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of San Diego

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Program

I hope everyone is having as much fun as I am this year. Our speakers have been phenomenal! You are in for a treat with this month's speaker Melody Johnson. Melody describes herself as an artist whose medium for the last 23 years has been quilting. She was a professional dyer for twelve years and formed a company with Laura Wasilowski, called **Artfabr!k**. This creative duo traveled to quilt shows and conferences selling their hand dyed fabrics and threads, while at the same time making award winning quilts and teaching workshops in fusing both here and abroad. The **Chicago School of Fusing**, a completely imaginary school, became world renowned due to the musical antics of these two artists. Her education includes a BA in painting and drawing from Northeastern Illinois University in 1981 and an MA in Fibers from Northern Illinois University in 1994.

In 2002 Melody was able to retire from **Artfabr!k** in order to spend more time making quilts and teaching her particular approach to color and design.

The following are Melody's thoughts on:

About quilting:

"My attitude is that quilting should be fun, and if it isn't, why do it? I'm not out to prove I can work harder or achieve some sort of perfection. I want to have a great time making a quilt and have it look like fun when it is finished. I believe that the design is paramount to the technique and whatever it takes to create that piece is the right way to do it."

About methods and techniques:

 (Fusing is Melody's preferred method of construction)

"I'm making art for the wall, not a functional bed quilt. I choose to fuse so I can be expressive with fabric in ways that would be impossible with any other construction method. After removing the release paper, I cut my fused fabric directly using the scissors or rotary cutter as a drawing tool. I don't finish the edges of my shapes because that would alter the character I have drawn with my cuts. I also dye my own silks and cottons so that my colors are rich and saturated. I've found that I can use both

appliqué and piecing approaches without the sewing machine even though eventually the piece will be quilted with a machine, or lately, even by hand. I especially enjoy working improvisationally, but often find myself making up a design found in my sketchbook."

About balancing being an artist and reaching out to others:

"For me it's a balance of making the work and helping others find their artistic gifts. I love the teaching experience, the encouragement, and mind opening exchange between the student and myself. I find I put as much energy into planning a workshop as I do in making a quilt. Teaching is an extension of my art. I wouldn't be happy just tucked away in the studio, never having a chance to share my newest discovery. I've just got to communicate the enthusiasm!"



- Submitted by Sue Mezera

February Board meeting:

The February board meeting is Monday, February 6th @ 7:00 PM at the home of Roberta Russell.

March Board meeting:

The March board meeting is Monday, March 6th @ 7:00 PM at the home of Deanna Padilla.

Please email or call our president, Debbie Keener, if you would like to discuss a topic at the meeting.

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends –

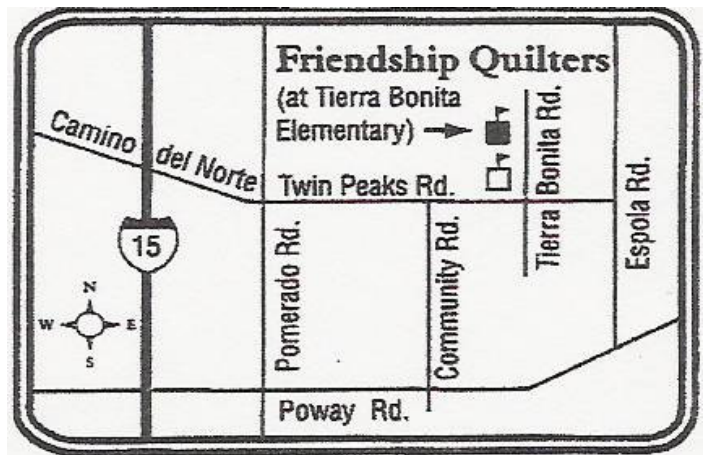
To all President's Challenge Participants, we are half way through the guild year! Have you started your challenge project yet? Please let me know if you have any questions, and remember, completed projects must be turned in before the June meeting to be eligible for Viewers' Choice voting and awards.

