



COTTON PATCH NEWS

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September Events

Tuesday, September 8

Board Meeting
6:00 pm

Thursday, September 17

Guild Social
1:00 & 6:00 pm
Guild Meeting
1:30 & 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 22

Quilt Show Meeting
Bolts to Binding
6:00 pm

September 23 - October 4

Great Kern County Fair
Opportunity Quilt Exhibited
Various shifts available

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CeCe Westerfield



When asked why she quilts, CeCe enthusiastically replies, "I love to quilt! It is my passion and my therapy!"

Over 45 years ago, CeCe's grandmother taught her to quilt with hand piecing and hand quilting. Her first 9-Patch set her on the road to traditional quilting. It's been during the last fifteen years that CeCe has been able to quilt "seriously." In that time, rotary cutters and rulers have replaced the scissors and cardboard squares her grandmother started her out with.

CeCe prefers traditional block types, with a scrappy look. She is drawn to Civil War reproduction fabrics and loves the challenge of precision piecing, such as that in LoneStars and Mariner's Compass blocks. According to CeCe, "The more half-square triangles (HST) in a quilt, the better."

Hand quilting is still a favorite of CeCe's, and she always has a project involving handwork available. That said, she also enjoys free motion machine quilting on her longarm. CeCe has won multiple awards for both her hand and machine quilting. "I think I have the best of both worlds!"

August Recap

Grace Errea filled the room for our August lecture.



With a back drop of *Women of Color* and *Bleeding Hearts*, Grace spoke about how Value and Color work in all aspects of our life. Each quilt was more stunning than the last! Her focus on Value was easy to understand and inspired many questions from our members. She encouraged everyone to reach outside of their wheelhouse and find that artist within. She defiantly stirred the creativity of our members! ~Debbie

August Recap Continued



Prior to class, each student was encouraged to visit Grace's website, amazingquiltsbygrace.com, to preview patterns and select possible fabrics. 21 students arrived with their supplies and assorted fabrics in hand, but no sewing machine, nor any pattern before class, either. This was a very different class from most; however, after watching each student make their selections and move forward in the design of their quilts, I have to say, this was the best workshop ever! Students learned to use Value as the main design element, to enhance the focal point and create dimensionality in their quilts. Grace moved from table to table, student to student, making sure they were all moving forward with their designs.

Great teacher, Great students...job well done!





The President's Patch

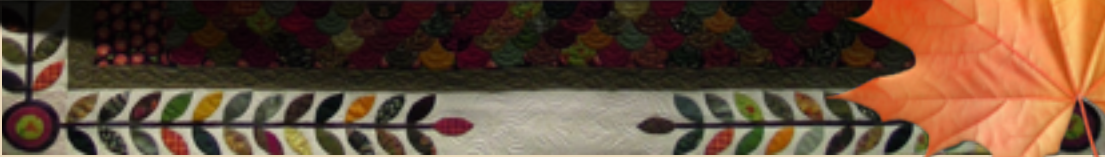
From Joan Millsap

What a wonderful August meeting. We not only saw beautiful quilts but learned a great deal about color value. Hope everyone can stay until the end of the meeting in September as those who left missed out on show and tell. We were shown so many quilts this month - keep up the good work. Haven't had such a great showing in months and as quilters we love seeing what everyone has done.


September will be a busy meeting as we will be awarding Quilts of Valor to several veterans, and CeCe will be giving a trunk show on her journey through quilting.

Hope to everyone next month!

Keep On Quilting, ~Joan



A Thimbleful of
Wisdom
by Sheila K. Planz



"A person who
feels appreciated
will always
do more than is
expected."



Programs & Workshops

September 17 1:30 & 6:30

CeCe Westerfield

CeCe's Grandmother taught her to quilt over 45 years ago which included hand piecing and hand quilting. It is her therapy and her passion. She prefers traditional block types and a scrappy look. She is drawn to Civil War reproduction fabrics and always open to new techniques. She is a Cotton Patch Quilt Member.

October 15 1:30 & 6:30

Pat Knoechel

Pat returns with the latest and greatest from Quilt in a Day. Sister to Eleanor Burns she will share tips, techniques, patterns and many stories that always keep our interest.

www.quiltinaday.com

November 19 1:30 & 6:30

Nancy Rink

El Camino Real: Quilts Inspired by Early California History

Nancy lives in Bakersfield, is a vendor at our quilt show, an appliqué artist, and in 2015 was a teacher at Asilomar. She has won several awards for her quilting and was the featured artist at the Best of the Valley Quilt Show.

www.nancyrinkdesigns.com

September 19 9:00 - 3:30

Self-mitered Log Cabin Workshop

CeCe will teach Anita Grossman Solomon's method to put together a log cabin style quilt, and all your seams will match.

Class Fee: \$30

Book Required:

Rotary Cutting Revolution by
Anita Grossman Solomon

October 16 9:00 - 3:30

Color Wheel

Life is full of color. You will brighten your life with a "Color Wheel" easy strip quilt taught by Pat. The pattern has two versions to pick from.

