

Patchwork Post

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February Guild Presentation with Peggy Gelbrich

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For over 30 years, Peggy has been quilting and helping others catch the “quilting bug.” Teaching and sharing the art of quilt making is her passion. She has taught quilt making in Alaska, Washington, California, Idaho and Oregon, teaching large guild classes, quilting retreats, quilt shops and small private groups in her home.



Because of her expertise and attention to detail, Peggy has made quilts that have won many awards and been accepted for showing at the Association of Pacific Northwest Quilter's show in Seattle. Her quilt, “Roses for Travis and Sharon” is pictured in the book, “Rose Sampler Supreme,” by Rosemary

Mahkan. She was recently published in Quilter's Newsletter and Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting magazines. She has published many patterns.

Peggy loves all types of quilting but traditional quilts are her favorite. Her preferred stitching methods are machine piecing, hand quilting, needle-turn appliqué and crazy quilting. She is accredited to teach the Thimblelady method of hand quilting.

She enjoys the challenge of learning and experimenting with different techniques in the quilt making process, always looking for an easier way to conquer those seemingly difficult patterns.

Originally from Oregon, travels took Peggy to

Meetings:

- *Board Meeting: Mon. 3/2/09, 6:30 PM, home of Diana Lott*
- *Workshop: Peggy Gelbrich, “Pine Burr”, Sun. 3/8/09, 10 AM-4:00 PM*
- *Guild Meeting: Mon. 3/9/09, 7 PM, Peggy Gelbrich, “The History of Signature Quilts”, Garden Road Elementary School*
- *Guild Yard Sale Event: Twin Peaks Middle School, Sat. 3/14/09, 8AM-Noon.*
- *Workshop: Phyllis Binkley, “Color, Depth and Space in Landscapes”, Sat. 4/4/09, 10 AM-4:30 PM*

President's Message

We had a wonderful guild meeting in February, despite the rain and hail! Thanks to all who braved the weather and benefited from the inspiration in Phyllis Binkley's lecture and quilts.

Our guild is very appreciative of the Poway Unified School District in that our meetings are held in their facilities at **no charge**. Yes, we do have to set-up tables and chairs and put them away, but I know many guilds that must pay big bucks for their monthly meeting facilities, draining their treasury. We need and want our funds for our speakers and events, not rent. Having all our meetings at one location would be wonderful; however, due to occasional school events which take priority in the district, our meetings must sometimes be moved to a different school location. This will occur next month so **our March 9th meeting will be held at the Garden Road Elementary**

School Multi-Purpose Room. Be sure to make a note of this and remind your friends.

Are you looking for inspiration, stuck on a project, in a quandary about a particular technique or just “stalled out” because life has gotten in the way?? Well this happens to all of us from time to time and it's okay. Here are some possible options for getting back into the swing of things:

- Review your favorite quilting books and magazines for inspiration, or to find a quilt setting you'd like to try with those completed quilt blocks that are waiting for you in a box or closet.
- Ask a quilting buddy, or your small sewing group, to help you through your dilemma. You don't even have to use their ideas, just listen and a solution will come to you.

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Francine Nadey: *Membership & Carol Geising Directory*

Kathy Kudrawec: *New Members*

Rebecca Lighthill: *Opportunity of the Month*

Susan Prioleau : *Opportunity Quilt*

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Programs (continued)

Ketchikan, Alaska for 22 years with husband Ron and three children, Travis, Ian and Allison. After Alaska, she spent five years in Washington and is now back home in Oregon. The kids are grown now and grandchildren have been added to the Gelbrich family; all the more people to receive and share in this love of quilting.

Program Note: Phyllis Binkley is offering another workshop, on April 4th, 2009 at her home in Hemet, Ca.

LeeMary Heath

President's Message (continued)

- Challenge yourself by trying something new. Maybe a challenge is all you need for inspiration and to get moving again?

- Take your problem to your local quilt shop. There you'll find very knowledgeable ladies who work through their customer's problems every day. You'll probably also find a perfect fabric to use for sashing, borders or quilt backing, too, or at least some "new arrival" fabric or fat quarters to buy.

- Take a refresher class on that technique you need for the project. This means you don't have to commit yourself to an entire project using the technique, just learn and keep it in your personal "tool box" for a future project.

— Come to the guild meetings and special guild events. There is something about listening to guest speakers and just being around other quilters that can get you motivated again.

- When nothing seems to be working...temporarily turn to something else. That's right, just walk away and read a book, take a walk outside, or hunt for the chocolate you have stashed away.

