

Ridge Quilters' Guild News

The Guild is a 501(3) nonprofit organization & a member of the Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce
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February 2012

President's Message:

Happy Valentines Day,

Our last month speaker, Laurel Anderson had some very beautiful pieces of art to share with us. I hope you all got to enjoy her presentation and class that was offered.

We all need to be considering some important events with our guild. These events are:

- 1) March – Nomination committee to be formed for the executive board
- 2) April – Budget committee formed
- 3) May – Budget acceptance, and nominee's for executive Board vote

As discussed at our January general meeting, there is a ballot below that will give you as a member, one vote for volunteer workers in future fund raising events.

Please bring this ballot below to the February general meeting to have your vote counted:
Membership will collect your vote and will be announced at the February meeting.

Volunteer workers will receive either:

- 1) One half-price ticket
- 2) Free ticket
- 3) No ticket

(Please circle one choice) See page 5 for tear out ballot



Board Meeting – January 2, 2012 Joan McWilliams

The board meeting was held on January 2 at 10am at Cozy Diner. There were 11 present. The following issue was discussed and it was voted to bring the matter before the guild membership.

The question of half price or free tickets for volunteer workers at our fundraisers was discussed. After the home tour there were comments made that members felt workers should have received free tickets for the tour. Some members refused to work unless they received free tickets. If workers had received a free ticket for the home tour it would have cost the guild approximately \$440 in revenue. It was decided to bring the issue before the general membership at the next meeting. There will be a secret ballot for members to fill out. The choices will be that volunteer workers at our future fundraising events will receive either 1) a half-price ticket 2) free ticket or 3) no ticket. Joan will count the ballots at the meeting. The result will become part of our operating procedures.
Submitted by

Challenge for 2012

The challenge for 2012 will be home-made aprons. Members are challenged to make a creative, interesting, fun, and functional apron to be worn at the June luncheon this year. The only rule is that the apron must be homemade, not purchased at a store. You may remember seeing my example of a half apron made from the back end of my husband's worn out blue The membership will vote for the most creative apron at the June luncheon jeans. Use your imagination. Debbie's Quit Shop has some cute cooking related fabric and Morning Star has some nice patterns.

Any questions will be answered by me, Joan McWilliams, at 872-2976



General Meeting – January 9, 2012 - Joan McWilliams

The meeting was called to order at 10am by President Karma Nelson. There were 59 members, 6 new members and 2 guests present.

Old Business

The Fons & Porter subscriptions will be mailed in this week, so member wishing to subscribe for the \$20 rate must sign up with Karma today.

SHARE cards are available at the membership desk. These cards can be used at Lucky and Save Mart market. When one is used with a purchase, 3% of that purchase will be given to the guild at the end of the year. There are enough cards to give to your friends and neighbors and will benefit the guild.

The website is now under construction. Hopefully it will be up before our next meeting.

There will be a sew-in for Quilts of Valor Thursday, January 19 and 26 at 10am at No Strings Attached. Those wishing to participate are to bring their machines and fabric.

New Business

Next month the membership will vote on how to compensate volunteers at our various fundraisers. Members will choose either to give volunteers a free ticket to the event, a half-price ticket or no compensation at all. The decision will become part of the guild's operating procedures for all future fundraisers where volunteers are needed.

This year the Chocolate Fest is also sponsoring a Textile Art Show on the same day. There will be no charge to the public to attend this show and the price for a booth for our opportunity quilt will be less (\$15) than at the Chocolate Fest itself (\$75). Last year the quilt barely made enough money to pay for the booth.

Committee Reports *Quilt Guild of the North Quarter*. our guild is a member of this organization which encompasses guilds from

Yuba City to the Oregon border. The next meeting will be January 28 in Redding. Mary Ellen Mallan is our representative. Any members that would like to attend are welcomed. In July our guild will be hosting the meeting and Mary Ellen would like us to make small little gifts for those that attend. She will be asking for our help a little later in the year.

Workshops: Franci Lamb reported that the workshop for tomorrow is filled. There will be another workshop in March on free motion quilting taught by Cindy Needham. The cost to members is \$35.

Round Robin: Ellamay Ward explained the principles of a round robin and urged members to sign up for it. The first rotation of the boxes will be at the February meeting.

Holiday Home Tour: Ann Slocum read a very nice thank you note from one of our non-member homeowner, Don Criswell.

Name Tags: Toni Farris reminded members that the new nametags are to be worn at the February meeting.

Educational Outreach: several classrooms have started on quilts and more are scheduled for the school year.

Programs: Marilynne Dumers reminded members that next month our last year PIGs are due and new ones should be brought to the meeting. It would be nice for each member to bring 2 or 3 for other members to choose from. Projects in a Garbage bag are also known as UFOs.

Library Quilts: Kathy Wood asked for quilts to be displayed in the library. The current ones will be taken down and new ones put up. She would like 4 or 5 more besides the one that she has. Kathy will be at drop-in next week for about an hour to accept any quilts.

Treasurer's Report was given and accepted.

