



# DISPATCHER

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## August Members Showcase

### Meet Cecilia Hosford, Shirley Ellsworth and Audrey Almond

We have a special treat for August. It is our member showcase. We will have some talented quilters from our guild, **Shirley Ellsworth, Cecilia Hosford and Laurel Weaver**, showing their quilts. Shirley has been quilting since about 1995. She joined the guild that year after taking a class from Doris Carmack. Doris, a member of our guild, convinced her she would enjoy us all. She says she has no particular style of quilt making, but when she sees something she likes, she makes it. In general quilting just makes her happy!

When you talk to Cecilia her enthusiasm for quilting is contagious. Sewing since the age of twelve, she started quilting in the 1980's and while she likes piecing and applique she doesn't think she has a "style." She says she has learned from every quilt teacher she has had even if that lesson is "I don't want to do that again!" When asked who her influences are she mentions Sharon Schamber for her long-arm and machine quilting expertise and Rhonda Kay Buyer, a machine quilter who does everything freehand. She loves machine quilting and has progressed from her favorite Bernina to a long-arm and has started her own long-arm quilting business. She will be showing us quilts from workshops, including a quilt that she made in a class with Jan Krentz that ended up in Jan's book "Hunter Star and Beyond." She will also bring some quilts done since she started long-arm quilting.

When we first met Laurel Weaver at our new member's luncheon, she was telling us about her mother, Huntington Beach quilter, Audrey Almond. Audrey started quilting when she was in her 30's and now at the age of 89 she is just now giving it up. Laurel will be showing us some of her mother's storybook quilts, many of which have won Best in Show at the Los Angeles County Fair over the years. We look forward to seeing all the exciting quilts by these members.

## August Workshop: Hand-Quilting

Come join us when Marie Blash and Barbara Purks, two of our Guild's talented life-time members, will be guiding us through two separate days of hands-on hand-quilting. We'll have the advantage of their combined expertise as they teach us the basics and beyond as well as share their tips for successful hand quilting.

If you have any questions, please contact or e-mail:

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Ellen Roman: 949-642-4373.



Next Meeting  
**August 12, 2009**  
**G-L Brings Treats**

## Bring School Supplies for the Marine Families in August

We will be collecting school supplies at our August Guild Meeting for the families of the Marines in the 3/1 based at Camp Pendleton. Please be generous and bring any supplies for pre-school through high school. This includes backpacks, lunch boxes, pens, paper, pencils, folders, book covers, binders, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, glue, etc, etc. This is one way we can show our patriotism and help our military. Thanks.

Marie Blash 714 775 8004

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems as though I just celebrated Fourth of July and here, as I write this, already the middle of the month. Time goes by too quickly. It reminds me of something that I read just this evening written by Andy Rooney. He says that life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer to the end of the roll that you get, the more quickly it goes, how true, how true. I think that is a gentle reminder that we must all enjoy each and every day to the fullest. Begin and end each day with a smile.

I think all of us who attended Jellyroll Poker last week did just that. There were 51 in attendance, including two guests and **Barbara Purks'** Granddaughter, **Victoria**. We laughed, we giggled, we won, and we lost. However, I do not think that anyone really lost because of the enjoyable morning that we all had together.

The Charity Sew on Thursday, headed by **Carol Howerton** and **Carol Munn** was very well attended. Sewing machines were buzzing and scissors were snipping. It was a very productive day. I am not sure how many quilt tops were completed, but there were 49 kits kitted. There were many smiles that day and much was accomplished. We were like the Seven Dwarfs, we "whistled while we worked."

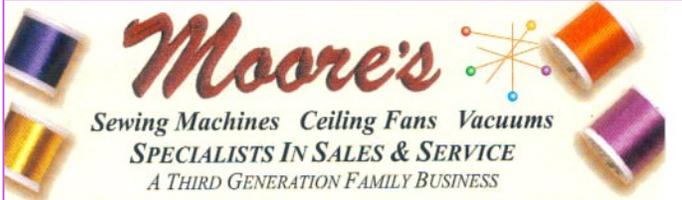
Friday of that same week was another inspirational day. Seven of us were able to see the fruits of our labor as we handed out quilts to families in the Habitat for Humanity Program in San Juan Capistrano. It was pure joy to see the recipients' faces as they unwrapped and then snuggled with their new quilts. These families were not only recipients of new houses but they also received our beautiful quilts to help transform these houses into homes. If you happened to see the Channel 7 news broadcast that evening, you saw first-hand how our quilts gave the bedrooms that cozy look and feel. I wish that all of you could have been there to see the joy that your stitching efforts brought to so many people. Thank you for all that each of you do to make our philanthropy projects so successful.

By the time that you read this IQF (International Quilt Festival) will have come and gone for another year. I am looking forward to another inspirational show. Thank you to all of you ladies who volunteered to White Glove enabling us to sell raffle tickets for our lovely Opportunity Quilt. Thank you, also, to the ladies who donated their time to sell the raffle tickets.

