

BASTE AND BANTER

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GUILD INFO

Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild meets the second Tuesday evening of every month at the Temecula Community Rec Center on Rancho Vista Road in Temecula.

Social—6:30pm

Meeting—7:00pm

Next Board meeting will be Monday, January 19, at 6:30, at Cheri McDowell's home. Please call or email her for directions. All committee heads and Executive Board members are expected to attend. All members are welcome.

SHOW & TELL

Welcome to *Theme Night Show & Tell 2009!* This year we're going to have a theme for Show & Tell. Not only can you share your latest and greatest creations worthy of oohh's and aahh's, but we'll have a monthly theme as well. The "theme" quilt may not be your latest project, but if it fits the theme, bring it! We'll love it! January's *Theme Night Show & Tell* will feature a **quilt you finished after attending a workshop, class or retreat.** See you there!

—Jan Dolan, *Show & Tell*

2009 STARTS WITH LINDA GRIFFITH: ORGANIZE!

What kind of things are on your list of New Year's Resolutions? Lose weight? Finish more UFOs? Be kinder? Get more done? Maybe **organize your sewing room??** If your sewing room is so messy that a family of five could be living in there without you even knowing it, you need to be at the January meeting. Our speaker is Linda Griffith, and her subject will be organizing your stash and sewing room.

Founder of The Organ-

ized Option, an organizing business specializing in sewing rooms, craft rooms, and any other room that needs organizing, Linda promises to be one of the most unique and timely speakers the guild has ever had. Linda is also an avid quilter, so she definitely has an inherent ability to relate to our sewing room dilemmas.

Linda comes to us from Tempe, AZ, and spent 26 years as an organizer in the corporate world be-

fore earning her bachelor's in Business Management and then starting The Organized Option. She writes a regular column on organizing for *The Country Register*, and speaks nationwide to quilt guilds, women's groups, and scrapbooking associations.

If you'd like to join Linda for dinner at Mimi's before the meeting, please call Gloria Bachmann at (951-696-6253 by January 12 for your reservation.

GLORIA'S GABFEST

Or: A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great holiday season. My wish for you in 2009 is good health and a little extra time to work on a beautiful quilt that you have been thinking about for a while, or finishing a UFO that has languished on a shelf for too long, or using

up some of your scraps to create a masterpiece. I look forward to working with the very talented, hard-working ladies on the new 2009 board. A great big thank you for a job well done to all who served on the board in 2008.

I also want to thank all

of you who contributed quilts for the quilt show auctions last October. The board voted to donate some of these funds to HUGS Foster Care. A representative from HUGS, Dorrene Schonder, will speak at the January meeting about how this donation was used. I suggest you have a tissue handy, as she often tells a story that

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GLORIA'S MESSAGE,

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brings a tear to the eye.

Our speaker this month is Linda Griffith, with a lecture on how to organize your sewing room. Who can't use a few suggestions to avoid wasting time looking for things we know we have but can't locate when we need them? We will be taking Linda to dinner before the meeting at 5 pm at Mimi's in Temecula. If you would like to have dinner with us and spend a little informal time with our guest, please contact me before Monday, January 12th, when I will be making reservations for our group.

The January Board meeting will be held at Cheri McDowell's home

on Monday, January 19th, at 6:30 pm. All board members are expected to attend the board meetings if possible, and any guild member is always welcome to come. Cheri lives near Highway 79 South and Butterfield Stage Road. If you need specific directions, please contact Cheri or me.

Ellen French will use the Calico Cottage mailing list to send out letters to those customers who are not currently Guild members, inviting them to come to a guild meeting and learn about Valley of the Mist Quilters' Guild. So if you see a few new faces at the guild meetings, I hope you will take a few minutes

away from talking to old friends to put a smile on your face, introduce yourself, show the new people around and make new friends. I think we have a fabulous guild, and with new members, we can grow to become even more phenomenal. We need all members working together in this endeavor.

