



# Baste & Banter

## Hello Valley of the Mist Quilters



Yay! Summer is finally here and our fingers are crossed anticipating the reopening of California on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully we should be back to normal for our July meeting. The City of Temecula will provide our release date after they review the final plan from the state. That means that we will have a zoom meeting on June 8. As soon as we get the opening details, we will send out a special email to let you know. Watch for it! Until then, plan to be on the zoom call on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 pm. The theme of the June meeting will be tips and tricks. Please share your favorite tip, trick, or notion. Those who do will have a ticket in a random **drawing for one of Tawnya's fabulous gift baskets**. You won't want to be left out so put on your thinking caps and be prepared to share. *(Prize eligibility limited to members in good standing.)*

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**Speaking of meetings**, our May meeting at Adrienne's, Shelly's, and Kristine's home in LaCresta was a real treat. Such a beautiful place to be and quilting friends sitting side by side, eating lunch, and talking together like old times was a joy to see. Prizes were given out and the show and tell was incredible. It's easy to lose sight of how talented and skilled our members are until we see the work. Wow! Over 15 philanthropy quilts were presented and almost everyone took home a package of 5 pillowcase kits. Diane Lapio, our newsletter editor, will add pictures for those of you who missed it. It was a great time.

## IT'S OFFICIAL!

## The retreat is on for March 2022.

Valley of the Mist Quilter's Guild is booked for the weekend of March 26, 2022 with arrival on Friday morning and departure on Sunday at Vina de Lestonnac retreat center in the Temecula wine country. While shut down, the management of the three Vina de Lestonnac retreat facilities had time to review policies and procedures resulting in changes including a new rate structure and allowing only two to a room. Upon receipt of the contract, the board and committee chairs, Tawyna O'Herron and Maryann (her mom), will nail down the particulars. We will let you know as soon as possible.

We Need YOU!



## The Southern California Quilt run July 15 thru July 18 and July 22 thru July 25.

**We will be selling tickets for our opportunity quilt at  
Between Stitches throughout the run.**

Cindee Ferris is graciously allowing us to set up to sell tickets for our Opportunity Quilt during the run. When you see her, please thank her for all of us. This means that we need staffing for 6 full days...which means that we need volunteers. I have volunteered to take one day, but we need more help. Here's an idea! A friendship group could arrange for each member to take a two or three hour (or longer) shift for one full day. We will announce the winner at our quilt show on Saturday, October 2, 2021. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER** as you are needed to pull this off. For sign ups email Gloria Bachmann at [gloquilts24@gmail.com](mailto:gloquilts24@gmail.com).

## President's Page



### Pet Beds

The pet shelters are open and in need of pet beds.

Please contact Tawyna for details.

[Thaze1970@yahoo.com](mailto:Thaze1970@yahoo.com)

### Happy Birthday

Laurie Gonzales

June 4<sup>th</sup>

Candace Dalton

June 9th



See you soon! Shirley

# Block of the Month

## Block of The Month 2021: Block #6

Our block this month is an improv version of the Hourglass Block. This is another four-patch block, so each sub-block is 6.5". It is a fun block to make, but fabric placement needs to be watched to get the right look.

To get started, here are the fabrics you need: your focus fabric, a coordinating fabric based on the colors in the focus fabric, and two neutral color fabrics. Pick ones that contrast with each other. (Neutral colors include black, brown, grey, white, and shades or hues of these.) Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.)

Also, the Guild's website and Facebook page should have a post directing you to the YouTube instructions for this block.