In a couple of weeks it will be August, with that the summer is rapidly coming to a close. But not too quickly I hope. There is still time for you to be "Brave," and to venture out of your comfort zone. Now might be the perfect time, just before you need to finish things up so that you can begin your holiday stitching. Go ahead, give it a try!!

Looking forward to our regular meeting in August. **Lots of hugs for all of you,**

*Joyce*



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## *Philanthropy Hits a Home Run*

In June 17 pillow cases, 15 quilt tops, and 21 quiltstops were turned in. Door prizes were won by **Sally Kuck and Phyllis Derigo** who won Moores fat packs, Ingrid Vigeant took home a \$20 gift certificate. from The Sewing Party , Carol Munn a \$15 certificate from The Singer Sewing Center , Glenna Tuomala a \$10 gift certificate from Flying Geese, and Jean Griffin a \$10 certificate from Cozy Cottage. Gale Licata took the quilt that needed to have the hand quilting finished and she will do as much as she can. Hopefully others will help out so we can have it done for the Auction.

On July 10th we gave 19 quilts to Habitat for Humanity of Orange Co., the San Juan Capistrano Phase I. Four families received quilts donated by guild members. Maybe you saw them on channel 7 news. Quilts were made by **Carol Howerton, Carol Munn, Ingrid Vigeant, Yvonne Williams, Barbara Wilder, and Nancy Henry**, and others. **Irma Ciccarelli** did the quilting on many of them. The families were very appreciative and thankful. The charity sew in was a big success. 22 gals sewed tops, put together 47 quilts kits, 170 Christmas stocking kits, 1 complete quilt, 2 tops and took home the tops to finish that they designed from squares and strips cut by Don Cook. July 19th we will be giving 50 quilts to Foster Care Auxiliary Camp to Belong - a first time in O.C. and a first time for us. July 30th we will deliver 50 quilts to Words of Comfort, Hope&Promise for their military babies.

It's been a busy month but a rewarding one. We couldn't do it without all the help from our members- thank you . We're not done yet - we have quilts and Christmas stockings to be done for our Christmas give away . Please help us by taking home as much as you can.

*Carol Howerton 714 964 1173 and Carol Munn 714 894 5644*

## **FROM THE BASKET BRIGADE**

Yes, it's time to build the Tea and Auction opportunity baskets. We are looking for items to fill the following: fat quarter basket, plus themed baskets: holidays, baby shower, wedding shower, birthday, tea, chocolate, jewelry, coffee, wine and pasta, or night out at the movies. Or maybe your Friendship Group would donate a basket! You could make items such as a doll; buy gift cards; make up a kit; donate things like new fabric or notions, block-of-the-month patterns, cute pictures, etc. Kathy Scharnhorst and I will start to accept items immediately. You can give them to any one of our committee members and they will make sure we get your donations. Also, I have letters to give prospective donors. Please pick up a few to pass around at your local haunts. The market, your local fabric stores, your hairdresser, and restaurants. All these places can donate gift certificates. Thanks for all your support. [Denise Nelms](#)



**The Guild library is cleaning out and will be holding a book sale. Don't miss it because we guarantee some great bargains. Sale will held at the August and September meetings.**



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**A special thank you to Linda Pumphrey, Sales Manager for Mountain Mist Blue Ribbon Cotton Batting.** She arranged for a donation of a case of the batting to share in the August Hand Quilting Classes. Each lady will receive a 24x24 inch square to work on. This is my favorite batting and I am thrilled that Mountain Mist was so generous to us. Thank you, Linda, for helping us promote hand quilting...*Marie Blash*



*The Abreau Family shown above were the pleased recipients of OGQG quilts for their new home, built through efforts of Habitat for Humanity.*

**October Auction/Tea Boutique:**

It's August and we are continuing to collect items from our talented and generous members for our guilds' upcoming Auction & Tea Boutique fundraiser in October. Remember that if you or your friendship group are making *hand-made* items to donate for sale at the boutique; or, if you are donating 5-inch fabric squares from your stash or scraps to be made into charm packs, you can turn those items in at the workshop table to Ellen Roman.

**Boutique Sign-up Form:**

Name/Maker: \_\_\_\_\_

Items: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Sale Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Total donation to the guild: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR,**

15% to maker, 85% to the guild: \_\_\_\_\_

(Any unsold items will be returned to the maker.)

Got your October 24 Tea & Auction PreSale tickets yet? See Carol Logue at the meeting and save some \$\$\$\$. And volunteer while you're there...See Justine Gentile or Sharon Hritz!

