

Patchwork Post

Pat Lawson, Editor

April 2005

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

The guild year is quickly coming to a close and there is still so much to do -

Karla is ready to go with Quilt Day. It will have passed by the time you read this newsletter. I know it will be great!

Kathy and Reggie have started planning the June auction and need members to get auction items in to them as soon as possible to enable them to have everything organized and categorized by June. Please drop your auction items by the guild store at the May meeting or give me a call if you would like to donate items for the auction but can't make it to the meeting.

Linda is putting together the membership renewal forms for next year. Look for them in next month's newsletter.

The nominating committee needs to fill a few key positions for next year, among them --Program Chair, Librarian, and Opportunity Quilt. Please give me a call if you'd like to know more about these positions or if you'd like to know what other positions are open.

Susan plans to finalize next year's budget very soon. The board has been working diligently to get all needed information in to her. Look for the final budget in next month's newsletter.

It's nearing time to complete your president's challenge quilts. Give me a call if you plan to display your quilt at the June meeting for a Viewer's Choice vote and award. I can't wait to see what everyone has done!

Thank you all for making my first year as guild president an unforgettable year. I'll admit we have faced some challenges. The board has helped me to confront each one with grace and humor. It takes a great team to successfully run a guild the size of Friendship. I would like to acknowledge with gratitude all of our board members who made this year a success.

Let's continue to work together to make sure that Friendship Quilters meets the needs of every member.

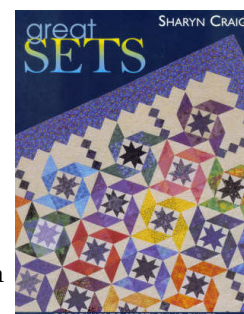
Yours in service,
Debbie

April's Program

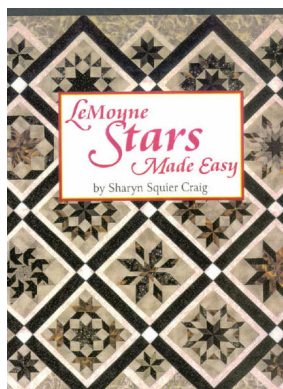
Monday, April 11th
SETS EDUCATION
Sharyn Craig

Our April lecture is based on Sharyn Craig's book "Setting Solutions".

She will walk you through problem blocks and their quilt solutions. Skimming the entire book she'll concentrate on Size Reconciliation, Color Correction, Corner Cutters, and Dare to be Different. This is a lecture definitely not to be missed!



April Workshop
Tuesday, April 12th
Amidon Quiltworks
10-4



**LeMoyne Stars
Made Easy:
"Y" seam construction**

In this workshop we will create 6" LeMoyne stars while mastering set-in piecing at the same time. Easy cutting and sewing techniques will be introduced. Numerous setting solutions will be covered.

Questions? Contact: Trudy Cleveland
Tcleveland@aol.com

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for JFebruary2005

Balance Forward-Cash in Checking Account as of 02/15/05	\$ 9,069.03
+ Deposits (02/16/05-03/15/05)	3,710.26
- Total Expenses/Invoices Paid (02/16/05-03/15/05)	<u>(2,534.60)</u>
Checking Account Total as of 03/15/05	\$ 10,244.69
Balance in Savings (CD) as of 03/2/05	13,431.69
Petty Cash Advances Outstanding	<u>60.00</u>
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE AS OF 12/14/04	<u>\$ 23,736.38</u>

Prepared by: Susan Axelrod, Treasurer

Note: More detailed information is available on request.



Board meeting:

This month's board meeting is Monday, April 4th @ 7:00pm at the home of Shelly Gragg. Please email or call president Debbie Keener if you'd like to discuss a topic at the meeting.

Treasurer's Note Regarding Savings:

Did you ever wonder why we have a CD Savings Account? And were you puzzled when you read the guild's By-Laws published last month, regarding the "set aside savings" mentioned in Article VIII, Section 2, Part A? I've been getting questions, so let me explain.

Our guild contracts with many nationally known quilters, authors and teachers. These speakers make our meetings and workshops fantastic to attend and it's a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know those famous quilters we have only heard or read about. Nationally known speakers are very highly sought out, their schedules are often booked months and years in advance, and their fees for lectures and workshops are increasing. Contracts we sign with speakers now are to line up 2005/2006 programs and could go even further in the future, if needed.

A large part of our guild's income comes from membership fees. If for any reason our guild's membership declined, we could draw from our savings to pay our operating expenses and contractual obligations. If our guild decided to disband for some reason, contractual obligations we have, such as lectures and workshops would still need to be paid. Again, our "set aside savings" may be needed to offset these and other unexpected costs.

So when you see my monthly Treasurer's Report, you'll notice the CD Savings Account and know that this amount is held in "reserve" should we need it to cover expenses. The Checking Account Total you see each month represents funds covering our current operating expenses. These are monitored by an annual budget, which you as members approve each May. Note: Our Checking Account Total can also be artificially inflated by retreat deposits which are held in "reserve" until the retreat weekend when the Retreat Center is paid.