Regarding the transition to online-only newsletters, several members have asked when we plan to roll this out. Current thinking is that we will make the change over in conjunction with membership renewal in May/June. At that time, members will be given the opportunity to choose to continue receiving paper copies of newsletters by mail. Members who opt to do so may be asked to pay a small fee to help offset the cost of printing and postage.

I want you all to know that, in the face of personal challenges over the past few months, I continue to find volunteering for the guild to be a wonderful and rewarding experience. Members have been very generous with your friendship and support. In the coming months, board members will be coming to you to ask for volunteers for next year's slate of officers. We'll need help with the guild's annual activities as well – Quilt Day, the end of year Auction and the 4th of July Quilt Show. Please, ask yourself in what areas you might offer your talents and assistance. And enlist the help of a friend; it makes the commitment more manageable and fun! Please see me at the meetings for more information about chair positions and volunteer opportunities.

And remember, the board meeting location is published in the newsletter each month and board meetings are open to all members of the guild. You are welcome to come by and share your ideas.

Yours in Service,
Debbie Keener



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 at Bonita Elementary school, Poway, CA. Annual membership is \$25.00 from June 1 to May 31 of the following year. Members who are not able to attend meetings may pay \$10 per year for a "newsletter Only" membership. Non members pay a \$5 guest fees per meeting. More information is available on the website: www.friendship.quilt.to.

Comments and articles are always welcome and may be emailed to the editor, Lois Russell at lrussel2@san.rr.com or snail-mail to The Editor, Friendship Quilters, P.O. Box 1174, Poway, CA 92064. To advertise in the Patchwork Post contact Roberta Russell at (858) 748-8167.

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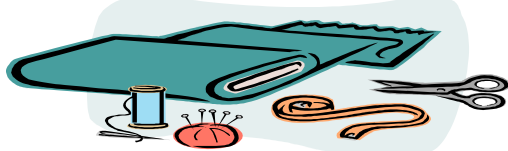
Again, we would like to remind you that The Store has a limited amount of new solid white cotton/polyester 118" wide batting for sale at only \$5.00 per yard. Sign your name with the amount of yards you want on the sign up sheet at the store. Have your money (exact amount, no tax), your name and the yardage amount in a sealed envelope and leave it with us. We will bring the batting to you at the next meeting.

Thank you for your January purchases (and new donations). We're off to a good start with sales of \$131.30 at the last meeting. It's fun seeing so many enthusiastic friends supporting the guild.

It's a new year--time to start a new project. What about using flannel? It's \$1.00 per yard. We have a few cute baby prints. It would be nice if some of you could make receiving blankets--when finished, drop them off at the store anytime, and we will see that they get to Karla who will take them to an appropriate charity.

Stop by at the next meeting and see the new fabrics we have on hand. The best prices are here just for you. **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY.**

Kathi and Reggie



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Library



Thanks to all who helped to make the silent auction a success we raised \$72. I am ordering new books for the library and hopefully they will be there for the Feb. meeting, please stop by. We have many wonderful books for members to check out but we currently have over 25 books out that are overdue, they are so wonderful that they have probably gotten mixed in with your own collection can the following individuals please check their collection for friendship library books---Kari Creel, Beverly Fraser, Barbara Tedlow, Holly Torrez, Gay Stinweg, Bobbie Wright, Sher Wilson, Lynda Shirk, Jan LaGrone, Tina Higley, Miriam Bryne, Denise Welsh, Terri Wellas, Karen Collins, Ann Albertson. When checking books out from the library if you need more than 1 month please bring it back and we will be happy to renew it. See you in Feb.

- Submitted by Yvonne Gagne



Philanthropy

Thank you quilt philanthropists! Thank you to the person who donated quilts to the Mexican school in the name of the Guild. Bravo to you! We got a lovely thank you note for your efforts! It reads:

Jesse Meacham and I worked on preparing gifts for the Colegio Esperanza in Tijuana. I just want to tell you how exciting it was to unfold each of the quilts you donated. Each was a piece of art. We put them in packages and sent them down to the school. I am sure each child who received one is snuggled up in it now. Thanks so much, Edwina

I encourage each of you to give one or more quilts to the charity of your choice in the name of the guild as well as to support the organizations we normally give to. Thank you in advance. Everyone really worked hard to finish Christmas stockings and place mats for the holidays, and now have needed some down time. Everyone needs to rejuvenate after the hectic pace of December so don't feel bad if you took a bit of a break. Congratulations to Jan LaGrone who was my sole contestant for the half yard of black and white batik fabric.

