

# Patchwork Post

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of San Diego

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April 2006

## Programs

### Quilts on the Runway

Please welcome fellow San Diegan, Diana Foster to our guild meeting. Diana is a very talented quilter and wearable arts teacher.

Diana Foster was born in Boston, Massachusetts to a mother and grandmother who loved to sew and design clothes. Her mother taught her at an early age not to waste fabric and ingenious ways to make the best of the fabric that they had. She graduated from Rhode Island School of Design with a degree in Apparel Design and after a brief break went on to Graduate school at U.C.L.A. where she earned a M.A. degree in Environmental Design. She worked in the garment industry in Boston and New York designing wedding gowns, sportswear, loungewear and blouses. It has been a long journey from Boston where she was born, to California, with many stops in between. She has had careers in retail management, aviation, real estate and law. It was not until she saw a challenge in a local Quilt store that her love of wearable art blossomed. She won the garment part of the challenge and kept going. Diana became a fabric challenge junkie and entered often and won prizes for her efforts. She has been a Fairfield Fashion Show Designer and also a Bernina Fashion Show Designer. Her garments have been displayed at major quilt shows across the country and they have garnered many awards for her. She has been published in Quilters Newsletter Magazine and in the Bernina Publication. Diana does trunk shows and fashion shows and has presented shows at some of the local quilt guilds. She loves to teach and has taught classes at local quilt shops. The classes have been in "Really free motion quilting", quilting design projects, inking and garment design and construction. She still sews for herself and has now started to design her line of own quilts she hopes to publish soon. The focus in her quilts is on simple designs where the fabric does the work and simplified construction methods. Her garment industry background helps her

find those short cuts. Diana rarely passes up a challenge or a display in a quilt show. Besides sewing and designing garments, she knits, reads mysteries, loves to cook, and travel. Her home is shared with her patient husband, Mike, two cats and two puppies. She has two grown sons and three grandsons. Presently chairperson of the Village Quilters in San Diego, CA, she enjoys speaking to people and meeting our new members.

For our program we need to have 6 to 7 models from the guild that are sizes 6 to 10. Please call me so that we can arrange a wardrobe to wear.

Sue Mezera 858 391-1348 or cell (858) 472-0383  
Workshop Info

Tuesday April 11 10:00 to 4:00 at Amidon Quiltworks  
We will be making a You Can, "Take it with you bag!"  
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Tailor this bag to your needs. A quick and easy bag that can be made in a day. Cut in the morning and sew after lunch! Can be made as regular tote as well as a diaper bag. These directions are for the quilter's version. Use as many fabrics as you like. The sample is made in and dyed and batik fabrics. I used 4 main fabrics and pieces of two others.

Sign up and the supply list will be emailed to you.  
Sue Mezera 858 391-1348 or cell 858 472-0383 email  
[samt1@cox.net](mailto:samt1@cox.net)

### April Board meeting:

The April board meeting is Monday, April 3rd @ 7:00 PM at the home of Linda Wilcox.

### May Board meeting:

The May board meeting is Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 PM at the home of Susan Axelrod.

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;

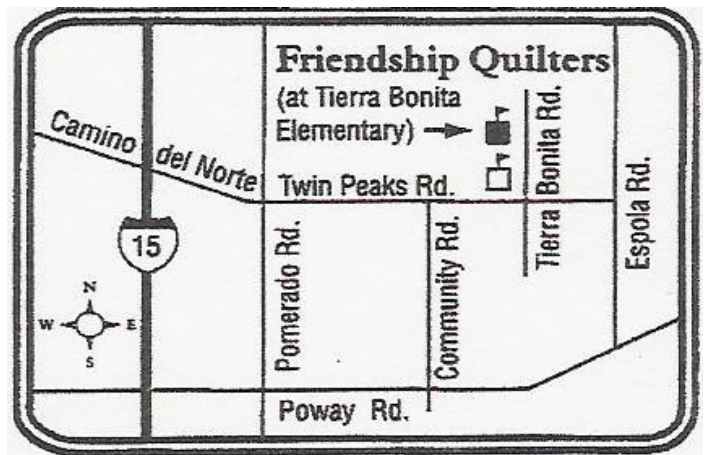
The Poway Unified School District is planning to close the multi-purpose room at Tierra Bonita Elementary School for construction on June 01, 2006. The facility will be unavailable to us for an extended period of time. Therefore, we are searching for a new venue for our meetings. If you know of a school, church or other facility that is conveniently located and has adequate space for our guild, with tables and chairs and access to a kitchen, please give me a call at 619-561-9243.