I hope one of these possible solutions will work for you. We want you back into quilting very soon! See you in **March at Garden Road Elementary School.**

Susan Axelrod, President

Philanthropy

Last month we displayed many quilts that were made or finished at the January 19th work-day. Thanks so much for all your support. The "Snowball Quilt" was shown in February. We still have kits to make and quilts to finish. Don't forget that the Philanthropy Challenge quilts are due in April. Two have been turned in so far.

We received from guild members: 2 quilt tops, 3 quilts, 1 flannel baby blanket, 28 placemats (11 were made by SDCE Emeritus Students and will be donated in their name) to Meals on Wheels.

Donated in February: 1 baby flannel blanket to Palomar Hospital, 1 quilt to Quilts of Valor in Long Beach, 5 quilts to Rady Children's Hospital, 9 quilts to Veterans Hospital, 4 quilts to PLC in appreciation of using the fellowship hall for the January workday.

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

Door Prizes

1. Large Felting Needle Mat by Inspirations Quilting from Leisure Arts won by Brenda Colia
2. \$15 Gift Certificate from Material Possessions won by Debbie Boyd
3. \$15 Gift Certificate from Material Possessions won by Jennifer Nunez
4. Fiskars Stencil Set from Rosie's won by Tracy Potter
5. Book-All Buttoned Up from Rosie's won by Mary Rozendal
6. Project bag and Pattern from Rosie's won by Ellen Remple
7. Book-Joy, Joy, Joy by Debbie Mumm from Leisure Arts won by Fran Lewis
8. Book-Your Turn to Churn by Patti Eaton from Leisure Arts won by LeeMary Heath
9. Book-Scrap Happy by Brenda Henning won by Lorraine Marstall
10. Book-Scrap Happy by Brenda Henning won by Janice Rudgers
11. Pattern-The Rest is Easy by Brenda Henning won by Carol Giesing
12. Pattern-The Rest is Easy by Brenda Henning won by Carol Young

Submitted by Sylvia Lovett



Tips and Tricks

If you prewash your fabrics by machine, you have probably suffered through the tangle of excess threads that sometimes pull away from the cut edges. Try this trick to help cut down on this problem - open the cut of fabric out flat and snip a small (1/2") triangle from each corner. Wash as usual, and prepare to be pleasantly surprised at the lack of tangled threads.

Retreat

As anticipated, we had a lot sign up for the May retreat in Temecula. We have just 3 spots left. If you are interested please call me ASAP at 858-722-3018 to to reserve your spot. (I will also need a deposit check for \$25.00). The dates are May 15 - 17th and the total cost is \$200.00 for a shared room or \$270.00 for a private room. If you're a new member, it's a great way to get to know some of the guild members. If you don't have a roommate lined up don't worry. You'll get matched up with someone when you get there.

For all of you that did get signed up, there will be a block challenge again so please see me at the next meeting to receive your packet.

Lou Pennock

Library News

Please consider donating a book to our library this year. We need books that have been published within the past two years to keep our library current for our members. On average we lend out almost 40 books at each meeting. You can request any book from our library by calling or e-mailing Yvonne Gagne or Holly Torrez with your request; we will bring that book to the next meeting.

We are delighted to report that the FQSD Library has received 17 BIRTHDAY BOOKS as of our February meeting. We are grateful to the following members who have donated books:

Kathi Doleshal	Janet Haas	Debbie Keener
Fran Lewis	Lorraine Marstall	
Kris Mitchell	Lou Pennock	Roberta Russell
Terry Seaburg	Helen Squire (speaker)	
Caryl Wilson	Pat Wolfe	Holly Torrez
Cheryl Wilson	Dee McClelland	Roberta Russell

How Do We Communicate?

This newsletter is one of our major communication vehicles. A special thank you to those who get newsletters online, saving us printing and mailing expense. If you can switch to online newsletters, please notify Francine Nadey, Membership, at the next meeting.

We also have communication via e-mails to those subscribed to our general distribution list. Go to our website: www.friendshipquilterssd.org/Membership and follow the directions to get signed up. Keep up-to-date with all communication and last minute notices!

Getting to Know You (submitted by Deanna Padilla)

Most of you probably know Rebecca Lighthill as the lovely lady with the friendly smile and infectious laugh who presents the Opportunity of the Month at guild meetings. An avid reader, Rebecca began quilting in the mid nineties after reading 'The Art & Craft of Quilting.' At the time, she had just achieved an associate's degree in architectural drafting at Palomar College. After reading the book on quilting, however, inspiring her to attend both the Visions Quilt Show and San Diego Quilt Show, she says she was so awestruck by the art quilts she saw that she gave up the notion of looking for a job and took up quilting instead. "I had always wanted to become an artist," Rebecca recalls. "Quilting offered the potential to express myself artistically."



