

Baste and Banter

Guild Info

This month we'll celebrate our **Holiday Party on Dec. 9th at the Hungry Hunter**, 27600 Jefferson Ave, Temecula

Next General Meeting:

Speaker: Linda Griffin
"How To Organize Your Sewing Room"

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009

Next Philanthropy Sew

Sat., Jan. 17, 2009, 10-3

@Temecula Sewing Ctr.

No sew-in in Dec. 2008!

December Charm Squares

No exchange in Dec.

Nov. squares distributed in Jan. 09

For more info about any of these meetings, please contact Abi Beaty at (951) 678-3231 abibeaty@yahoo.com

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Letter from the President

November's meeting was a little cramped but I had a superb time. Gail was so informative and fun. If you didn't take her class speak to someone that did, they all learned so much and had a great time as well. If you want any more information about Gail please look at her website.

I can't wait for the December meeting. I am so excited to finding out who my Secret Pal is and I am dying to tell the person I have been giving items to who I am as well. The gift exchange has always been my favorite part of the Christmas Party. I just want to warn you ladies that we will be in public so no tackling people to the ground to take their gift. If you still want to attend please send me an email or give me a call we have room for only 5 more ladies.

The last plea I want to make is for the Opportunity Quilt for 2010. I know with all of the talent in this Guild that we will come up with a group of women that can put all of the other Guild's to shame. Please consider the challenge of making our Guild's next Opportunity Quilt.

It has been an outstanding 2 years for me, but all good things must come to an end. I have learned so much from everyone in the Guild. I do want to thank a few people for helping me so much with my job. Jay Johnson, my cheerleader, supporter and dearest friend. Abi, for doing such a fabulous job with the newsletter and the website. Gloria Bachmann for all your help with the workshops and for stepping up to be the President in 2009. To the Old Town Temecula Quilt Show Committee, you are all fantastic woman and I couldn't have been prouder of your efforts if you were Marines. Thank you, Cheri, for all your tremendous work as the Treasurer and keeping me on the straight and curving path. Tina, even with a limp you still managed to be the best secretary I ever had. Mari-Jo, for taking us to the next level with our Quilt Retreat, I can't wait to see what you have planned. My PJ's are at the ready. I have had a terrific time as the President. I will see you all soon. Take care and keep stitching. Merry Christmas to all.

Linda Sini, President

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Philanthropy Update

There will be no Philanthropy meeting in December. We will pick up again on Jan. 17th, 2009. Thanks for all your hard work this year!

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Holiday Party @ The Hungry Hunter

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2009 * 27600 Jefferson Ave, Temecula, CA

Dinner is \$20, which will be collected at the Nov. meeting.

If you want to participate in the gift exchange the maximum is a \$20.00 wrapped gift.

This is also the time that you will reveal yourself to your Secret Pal.

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Next Workshop: Feb. 11, 2009 featuring Marie Strait

Our first workshop in 2009 will be on Wednesday, February 11th, from 10AM to 4PM. Marie Strait will be teaching us to use our scraps. The workshop is titled "We Have Scraps, Now What?" She will offer a choice between two basic nine patch block variations. Students will learn to use their scraps and put together fabrics working with color values. She encourages students to share their scraps in the class. This class is great for beginners and can also be a challenge for more advanced students. Check out her website at mariesquilts.com.

The cost for workshops in 2009 will be the same as 2008. Members pay \$40.00 and non-members pay \$50.00. A deposit of \$5.00 will hold a space for you. You receive a supply list only after you have paid the full fee for the class. Let's start out the new year with some ideas on how to clean out the fabric scraps we have in order to make room for the new fabrics we want to buy. Call or e-mail me if you want to take this class. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Gloria Bachmann, Workshop Coordinator
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Monthly Mini Corner

We ended the year with 2 wonderful mini quilts. Marcy Boswell won the Thanksgiving mini quilt and pin-cushion donated by Char Baker. And July Wren won the Christmas mini quilt donated by Ildiko Tsang. Congratulation to both winners.

I feel that we had an amazing group of Monthly Mini quilts this year. They were each unique and beautiful in their own way, and we want to thank those ladies who took the time to create these quilts. Equally, of course, we want to thank all of you who supported their donations, and the Guild, by purchasing the raffle tickets each month.

I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hope that you celebrate this holiday season in good health, surrounded by family and good friends.

