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April Speaker- Sharon Schamber

Sharon Schamber first came to national attention with her mural-quilt depicting the famous Indian Chief, Sitting Bull. She has since created mural sized art quilts commemorating Sacagawea, guide for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and child victims of Autism. She is known for her exquisite details and creative use of mixed media. Each of her quilts are original designs, each perfectly finished and awe-inspiring. This year Sharon won Best of Show at the huge Houston Quilt Exposition. Last year she was the featured quilter at Road to California. She is a dedicated teacher, investigating every step of a process to ensure accuracy and every piece of quilting equipment to find the best and most economical tool for every situation. She is the nation's acknowledged expert and inventor of "Piec-lique" an easy technique for inserting curved seams into a design. Here are some excerpts from Sharon's book Piec-lique, Curves the new Way:

"I started my quilting just like most of you do, buying the wrong fabric, using the wrong batting, and using the wrong needles. With time, I learned to use what really works for me, even though the product might not be known as the "right" one...The first year was just a spin of learning and creating a base for future quilts...Living way out in the middle of nowhere as I do, there were no classes to take. I was desperate to learn what quilting was all about. I bought as many books as were available and joined my local quilt guild."

I was told "that it was rude to ask how many stitches per inch I needed to make my quilts 'right'. This was my first indication that I needed to be a teacher. I know that it is never rude to ask anything if you are trying to learn a new skill...I love appliqué so much that I had to figure out another method so I could have it look like needle-turn, hence the development of Piec-lique."

Sharon's patterns, Piec-lique book, and instructional videos will be available for purchase at the meeting only, so come prepared. After seeing her trunk show, you will definitely want to learn her techniques. She also has published a series of books of continuous quilting designs suitable for home or long-arm machines.

Workshop- Piece-lique'

We will be learning a new way to appliqué easy curves. It is all done by machine with an innovating technique. With Piece-lique, you will no longer need to use pins to sew curved seams. Inset and layered are two of the applications we will be learning as we make "Suzie Q" a gently curved flower.

(Supply list is available online if you didn't get it at the meeting.

Www.sharonschamber.com go to Piece-lique, 6hr SuzieQ)

Pattern / handout fee \$20.00 due at class.

Come join us and learn this exciting technique.

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New ! New! New!



Members with Birthdays in April - please bring cookies to the April 12 meeting!

President's Message



What a wonderful workshop we had with Cathy Van Bruggen! She has such great ideas and techniques. I enjoyed it so much, and I didn't think I even liked appliqué!! Her quilts are a treasure too. Thank you Cathy.

I would like to take the time to thank all of the officers and committee members who are working so hard at their jobs. They are making my job so much easier. I want to let them know how much I appreciate them. You are a great bunch to work with. I value your input.

Every year we recognize one outstanding member. I was the lucky one to be honored last year and I thank you. We have plenty of ladies who work "behind the scenes" every meeting, and I would like to recognize these "**Un Sung Heroes**". **Bea Viera** is just one of the many tireless workers. She does so much with Philanthropy and we thank her and want her to know just how much she is appreciated. I would like to show our appreciation to a couple of hard working ladies each month. Stay tuned for the next heroines.

Please pick up your Opportunity tickets from Mary. Let's all try to buy/or sell as many as we can. Lots of great talent, and effort went into the making of our beautiful quilt. We want it to bring in the money that it deserves.

Ann Volpe is selling tickets for a Pfaff sewing machine that was donated to us from Moore's sewing center (Thank You Moore's!). Please see Ann to buy your tickets. We will have a drawing for the machine at our quilt show.

Block Bazaar 2005 Viewers Choice Extended

If you made blocks last year for the block bazaar and have a quilt together from those blocks, please bring it to our next meeting for the challenge. Rosalie Liogys has extended the voting a month and she has great prizes to award our lucky winners.

Remember to bring in new 100% cotton fat quarters for our fat quarter basket and give them to Merci. Our goal is a basket with 200/250 FQ's. Wouldn't I like to win that!!

I am looking forward to Sharon Schamber's presentation and workshop. Her quilts are awesome. Check out her Best of Show winner on her website www.sharonschamber.com. Scarlet Serenade has several photos showing all the detail of this lovely quilt.

Until we meet again, lots of Quilting Hugs.