Finally, I invite you to give me a call if you have a quilt top for philanthropy but need some backing fabric. I was able to get quite a bit of solid yardage from the SCRUBS factory that will be perfect for backing philanthropy quilts. My number is (858)486-2946.

Until next time...be generous, be industrious, be filled with hope and good cheer. blessings,

Karla

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All submissions to the newsletter must be received no later than the Friday following the general guild meeting. This month's deadline is

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Eight spools 100% cotton thread from American & Efird, won by Candy Dalton.
Five spools 100% cotton thread from Guterman of America, won by BethAnn Williams.
Eight spools 100% cotton thread from Coats & Clark, won by Pat Howell Schmidt.
White quilt blocks from Quilts & Kits, won by Lee Olson.
Design of the moth quilt pattern from Pine Needles Designs, won by Julie Pyka.
Spring Tulip quilt pattern & Rose Garden quilt pattern from A Quilter's Dream, won by Joanne Laviolette
Four banner patterns for spring, summer, fall, and winter from A Quilter's Dream, won by Susan Axelrod.
Four fat quarters from P & B Textiles, won by Sue Mezera.
Quilter's ruler from The Gadget Girls, won by Irene Ashkenas.
Lone Star Quilt pattern book from Brewer Sewing Supplies, won by Carol Young.
Book – Along the Garden Path, from The Stitchin' Post won Doris Schorling.
Book – Quilter's Complete Guide, from Leisure Arts Inc., won by Linda Rathburn.
\$15 gift certificate from Material Possessions Quilt Shop, won by Judi Judd.
\$15 gift certificate from Material Possessions Quilt Shop, won by Lorraine Marstall.
Rotary cutter from Prym Dritz, won by Jenni Morris.
Six fat quarters, thread, kids scissors from Rosie's Calico Cupboard, won by Nancy Opstad.
Patterns, book, and curve master from Amidon Quiltworks, won by Karla Seyb-Stockton.

Submitted by Dianna Padilla

2006—2007 Programs

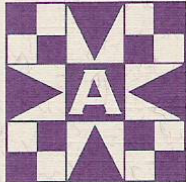
Dear Guild Members,

I am setting aside the Feb 2007 Program to be an Ice Cream Social and "Hands-On Technique" venue. I would like to solicit individuals from within the guild to be the demonstrators of a technique that they would like to share with other members. This doesn't mean that you have to be an expert in the field, but just one that is comfortable with doing and explaining a specific quilting technique.

There are many members that do not have a chance to go to the scheduled workshops throughout the year because of the fact that they have to work during the day. This Program will allow members to share their experience with others in a comfortable format and help fellow quilters get past road blocks in their quilting experience. I will have a signup sheet at the next several general meetings to collect information from those of you that might be interested in being a demonstrator.

If you have specific ideas on what techniques you would like to see demonstrated within the scope of this Program, please forward them to me ASAP so that I can focus the search for demonstrators. It would be much appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,
Emily Lawhorn,
2006-2007 Programs Chairperson


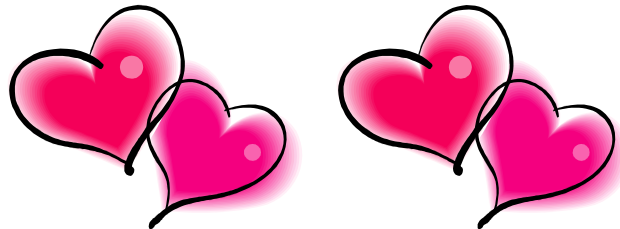


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SCCQG Calendar of Events –2005/2006