Block of the Month winner: Beverly McLellan

Door Prize winners: Eileen Hollingsworth – twice; Brenda Nester, Mary Ellen Mallan, and Carole Chumbler

Show and Tell: Karen Fruge – jungle themed quilt; Karen Banta – 3 dimensional flowers; Wanda Freeze – Christmas vest; Carole Chumbler – BOM from Morning Star king-size quilt, shams, and an appliquéd wall hanging; Virginia Hughes – appliquéd cats; Jan Kinney – California king of lavender and green stars; Linda Cruces – put quilt blocks on 2 barns; Cindy Hiles, Lykke Estrem, Cathy Anderson, Mary Ellen Mallan – all made “America the Beautiful” quilt from McCall’s magazine ... Lykke was in miniature.

Laurel Anderson was our **speaker** this month. She is from Carmichael. Laurel was a nurse and says that many nurses like to quilt because unlike the medical field, quilts do not have to be perfect. Laurel grew up watching her mother and grandmothers quilt. When she became a stay-at-home mom she decided to volunteer at the Richmond Rescue Mission where all the supplies were donated and of poor quality. She then decided to quilt for her own enjoyment. She made 2 quilts from books one using the deck of cards pattern and the other a log cabin. After tackling those quilts she decided that classes were an easier way to learn techniques. She displayed a large star quilt using leaf fabric in the borders; another

example was a small BOM using fabric from one of her husband’s shirts. She also made several quilts using the watercolor technique and several tessellation patterns. When Laurel made the labels for these quilts, she started using applique on those labels. Eventually the applique found its way to the front of her quilts, where she started experimenting with various techniques, like freezer paper and spray starch. She took a few classes at Sylmar and shared those quilts with us. Laurel eventually settled on using fusible for her applique. She showed many wall hangings of flowers using hand dyed fabrics. One tulip quilt had shredded edges to accent the petals. Another quilt portrays a grandmother holding a child with a quilt in their laps. This is her mother-in-law and her son. The bottom of the wall hanging was not a straight edge but the curved edge of the quilt on the laps of her subjects. As a tip, Laurel showed a piece where the joining points of the quilt would not “cooperate” so she covered it with an applique, which enhanced the piece. Laurel has written several quilting books and wants to write one for young quilter next. The guild greatly enjoyed seeing all of her examples. Laurel will be teaching her applique method tomorrow in a workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13pm.



Programs We have the PIG (project in grocery bag) farm in February. Bring several projects unfinished to show and maybe get some advice on proceeding or encouragement! We have lots of fun with this every year so please participate. And bring last year's projects (hopefully finished by now.)

Cindy Needham will be our speaker in March and she will be talking about thread, with lots of information on the type of thread we can use for different projects: piecing, quilting, embellishing, and so forth. Her workshop will be on Tuesday and she is a leading teacher of quilting and a great gift to have her come and teach here. Those who took the applique workshop in January can learn a great deal about freestyle quilting to use in finishing their projects!

Linda Ballard comes to us for both program and workshop in April! We know she is a fine teacher and will help us with some of the details that make a fine finished quilt. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to take a workshop with Linda. She will give us a good "tune up" in skills.

Marilynne Dumers, Programs

Our Sincere Sympathy:

We would like to send our sympathy to friends and family of Ruth Pfeffer. We have lost one of our members, she will be missed.

Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild**“Tides of Time” Quilt Show**

February 10, 11 & 12, 2012
Folsom Community Center
52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA
www.folsomquilt.org

Turlock Quilt Guild Quilt Show**“Stars Among Us”**

February 18-19, 2012
Stanislaus Co. Fair Grounds
900 N Broadway
Turlock, CA
209 604-8674

17th Annual “The Best of the Valley”**Quilts and cloth dolls****April 13-15, 2012**

McDermont Field House
365 N Sweet Brier
Lindsay, CA
www.medermontfieldhouse.com

Northern CA 2012 Quilt Rush

April 18-22, 2012
15 Northern CA Shops
For information see Morning Star Quilt Shop or
Debbie’s Quilt Shop

**February Birthdays**

Bobette Miller	3
Jane Talavera	9
Denise Gundersen	16
Karen Fruge	17
Patti Hart	20
Ginger Medbery	27
Mary Ellen Mallan	28

Newsletter – contact July Ginny Medbery at
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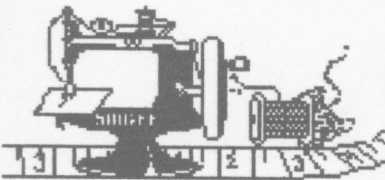
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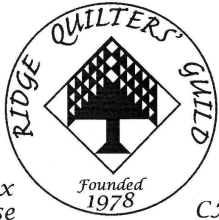
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Happy Valentine

Next Board Meeting

Monday, Feb 6, 2012 10–11a.m.

Cozy Diner

6371 Skyway, Paradise

Meeting room to the right, past the
kitchen

Next General Meeting:

Monday, Feb 13, 2012 10a.m.-Noon

United Methodist Church

6722 Clark Road, Paradise

(Across the street from the theater)

Please Remember...

Name Tag or 25¢ fine

Break time food treat

Show & Tell items

Block of the Month

Library book

\$'s for drawings and

Treasure Table

Drop-in held each Monday from
Noon to 2 p.m. at the United
Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall,
except Mondays of the General
Meeting.