Financial decisions are made by your board members. The board meetings are open to all guild members so anytime you would like to join us at a board meeting, feel free. We welcome your input. Come and join the fun.

Prepared by: Susan Axelrod, Treasurer

March 16, 2005

More detailed information is available on request.

Newsletter Deadline:

All submissions to the newsletter must be received no later than the Friday following the general guild meeting. This month's deadline is April 15th. Please email to newsletter editor Pat Lawson at plawson@san.rr.com.

Program/Workshop Schedule
2004 – 2005*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker / Program</u>	<u>Workshop/Date</u>
Apr 11, 2005	Sharyn Craig "Sets Education"	Lemoyne Stars Tuesday, Apr 12
May 9, 2005	Paula Golden "Body Smart Quilting"	Mariners Compass Tuesday, May 10
June 14, 2005	End of the Year Potluck	

*Program times and content subject to change

Philanthropy Karla Seyb-Stockton

Hello to all,

By the time you read this, our Quilt-a-thon will be history, but we are well on our way to have a very successful day. Many thanks to Susan Axelrod, Mary Lou Love, Jenni Morris, Janice Nute, Debbie Tait, Ellie Cormier, Kathi Doleshal, Diane Larrabee, Barbara Findley, Anna Mae, Liz Brookins, Jean Nagy, Lee Olson and Becky Weissberg for bringing in tops, quilts, placemats and more... all of it filled with love.

Remember, if you took a packet of batik fabric at the February meeting, and have not gotten your quilt top turned in by the Quilt-a-thon Day, don't worry. You can bring it to the April meeting, or call me and we can coordinate getting it turned in. We will need some to work on for the Cowlifornia Country Fair on May 14th. We will need to have tops to piece and quilts to quilt and tie as we demonstrate quilting to the public. We will have a large booth and electricity, so if you would like to be part of this effort, please give me a call. My number is (858)486-2946.

blessings,
Karla Seyb-Stockton

Door Prizes Winners—February 2005

Item & Donated by:..... Won By:

1. Pack of Quilter's Candy from Bernartex Fabrics..... Reggie Gross.
2. Quilt pattern from Baker's Sewing Center & a fabric bundle from Bernartex Fabrics Judi Judd.
3. Wall quilt pattern from Fireside Creations & Stick-n-Stitch Stencils from Pieces of the Past..... Linda Kerridge.
4. Quilt pattern and length of fabric from Timeless Treasures Fabrics Julie Taylor.
5. Wall quilt pattern from Pine Needle Designs & fabric bundle from Bernartex Fabrics Lois Hammond.
6. Wall quilt pattern from Pine Needle Designs & fabric bundle from Bernartex Fabrics Brenda Colia.
7. Fabric bundle from Michael Fabrics & a compass cutter from Olfa North America Lorraine Marstall.
8. Two lengths of Batik fabric from Michael Miller Fabrics..... Maria McNelly.
9. Three lengths of coordinated spring fabrics from Michael Miller Fabrics Buck Polk.
10. Four spools of 100% cotton from Gutermann of America & a quilt book from Chitra Publications Linda Woll.
11. Pack of 10 fat quarters from Classic Cottons Ellie Cormier.
12. Four French Country Inn fat quarters from P&B Textiles Lois Russel.
13. A set of squaring templates from The Gadget Girls Bonnie Ramirez.
14. \$15 gift certificate from Material Possessions Quilt Shop..... Mary Schroepfer.
15. Four yards of coordinated spring fabrics, two spools of Valdani thread, and a bag of buttons from
Rosie's Calico Cupboard Valerie Gall.
16. \$15 gift certificate from The Crazy 9 Patch Quilt Shop Dot Koerner.

Refreshments Lois Russell

Thank you to those who made a St. Patrick's guild meeting wonderfully green, we even managed to have a green drink refreshment! **Great job!**

We're in hot water now! Thank you to Debbie Keener, our president, who managed to get new cords and insides for the hot water and coffee urns. There will be hot water available for tea, instant coffee and hot chocolate as well as brewed coffee. As I am not a coffee drinker, I would appreciate any hints on how to make a better cup of coffee. I did notice at our last meeting there wasn't a drop of coffee left, so I'll be sure to make more at our next meeting.

Now that we have our full beverage menu back we'll need some great treats to go with them at our April meeting. If your last names starts with *I, J, K, L, M, and O* would you be so kind as to *shower* us with treats. :-)

Remember April showers bring May flowers!

Happy Quilting

Ways & Means Kathy & Reggie

April Fool's Day has come and gone, but this is no joke. Your Store wants to test your skill at guessing the number of spools in the jar at our table. Tickets are 10 cents each (or 12 for a buck)--buy as many as you like this month and in May. All you need to do is write your name and your guess on the ticket back and leave them with us. The winner will be announced before the closing of the May meeting. The Prize is a secret for the moment but it will be worth your while.