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	January 14, 2005: SCCQG Meeting Hosted by South Bay Quilters Guild Topic: Quilts and Children's books
	January 27 & 28, 2006: Cotton Patch Quilters of Kern County presents their quilt show Soft Covers for Hard Times at the Kern County Fairgrounds on P Street in Bakersfield, CA. For more information check our website at www.Bakersfieldquiltguild.org or call Becky Fischer at 661-396-1655.
	February 10-11, 2006. Valley Quilters Show, Valley Wide Community Center, 901 W. Esplanade Ave., San Jacinto, CA . 10 am - 4 pm. Admission - \$6.00. Featured Quilter, Vendors, quilt appraisals by Julia Zglinic, Guild Consignment Shop and Boutique. Drawing for Philanthropic quilt Saturday at 4 pm.
Update	February 25-26, 2006: South Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show at Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3341 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA. We've got a Fresh New Look in our Quilt Gallery and Merchant Mall . . . yes, the Merchant Mall is back and better than ever! Some of your favorite vendors along with lots of new faces! Admission is \$7 at the door (good for two days). Advance purchase tickets (\$5) are also available by sending your check (payable to SBQG) and a SASE envelope to P.O. Box 6115, Torrance, CA 90504. For details: visit our website: www.southbayquiltersguild.org .
	April 4-9, 2006: The Traveling Quilters are off to the International Quilt Festival in Chicago. Join us as we visit the quilt festival, the windy city, and sights in and around Chicago. For information contact: pamoverton@earthlink.net
	April 22, 2006: SCCQG Meeting, hosted by the Cottonpatch Quilt Guild in Bakersfield. Topic: TBD
NEW	April 22-23, 2006: African American Quilters of Los Angeles, 20 th Anniversary Quilt Show, "The Look and Feel of Tradition – from Raw Cotton to Quilts". Featuring a display of award winning quilts by children. Carson Community Center, 3 Civic Plaza Drive, Carson, Ca . Saturday 10 – 4, Sunday 10:30 to 4:30. For more info call (310) 538-4229.
	March 4-5, 2006. Friendship Square Quilt Guild presents Continuing the Tradition III at the UFCW Auditorium, 8550 Stanton Ave., Buena Park. Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4.
	March 17-19, 2006: Glendale Quilt Guild 2006 Quilt Show at the Burbank Airport Hilton. The theme is "Romancing the Fabric". Please access our website, www.glendalequiltguild.org , for further information. Teacher list will be available soon.
New	March 24-25, 2006: San Joaquin Valley Quilt Guild Show, Clovis Memorial Center, Clovis, CA.
	April 29-30, 2005: Camarillo Quilters Association is having their Quilt Show . Check camarilloquilters.org for more details.
	May 7 thru 11 QUILTERS' ESCAPE 2006 An annual quilting seminar/retreat on the California North Coast in the redwoods overlooking the Eel River and in the Victorian village of Ferndale. 2006 national instructors are: ESTERITA AUSTIN, CYNTHIA ENGLAND, SALLY COLLINS, CHARLOTTE ANGOTTI, NANCY PRINCE, SHARYN CRAIG and JANET JONES WORLEY. Please send SASE to QUILTERS' ESCAPE, 3414 K Street, Eureka, CA 95503 ph 707 442-0081 or visit www.quiltersescape.com for detailed information.
	May 13-14, 2006: Beauty of Tradition III will take place at the Santa Maria Fairpark in Santa Maria, California, Contact: Sandy Turner, E-mail NQASLT@aol.com
	July 15, 2006: SCCQG Meeting hosted by Quilters by the Sea Topic: Meet the Teachers
NEW	September 9-10, 2006: Quilters Piece Corps of Victor Valley. Quilts for All Seasons III, San Bernardino County Fairgrounds – Bldg. D, 14800 7 th Street, Victorville, Ca 92392. Friday 9 am to 8 pm; Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm. Admission: \$5.00 (husbands free). For information send SASE to P.O. Box 774, Victorville, CA 92392. Contact: Jean Knierim (760) 244-7737 (bobjean123@aol.com) or Diane Corder (626) 339-6537 (corderm@ix.netcom.com)
	September 14-16, 2006. Los Angeles County Quilter's Guild Quilt Show will be held at the Ritz Gardens, 11201 First Ave., Whittier, CA. For more info: contact Rose Ann Arnold at (562)947-1254 or Nancy Needham at (562)860-8821.
	September 30, October 1, 2006: Harvest of Colors 2006' Coastal Quilters Guild, Earl Warren Showgrounds, HWY. 101 , Las Positas exit. More information: www.coastalquilters.org or LIZ TURNER 805-967-0741
NEW	October 7 and 8, 2006: Simi Valley Quilt Guild is hosting our Biannual Quilt Show. More detailed information will follow after our first show meeting scheduled Oct. 1, 2005. Questions before that please contact me at above e-mail address or (805) 527-6464.
	October 21, 2006: SCCQG Meeting hosted by Santa Monica Quilt Guild Topic: TBD
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	January 13, 2007: SCCQG Meeting – Host: TBD. Topic: TBD
	February 17-18, 2007: South Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show at Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3341 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA. For details: visit our website: www.southbayquiltersguild.org
	April 21, 2007: SCCQG Meeting – Host: TBD. Topic: TBD
	July 21, 2007: SCCQG Meeting - Host: TBD Topic: Meet the Teachers
	October 20, 2007: SCCQG Meeting hosted by ??? Topic: TBD