Happy Easter,

Carol Logue



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March Door Prizes

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Minkie Scarf Kit	Linda Sackin
Rooster Panel	Lorraine Volpe
Sewing & Vac Center	
Book	Barb Tegel
Moore's	
1 Yd Fabric	Phyllis Derigo
1 Yd Fabric	Ginger Fajack
1 Yd Fabric	Lisa Hsueh
1 Yd Fabric	Carol Williams
M & L	
\$10 Gift Cert	Yolanda Satterwaite
Timeless Quilts	
Fabric Pack	Mary Maver
Fabric Pack	Bobbie Haynes
Quilt Cupboard	
Fabric Pack	Dodie DeSha
Fabric Pack	Ruby Hoffman
Tall Mouse	
\$15 Gift Cert	Beth Stiel
Material Possessions	
\$15 Gift Cert	Mary O'Driscoll
Fabric Pack	Taye Inadomi
Flying Geese	
\$10 Gift Cert	Jo Casey
\$10 Gift Cert	Kathleen Greer
Cathy Van Bruggen	
Bea's Garden	Betsy White
Gardening w/Kim	Ruth Cox
Shades of Fall	Doris Carmack
Making New Friends	Robin Morsk
Sew & Vac Center	
Multi Purpose Sheet	Katherine Lindell

April Birthdays



April 8	Madeline Sherman
April 10	Katherine Lindell
April 10	Sharon Hritz
April 11	Robin Gallagher
April 11	Ruth Cox
April 12	Barbara Lamkins
April 13	Charlotte Carlisle
April 14	Ardith Endres
April 14	Blanche Young
April 15	Stephanie Williams
April 18	Gale Licata
April 19	Bonnie Van Matre
April 20	Ardelle Stenson
April 21	Linda Clark
April 22	Nancy Fritts
April 23	Janet May
April 23	Susan Geck
April 26	Carol Williams
April 27	Nancy Obradovich

Jenny's	
\$10 Gift Cert	Carol Matthews
\$10 Gift Cert	Lois Dobbs
Bear's Quilt Shop	
\$10 Gift Cert	Patty Kessler
\$10 Gift Cert	June Guizlo
Anonymous	
Needle Threader	Glenna T.

Two Wacky Women



We are pleased to announce that we will be offering guest instructors at our next two retreats.

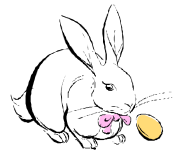
Judy Sisneros, May 2006
Billie Lauder, October 2006

Please visit us at
www.TwoWackyWomen for details.

Robin Gallagher (562) 500-3050	Marilyn Pond (562) 972-2720
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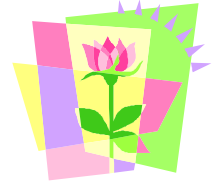
Ways & Means

The March basket winners were: Peggy Schneider and Carol Howerton.



We earned \$139.00! **WOW!**

Ginger Fajack was subbing for Sharon Hritz (off of a cruise) and JoAnn Williams subbed for Eloise Sadler who became ill at the meeting.



I hear there were was lots of coughing and sneezing going on and that many were missing because of illness. Hopefully all will be cured and chipper for the April meeting.

Drink your juice and get lots of sleep until then.

The April theme is:



Showers, umbrellas, spring colors and bunnies.

You will free receive a raffle ticket for a donation. Two tickets for \$1.00.

Sunshine & Shadows

Sunshine and Shadows is a very important part of this Guild, as we remember those going through some difficult times, as well as those who have some positive happenings in their life. As the Sunshine and Shadows chairperson, I'm asking you to let me know when someone needs a card to cheer them up or share their happy moments. We want to share a new grandchild, graduations, engagements, weddings, etc. with the other guild members, so please call me or email me with any news about a Guild member.

Thanks. Happiness to you, *Linda Gray*

I can be reached at (714) 777-9354 or cnlgray@earthlink.net

Round Robin Anyone ??

The basis is simple, you provide a center block no larger than 12 "x 12" and members of the Round Robin create and apply a border to your block.

This Round Robin will have three borders. Turn in your center block at the April meeting and pick up your first assignment at the May meeting. For the June and August meetings, you will exchange for another block and again add a border. At the September meeting, you get back your original block with its new borders. You can add more blocks or borders if you wish and keep it or finish it for the Guild Auction.

