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February : Beth Ferrier

Beth has been putting needle to thread since kindergarten. A quilter since 1975, she has been designing her own patterns and teaching her techniques ever since. Beth Ferrier has been featured on Simply Quilts with her Moondance quilt. She brings fun, loads of encouragement, inspiration and plenty of tips to her lecture and trunk show.



Workshop: Hand Appliqué by Machine

Our speaker, Beth Ferrier is well known for her Machine Appliqué making it look like Hand Appliqué. She has a second edition of her book out now. She is also well known the world over for her fun approach to quilt making. She's the owner of Applewood Farm Publications. We are looking forward to her workshop. Her workshop is full with a waiting list. Please don't hesitate to be put on a waiting list. This past year, most everyone who was on a waiting list was notified of openings.

If you have any questions, please call or email
Linda Gray (714-777-9354) Email: lindagray@sbcglobal.net
Carol Logue (714-840-5475) Email: carolkwilts@aol.com

Looking forward to seeing you at a workshop!
Quilting Hugs, Carol

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February meeting

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President's Message

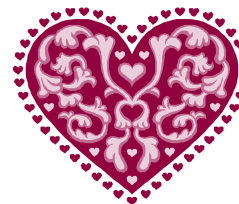
WOW!!!! What a thrilling way to begin our New Year!! Our speaker, Rob Appell from The Cotton Ball in Morro Bay, sure energized us with his witty presentation. At the workshop we were actually able to create a sparkling seascape or a tranquil scene using his techniques and following his expert guidance. What a fun two days. Our hats are off to Rob for inspiring us all on the creative path for 2008.

On a similar note, I would like to thank Nancy Post for installing the 2008 officers. I especially enjoyed her personal comments about each of us. Although I've been a Guild member for only three years, I feel that Nancy is a long-time friend. I had contacted her several years ago, while I was still teaching, to learn about the Guild. I had even threatened to play hooky one day in order to attend a Guild meeting before retiring, but I never did. However, Nancy was cordial, helpful, and really made me feel welcome before I was ever a member. I felt a sense of friendship even when she was just a "voice" on the telephone. What a great spokesperson she is for our Guild.

Our entire Guild membership is like that, a warm, friendly, and caring group of friends who will do most anything for anyone. I know that you will make my year as President a truly gratifying experience. I am honored to be serving you.

As I look forward to 2008, I know that it will go very quickly. Not too fast I hope, as I truly want to be able to savor this year because I know that it will hold many special memories for me. As we focus on what we can do for others, please remember yourselves. Finish some of your hidden UFO's. Make a quilt for that special person in you life. Make this year count. And because I know that you are a giving group, I know that you won't forget to continue to work on the Charity quilts, the pillowcases, and the Christmas stockings, because that's the way all of you are----caring and always thinking of others.

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Lots of Hugs for all of you, Joyce

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To all the wonderful members of the Orange Grove quilt guild. I have never sent a thank you letter to a guild before, but I truly believe you all should know how awesome you are. I have worked for several guilds and always had a good time, but I want to complement you all on your organization, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm. I had a wonderful visit to Garden Grove and you all made it very special. Thank you.

I also wanted to apologize, in the midst of a very exciting class we forgot to discuss the finishing of the quilts. I will try to be brief, but you all know it is a struggle.

To finish off the quilts simply square up the quilt and add the borders for your choice. Once the top is completed in its design, then you may sandwich the quilt with the batting and backing. Once sandwiched, I use the free motion quilting to trace around the appliquéd objects. Please try to start in the middle and radiate outward in all directions. The quilting will secure the appliqués and quilt the quilt in one step. Once all the appliqués are set, then quilt around all the "printed" objects, and finally stipple between all the quilted objects to keep the quilt stitching uniform. I recommend the Polyneon threads and a size 80 jeans needle or size 80 sharp. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at rob@robappell.com. I would also be interested in coming down for a follow up class if there is a desire. Again Thank you all so much, **Rob Appell**

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Ways & Means

Thanks to all of you who may have contributed to the two baskets at our January Meeting. The baskets had lots of good things in them and the two wall hangings were adorable. Congratulations to Mary Wells and Julie Bowyer our lucky winners!!! Our total earnings were \$136.00.

Now as we move into February (the month of LOVE) our theme will of course be: red's and white's in hearts, stripes, plaids and whatever, so as you are starting the new year out by going through your sewing rooms think of Ways and Means we can use your unwanted treasurers.

March will be themed around St. Patrick's Day so think GREEN.

As Lorraine Jones and myself assume the position of Ways and Means we hope you will continue your support for 2008.

We will see you next month!

Lynette Ashton and Lorraine Jones

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Pull out that block from your latest workshop!
Find that pattern you wanted to try!
Plan to participate in our annual Round Robin!
Here is what to do:

- * Bring any 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" block to the February meeting and sign up.
- * At the end of the meeting you will receive someone else's block.
- * Add a border and bring it back to the March meeting.
- * Each month you will receive a different block and add a border.
- * In May you receive your original block back, but now it will have THREE beautiful borders!