The Monthly Mini table will be closed this month because of the Christmas party, but it will reopen in January in the capable hands of Joyce Hays and Marge Hohenberger.

As always, see you at Guild.

--- Elaine Turner

Time to Renew Your Membership!

Attention members. It is time to renew your membership. Please fill out the form included with this newsletter (or get it off our website) and bring it and your check for \$30 to the next meeting.

Thanks
Adriane Ridder
Membership Chair

Round Robin Challenge

Month	Border
December	Quilt Show at Guild

2008 Charm Schedule

Month	Track 1	Track 2
December	No swaps	No swaps
January '09	Fossil Ferns	Blues

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Ways and Means Committee in 2009

“Ways and Means” as it relates to the guild is not a concept that has ever been discussed much. In fact, we never had anything called Ways and Means before the last Bylaw change, so I thought maybe I should explain it. In a nutshell, “ways and means” committees were created to handle the financial affairs of the legislature, but in a smaller operation such as ours, W&M exists solely to raise money for the Guild. The establishment of a chairperson to oversee Ways and Means was intended to give some direction and cohesiveness to the various things the guild does to generate money, and hopefully, come up with even more good ideas on fundraising.

As the Chair for W&M for 2009, I would like to have a committee meeting every other month, at a time and location that will allow us all to meet. Who is “us?” The various committees that fall under the W&M umbrella are as follows: Opportunity Quilts, both 2009 and 2010, Merchandise, the Quilt Show Auctions, Monthly Mini, and Travel/Retreats. So all the aforementioned committee heads are *de facto* members of the W&M committee, and would be expected to attend at least the initial meeting. For some, a report would do for future meetings. ***In addition to these people, the committee would include any other guild members who are interested in helping to raise money for the Guild.*** Please note, this does not mean that if you join this committee we’re going to make you stand outside Vons selling packets of popcorn. What we need are your fresh, new, practical ideas for helping the guild raise money. This can be as basic as helping set up a calendar for where the Opportunity Quilts appear for increased ticket sales, and helping to sell those tickets at various events.

If you are head of or a member of another committee, but have some ideas about raising money, please let me know! Tell me at a meeting, call me up, or email me! I would be glad to hear your ideas.

For our January meeting, I propose that we all meet either before or after the general meeting, and see if we can arrange something we can all work with. I am also willing to try to meet with smaller groups so as to accommodate those who work and those who do not. We’ll manage to work something out!

Especially during the current economic times, it’s important that we not neglect this important aspect of keeping this Guild financially healthy. We do not want to raise the dues, and we need to find ways that produce income that do not continually ask members to donate. One thing we’re trying to do is secure a nonprofit booth at the next Temecula Balloon and Wine Festival. I have a lot of ideas—I hope you’ll all give it some thought and help us keep the bank account fat enough to continue to book great speakers and workshops, not to mention all the other things we have to pay for.

Thanks for your help,

Ellen French
2009 Ways and Means Committee
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Hospitality Update

What a crowded table we had at the November meeting. Everything looked delish! Thanks to everyone for their contribution.

Judy Sanchez
Hospitality

Newsletter Articles in 2009: Who Needs to Write One?

You may have been asking yourself, “Do these people expect me to write an article for the newsletter each month?” Then again, that thought may not even have occurred to you. So I figured I might as well let you know who all might be expected to write an article each month, just so you know what I’m hoping for!

First, it would be truly delightful to get articles from every single committee head, every month. It would make the newsletter much fuller, and we would all be extremely informed about everything. You shouldn’t worry about not having journalistic skills. That’s what your editor is for. In any case, not everyone needs to write articles each month. Hospitality, for example. We don’t need to publish a menu. At best, the occasional reminder to the membership that they’re supposed to be bringing some kind of finger food during birthday months, right? On the other hand, if you have a fabulous finger-food recipe you’d like to share, we can certainly print it. In any case, there are several positions who probably should think about producing articles on a regular basis. Mind you, these articles don’t need to be long.

Following are positions that should plan to submit something for publication and how often.