Treasurer's Report for Jan. 2006

Balance Forward-Cash in Checking Account as of 12/13/05	\$ 14,529.59
+ <u>Deposits</u> (12/14/05-1/10/06)	952.55
- Total Expenses/Invoices Paid (12/14/05-1/10/06)	(2,039.70)
Checking Account Total as of 1/10/06	\$ 13,442.44
Balance in Savings (CD) as of 12/28/05	13,652.80
Petty Cash Advances Outstanding	40.00
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE AS OF 1/10/06	<u>\$ 27,135.24</u>

Prepared by: Susan Axelrod, Treasurer

Jan. 10, 2006

More detailed information is available on request.

OPPORTUNITY OF THE MONTH

Robert Kaufman Fabrics provided our October opportunity, a wonderful bundle of fat quarters won by Emily Lawhorn. This item earned \$23 for the guild.

There were two opportunities in November, including the framed and machine embroidered "Quilter's Rules," designed and donated by Sue Mezera, which was won by Di-anne Larrabee. Lou Pennock donated another great basket of fat quarters in red fabrics, and Chris Perez was the lucky winner! These opportunities brought in \$64 to the guild.

Our January meeting had two opportunities: again, a wonderful fat quarter basket of green fabrics from Lou Pennock that was won by Donna Tanner; and an awesome fish batik block won by Corky Kuhlman. These items earned \$87 for the guild coffers.

Congratulations to all of you! Once again, a big thank you to the donors for their generosity! Do you have a great quilt-related item you could donate for a future opportunity?

Happy quilting to all!
Lois Sonntag

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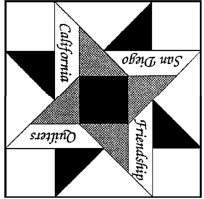
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February 13, 2006

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- ☐ Refreshments
- ☐ Your Mug
- ☐ Library Books
- ☐ Donations for the Guild Store
- ☐ Items for Sharing

Doors Open for Set Up 6:00pm
Tables Ready 6:30pm
Meeting Begins 7:00pm

Don't forget to help put chairs away after the meeting.

My Wife, The Quilter

*She learned to quilt on Monday.
Her stitches were very fine.
She forgot to thaw out dinner,
So we went out to dine.*

*She quilted miniatures Tuesday.
She says they are a must.
They really were quite lovely,
But she forgot to dust.*

*On Wednesday, it was a sampler.
She says the stipplin's fun.
What highlights! Oh what shadows!
But the laundry wasn't done.*

*Her charm quilt was on Thursday,
Green patches, blue and red.
I guess she really was engrossed;
She never made the bed.*

*It was wallhangings on Friday,
In colors she adores,
But she never seemed to notice
The crumbs on all the floors.*

*I found a maid on Saturday!
My week is now complete.
My wife can quilt the hours away;
The house will still be neat.*

*Well, it's already Sunday.
I think I'm about to wilt.
I cursed, I raved, I ranted--
The MAID has learned to
Quilt!!*

(Author: unknown)