It will be big enough to be a wonderful wall hanging or small table cover.

Sally McKibben chairs this fun and challenging activity.

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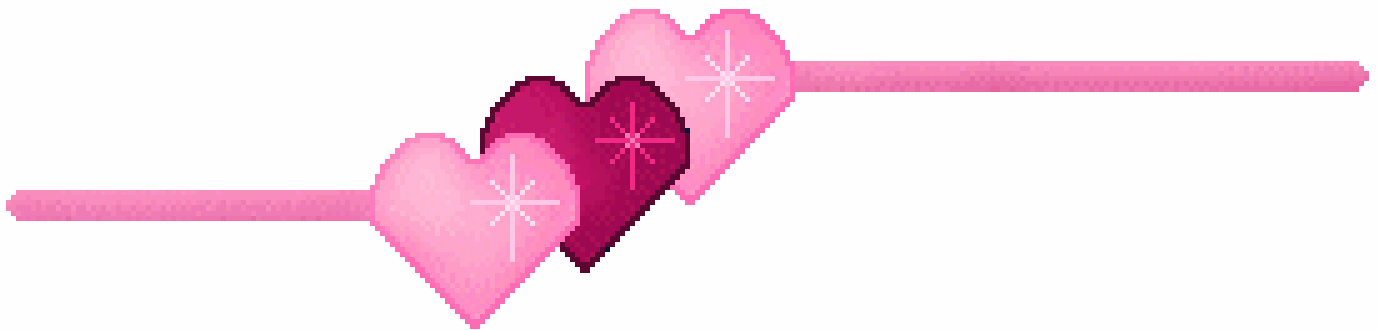
Philanthropy

There were 6 completed quilts, 4 tops and 11 pillowcases turned in at the January meeting. We took December off, so there were only kits at the January meeting. Next month we will have kits to be quilted, kits to make quilts, and pillowcase kits.

Don't forget the pull tabs from soda cans, eyeglasses and old cell phones.

The door prizes were won by, Eva Jamar, \$25.00 gift certificate from Singer Sewing Center, Phyllis Derigo, Fat pack from Moore's, Fran Bodle Fat pack from Moore's, Pat Kritlow, \$10.00 gift certificate from Bears and Brenda Gibson, \$ 10.00 gift certificate from Bears

Until next month. Bea Vieira (714) 968-5167 or Carol Howerton (714) 964-1173



Opportunity Quilt 2008

Our 2008 Opportunity Quilt was displayed at Road to California where we were able to sell tickets. Thank you to the following members who volunteered to white glove at Road so that we were eligible to display the quilt: Kathleen Greer, Mary Matas, Dolores deSha, Susan MacVicar, Corni Quinlivan, Mimi Benven, Fairy Earnest, Dianne Hoffman, Mary Jane Lewis, Beth Stiel, Sara Forster, Judi Smith, Sharon Hritz, Carol Munn, and Sally McKibben.

At the February meeting we will have packets of Opportunity Quilt tickets for each

Sunshine & Shadows

Bobbie Haynes has been in a skilled nursing facility in Orange where she receives physical therapy. She plans to go from there to an assisted living facility. She appreciates the many cards that Guild members have sent her. Please send any cards and good wishes to her home address: 5642 West Davit Avenue; Santa Ana, CA 92704.

Sandi Parent has been ill. Pat Ingersoll is recovering from surgery. Betsy White's husband and Eloise Sadler's husband have been ill.



January 9, 2008
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This month we had 170 members, 10 guests and 5 new members in attendance.

The New 2008 Roster and Yearbook will be available for you to pick up at the February meeting. Also, if you have not picked up your Orange Membership Card for 2008, please do so when checking in at the Membership Desk at the February meeting. *You want to be sure and have your card with you, to receive a discount, the next time you are shopping at your favorite participating quilt shop.*

What's Coming Up:

- Feb 13 Beth Ferrier
 Hand Appliqué by Machine
- Feb 18 President's Day

- March 12 Sally Collins
 Borders, Bindings & Edges
- April 9 Cathy Van Bruggen
 Appliqué
- May 14 Cindy Rinne
 Anything Goes



On February 22, 2008, the guild will be sponsoring our 10th Annual New Member Luncheon.

This luncheon is free and in honor of all the New Members that have joined the guild from March, 2007 through January, 2008. It is hosted by Orange Grove's Board of Directors and is given to help answer any questions you may have about your Membership and to get to know your Board Members and fellow New Members better. Please be sure and set aside this date on your calendar and join us for a very enjoyable afternoon. There is good food, lots of fun, and you can even win door prizes. Please be sure and set this date aside.

The luncheon begins at 11:30AM and lasts until about 2PM.

You will receive a detailed information in the mail.

