

Baste and Banter

Guild Info

Valley of the Mist Quilters meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are at the Community Recreation Center at 30875 Rancho Vista Rd., Temecula.

Next General Meeting:
Paula Reid's
"10 Commandments of
Successful Machine Quilting"
Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Next Board Meeting
Monday, July 14, 2008

Next Philanthropy Sew
Sat., July 19, 2008, 10-2
@Temecula Sewing Ctr.

Next Quilt Show Meeting
Wed., July 23, 2008, 6:30
@ Mary Phillips Sr. Ctr.

July Charm Squares
Track 1: Moda
Track 2: Fall Colors

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

Letter from the President

The Brown Bag Auction was a great success thanks to everyone. We raised almost \$600.00. This year seems to be flying by, I can't believe that it is already July, and we are gearing up for the 4th of July Parade in Old Town Temecula. If you haven't been to the parade, please plan on attending we have a wonderful time. Please let Rita Dominguez know if you would like to display any Patriotic Quilts that you have.

Many thanks to the members of our Guild that donated quilts to "Huck Finn Days". Extra KUDOS goes to Ellen French, Rita Dominguez, and Jay and Alan Johnson for all of their hard work and diligence making this event happen. They not only sold quilts but they were able to sell Cook Books as well, which made the guild over \$700.00. Way To Go!

We would like to start up a new tradition in our Guild, a New Member Tea. Of course, we will need someone to volunteer to step up and coordinate this activity. I think that it is a wonderful idea, we can get to know new members and be more social. If anyone is interested please email me at or call me. I hope everyone has a great summer and I can't wait for the July meeting and workshop.

Linda Sini
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Hospitality

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the hospitality table for the month of June. July birthday people its now your turn. Don't forget to bring your contribution to the hospitality table.

Judy Sanchez

Philanthropy Committee

We will be sewing for the wounded warriors this month. I have something special lined up, so bring your sewing machines and come have some fun with us. If you can't bring your machine, there is always cutting and pressing to be done.

We are meeting on Sat. July 19th at the Temecula Sewing Center, getting started at 10 am.

I have a couple of requests for things we need for philanthropy. If you could look in your stash, it would be appreciated.

- ✂ Plastic totes-any size
- ✂ Light green fabric
- ✂ Brown fabric
- ✂ Tan fabric with little flags
- ✂ Patriotic fabric
- ✂ UPC's from Hobbs Batting

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Outdoor Quilt Show

10th

Anniversary

Saturday,

October 4, 2008

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Special Guest:

Eleanor Burns

We also really need people to quilt some of the tops and do bindings. Please let me know if you're interested in these activities.

August's Guild meeting will be the annual Philanthropy Sew-In. Attendees will be in groups of 4 or 5 and work together to complete quilt tops. Kits will be provided.

There will be a sign up sheet for the August Sew-In at the next guild meeting. Please sign up in groups, or if you need a group, let me know and I'll find one for you. I hope you can make it. I can't wait to see all the tops we get done.

Thanks for all your help. Couldn't do it with out you!!

Norma Skinner
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A Firecracker of a Workshop

Paula Reid will be teaching her 'Tequila Sunrise' class on Friday, July 11th. Her website, www.battsintheattic.com shows her Tequila Sunrise quilt. Our class will be a mini version which involves weaving strips of cloth into a square. This is set on point. Then she will teach us trapunto in the corners of this masterpiece. Paula is a well known machine quilter who will certainly drop many tidbits of information on machine quilting. It is sure to be an informative session no matter what skill level machine quilter you are.

We will meet at Temecula Valley Sewing Center, 28780 Old Town Front St., Temecula from 10 AM to 4 PM. We can squeeze in a couple more students if you didn't sign up earlier. It's a bargain (\$40.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members) for such a superior teacher.

Gloria Bachmann, Workshop Coordinator
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2008 Star Spangled Fourth of July Parade

Temecula's annual Fourth of July parade is approaching, and I can't wait!

I am very proud to be a member of this guild and blessed to know all you awesome quilters. Valley of the Mist Quilters' float won 1st place in the auto category in 2006. We won 1st place in the float /commercial category in 2007. Lets show the community our love of quilting with patriotic quilts and win in 2008 in the float category!!!



We have a commitment for three gorgeous convertibles—red, white and blue, of course. What we need is QUILTS, preferably patriotic quilts. We also need PEOPLE - guild members, family, friends, kids, grandkids - to walk along the parade route with the convertibles. It will be a hot, slow walk through Temecula, but the hard work is worth it to be able to see the community come together for this day. We all laugh and smile through the parade and everyone loves our quilts!

The parade route goes through Old Town Front Street, starting at Second St. and ending at Moreno Rd. The parade starts at 10:00 am. I will start decorating our cars at 8 am and welcome all volunteer helpers. Entries will be judged on a 10 point scaled based on Originality, Patriotism, Presentation and Theme Attire.

Please call or email me to volunteer your quilts or yourselves - let's make 2008 our best year yet!