Our June guild meeting and potluck dinner will not be at Tierra Bonita Elementary School. Once a location is identified, we will alert members through the newsletter and email list and as possible at guild meetings. Please look for updates.

I would like to thank Reggie Gross for pinch-hitting as guest speaker at our March guild meeting. Our scheduled speaker, Jennifer Chiaverini, was delayed by bad weather in the Midwest and was unable to make it to San Diego in time for our meeting. Reggie received a frantic message hours before our meeting and agreed to do a lecture and a trunk show along with all of her other duties Monday night. Thank you so much, Reggie, for a wonderful evening! We hope that Ms. Chiaverini will be able to reschedule with us in the fall.

Thanks to all the board members present at the March guild meeting who helped to fill in for those who were away at the Sally Collins workshop. While we were spread a bit thin, the meeting went smoothly and I appreciate everyone's extra help.

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](http://www.friendship.quilt.to).

Comments and articles are always welcome and may be emailed to the editor, Lois Russell at [lrussel2@san.rr.com](mailto:lrussel2@san.rr.com) or snail-mail to The Editor, Friendship Quilters, P.O. Box 1174, Poway, CA 92064

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## Block of the Month

There were a lot of comments about the finished blocks as they were being turned in at last month's meeting. Everyone seemed to like the color combination, pattern and selection of fabrics Marcia McNelley used for her "Touch of Spring" blocks. As you know, the person who cuts the blocks makes one or two blocks for samples, so her name goes into the drawing to win them all. I'm sure Marcia had her fingers crossed, but this time the happy winner was Anne Konrad.

Our new blocks last month were cut by Dianne Barilotti and Donna Watt. Their combination of bright hand-dyed fabrics and an interesting black background print will make an great quilt in the one-patch "windmill" pattern. I love the way this block makes a secondary, tessellating pattern when set block-to-block.

I won't be able to attend the meeting next month, so our next team of block cutters, Peggy Dunn and Marsha Skarupa will be manning the table for me. Be sure to make a stop at the "Block of the Month" table to say hello and pick up your block kit. By the way, thanks to all of you who brought exact change this time. I had lots and lots of one-dollar bills to turn in and didn't have to make change for twenties. That makes the job much simpler!

See you all at the May meeting,

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## Tips & Tricks

I've known for a long time about using spray starch on fabric before cutting pieces on the bias, so that when you sew the fabric together it is less likely to stretch out of shape. I've never bothered doing it though, until recently, when I was helping a beginning quilter and wanted to make construction easier for her.

I love the way the blocks turn out with this method, especially when there are a lot of small pieces in the block that are cut on the bias. Also, creases that are normally difficult to get out of cotton fabric seem to disappear.

So you might want to try this trick and see how you like the results. It really doesn't take much extra time, and can make sewing bias cut pieces together a lot more accurate.

If you have a clever trick you would like to share with the guild, please email me at [sidhe-magik@cox.net](mailto:sidhe-magik@cox.net)

Happy quilting,  
Deanna Padilla

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## Philanthropy

Thanks to our Quilt Philanthropists who turned in baby quilts, a bigger quilt and wheelchair bags at the March meeting. Way to go!