Class Fee \$30.00

Pattern \$8.00

November 20 9:00 - 3:30

Color Play

Do you struggle with color selection?

Color Play is a hands on approach to learning about color and combinations of different color values.

Sewing your blocks together in class is optional.

Tool Required: 3-in-1 Color Tool by Joen Wolfren

Class Fee \$30.00

Workshop fees due upon registration for class. Cancellation Policy: If class is not filled 30 days prior to class date, class will be cancelled and fees returned. All workshops will be at Bolts to

Binding - 930 Wible Road, Bakersfield

Contact Debbie Kelton (805) 760-0490, kelton0123@gmail.com or

Donna Haynes (661) 345-6701, donna1x3@att.net

WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER!

Guild Friendship groups

We are in need of Raffle baskets for our quilt show February 13 & 14. I would like the baskets to have a theme such as Movie Nite, BBQ, Wine & Chocolate, Date Nite, Minions etc. Be creative with your choice of items and what you use as a "basket". Please contact me if your group will be providing a basket for the raffle and I can give you more details. I am hoping to make this a banner year for \$ raised from raffle baskets.

Just Say N Think outside the basket!

Debbie (805) 760-0490



FRIENDSHIPS & FUN

guild friendship groups



A Friendship group called Loose Threads meets twice a month at Bolts to Binding Quilt Shop, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 10-2. Come and join us! Bring your machine, bring your handwork, or just bring yourself.

If you work with wool, or would like to learn to work with wool, the wool ladies gather the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, at Bolts to Binding, from 10-2.

Come and check us out, hope to see you!

Karin (661) 381-7143



**It's Time for the Fair and Another Opportunity
to Sell Opportunity Quilt Tickets...the easy way!**

Thank you to all the members who have already signed up to take advantage of the many benefits of working at the fair.

FREE ENTRY, FREE PARKING, AND DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR CREDIT towards the Member Gratitude Quilt and BBQ Goodness Basket!

After speaking with our veteran Fair Chairwoman, we have a new schedule with much less time at the table, and much more time to enjoy the fair. If you have already signed up for a shift, I will be contacting you to make arrangements with you.

**All Guild Members, please see the hours below,
and think about what time you would like to sign-up for!**

Krystina (661) 742-1116

Wed	9/23	5-8	Mon	9/28	5-8
Thurs	9/24	5-8	Tues	9/29	5-8
Fri	9/25	9-12 12-3 3-6 6-9	Wed	9/30	5-8
			Thurs	10/1	5-8
			Fri	10/2	3-6 6-9
Sat	9/26	12-3 3-6 6-9	Sat	10/3	12-3 3-6 6-9
Sun	9/27	12-3 3-6 6-9	Sun	10/4	12-3 3-6 6-9



Fiesta Challenge & Heart Beats Challenge

The quilts are starting to come in
for both the Fiesta Challenge and the Heart Beats Challenge!

The Fiesta Challenge quilts must be turned in no later than the October 2015 Guild meeting. Nancy Rink will be judging these quilts. I still have a couple of the fabric bundles are \$5.00 each, and a piece of each of the five colors must be included in the quilt. The size is to be no larger than 36" on any side.

The Heart Beats Challenge quilts are due no later than the November 2015 Guild meeting. These quilts must measure 32" square and have a heart some place on them. These you will create with your own fabric and then the quilt will be donated to Loving Hands after our quilt show in February (remember – all cotton – fabric, batting and thread). The hearts do not have to be just pink or red – don't forget about the boys!

These can be turned in to me at the Guild meetings. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at linda.gilli@gmail.com.

Thanks, Linda



2016-2016 UFO CHALLENGE

This year's UFO program will start in August 2015. Sign up at the program table for the best UFO program ever! Get out those old, buried in the closet projects you wondered *what you were thinking* of when you bought it. Bring them to share as you complete them, and we will mark as completed!

Dead line to sign up and list all projects is December 31, 2015.

You will list and describe all UFO projects on both cards, you keep one card and we will keep the other (pick cards up at the Programs Table). Finish date is June 16, 2016. One entry per member.

Cost \$10.00 There will be 2 drawings: one for those who have completed 10 projects will receive 80% of cash collected, and those who have completed less than 10 receive 20% of cash collected. You will receive one ticket per card in June.

This means you can buy more fabric!

Early Bird Sign up by September 17, 2015 - 2 tickets for a Mystery Gift
Git R Done workshop/potluck, January 22, 2016 at Bolts to Binding 9 - 4



Loving Hands Isolette Program

Did you hear?...A total of 87 isolettes were completed for our July Sew-In! (24 more were completed and handed in at last month's meeting!) What a success! A special "thank you" to Gail Clark and Donna Parker who helped at the "Loving Hands table" last month. I was in Georgia attending my youngest grandson's graduation from Army basic training...what a patriotic event!