Enthusiastic to get started, Rebecca joined the Friendship Guild, attending every workshop available. She admits that since then, she's become more discriminating, focusing on the techniques she enjoys most, especially the creativity of design,

Rebecca recalls her first attempt at quilting, culmi-

nating in an 18" by 24" pink and blue scrappy quilt she still owns. "I purchased several fabrics in an eighth of a yard each, and just followed the picture in the book, which didn't come with much instruction." She laughs as the memory expands, "I did know to use a quarter inch seam allowance, but had no idea how to assemble, quilt the layers, or bind." She ended up hand quilting in the ditch with the old, tried and true, 'poke the needle through to the back and poke around till you find the right place to come back up' method. Works every time.

All those workshops have paid off, though, and Rebecca has honed her skills since that first project. In fact, after attending a workshop recently, she completed a quilt implementing the techniques she learned from quilter and author, Jan Krentz. Rebecca is proud to announce her quilt will be featured in the author's new book, which should be on the shelves in February. Isn't that exciting?

Next time you're at the guild meeting, take a moment to drop by the Opportunity of the Month table and say hello to Rebecca. One of the things she says she loves most about her board position is the opportunity offered her to meet other quilters. Take the opportunity to donate a useful item, a dollar to win a prize, or just receive a winning smile from Rebecca. You can't lose!

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Cheryl Wilson)

Friendship Quilters of San Diego Balance Sheet

As of February 13, 2009

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking Friendship QOSD	9,577.09
Friendship Quilters of San Diego	14,984.00
Total Checking/Savings	24,561.09
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expense	100.00
Total Other Current Assets	100.00
Total Current Assets	24,661.09
TOTAL ASSETS	24,661.09
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	27,118.76
Retained Earnings	-2,682.49
Net Income	224.82
Total Equity	24,661.09
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	24,661.09

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Calendar of Events

Mar 7 & 8: Hi Desert Quilt Guild "Jewels of the Desert" biennial quilt show--hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Saturday's activities also include a small quilt auction at 2 p.m. with a silent auction taking place on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and an opportunity quilt drawing. Admission is \$5 (children under 12 years of age are admitted free). This year's show features vendors, door prizes, along with many gift baskets, demonstrations, and a kid's block coloring station. A quilt appraiser is available (fee for service). Show location is in Mesquite Hall at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds on 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA. Free parking. Points of contact are Linda Anderson at (760) 446-0867 and Sandie Lane at (760) 384-2482.

Mar 7 - 14: San Diego Cruisin' Quilters Run – Mon. – Sat. 9am-7pm , Sun. 10am-4pm – See the website for participating shops and have fun! www.cruisinquilters.com.

Mar: San Diego County Fair - Entry information for the 2009 San Diego County Fair will be posted by mid-March. <http://www.sdfair.com/fair/>

Mar 28: Young Piecemakers Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Centennial High School 1820 Rimpau Avenue, Corona, California 10:00 am. - 5:00 pm. Vendor Mall, Over 100 Quilts, Opportunity Baskets and Sewing Machine Giveaways, Featured Artist, Viewers Choice(\$300-\$200-\$100 prizes) Food Court, Silent Auction to benefit UCLA Medical Center for Children with HIV/AIDS. Admission \$5.00, 12 years and over. Email Contact: youngpiecemakers@yahoo.com, Website: www.yppgg.org.

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.

Apr 3: Be sure to visit Quilt Visions 2008: Contemporary Expressions at the Oceanside Museum of Art through March 1, 2009. Currently at Visions Art Quilt Gallery in Pt. Loma is **Personal Visions, Past Quilt Visions jurors' Exhibition** through March 22, 2009. Please see www.quiltvisions.org for hours and more information. Coming to Visions Art Quilt Gallery: **Elizabeth Busch Retrospective**, April 7 – June 9, 2009. Opening reception, Friday, April 3, 5:00 – 7:00pm. Meet the artist and hear first hand about the process and techniques of her work.

Apr 18 & 19: Nite Owl Quilters Guild Quilt Show Ontario Senior Center, 225 B Street Opportunity baskets and silent auction--both days. Email Contact: tksewcrazy@aol.com, Website: www.niteowls.org.

Apr 25 & 26: Seven Sisters Quilt Show, Alex Madonna Expo Center, 100 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405. By The Associated Quilt Guilds of the Central Coast – Fee: \$7 one day or \$10 both days. 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>.