Basic rules are simple!

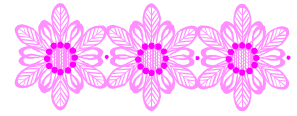
- Use good quality fabric. Be creative and do your best.
- Have your borders turned in on time. Never criticize another person's block or border.
- Keep the Round Robin quilt safe and clean in the numbered bag provided.



Anyone may participate! Additional suggestions and guidelines will be provided with the blocks at the May meeting. .

Labels will be provided for each owner with participants signatures.

Workshop Tips



We're so grateful to Timeless Treasures for the use of the wonderful classroom. It offers all the amenities we need. Here are a few tips that will help you have a great day while attending a workshop:

1. As women, we all seem to operate at different body temperatures. Please remember to bring a sweater to the workshops, as some of us tend to feel hot while others are freezing.
2. If you like coffee/tea and morning snack, feel free to bring something. The guild does not provide this.
3. It is recommended that you bring a lunch. However, if you prefer, you can take a lunch break and go to one of the nearby café and/or sandwich shops.
4. Timeless Treasures does have a refrigerator, microwave oven and water and sodas that we can purchase for a very reasonable price, 50 cents.
5. Remember to move your car to the side street (Rose), after you unload your workshop supplies. Timeless Treasures would like to have parking space available for customers.
6. Let's leave the classroom nice and clean. Please pick up any mess we create while at the workshop and empty our trash cans.

Next time we are at Timeless Treasures, or in the area, stop by and thank them for this very generous service.

Merci Apodaca



NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON CHICKEN RICE CASSEROLE

I bought the frozen casserole entrees, Milton's Chicken with White and Wild Rice in Cream Sauce from Costco. I defrosted both packages, and put them in a large casserole dish and added the following ingredients:

Add approx. 12 marinated artichoke hearts from Costco (chopped them into smaller pieces) (if they are in olive oil, you might want to take some of the oil out with paper towels)

Add 2 teaspoons of Emeril's Original Essence Seasoning (note: I bought it at Costco, but couldn't find it lately...You can get it at any of the regular markets)

Add 2-4 tablespoons of Kraft Parm Plus Italian Topping (Parmesan, basil, parsley and garlic) (Note: I had bought this at Costco also, but can't seem to find at any store now.. you could just use the above ingredients)

1 can of chopped water chestnuts (optional) Sprinkle paprika on the top, a few olives and bake as directed on the package.

It kind of looks like a lot to do, but it is very easy. Nancy



Does Anyone have a copy of **Snowflakes & Quilts** by Paula Nadelstern that I could buy ?
Call Rosalie at (562) 431-9436

Show & Tell

March 2006

Kathy Harvey	4 Sisters
Marge Densmore	Hens & Chickens
Karen Powel	Herbs & Spices
Lauretta Gerritz	3 Sail Boats
Sally McKibben	Baby Quilt
	Cross Stitch Top
	Faces Of Courage
Corni Quinlivan	Mike's Favorite Things
Linda Sackin	Barging In France
Nancy Mastroianni	Boston Common Floral
	Asian Inspiration
Marie Blash	Baby Quilt
Joan Morrow	Japanese Child's Wall Hanging



Philanthropy

There were lots of tops, completed quilts and 4 pillow-cases turned in this month. All of the quilts that needed to be quilted were gone and that is good. The drawing for door prizes went to Wynona a gift certificate from Bears, M. J. Lewis a gift certificate from Leah's, Eva Jamar a gift certificate from M & L Fabrics and Jean Rosa a fat pack from Material Possessions.

Bea Vieira



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July 15, 16 & 22 Leah's in Orange during the Quilt Run

Volunteering to help for a day is a great way to support the guild, with a minimal effort. With so many members in our guild this should be a simple task. Call Mary Stockard 714-893-2502 and sign up to help, thank you.

Friendship Groups: 5 friendship groups are registered in our guild: Friends That Bind, Group Therapy, Magnolia Bee's, Sew Loose & Sew What's. There are nine members looking forward in joining a group. If your group has any room please contact: Ann Reed, Sara Reed, Sally Kuck, Ingrid Vigeant, Carol Munn, Corni Quinlivan, Sherril Gerard, Kathleen Greer and Glenna Tuomala.

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