And for the big news: Thanks to Irene Ashkenas, Lois Sonntag, Jenni Morris,

Julie Ward Janice Rudgers, Lorraine Marshall, Jean Nagy, Emily Lawhorn, Mary Tabar, Shirlee Vigil, Kathi Doleshal, and Jackie Koenig for sewing and tying and generally being busy bees at our Quilt-a-thon on Friday, 17 March. At the end of the day, we had 7 completed quilts, 14 ready to tie, and 12 tops and backs are matched and sized, ready for batting. We got a lot done and had a great time doing it. IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL DAY! I know there were many of you who wanted to be there but because of other obligations, couldn't attend. Therefore, I am committed to finding a Saturday that we can meet again and do some more. Keep your eyes and ears open for that announcement.

In the mean time, keep on quilting and have a Happy Easter!

Blessings,

Karla Seyb-Stockton



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## Opportunity of the Month

February's meeting had three opportunities: the floral appliqué wallhanging was won by Beverly Fraser; the Clover Mini Iron and storage case donated by Dee McClelland was won by Judy Cooke; and "Sensational Scrap Quilts" donated by Lois Sonntag was won by Linda Rathbun. These brought in \$34 to the guild treasury.

In March, the Gazebo Quilt wallhanging was won by Marianne Asanuma. Lou Pennock donated the 36 green fat quarter collection that was won by Jenni Morris. These added \$53 to the guild.

Opportunity of the Month will gladly accept any quilt related item! Think about what you might be able to share – fabrics, patterns, books you no longer use that are in good condition, or tools you "just had to have" but never used.

Happy Stitching!

Lois Sonntag

## 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 14, 2006**. Please email to newsletter editor Lois Russell at [lrussell2@san.rr.com](mailto:lrussell2@san.rr.com).

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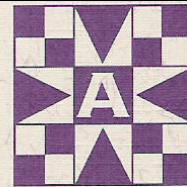
Quilt safety pins with grip covers from Paul Jean Creations, won by Janet Hentzen.  
Two quilt patterns from C&T Publishing, won by Anna Mae Bach.  
Five spools 100% cotton thread from Gutermann of America, won by Liz Brookins.  
Puffy Foam for embroidering from Sulky of America, won by Frances Symons.  
Thangles from The Crazy 9-Patch, won by Ellyn Puka.  
Four fat quarters from P&B Textiles, won by Nancy Opstad.  
\$15 gift certificate from Material Possessions, won by Pat Wolfe.  
\$15 gift certificate from Material Possessions, won by Marsha Skayur.  
Four fat quarters from Quilting Treasures by Cranston, won by Lee Olson.  
Four fat quarters from Quilting Treasures by Cranston, won by Shelley Gragg.  
Six fat quarters & matching Valdani thread from Rosie's Calico Cupboard, won by Terry Seaburg.  
Quilter's Complete Guide book from Leisure Arts Inc., won by Janet Haas.  
\$20 gift certificate from Quilting Divas quilt shop, won by Emily Lawhorn.  
\$15 gift certificate from Material Possessions Quilt Shop, won by Pat Clennon.  
\$25 gift certificate from Walmart, won by Jackie Koenig.

### Refreshments

I apologize to all of you for missing March's meeting. Although I have enjoyed my post as Refreshments Chairperson for the last 5 years, I'm finding with my commute and work schedule that I can no longer manage it. Hence I would like to use this opportunity to ask someone else to think about taking over this responsibility. If you can make coffee, and mix lemonade, you're qualified! The hardest part of the job is resisting the temptation to taste test the goodies. (Remember you don't have to MAKE any of the food either.) Other than that, supplies are regularly minimal, I fit them all in one rolling bin that I am willing to donate to the next person. Pot lucks are a bit more work, as they require carrying and buying more supplies, but I've got a system down & find that there are always more hands willing to help than I need. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this position.

Please consider volunteering, it's what makes the guild what it is!

- Submitted by Jennifer Ross



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## Ways & Means

Considering the odd weather we've had lately and a few other snags —it didn't seem to keep the ladies from our meeting last month. Several attended the out of town class, leaving some of the board members to wear 'many hats'.