Please let me know if you have any questions about Membership and/or the New Member Luncheon.

Happy Quilting,

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Thank you to all who made blocks or worked on my wonderful, beautiful president's quilt. To have so many loving hands from our guild members, who are generous and caring to so many causes and still finding time to do this for me, is just overwhelming! Being president is just another way to serve a fantastic group of men and women. By now even our new members are aware of our great organization of loving and sharing individuals. It really hits when one serves in an office and sees behind the scenes.

A million thanks to all,
Sharon Hritz, now an X- president



Birthdays



Feb 1 Justine Gentile
 Feb 4 Margaret Gritton
 Feb 5 Shirley Ellsworth
 Feb 6 Eloise Sadler
 Feb 8 Claudia Fingal
 Feb 9 Marilyn Tarvin
 Feb 9 Betty Winek
 Feb 10 Mary Jane Lewis
 Feb 10 Gayle Wayne
 Feb 10 Linda Webre
 Feb 11 Linda Gray
 Feb 11 Teresa Lee

Feb 14 Michaelyn Boyle
 Feb 15 Susan Servis
 Feb 16 Patricia Kessler
 Feb 18 Kim Radbone
 Feb 20 Jo Casey
 Feb 22 Cindy Calvo
 Feb 22 Roberta Roberts
 Feb 23 Mary Jane Bailey
 Feb 24 Lorraine Jones
 Feb 28 Anne Dutton



2008 Opportunity Quilt
and the Ladies who worked on it.



ROAD TO CALIFORNIA

12" finished block

Orange Grove Quilters Guild 2008 Block of the Month – January

IF USING YARDAGE

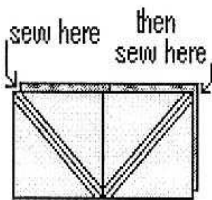
Color 1 (Dark) needs: one 3-1/2" x 14" strip cut into four 3-1/2" squares

Color 2 (Medium) needs: one 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strip

Color 3 (Light) needs: one 3-1/2" x 28" strip cut into eight 3-1/2" squares AND one 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strip

Then piece the half squares, by stacking the Color 3 (Light) 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strip atop the Color 2 (Medium) strip of the same size, right sides together.

Mark the diagonals in the direction shown,



and mark the 3-7/8" square lines as well.

Starting at the upper left corner,

sew in one continuous seam, 1/4" away from the marked line

to the upper right corner.

Pivot and sew back on the other side of the marked line.

Cut apart ON the marked line, and on the square lines as well. Press seams towards darker fabrics. This will give you four half square blocks.

Complete the block:

Now just piece the block as shown at right...of course using those scant 1/4" seams, and alternating pressing directions by row! Nice and easy!!

IF USING 5" SQUARES

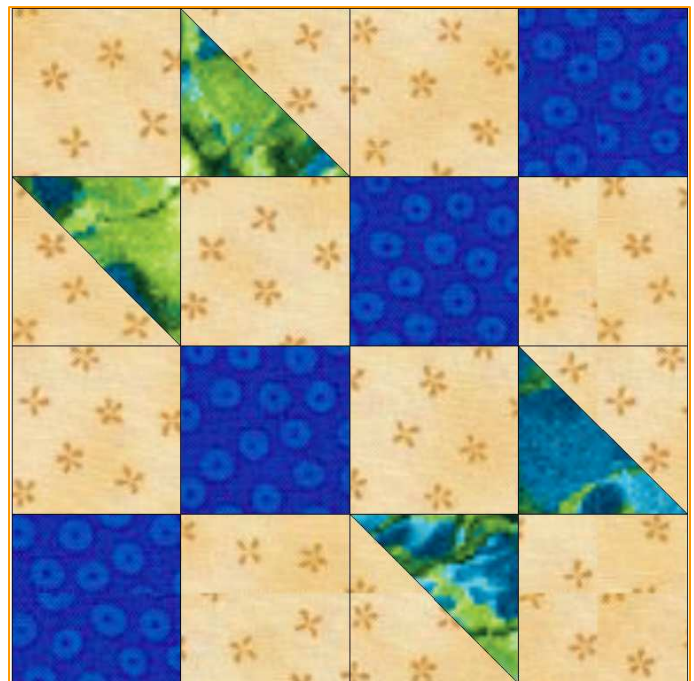
Color 1 (Dark) needs: cut four squares down to four 3-1/2" squares

Color 2 (Medium) needs: cut two squares down to 3-7/8" squares

Color 3 (Light) needs: cut eight squares down to 3-1/2" squares

then cut two more into 3-7/8" squares

Mark the diagonals on the light squares. Stack Color 2 (Medium) and Color 3 (Light) right sides together and sew 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line. Cut on drawn line to make four half square blocks.



Any questions? Call Bonnie Lippincott 949-380-8789

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"Sudoku Puzzle"

Ruth Blanchet

"Colorwash" and "Appliqué"



Chinese New Year

Feb 7