FQS member Diane Larrabee has made a most generous offer. She will use her quilting machine on the 'military quilts' for members who need her help. Call Diane to make an appointment (858) 487-6537. You will need to bring your own backing and batting.

Your Store brought in only \$60.95 for March.

Library Heidi Schlotfeldt

Happy Belated Birthday to Dee McLelland. She's participating in the Library Birthday Book Club by donating the book, Quilt & Embellish in One Step! for her birthday present to the Guild. Thank you Dee! Anyone else having a birthday soon, or over the summer when we won't be meeting, is welcome to donate a book in honor of their birthday.

Thank you also to Perlita Neuman for donating a number of Quilter's Newsletter magazines and a CD of Road to California 2005.

Thanks to Dot Koerner who is rounding out our collection of Jennifer Chiaverini books by donating hardbound editions of The Master Quilter and The Runaway Quilt. If you're not familiar with this fictional series, I encourage you to check it out.

We'll have another book by the same author added to the Library next month -- The Sugar Camp Quilt. We have several new books coming in including Ho for California: Pioneer Women & Their Quilts which I'm really looking forward to reading.

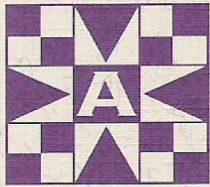
Finally, thanks to all who supported the Library by participating in the Silent Auction. We gained \$38 and you gained quilting books at a bargain price!

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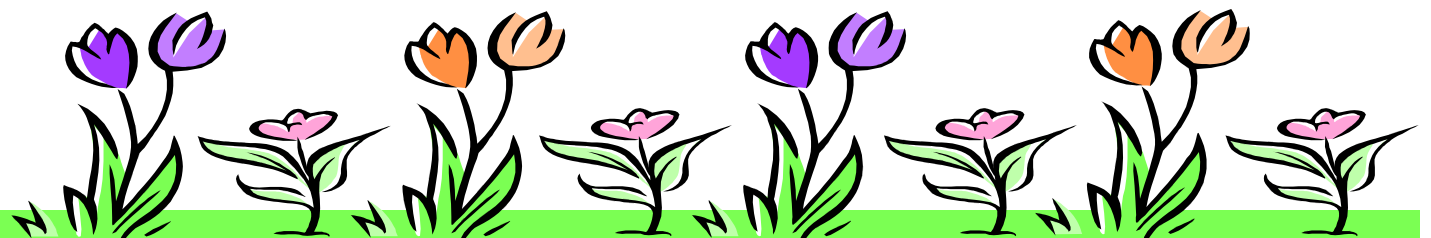
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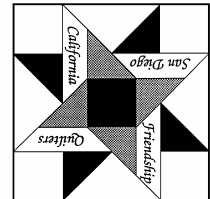

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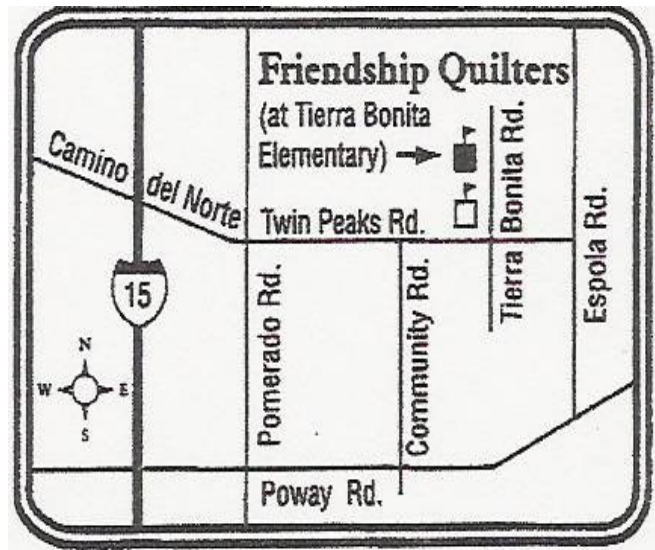
Monday April 11, 2005
Terra Bonita Elementary School

What to bring

Checklist

- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Donations for the Guild Store
- ✓ Your own Mug
- ✓ Items for Sharing
- ✓ Your Name Tag

Doors open: 6:00 PM
Tables ready: 6:30 PM
Meeting begins: 7:00 PM



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 on the second Monday of the month. They are usually held at Tierra Bonita Elementary School, Poway, CA. Annual membership is \$20 from June 1 to May 31 of the following year. At the January meeting, membership dues are reduced to \$10 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Members who are not able to attend meetings or enjoy other benefits of regular membership may pay \$10 per year for a "Newsletter Only" membership, and pay the guest fee (\$5 per meeting) on the occasions when they are able to attend a meeting.

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