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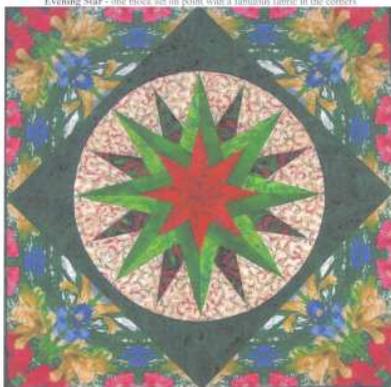
August: Peggy Martin

Peggy Martin is a quilt teacher, designer and creator of Quick-Strip Paper Piecing. Peggy enjoys bringing fast, easy, new methods to paper piecing, including design techniques to draft your own paper-pieced blocks.

She enjoys expanding on traditional quilts with new variations and color-play strategies as we will see through her lecture and show of her quilts.

Workshop: Evening Star

Evening Star



Similar to the Mariner's Compass, this circular design is simplified and pieced in a fraction of the time.

Piece it in traditional colors for a classic look or go wild with directional fabrics and bright colors!

This workshop promises to be fun!

Any questions feel free to call or email us:

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Please bring
Cookies/fruit
to the
August meeting



President's Message

Summer is quickly slipping by. Even though the days seem longer, they are actually getting shorter. Hopefully, you have had some quiet time for yourself. Maybe you finally found time to sip a glass of cool iced-tea while reading your favorite quilt magazine or maybe you finally appliquéd that last flower on your quilt block that has been tucked away for several months. Maybe you have even had time to complete an extra quilt project or two. At any rate it will, all too soon, be time to be thinking of new projects, readying for the holidays.

Speaking of projects, what a productive day sixteen of us had at our Charity Sew in July. We prepped over 100 quilts in some way. One quilt was completed, binding and all, several others were quilted and in need of binding. Over 50 quilts (tops, batting, and backs) were "kitted" and many tops were completed. The list of accomplishments goes on and on. We all enjoyed a fun day of productivity and friendship. Thank you Bea Vieira, and Carol Howerton, Carol Logue for organizing this day for all of us.

Speaking of fun and friendship there were 50 ladies giggling, laughing, talking, and wagering on Guild Wednesday in July, playing jellyroll poker. Some of us lost all of our jellyroll strips while others went home with enough for an entire quilt. However, we all went home winners not necessarily for the amount of strips in hand but by the fun, the memories, the laughter, and the friendships enjoyed during the morning. Thank you to Barbara Tegel, Betty Jean Wenner, Carol Logue, Cathy Van Bruggen, Donna Ebnit, Karen Garrity, Marie Blash, Mary Stockard, Nancy Post, Peggy Fullmer, and Susan Johnson for helping to make this a fun event. Thank you all for attending. Hopefully, this will become an annual event.

August will be the final month to order the Guild Logo denim shirts. Be sure to see either Georgan Zieres or Jody Burtch at the meeting. You do not want to be left without.

"The Party's Over" Guild Challenge Quilts need to be completed and ready for member viewing and voting by our August General Guild Meeting. Sally Lansing will be counting the votes and announcing the winners. I will remember mine, you need to remember yours too.

The party may be coming to a close but it is not over yet. We still have a few months to complete our UFO's before we meet new challenges in 2009. Be sure to sign and record your completed projects on our Tally Board that Sandi Polizzi brings each month to Guild. I wonder what the total number will be? I do not have the answer, but I do know that it will be impressive. Remember, the clock is ticking, so "Keep on Quilting" because that is what we do. Keep cool and have a great summer.

Lots of hugs for all of you,

Joyce



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Yu'all best be savin' yer stuff fer the Turkey Awkshun!

We'ns is gonna start collectin' real soon!

I is cumin out frum the hogg farm in August to tell yu all about hit, so be shore to be at thet meetin'!

Luv, Cuzzin Sallie Mae



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How would you like to join our Guild Team for the Race? The team is already registered. To do this online, here is the URL

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Can't come on Race Day, you can support our team by making a contribution to an individual member or to the team itself. You can also "sleep in for the cure."