Rita Dominguez
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Dates to Remember



July 6-10: Camp Watch-a-Patcher, Concordia University, Irvine, CA. For info: www.orangecountyquiltersguild.com.

July 25-27: 2008 International Quilt Festival debut on the West Coast, Long Beach, CA. For info: <http://www.quilts.com/home/shows/>.

July 10-13 and 17-20: The 10th Annual Southern California Quilters' Run. For info: <http://www.socaquiltshops.com/qr/index.html>.

Aug. 2 & 3: Quilt Daze VII—A quilt show honoring Southern California Quilt Guilds and Local Quilters. Yorba Linda Community Center. For info, email ylquiltmaze@aol.com.

Aug 28 - Sep. 3: 27th Annual San Diego Quilt Show at the San Diego Convention Center, 111 W. Harbor Drive, Hall F. The guest artist will be Mickey Lawler. For info: www.sandiegoquiltshow.com.

Aug 30-31: Mountain Treasures XX Quilt Show presented by the Busy Bear Quilt Guild at Big Bear Elementary School, 40940 Pennsylvania, Big Bear Lake. For info: Bonnie Snell at 909-554-0641 or email fishquilter@yahoo.com. On the web at www.busybearsquiltguild.com

Guild Library - Check it Out!

We have quite a few new books in the library. Here are just a few of the new titles: *Free-Style Quilts*, *Luscious Landscapes*, *Dyes and Paints*, and *Blendable Curves*. Stop by the library to see what we have to offer. We also have quite a few books and magazines for sale.

Would everyone please look through your quilting books to see if any Valley of the Mist Quilt Guild books might be in there by mistake. The library is always looking for donations of quilting books and magazines to be either sold or checked out.

Remember to return your checked out books to the July meeting. Books checked out in July won't be due until the September meeting. There is no library in August because of the Philanthropy Sew In.

Have a great summer.

Debbie Henz
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Huck Finn Was HOT!

Well, the results are in for the Huck Finn Jubilee. Huge thanks to my compadres Jay (and Alan) Johnson, Rita (and Ernie) Dominguez, and Annette Fecteau, for tolerating the heat and occasional country tunes over Father's Day weekend. Victorville was, as we anticipated, 436 degrees most of the weekend, and we also discovered that if one has a choice between staying at the Red Roof Inn or the Comfort Suites in Victorville, one should go with Comfort Suites. Huge thanks also, again, to everyone who contributed quilts to this effort.

We sold 10 cookbooks for \$ 9.29 each, so it's a good thing we took only 5 boxes of cookbooks instead of all 9. (We settled on \$9.29 because the tax is 71 cents, and thus, an even ten-dollar sale. Many ladies told us this was an excellent price.) We sold 11 quilts, one of which is not yet made. (One lady was desperate to buy one which had sold the day before, so she paid in advance and I agreed to make her one and mail it.) We sold over \$1,500 in goods. After the tax is paid and the quilters received their cuts, the guild cleared \$651.00 and some-odd cents.

Our booth was in an excellent location, and we had very good foot traffic. While our participants' reviews are mixed as to whether we should attempt to return in 2009, my personal feeling is that with more attention to display and signage and pricing, we would do better next year. The economy was probably a big factor this year, and while no one knows what will happen next year, I think we should go ahead and plan for 2009. Pricing is a dicey thing. While you don't want to give away the quilts, you also don't want to price them so high that no one will buy. While we did have one man who suggested we should be selling things for around \$20, most of the quilts we sold went for their full prices, and the buyers never suggested haggling at all.

All unsold quilts will be available for pick-up at the July general meeting. If you cannot be there, please call Ellen French at Calico Cottage (894-2105) to make arrangements for pick-up. Please note that we **cannot** store these quilts at the shop. We are on the brink of the Quilter's Run and we do not have the space to store them! If you wish to put your unsold quilt(s) into the October Quilt Show Auction (in any of the sales areas), please let Pauline McCauley know so she can stop stressing over whether we'll have enough to sell!

Thanks again for your willingness to give this event a try.

Ellen French

Monthly Mini Corner

Marge Hohenberger has donated a gorgeous colorful mini quilt that she has named "Summertime Sunflower". This is sure to brighten any area where it might be displayed. Be sure to drop by our table and see for yourself.

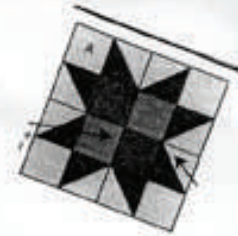
We still have 2 open months for next year, so if you would like to donate a mini quilt for either May or November, please come by and sign up. See you at Guild.

-- Elaine Turner and Sandy Besanson

Block of the Month Instructions



IT'S SCRAPPY TIME



This month we will be doing a scrappy star block

It is so easy you will want to make a lot of these they are so quick to do.