### Cut list -- For one block – you decide fabric placement

**Fabric 1 (side handles):** Eight 1.5" x 8" strips

**Fabric 2 & 3 (sand & air above sand):** Two 6" squares of each

**Fabric 4 (background):** Four 4" squares

### Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam

- To make the side handle pieces: press fabric 4 squares on one diagonal and then cut them on the other diagonal. See photo 2. If using a long strip of fabric for fabric 1 – then press as follows: press a mark across the 1.5" width at 4" and then every 8" along the length of the strips. If using 8" pieces for fabric 1, press to mark the center of each strip. Center the press mark on fabric 4 to the pressed mark on fabric 1 strips and sew fabric 1 to the hypotenuse (long edge) of the fabric 4 triangles. Press to the darker fabric and then use a ruler to trim the extra off as shown in photo 3.
- To make the sand and air pieces: stack fabrics 2 and 3 in pairs – one of each fabric, both fabrics facing up. For each pair, press one diagonal and then cut on the other. You should now have four triangle pairs, keep them stacked facing up, one of each color. With each pair, make a wonky cut roughly parallel to the hypotenuse as shown in photo 4. Between each cut pair, switch the top portions and sew to the bottom portions, using the press mark to match the centers. Now each of the new triangles should be made of both fabrics. Press to the darker fabric. Use the corner of a ruler and align it with the top of each triangle, trim off excess as shown in photo 5.
- To make each of the small hourglass squares you need two of the side handle sections and both halves of one of the sand/air pairs. Arrange the pieces as shown in photo 6. First join together a handle piece to the neighboring sand/air piece, sewing from the inside point to the outer edge as the arrows in photo 6 show. Repeat with the other two pieces of the square. Press both pieces in the same direction – toward the darker fabric. Now sew the middle seam of the square – the centers should nest. Make four of these.
- Now arrange the hourglass squares as you like. Try different arrangements to get your favorite. After you decide your arrangement, we want you to trim just the inner edges that will be sewn together. Use a 6.5" square up ruler as shown in photo 7. Only trimming the two edges gives you more trimming options at the end. Sew together horizontal rows. Press the seams in opposite directions. Nest the center seams and sew the final seam. Press.
- Now to square it up. Use your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block. Make sure there is fabric under all parts of the ruler and trim to 12½" X 12½". You can make it wonky or not, it is your decision what you like best.

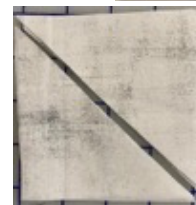


Photo 2

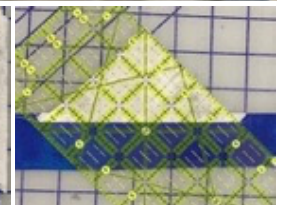


Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7

We hope you enjoy this block – see you next month.

Adriane Ridder & Shelly McNeely  
Block of the Month Coordinators

# Round Robin Mystery

## Round Robin Mystery 2021: Month #6

Instructions to date:

Month #1: Make a block as described in the January 2021 Block of the Month.

Month #2: Add fabric to only two sides of your round #1 block to make the block 16.75" square. This round must also incorporate something from nature, be creative or be minimal, it is up to you.

Month #3: Make two blocks following the instructions for the March 2021 Block of the Month. Cut these blocks in two diagonally so you have four triangles. Add the triangles to the four sides of your round robin block from February. This should give you a block approximately 24" square.

Month #4: Add a border to no more than two sides of your block. Incorporate triangles into this border in some manner. The final size of you quilt at the end of this round is approximately 24" X 34".

Month #5: Make the Block of the Month block for May 2021. This is a 4-square block – don't sew the four squares together. Use these four squares as cornerstones in the 6.5" border you add this month. The size of you quilt at the end of this round is approximately 36" X 46".

**New instructions:** Add a 10" border to all four sides. Incorporate curves in this border. The size of you quilt at the end of this round is approximately 55" X 65".

If you are having trouble visualizing, we are doing a YouTube video each month where we are showing how we are implementing the instructions – but you can certainly do it differently.

Adriane Ridder & Shelly McNeely  
Round Robin Coordinators



## Boutique News!

CALLING ALL GUILD MEMBERS !!!

The **QUILT SHOW of OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>** this year will include a BOUTIQUE of items made to sell to benefit the Guild and charity. We are asking that all Guild members contribute at least one item such as a quilt, wall hanging, table runner, sewing or kitchen accessories, decorations, etc. Of course, if you are able to make more or create multiple items, they will be sincerely welcomed. The item should be quilt, fabric or fiber related.

A BOUTIQUE CONTRIBUTION SHEET will be provided soon so you can itemize your donated items and designate whether you are requesting a rebate, if any, of the sale (25% or 50%) to cover your costs.

The **DUE DATE** for contribution of boutique items and the Boutique Contribution Sheet is **September 1<sup>st</sup>** as all items will need to be inventoried and prepared for the sale ahead of time. Further information will be provided regarding collection of boutique items, If you have any questions, please contact the chairperson, Lupe Barker, or her assistant, Janice Emmerson.