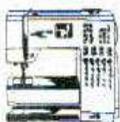
Are you a Breast Cancer Survivor? If you register as a bcs, you will receive a special pink t-shirt and cap.

Any questions, feel free to contact me. bkpurks@aol.com or 714 842-0041.

"Back to School"

At our August Guild meeting we will be collecting school supplies for the 3-1 Marine Families in Camp Pendelton. This is the same group we helped at Christmas time and someone will be at our meeting to accept the donations. Please be generous to these families -- these Marines are putting their lives on the line daily for each of us. We will also be giving them a new batch of quilts. Thanks.

Questions: Bea Vieira 714 968 5167
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Philanthropy

The workshop on July 10 was a great day. We had 16 people who came. Some sewed and some laid out quilt tops with the batt and backing. We had so many quilts tops that we ended up with 50 kits to be quilted. We also have 3 quilts that need to be enveloped. We ran out of batt so we have 19 quilt tops that need batt. We also have 17 more tops that need batts and backing. The material we took for backing we ran out of also.

We had a team of Marie Blash, Carol Logue and Bobbie Haynes who worked together. Marie and Carol sewed and Bobbie pressed. They made about 8 quilt tops. The other sewed and we had Mary Stockard who wanted to practice her machine quilting. She got 4 tops quilted. We had 2 quilts completed with binding. There are 3 quilts that need binding. 12 quilts were taken home to complete. Everyone got fat quarters and the big winner of the \$89.95 coupon from Singer Sewing Center was won by Bobbie Haynes.

It was a fun day, the salad and sandwiches were very good. There was cake made by Dorothy Anderson that was delicious.

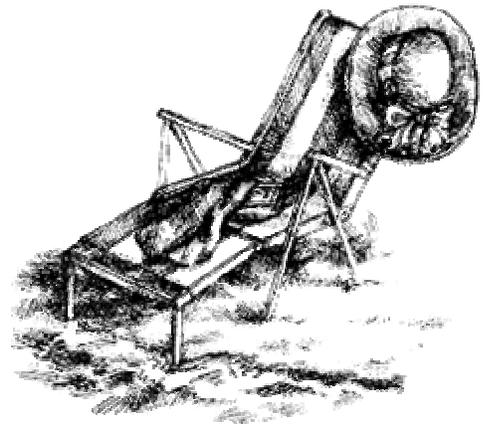
Those of you who didn't come missed a good and fun day. Bea Vieira (714) 968-5167 Carol Howerton (714) 964-1173

Ways & Means

Our theme for August is **everything Hawaiian** .

Keep on quilting, cause remember: A day without quilting is like a day without sunshine.

Hugs,
Lynette Ashton and Lorraine Jones





A Big "Thank You"

To all the 16 gals who helped at the charity sew in.

So much was accomplished and most of it before lunch! I really appreciate all the help. It sure beats crawling around on Bea's driveway or family room floor! My back and knees thank you also.

Joyce Oberle and I cut batting till we ran out, two whole rolls!. Mary O'Driscoll and Madeline Sherman cut backs and larger quilt tops. Carol Logue, Marie Blash and Bobbie Haynes sewed together as a team and made a bunch of tops. Mary Stockard practiced her machine quilting and cranked out a bunch. Sharon Hritz put on binding. More tops were made by all the rest and most of those tops are larger and waiting for batting.

We now have over 50 quilts that need to be quilted! Remember, it's a good way to learn and practice your machine quilting skills on these quilts.,

To those not mentioned by name, I know you were busy sewing away!

Thanks again,

Carol Howerton



Tip #3

Mark's lavender linen water recipe
Cupcakes, make your own lavender scented water for your steam iron and save a mint!

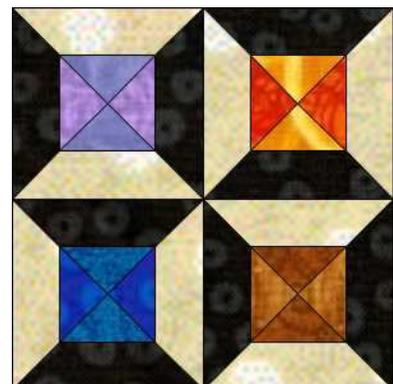
Combine:

2 cups of distilled water
2 ounces of cheap vodka
15 to 20 drops of 100% essential oil of lavender (available at health food stores) or another 100% essential oil scent. Make sure you're using 100% essential oils! Accept and use no substitutions!