I hope to see each and every one of you at the Guild meeting on Tuesday, January 13th. It won't be the same without you.

—*Gloria Bachmann, President*

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SIGN UP NOW FOR FEBRUARY WORKSHOP

A quilt teacher for most of her 35 quilting years, Marie Strait, our February speaker and workshop instructor, loves fast piecing techniques, skill building, and having a good time! Since fabric is our inspiration, let Marie teach us to be clever in assembling those fabulous scraps we've put aside for a project "some day." While this class is certainly appropriate for beginners, Marie also offers design challenges for the more advanced students also. We've all got scraps, so let's see how creative we can be with them!

Teacher..... MARIE STRAIT

Workshop....."We Have Scraps, Now What?"

When.....Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Time.....10 am to 4 pm

Where.....TO BE ANNOUNCED

Cost.....Members: \$40, Non-members: \$50 A \$5 deposit will hold your place

Reservation.....Call or email Dene Ryan, Workshop Coordinator at 951-244-6795 or deneryan@yahoo.com

—*Dene Ryan, Workshop Coordinator*

REMEMBER THE GUILD WHEN SPRING CLEANING!

You *were* planning to clean out and reorganize your sewing room, right? Wasn't that a New Year's Resolution? Well, as you do so, please keep the June Brown Bag Event in mind. We can use your castoffs! For those of you new to the Guild, in June we always have

what amounts to a giant quilter's garage sale/opportunity. It's like a huge Merchandise table! You buy opportunity tickets and deposit them into brown bags in front of baskets chock full of guilty stuff!

What you no longer want, we need! For example, your old patterns,

books, magazines, bags of scraps, orphan blocks, fat quarters, yardage lengths—anything! Even cookbooks and smaller containers someone else might use in her sewing room. We also need baskets, tins and other containers we can gather items into for the sale. No time like the present! Keep us in mind! If you have a question about whether something is appropriate, email Ellen French! ellensteve92562@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 2008 TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE FORWARD.....\$23,883.10

INCOME:

Advertising.....\$ 40.00
 Christmas Dinner Tickets..... 480.00
 Monthly Mini (2 quilts)..... 55.00
 Ways & Means, Retreat income..... 2,090.00
 Workshops Income..... 145.00
 Workshop reimbursements due to date change [160.00]

TOTAL INCOME.....\$ 2,650.00

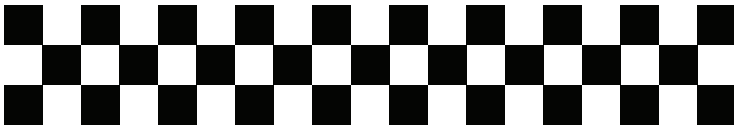
EXPENSES:

Block of the Month.....\$ 35.00
 Guild Mileage..... 20.36
 Newsletter..... 60.70
 Philanthropy..... 113.29
 President's Quilt..... 58.44
 Quilt Show Appreciation Dinner..... 200.39
 Speaker (Gail Garber): Lecture..... 500.00
 Meals..... 46.75
 Travel/Lodging..... 302.71

TOTAL EXPENSE.....[\$ 1,937.64]

NET INCOME.....+ \$ 712.36

TOTAL CURRENT BALANCE...\$ 24,595.46



PHILANTHROPY NEWS

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday. Our meeting in January will be cancelled due to Road to California being the same weekend. Our first meeting in 2009, then, will be Saturday, February 21, at the Temecula Valley Sewing Center, just south of Old Town on Old Town Front Street. This is the same place we met last year.

We will continue to meet the third Saturday of each month from 10am to 3pm. Everyone is welcome. In February we will be making packets and putting backings together, so please bring your sewing machine and supplies, or bring cutting supplies.

We have great things planned for this year—hope to see you there.

—*Norma Skinner, Philanthropy*

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—*Cheri McDowell, Treasurer*

QUILTER'S COOP

Join us at our new location in Old Town:

28677 Old Town Front Street

We're all moved in!