PLEASE do what you can to make this a successful Quilt Show and get us back on track. We thank you in advance for ALL your efforts.

# Philanthropy



## PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

### Hello quilters!

Thanks so much for your willingness to sew for philanthropy! It would be impossible to produce as many quilts and pillowcases as we do if not for others pitching in to help, so believe me, we really do appreciate the help.

Special thanks to President **Shirley Brown** for not only coordinating the picnic event (and to **Adriane Ridder, Kristin Timm** and **Shelly McNeely** for the location!), but also for handing out almost 100 pillowcase kits. I would have been there except I was (am) in Ohio with my quilting pal Jay Johnson, whom some of you know. Of course, we still have many more PC kits, so if you missed out or need resupplying (or picking up of completed kits), please text **Lynn Korito** to arrange delivery and/or pickup.

As you may know, we were able to give 60 baby quilts and assorted burping/changing pads to the lady veteran moms associated with the Women's Program at the Loma Linda VA. Thanks to many of us, we were able to make a significant contribution to their annual Mother's Day Baby Shower. Our efforts to do the same (or more) next year have already begun, and we have a couple of baby quilts completed as "seeds". If you enjoy making baby quilts, one of our goals for the 2022 Baby Shower is 75 quilts. We did not specify any minimum requirements for this past donation, but we were asked for some, so let's try to adhere to the following kind of loose guidelines: crib size (about 44" x 50") or square (about 40" x 40"), recognizable baby/small child prints and colors. Machine applied bindings are fine.

Also ongoing:

--Twin size bed quilts for men at March ARB: minimum 64" x 80" please; can be somewhat wider and longer, but these are the minimum to be sure the quilt will fit the man's bed. Please try to avoid mixing in pinks and florals.

--lap size (or twin) quilts for local foster children of **both sexes and all ages**, infants to teens. (If making a baby foster quilt, it should be smaller than lap size, of course. And if you DO make a baby quilt you want to be donated to a foster child rather than the Baby Shower, please just let us know and we will deliver it accordingly.)

**DON'T FORGET:** if you have unwanted completed quilt tops (or even sets of blocks) that you would like to see finished and donated, please let us know! We can get them finished up and donated, and we are happy to do so.

Special thanks to **Candy Flory-Barnes** who has 10 quilt tops ready for us, PLUS 4 finished quilts, PLUS pillowcases! Thanks also to **Jay Johnson** (Ohio) who has donated a completed twin size quilt and an additional quilt top for a foster child. Thanks also to **Patty Stagl** (Illinois) who just quilted a vet quilt free of charge. None of these ladies are guild members!

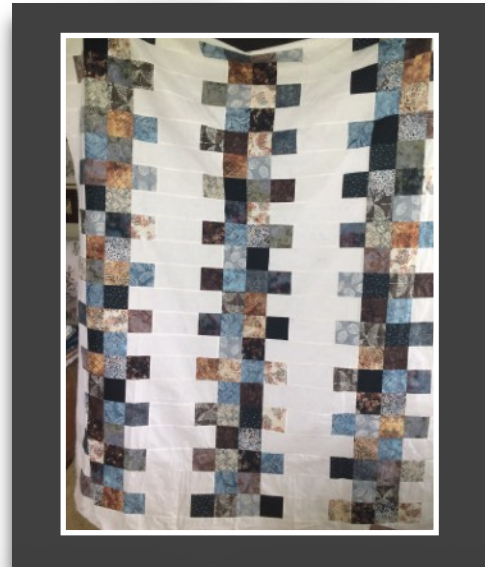
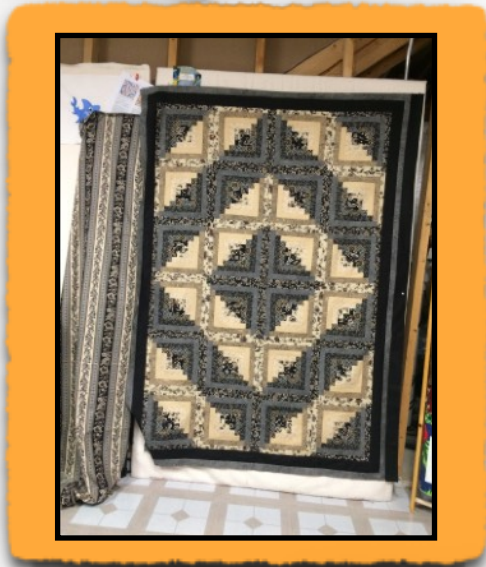
Our usual and sincere gratitude goes out to **Maryruth Wilson** and **Edna Wright** for copious hours of quilting, to **Lupe Barker** and **Gloria Bachmann** for lots of sewing, and to **Cathy Cochran** for lots of binding! And to all of you who are busy sewing up pillowcase kits, and for holding needy veterans and foster children in your hearts, helping us to wrap them up in expressions of warmth and love. That is the spirit of philanthropy.