May 1 & 2: Inland Empire Quilters Guild In addition to vendors, we will have a silent auction and opportunity baskets. Each

Elizabeth Busch - A Retrospective Artist lecture and tour of the exhibit

PAINT AND FUSE!

2 day workshop: April 1st and 2nd 9:00 to 3:30

Instructor: Elizabeth Busch, www.elizabethbusch.com

Location: Visions Art Quilt Gallery and Pat D'Arrigo Art Center at Liberty Station. Class fee: \$200 materials fee: ~\$10

Learn fabric painting and design techniques from award winning artist Elizabeth Busch. On day one participants will paint with textile paints making fabric to cut up. On day two, you will cut and use the painted work combined with purchased fabric to create two to five small fused collages. Pieces will come to life through discussion about how ideas evolve, letting go of pre-conceived ideas and simply letting it happen. You will get messy, have fun and come away with some small finished pieces, without a sewing machine.

See www.quiltvisions.org (click on classes) for more information and supply list. Call the Gallery (619-546-4872) to register.

Auction Update

Our major fund raiser is coming up on April 18 and will be held at the Poway Community Park Auditorium (behind the Poway Library). This will be the day of our Live Quilt Auction, Silent Auction, a Raffle Quilt Drawing and door prizes, too. The general public is also invited. All committees are working hard to be sure the planning, organizing, and work is done on time. Here's how you can help:

- **Completed Quilt Donations:** Even if you didn't previously commit to making a quilt, we want your help. Quilts in all sizes will be accepted. All completed quilts need to be turned in at the March 9th guild meeting. Our goal: 20 more completed quilts!

- **Silent Auction Theme Basket Donations:** Contact Linda Wilcox at 858-484-9749 gwilcox@san.rr.com to donate "theme basket" items such as gardening tools, seeds, and gloves for a garden lover's basket. Maybe your small sewing group would

like to contribute in this way? Items don't have to be in baskets or wrapped. Linda's committee is happy to do that part.

- **Volunteers for Auction Day:** Please sign up at the next guild meeting to help in some way or contact Susan Axelrod at 760-787-1649 sewsalot@aol.com or Candice Dalton at 858-486-2007 daltongang@gmail.com for more information. Husbands are welcomed, too, for set-up and security.

- **Refreshments:** We are asking members to donate small, pre-wrapped goodies and bottles of water on the day of the auction. More info on this at the next meeting.

All volunteers will have specific job responsibilities and these will be covered with everyone prior to the auction (probably a volunteers meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4/15 – more info to follow).



Calendar of Events (continued)

basket contains a sewing machine. We will raffle off our opportunity quilt on Saturday. Come and join us for a fun filled two days. Email Contact: busyfingers2000@hotmail.com.

May 16: Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival at Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA. At the Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival you will find a wide variety of Sewing, Quilting, Needle-Art and Craft supply exhibits from many quality companies. Price: \$8.00 admission good for all three days. Phone: (800) 717-8789.

May 16 & 17: Around the World in Stitches Quilt Show, California State University – Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, CA 91330. By Valley Quiltmakers Guild & San Fernando Valley Quilt Association – Fee: \$7 one day or \$10 both days. For more info: www.QuiltingInTheValleyShow.com.

May 16 & 17: Antelope Valley Quilt Association's quilt show. Antelope Fair grounds at the J. P. Pavilion building at 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 1 pm., vendors, door prizes, Children's color block workshop, opportunity quilt drawing, and a Bernina sewing machine drawing. Admission is \$7 for two days, Husbands and children under 12 are free. There is also \$5 for parking. Email Contact: jharrington66@earthlink.net, or www.avqa.org.

Jun 6: San Diego Quilt Show Entry Deadline - www.sandiegoquilts.com.

Jun 12 - Jul 5: 2009 San Diego County Fair, "Music Mania", Del Mar Fairgrounds. Closed two Mondays, June 15 and 22. <http://www.sdfair.com/fair/>

Jul 24 - 26: International Quilt Festival, Long Beach - Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center. quilts.com/home/shows.

Sep 17 - 19: San Diego Quilt Show – San Diego Convention Center. www.sandiegoquilts.com.

Ongoing – Quilt Visions Gallery at Liberty Station. Rotating quilt displays and classes – see website for current exhibits www.quiltvisions.org.