Come enjoy our new single-story quilt shop. We've got more classroom space, and no stairs. Oh yeah, and there's a huge parking lot!

Thank you for your business!

Monthly Mini Corner

Donated by Elaine Turner, it's Springtime in January, with a lovely mini featuring beautiful flowers blooming through a picket fence. Be sure to stop by the Monthly Mini Table and purchase tickets, as this mini is sure to chase away winter's gloom! Tickets are 3 for \$1.00, and we appreciate your dollar bills!

See you at Guild on the 13th!

—*Marge Hohenberger and Joyce Hays, Monthly Mini*

CHARM SQUARES

January's two charm square options will be either Fossil Ferns and/or Blues. Please submit your 18 charm squares per option in a ziplock bag labeled with your name.

Please note the following:

- Charms should measure 6-1/2" square, *exactly*.
- Charms should *not* include any selvedge edges.
- Do *not* prewash your squares.
- All squares submitted should be of quilt-shop quality fabric.

Bring your charms to Heather King at the Charm Squares table. If you participated in November, you may pick your charms up at the January meeting.

Thanks for participating!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS the monthly board meeting. Email to Ellen French at ellensteve92562@yahoo.com or fax to 951-698-6704

2009 Valley of the Mist Board Members

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Philanthropy Committee
Hospitality
Opportunity Quilt 2009
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Merchandise
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Secret Pals
Door Prizes
Charm Squares
Block of the Month
Show and Tell
Monthly Mini

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Jan Dolan
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QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

As you know, our Guild mounts a wonderful outdoor quilt show on the first Saturday in October each year. Last year's show was our 10th, and it was the best yet. This show is a tremendous undertaking, and requires the work and help of all of our members.

If you are wondering how you can contribute to the 2009 Temecula Outdoor Quilt Show's success, please consider being a Volunteer-At-Large. In this capacity, you might be asked to do a variety of tasks, such as relieving those with hanging quilts for bathroom breaks, lunch, or a chance to see the other quilts. You might be asked to help hold quilts at the auction, or to hang ropes on the day of the show or the day before. There are many tasks that need doing to help the show run smoothly and make it more fun for everyone involved.

Throughout the coming months, I'll be making a list of those of you who are not hanging a quilt in the show, or who do not have a specific role in mind. Your contribution to the overall effort can be easy to accomplish, yet make a big difference to those who benefit from your help. Think about it. Contact me for more information or if you have questions. This quilt show is our guild's main fund-raising effort, as well as the time when we are most in the public eye. It's a lot of fun *and* a very meaningful event. Won't you consider adding your efforts to the cause?

—Jay Johnson, *Quilt Show Committee*

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SECRET PALS: YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO BE ONE!

Girls, we all know how much fun it is to be and have a Secret Pal. Or do we? Since not all of us participate in Secret Pals, maybe we got some 'splainin' to do!

You too can be a part of the fun each month! Don't miss out on this year's adventure as we search for just the right inexpensive but perfect treasure, surreptitiously observe reactions, and anticipate what our own gift might be each month.

To participate in Secret Pals, you must fill out the detailed questionnaire (one is included in this newsletter, and there will also be forms available at the next two meetings) and submit it no later than the February meeting. Each participant will be given the form of another participant, and she will secretly give her Pal a gift at each Guild meeting, from March until the big reveal at the December meeting. It's always fun to receive a gift, and the fun is even greater when you have no idea who your Secret Pal could be. Neither the participants nor the specific Pals are revealed until the December meeting, so you'll have 10 whole months to speculate about who is providing your gifts!

Ask around for opinions about being and having a Secret Pal. You will NOT want to miss out on the fun!

—Jay Johnson, *Secret Pals*

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU TOO!

As we sit teetering on the brink of the new year, I could not help but notice that not every member of the Guild has declared herself for some fulfilling job with the Guild. If you, yourself, are in this quandary, rest assured that your anxieties are almost over. We can find a job for you to do!