Add the mixture to your steam iron and enjoy the aroma while you piece. Store the leftover water in the fridge.

***Courtesy of Mark Lipinski of *Quilter's Home* magazine

He has more tips on his blog at www.marklipinski.com





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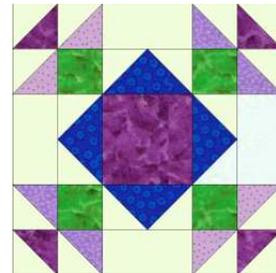
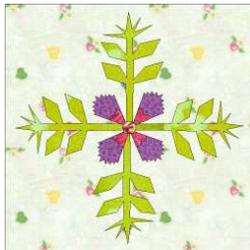
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Thank You

Thank you for letting me share a few of my favorite quilts with the Guild at the June Member Showcase. I hope you all enjoyed seeing them and hearing about them, as much as I had making and collecting them!

Carol Howerton



BLOCK OF THE MONTH:

Any questions? Call Bonnie Lippincott 949-380-8797

Sashing (or Lattices)

Orange Grove Quilters Guild 2008 Block of the Month - July

As it turns out July is the perfect month to talk about Sashing for your Block-of-the-Month quilts. There are no samples or "blocks" to be made while we are enjoying our vacations.

You may want to include some of the block fabric in the Sashing or introduce another fabric or color just for the Sashing. Having Sashing in mind before you get to the end of the block making process allows you to make an educated guess about how much fabric you will need.

Depending on your skill level, fabric availability or you just "want it done," may have you opting to make plain fabric strips for Sashing. I hope to inspire you to look further and make the most of your creativity.

It has been my intention that although everyone is making the same block, the Sashing and borders will be different. We have very talented quilters in this guild and we don't want "cookie cutter" quilts.

We will have nine blocks when we are done. This will make a nice size lap quilt. There are many ways to set off your blocks once they are completed. The Sashing can act as a frame for the quilt blocks, or the Sashing can be pieced and used as part of the quilt design. Sashing can range from very simple to very complex and opens a new world of design possibilities.

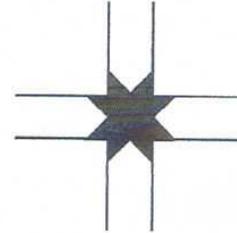
The addition of a square at the junction of the Sashing and a small amount of piecing in the strips can really add interest to a quilt block.

Our guild library contains many books that can help in your search for the right Sashing. Some of the titles are *The Border Workbook*, by Janet Kime, *Borders by Design*, by Paulette Peters, *Braided Border*, by John Flynn, *Great Finishes: Pattern & Techniques for Quilting*, by Better Homes & Gardens and *Sensational Settings*, by Joan Hanson. Not currently listed in our library but you or someone that might share with you, are two great books by Sharyn Craig, *Great Sets and Setting Solutions*. Also, our October guild workshop is Jacque Holmes, teaching *Borders, Braids & Lattice*. Whatever you choose, have fun with it.

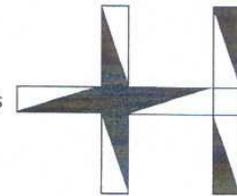
We will continue with blocks for August, September and October. In November there will be information on setting your blocks on point if you choose and December will be suggestions for borders. I will have a few copies of the previous blocks if you are missing some. They are also available on the guild website in the disPatcher.

That should give us time to "catch-up." The idea is to complete your quilt top so we can show them at the January meeting and not have any UFO's hanging around.

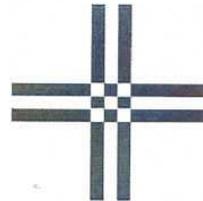
When choosing Sashing the simple method of "snowballing" the Sashing ends with a complimentary fabric and adding cornerstones makes a star at the juncture. You can use a square to snowball the corners or a rectangle to make the star points elongated.