Open Board Positions

Soon it will be time for some board and committee members to move on. This means it's time for you to jump in and help out. Members will be voting in May for the new board so it's not too soon to notify me of your desire to lend a hand. I like to plan ahead so if the positions don't fill soon, you may get a phone call asking for your help. It's much easier to step up and do something you want to do than to be asked to do something you're not thrilled about doing. Some of the jobs work best in teams of two, which I have noted below. If you don't know which job would suit you best, just ask. I have job descriptions for each position. Contact me, Susan Axelrod, at 760-787-1649 or sewsa-lot@aol.com, for more information.

Grab your friend and choose a job - we need you and it's your turn!

Membership & Directory – team of two

Philanthropy – team of two

Library – team of two

Ways & Means (Store) – team of two

Mailing of the Newsletter

Block of the Month

Opportunity of the Month

Opportunity Quilt 2011 – team of two or more

President-Elect (to take over as President in June 2010)

March Birthdays!

CAROLYN WRIGHT	3/2
JAN KRENTZ	3/7
CHARLEEN RENNE	3/7
SUSAN BUSCH	3/7
SUE MEZERA	3/9
MARCIA MC NELLEY	3/11
GEORGIA CHAGALA	3/11
LEE OLSON	3/11
MARY TABAR	3/12
PATTY STEVENSON	3/13
EILEEN HIGHLEY	3/16
PATSY TIGHE	3/23
LYNNE LICHTENSTERN	3/25
STACY MACDONALD	3/28
LINDA MCCAGUE	3/29
DEBORAH HEATON	3/30

Opportunity of the Month

I wanted to make it worthwhile coming to the meeting through the bad weather, and I guess I succeeded. With three offerings, \$57 was raised. The winners were:

Portable chalkboard kit:: Francesca Williams

Quilt-Lovers' Favorites book: Mary Rozendal

Yankee Doodle Dandy quilt kit: Jennifer Shults


Rebecca Lighthill

Refreshments

Thank you to all who brought sweet treats to share at the Feb. meeting. In March we celebrate St. Patrick's day so I hope we get lucky and all you little leprechauns feel like baking. See you then.

Lou Pennock





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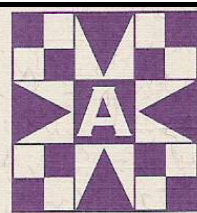


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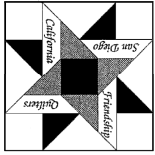
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Friendship Quilters of San Diego
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Next General Meeting

March 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.

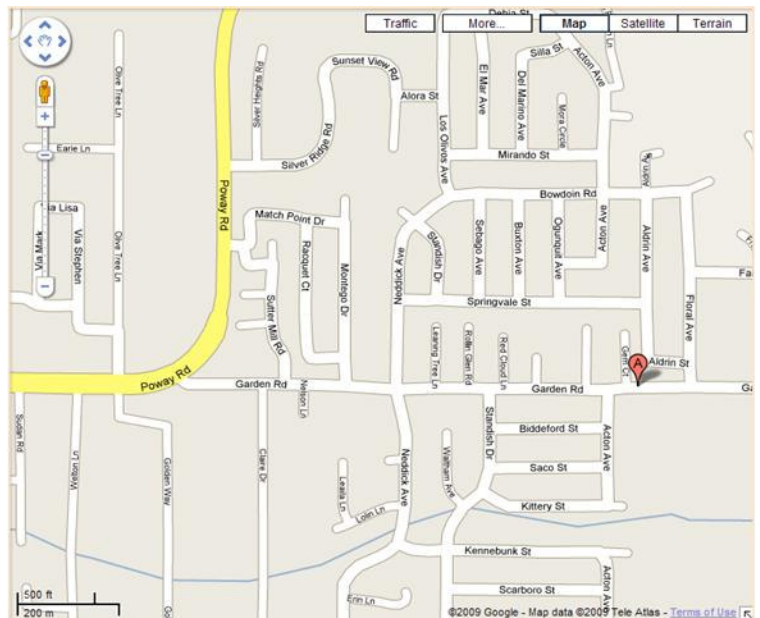
Annual membership is \$25 from June 1 through May 31 of the following year. At the January meeting, membership dues are reduced to \$15 for the remainder of our fiscal year. Members who are unable to attend the meetings or enjoy the benefits of regular membership may pay \$10 per year for a "Newsletter-only"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

More information is available on our website at www.friendshipquilterssd.org.

The Patchwork Post is published monthly for members and neighboring guilds. Comments and articles are always welcome and may be mailed to the Newsletter Editor, Friendship Quilters, PO Box 1174, Poway, CA 92074 or sent to keener80@cox.net. Deadline for submissions is the Friday following the general meeting.

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**Friendship Quilters of San Diego will meet at
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