I am particularly excited as I look forward this year, and I look at the composition of the Guild's membership. We have so many new members! It has been wonderful getting to know each of you, such as I have, and finding out what your individual strengths might be. There is so often a job within the guild that is just exactly right for a certain member. If you have not yet signed up for any particular committee, and you know anything at all about fund-raising, or have any money-making ideas, please consider joining the Ways and Means Committee. This general committee oversees several other committees, all of which have something to do with raising money for the Guild.

A few years ago, an enterprising member of the Guild came up with the idea of producing a Guild cookbook. This was an incredibly good idea, and we still have a few cases of cookbooks to sell. If you are new and have not yet even seen the cookbook, we will have them for sale at (I hope) every Guild meeting. They are \$10 and make great gifts for your friends and family.

We have applied for a nonprofit booth at the 2009 Temecula Valley Balloon & Wine Festival, at which we hope to sell quilts, Opportunity Quilt tickets, cookbooks, and other handcrafted items. Got ideas? Call Ellen French at (951) 698-6704 or email her at

ellensteve92562@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP

All memberships renew in January. If you turn in your completed membership form with your dues by the end of the January meeting, you will receive one free guest pass when we issue you your membership card.

Dues are unchanged at \$30 for the year, and your **completed membership form must accompany your payment.** Membership forms for 2009 are available on the website and will also be available at the January meeting.

Adriane Ridder, Membership Chair

Look for a new addition to the wares at the Merchandise table this year! One special basket will contain a variety of quilty things YOU can use! We practically guarantee it! But not quite! Anyway, this basket will contain a whole bunch of cool stuff that you can buy tickets to win! Look for it in addition to the fun stuff you are used to seeing. Tickets are \$1 each or—7 for \$5 this year!!!! You deserve a break!

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Spouse's name _____ Anniversary date _____
Mailing address _____ Phone number _____
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Children? Grandchildren? (How many? Their ages?)

Pets? (How many? What kind?)

Do you work outside your home? What sort of work do you do?

Are you a beginning quilter? Intermediate? Advanced? Expert?

What kind of quilting do you like best? Traditional? Applique? Art?

Do you hand quilt? Machine quilt? Send tops out to a long-arm quilter?

Is there some technique you've wanted to try?

What's your favorite color or style of fabric?

Do you subscribe to any quilt magazines? Which one(s)?

Is there a style, type or color fabric you particularly don't like?

What are your favorite colors in general?

Do you have any other hobbies or passions besides quilting?

Is your home decorated in a particular style? Colors?

Do you collect anything other than fabric?

What's your preferred thread? Color?

Is there a type of thread you particularly hate?

Do you use pre-wound bobbins?

Do you have a favorite scent?

Is there a scent you just can't stand?

Would you like to receive any of the following? ___ Scented candles ___ unscented candles ___ small quilt tools

___ scented soaps or lotions ___ unscented soaps or lotions ___ tea ___ coffee ___ chocolate

___ pre-wound bobbins: Colors: _____

___ machine needles: type? _____

___ Hand needles: type and size _____

___ Quilting magazine: Title(s) _____

This may seem like a terribly detailed questionnaire, but we want to give your secret pal as much information as possible so she can make informed decisions about your gifts. Is there anything else you want your Secret Pal to know about you? The more she knows about your tastes, likes and dislikes, the happier you'll be with what you receive. Please feel free to attach another sheet with additional information.

*Please remember that this is a monthly commitment through December 2009. If you can't make it to a Guild meeting, arrange for someone to bring your gift to the meeting, or double up the following month. Your Secret Pal gift must be **new, not photocopied, opened or used**. Give the quality of gift that you would like to receive yourself. Try not to spend more than \$10 each month. If you have any questions or problems concerning Secret Pals, please call me—Jay Johnson—at 678-5320, or email me at jzquilter@ca.rr.com (preferred).*

RETURN TO JAY JOHNSON NO LATER THAN THE FEBRUARY GUILD MEETING (Feb. 10). I'll have a box at the membership table for both pick up and drop off of forms.