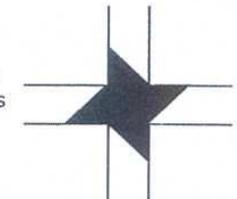
You can also adapt a variation of a twisted block by making a twisted Sashing. In this case the Sashing will alternate light and dark.



Try different variations for the cornerstones. A checkerboard used with stripes of fabric make a very striking addition to a quilt.



The addition of a half square triangle block at the intersections creates a pinwheel effect.





BLOCK OF THE MONTH:

Any questions? Call Bonnie Lippincott 949-380-8797

It's a Dandy

12" finished block

Orange Grove Quilters Guild 2008 Block of the Month - June

IF USING YARDAGE

Color 1 (Dark) needs:

- 1 strip 2 1/2" x 20"
- 1 strip 4 7/8" x 9 3/4"

Color 2 (Medium) needs:

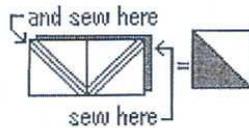
- 1 strip 2 1/2" x 18"

Color 3 (Light) needs:

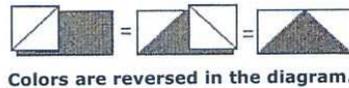
- 1 strip 2 1/2" x 18"
- 1 strip 4 7/8" x 9 3/4"
- 1 square 4 1/2"

CONSTRUCT THE BLOCK:

1. First cut the Color 1 (Dark) 2 1/2" x 20" strip into eight 2 1/2" squares.
2. Now cut Color 2 (Medium) 2 1/2" x 18" strip into four 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.
3. Next cut the Color 3 (Light) 2 1/2" x 18" strip into four 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.
4. Now speed piece the half squares by stacking the Color 3 (Light) and Color 1 (Dark) 4 7/8" x 9 3/4" strips, right sides together, marking the 4 7/8" square lines sewing a scant 1/4" about and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the 4 7/8" square lines. Cut apart ON the marked diagonals, and cut part on the square lines as well. This will give you four half squares.



5. Place a Color 1 (Dark) 2 1/2" square atop the left end of a Color 2 (Medium) rectangle, right sides together. On the back of the square mark the diagonal. Sew on this marked line. Cut off the excess seam allowance; press the remainder towards the other triangle. Repeat this with another Color 1 (Dark) square on the opposite end. Make four of these.



IF USING 5 INCH SQUARES

Color 1 (Dark) needs:

- 8 squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
- 2 squares 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"

Color 2 (Medium) needs:

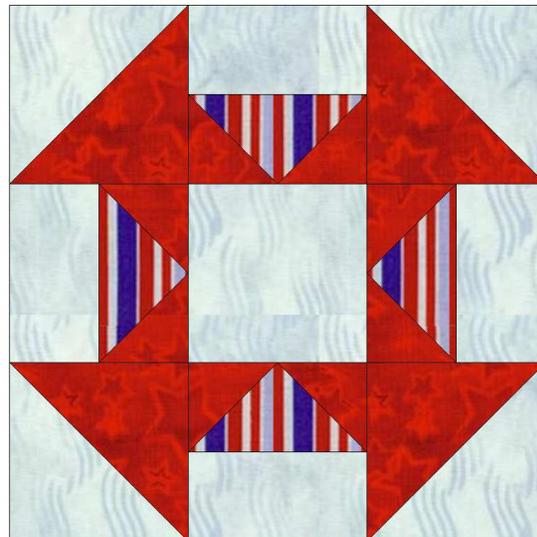
- 4 rectangles 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Color 3 (Light) needs:

- 4 rectangles 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"
- 2 squares 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"
- 1 square 4 1/2"

CONSTRUCT THE BLOCK:

1. Mark the diagonals on the Color 3 (Light) 4 7/8" squares.
2. Stack Color 1 (Dark) 4 7/8" squares and Color 3 (Light) 4 7/8" squares right sides together and sew 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line.
3. Cut on drawn line to make 4 half square blocks.
4. Starting at step 5 complete the block.
6. Now sew each of the units we just made to a Color 3 (Light) rectangle along the bottom edge, pressing seam allowance towards the darker fabric. Make four of these.
7. Piece the block by first sewing rows, and then sewing the rows together, being sure to alternate pressing directions.



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