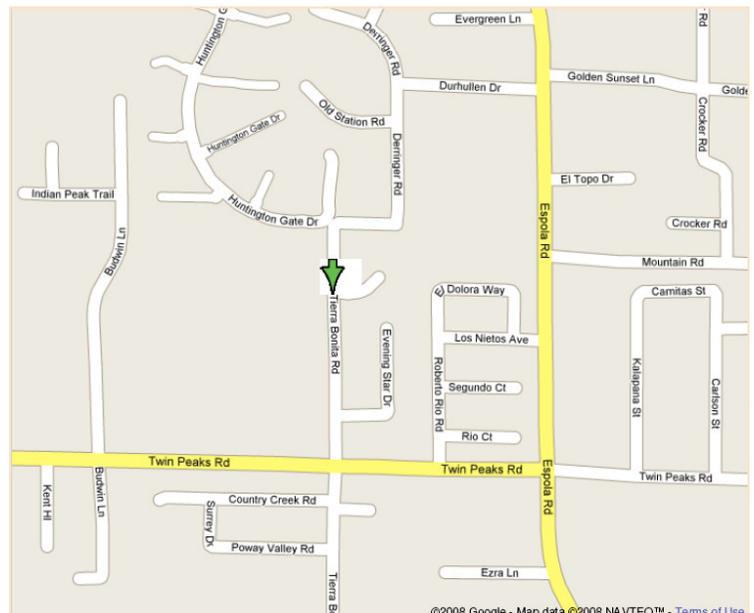
Annual membership is \$25 from June 1 through May 31 of the following year. At the January meeting, membership dues are reduced to \$15 for the remainder of our fiscal year. Members who are unable to attend the meetings or enjoy the benefits of regular membership may pay \$10 per year for a "Newsletter-only" membership and pay the guest fee of \$5 per meeting on the occasions when they are able to attend a meeting.

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