--**Ellen French, Lynn Korito** and **Ida Colvin**, Philanthropy

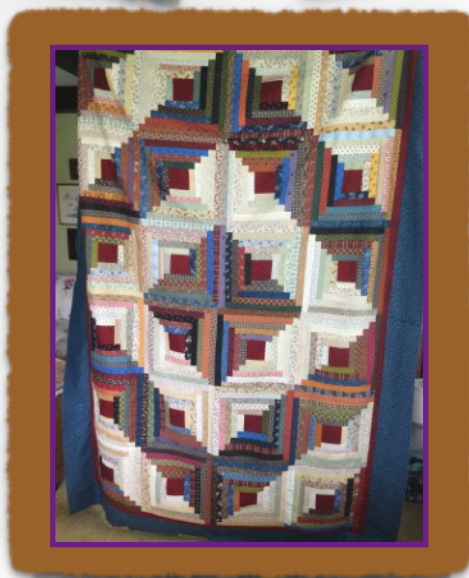
# Philanthropy



These two quilt toppers were donated by Jay Johnson. The red and pink one to the left is going to a special person. All of the work involved is so appreciated.



How do you thank someone for the level of giving that places a smile on a stranger's face? These are just some of the beautiful quilt tops that are going to the Veteran's Village on March ARB, for everything our Veterans have done for us.





## The Quilt Show is BACK!

### Mark your calendar – Quilt Show October 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Next meeting of the **Quilt Show committee** will be **June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Between Stitches**. We'd love you have you join us. Can't make the meeting? **Email Maryruth Wilson** and I'll keep you in the loop about all the Quilt Show planning.

### Here's how to get involved:

**Artist's Exhibition** Put a quilt in the small quilt display at the Grace Mellman Library which usually runs in September/October. Contact Paula McGaugh for details.

**Quilt Walk** displays themed quilts in Old Town stores in the weeks before the Quilt Show. Contact Sheryl Eramo.

### Plan to Display a Quilt

Show off all your COVID lockdown accomplishments and let us show your quilt in the show. Display forms should be in next month's newsletter

### Put a Quilt in the Auction

This is a major fundraiser for the Guild, and “**Mac**” **McNamera** has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year. You can donate a quilt to the auction (we LOVE that), or ask to receive a portion of the proceeds back (to buy more fabric?).

### Make something for the Boutique

The 2019 Boutique brought in almost two thousand dollars. Your handmade items can be donated to the boutique, or you can elect to receive a portion back. Ornaments, tote bags, microwave soup bowls etc. have all been good sellers in the past. Contact **Lupe Barker** and **Janice Emmerson** for details.

Contact **Maryruth Wilson** with questions.



# May 2021 Meeting



## **Beautiful Location      Wonderful Ladies Gracious Hosts May meeting in LaCresta**

It was a perfect day, spring sunshine and a soft breeze. We were situated on a hill with a view for miles. Adrienne and Shelly went above and beyond to prepare a comfortable place for us to meet with tables and chairs and plenty of shade. Members came with their lunches in hand and quilts under their arms. Philanthropy pillowcase kits were taken, and 15 philanthropy quilts were presented. Show and tell had us gasping at the beauty of the quilts shown. We laughed, we chatted, and we had door prizes. Great time had by all.





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Formed in 1990, Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild is a non-profit charitable, educational and social organization in the Temecula Valley. We promote the knowledge of, and appreciation for, all aspects of quilting and fiber arts with an active philanthropy program.

## Our Meeting Location

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