Debbie was president as well as book-keeper. While Reggie put on a most wonderful and entertaining talk, I watched over the store.

We had several things going on. There were special books and a Log Cabin puzzle (complete with a pattern inside) for a silent auction. The winners were Janice Rudgers-book, and Beverly Frazier getting books and the puzzle.

In February we held a raffle where you bought tickets for a chance to win a gift certificate to use at a local Quilt shop. We held it again in March (in case someone missed it the first time). The happy winner was Leemary Heath.

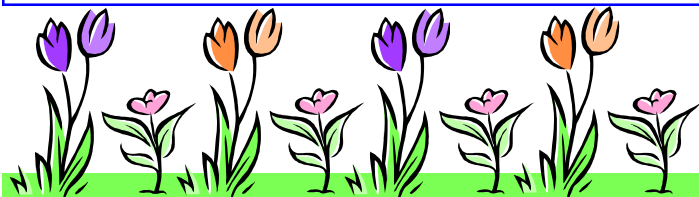
A special thank you goes to Michael who was in the right place at the right time. He worked so hard setting up chairs and doing other jobs for us. And what a nice quilt he had displayed during sharing. Thank you!!

Don't forget Easter is coming. Time to start thinking about hiding places for all those Easter eggs and candy. Or do we need hiding places for fabric, patterns, etc.???

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- Kathi and Reg



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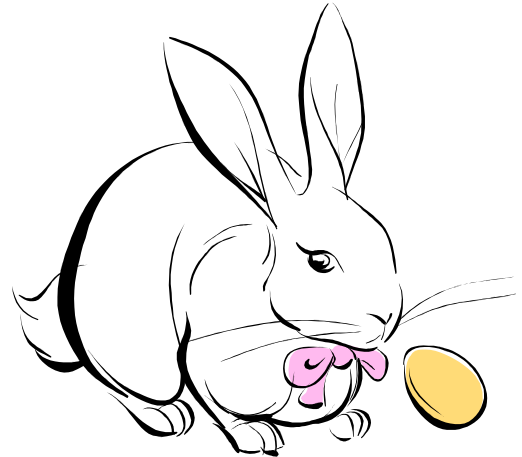
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Think of the advantages - you don't have to gather eggs, remove feathers, or even cook them.

A pair will be at the store so you can see them, or call me if you can't come to the meeting.

Kathi

**Treasurer's Report for Mar. 2006**

Balance Forward-Cash in Checking Account as of 2/14/06	\$ 12,939.29
+ <u>Deposits</u> (2/15/06-3/20/06)	689.45
- Total Expenses/Invoices Paid (2/15/06-3/20/06)	( 551.19)
Checking Account Total as of 3/20/06	\$ 13,077.55
Balance in Savings (CD) as of 2/28/06	13,698.80
Petty Cash Advances Outstanding	40.00
<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCE AS OF 3/20/06</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,816.35</u></b>

Prepared by: Susan Axelrod, Treasurer  
 Mar. 20, 2006  
 More detailed information is available on request.

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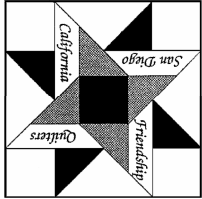
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- ☐ Your Mug
- ☐ Library Books
- ☐ Donations for the Guild Store
- ☐ Items for Sharing

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.**

## Friendship Quilters Opportunity Quilt



The month of May is rapidly approaching, when we will draw the lucky winner of our opportunity quilt "Timeless Mariner". The entire guild has been extremely supportive. As of the end of the March meeting we have earned a profit of \$2244 on the quilt. We still have one more month to go! Quite a few people still have not returned money for tickets checked out. Please remember to turn in money and ticket stubs as soon as possible. Also, the quilt still has not visited several of the local quilt guilds. If you are a member of another local guild and you have not seen our quilt visit, please consider bringing it and selling tickets. It's painless and fun to receive all the complements about what a great quilt it is!

Shelly Gragg

Opportunity Quilt Chair

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