President: President’s Message, every month

First VP: Article about each speaker with brief bio and subject of lecture, every month that we have a speaker

Second VP: Keep us updated on who is coming in future months—coming attractions, if you will

Treasurer: Current Treasurer’s report, every month

Membership: Periodic info on membership increases, any reminders about membership requirements

Philanthropy: Updates about sew-ins, quilts produced, quilts donated, kit availability, etc. Probably just about every month

Parliamentarian: Notifications of meetings if bylaws are being revised, and call for nominations & job sign-ups along about September

Quilt Show Chair: Updates as you have news

Librarian: Let us know when you get new book titles, reminders for fines, notices of special sales

Workshop Coordinator: Dates and details/reminders regarding workshops, as we have them

Facilities: Any news you may have, as you have it

Council Rep: Fill us in on meetings, what you learn there, as meetings occur

Website: Anything you think we need to know

Travel/Retreats: Information and updates as you have them

Friendship Groups: Keep us informed as groups form, etc.

Block of the Month: What it is and directions, every month

Charm Squares: What the options are each month. If you have this planned in advance, I can just re print it every month. Additionally, any reminders you have for us.

Monthly Mini: Who made the mini, who won it. Every month.

Show and Tell: We used to have a theme each month or once in awhile. That would be cool.

Door prizes: What companies or shops donated stuff, thanking them. Every month.

Secret Pals: Any updates or clarifications/reminders you need to share.

Opp Quilt: Reminders on tickets, updates on tickets sold, where the quilt is going, when you need volunteers to help sell tickets at events

Ways & Means: Any special things for merchandise or fundraising information as it arises

The only people who really get off the hook here seem to be the Secretary (I can hear Tina giving a big sigh of relief!) and Hospitality. Although, like I said, if someone makes some particularly scrumptious cookies or something, we’d sure appreciate the recipe! Believe me, I will greatly appreciate your efforts!

Thank you for your help,

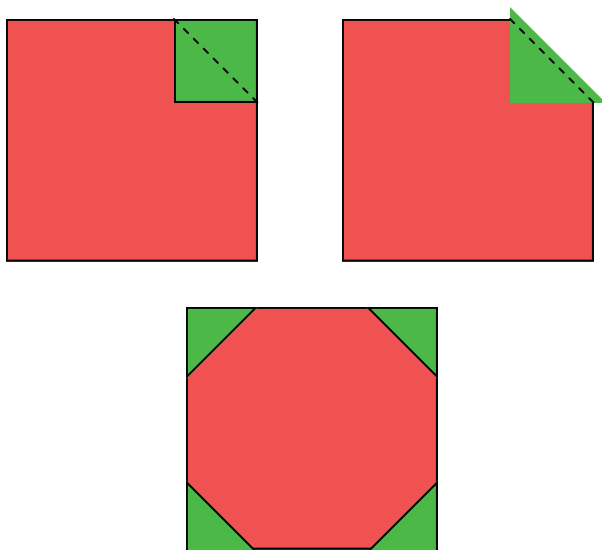
Ellen French
Newsletter Editor, 2009

Block of the Month - Snowballs

Fabric Requirements:

- (1) 6 ½" block for the main fabric
- (4) 2 ½" squares of light fabric for corner stones

- ✂ Place the light 2 ½" fabric in each corner with right sides together on the 6 ½" square.
- ✂ The easy way to make Snowball blocks is to use the "quick corner" method.
- ✂ You can easily "eyeball" the sewing line. Or, if you must have a line, try folding the small squares in half diagonally and pressing them. This will make a line to follow without having to draw on them. If you wish to draw a line, I prefer to use a pencil.
- ✂ When you sew the small square to the larger square, be sure to put the right side of the two squares together.
- ✂ Trim the seam to a 1/4" seam and press the triangle out to form the finished corner.
- ✂ Do this 4 times and you have a finished Snowball block.
- ✂ You can make these more quickly by chain piecing the corners several at a time. Cut a stack of small squares and a stack of larger squares, put them next to your sewing machine and make snowballs!



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Bring to the meeting:

- \$20 for the Holiday Party
- Your handmade nametag
- A snack to share (finger food, please!)
- A door prize if it's your birthday month
- Your Secret Pal gift
- Charm Squares
- Your Block(s) of the month
- Philanthropy quilts you've been working on
- Opportunity Quilt tickets & \$\$\$
- A friend (or several!)
- Show & Tell
- Dollars for Merchandise & the great Monthly Mini
- Water bottle
- Handwork
- Your great attitude & winning smile!!

Happy Holidays, Quilters!