You will need :

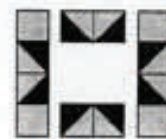
4 squares of cream/off white colored fabric cut $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$ each

2 squares dark blue/ 2 squares light blue cut $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$ each

8 red $3\frac{7}{8}$ by $3\frac{7}{8}$ squares 8 cream /off white $3\frac{7}{8}$ by $3\frac{7}{8}$ squares



Make one 4 patch center units sew two segments together reversing one so that dark portions are opposite light ones



Make 8 half square triangle units use a pencil to mark a diagonal line, from corner to corner on the lighter color fabric place a light square and a dark square together right sides to right sides stitch sew a seam exactly $\frac{1}{4}$ from each side of the marked center cut the squares apart on the center line. And press open each unit should measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ square. Then assemble the block by joining the rows together into four units sew the two vertical rows to the side of the 4 patch unit. Then add the top and bottom to complete the block. Press Enjoy!!!



If any questions please call Valerie Rogers 951-218-5654

Unfinished 12 1/2"

Valley of the Mist Round Robin Challenge

Even though the Round Robin Challenge officially began in June, you have one more month to enter. To enter the challenge, you must bring a block no smaller than 6" and no larger than 16" to the July Guild meeting. You may also include up to 3 fat quarters of fabric to be used in the challenge. If you enter in July, your finished quilt will just have one less border than everyone that started in June.

July is the LAST month you can enter, so if you want to participate, get sewing!

Each block will be given a number and placed in a brown paper bag. The blocks will be exchanged and a border will be put on each month for five months.

You will not see your block until they are displayed at the December meeting!

Rules:

1. Only quilt shop quality fabric may be used in any of the borders. No Joann's Fabric! You can use the fabric (if any) included in the bag, but you don't have to.
2. You must finish your border and bring the block back in the bag to each guild meeting or drop it off at Calico Cottage prior to the meeting.
3. Each month you must sign your name on the bag.
4. You must follow the requirement for the border for each month. You may attach a small border prior to your required border if needed for size.

Whether you entered in June or July, be prepared to pick up your bag at the July meeting, and add your July border!

2008 Charm Schedule

Month	Track 1	Track 2
July	Moda	Fall Colors
August	Asians	Pinks
September	Christmas Colors	Golds
October	Batiks	Turquoise/ Aqua
November	18 different fabrics	Reds
December	No swaps	No swaps
January '09	Fossil Ferns	Blues

Monthly Borders:

July	Triangles
August	Squares of Rectangles
September	Appliqué
October	Final border (quilters' choice)
November	Turn in all quilts
December	Quilt Show at Guild Meeting

Happy Quilting!
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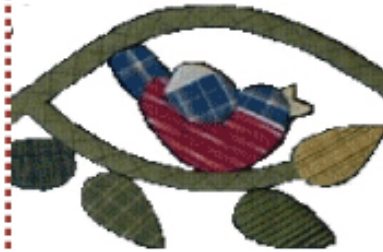
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1st Annual Valley of the Mist Quilters' Retreat!

The 1st Annual VOMQ Retreat is happening—will you be there? Only 14 spots available. Deposits need to be in soon to secure our reservation. Pick up your registration form and give me your \$50 deposit to secure your spot.

Mari-Jo Young
Travel/Retreat Coordinator
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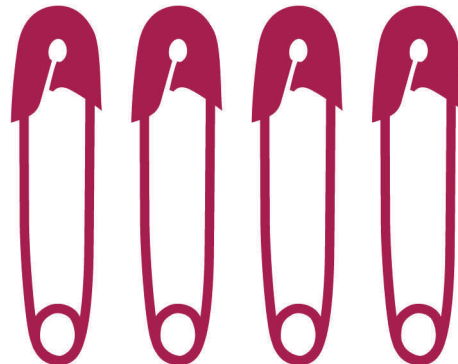
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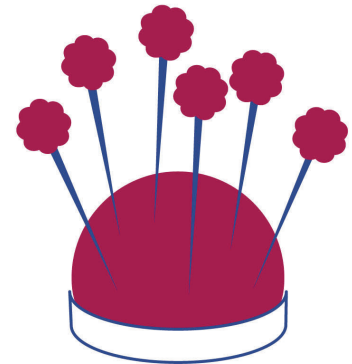
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Bring to the meeting:

- 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!!

July's Guest Speaker: Paula Reid

From Paula's website, www.battsintheattic.com:

Often described as an "artist with a sewing machine", Paula Reid is a custom heirloom quilting specialist. She has vigorously attacked the stacks of tops residing in many quilters' homes, thus freeing them from accumulated guilt and allowing them to purchase more fabric, books, patterns, etc.

Over the past five years, she has quilted approximately three tops per week for her customers. Paula is not a "formula quilter" -quilt in the ditch and scatter little motifs here and there - but prefers to look at the top as a whole and design a quilting plan to enhance the piecing. At first, heirloom feathers and other intricate designs done in free motion were her favorites, but she now finds herself doing very contemporary work in novelty threads as well.

July's lecture is **The 10 Commandments of Successful Machine Quilting (Or How to Persuade a Wayward Quilt to Hang Straight!)**

This lecture is a light-hearted, but informative look at the various challenges you may encounter and techniques you can use to wrestle your problem quilt into submission.

Don't miss out—See you at Guild!