**\*Please make delivery of boutique items by the September 9<sup>th</sup> guild meeting.**



## BLOCK OF THE MONTH:

Any questions? Call Pat Kritlow 714-775-4525

### Medallion Quilt Setting

With 8" finished block

Orange Grove Quilters Guild 2009 Block of the Month - July

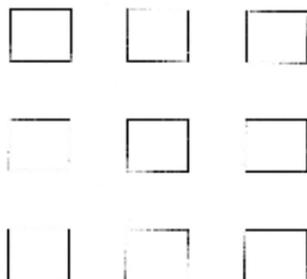
The 8-inch square blocks that we are making this year lend themselves to many types of settings.

In the July 2008 issue of the disPatcher and the November 2008 issue, Sashing/Latices and On Point settings were discussed. (Both disPatcher's are available online at the guild website:  
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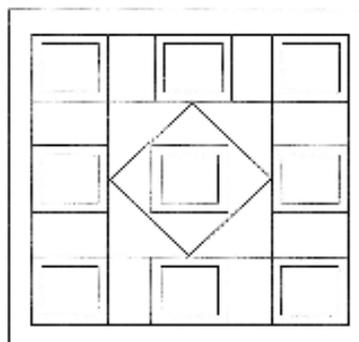
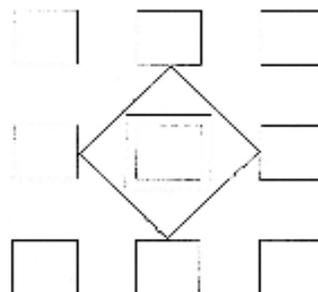
With the smaller 8-inch blocks that we have this year we can add multiple borders, setting triangles or even a combination of both. If you find that your blocks are not all quite the same size add a "coping" strip of a coordinated fabric and trim the blocks to all the same size. Then add triangles to put them On Point and then sash them as you like.

Another alternative is to make your quilt into a Medallion Quilt. A Medallion Quilt is a quilt with a large focal motif at its center. These quilts can be constructed with any quilting technique. The center medallion is typically surrounded by setting squares and/or multiple borders. Pick one of your blocks to be your medallion, add border(s), put on-point, add more borders, etc.

Since we are making nine blocks it is very easy to set these blocks using the a Medallion setting. Lay your blocks out in three rows of three blocks with the block designated the "Medallion" in the center and design from there.



Get a piece of paper, and draw out simple squares to represent your blocks. Start adding lines connecting the blocks.



You can add a few lines or as many as you want. Keep in mind what fabric you have and how you may want to use it.

We all know what pleases us and how to get from point A to point B. (Or where to go to find out). Now is the time to get to point C and beyond.

Playing with your blocks can be a rewarding or a frustrating experience. Don't set your mind on perfection. Go for a pleasing effect and try something new with the next quilt and the next.

Have fun, work outside the box.



The best birthdays of all are those that haven't arrived yet!  
**HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- Anna Carlson Aug 1
- Jeri Lopes Aug 4
- Mary Jo Freeman Aug 6
- Lynette Ashton Aug 8
- Dee Hilliard Aug 8
- Ann Leibovitz Aug 8
- Judy Mattson Aug 10
- Gay Hogan Aug 13
- Patricia A. Stewmon Aug 13
- Vicki Lenberg Aug 15
- Hilda Bunce Aug 18
- Carol Logue Aug 18
- Susan MacVicar Aug 20
- Eleanor Stickle Aug 20
- Anne Armstrong Aug 21
- Julia Ogawa Aug 21
- Joann Schaum Aug 21
- Valerie Erskine Aug 22
- Christi Kolisnyk Aug 23
- Bonnie Lippincott Aug 23
- Mary Jean Wells Aug 24
- Kathy Muckenthaler Aug 25
- Judy Smith Aug 26
- Carmen Meraz Aug 28
- Verla Lambert Aug 29
- Ginger Titterington Aug 31

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**Delivery Team from Orange Grove** Shown above are the charity quilters who delivered a few carloads of quilts to the opening of four Habitat for Humanity homes. From Left, President Joyce Oberle, Irma Cicarelli, Betty Wilder, Mary Stockard, Carol Howerton, Ingrid Vigeant and Carol Munn. It was a great day for all involved.

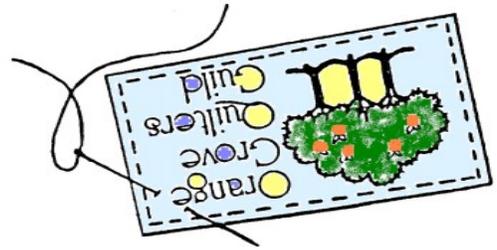




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## Save the date! October 24! Tea & Auction

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**Membership** is currently open.

**Annual Dues** are \$25.00 per year beginning in January and ending in December. Guest donation is \$3.00 per meeting.

**Meetings.** Doors open at 9:00a.m. The regular meeting is 9:30a.m. the 2nd Wednesday of the month( There is no meeting in July). December's meeting is the 1st Wednesday. The meetings are at Garden Grove United Methodist Church in Acker Hall, located at 12741 Main Street, Garden Grove, Ca.