The Guild has 26 members who are now committed to make an isolette each month for our new year. A big "thank you" in advance! Our first isolette is due at our September meeting. If you didn't sign up but want to participate, it's not too late. (Although it's best to receive one isolette each month, life happens, and we understand, so isolettes can be turned in early or late.)

Isolette specs: All cotton, 32"x32", washed, sewn CPQ label, and no raw edges.

If you are unable to make a commitment, please join us to make an occasional isolettewe would love to have you on our team!

Love, Deanie (661) 301-7173



Sweet Dreams 33 Pillowcases in August!

Thanks to everyone that turned them in. We are completely out of, and desperately need, JUVENILE FABRIC! We have plenty of contrasting fabrics for the bordering fabrics, but we need some more prints to make the children smile! Boys fabrics, specifically, are always in short supply. Lets keep up the great work. The kids love, and need, these pillowcases!



Thank you, Stacey
(661) 401-4492



Kids helping SPCA

Martha Francis' grandson, Joel, heard about making beds for Shelter Animals and decided he needed to help out! He had never used a sewing machine before, but as you can see, he did a great job! This is a fine young man, already looking to care for others. If you wish to make beds for the SPCA, please contact Diane at (661) 834-3481



Opps!

My apologies to all of you who shared your beautiful quilts with us during the daytime meeting. I can't believe I forgot the paperwork, but I did. I thought a camera person had been appointed, but there wasn't, so there were no photos taken of these beauties. I will remember the paperwork and bring my camera to the next Guild meeting. A big thank you to the following members who shared their gorgeous creations: Jean Jones, Janine Kern, Debra Clutter, Corey Starkey, Dale Metcalf, Carol Smith, Marsha Chamberlain, Shannon Banks, and Sandy Thomas!

Linda

CPQ Helping Kids

Thanks to all that brought plastic bottles, tabs and bath items including toothbrushes. I turned in \$15.62. WOW! Ronald McDonald house thanks you all. Let's see what we can do next month!

Sandy



CHRISTMAS PARTY FUN!

- * Tickets are \$5 for 6 tickets - \$10 for 12 tickets *
- * \$15 for 18 tickets - \$20 for an ENTIRE arm span of tickets *

WIN a SEWEZI TABLE Table!

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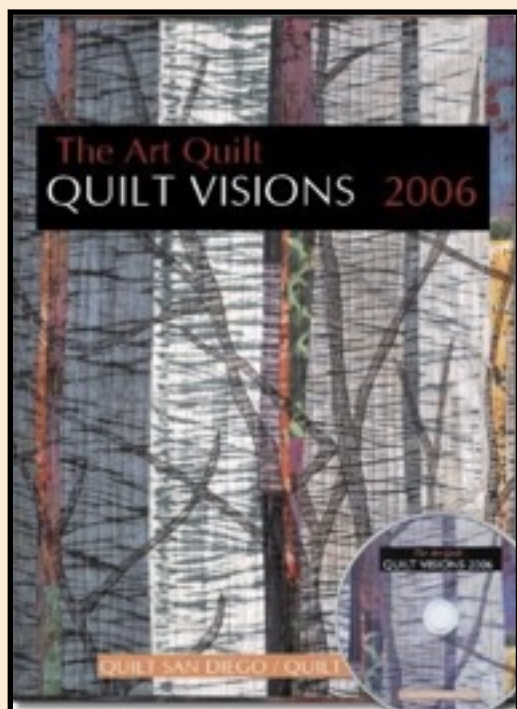
SewEzi Portable Table Specifications

Weight: 23 lbs.

Height: 29 in.

Table width: 35 in

Table Depth: 19 in



Quilt Visions 2006
edited by Patti Sevier,
for Quilt San Diego

Book Review

by *Marilyn J. Smith*

Quilt San Diego/Quilt Visions mounted this showing by selecting the best art quilts in 2006. Over 700 quilts were entered, and these 43 quilts are the cream of the crop.

Each quilt has a two page layout which includes a photo of the whole quilt, a close up view of a smaller section, a paragraph about the quilter, and a description of how the quilt was made.

If you are looking for inspiration or eye candy, this book is for you. Although the world of art quilts has grown by leaps and bounds since 2006, this book is a treasure-trove of past creativity.

Our Guild Library is the red cart at the back of our meeting room. Members may check out books free for a month. Say 'Hi' to Jennifer Armantrout, our librarian.

Check It Out!



September Birthdays

03	Nancy Palmer	19	Becky Helvie
05	Karen Churchwill	19	Roberta Williams
06	Vickie Parker	20	Irene Brown
09	Jane Mulligan	21	Myrna Traywick
10	Linda Hylton	21	Linda Hinojosa
12	Mary Jo Henry	23	Linda Jackson
14	Krystina Steed	23	Pat Morris
15	Diane Ackland	24	Carolyn Campbell-Taylor
15	Beverly Overdevest	26	Lori Garcia
17	Jean Jones	27	Osame Tsuboi
17	Wynona King	28	Jean Cecchel
17	Jean Woodward	29	Carla Patton

Don't forget to bring a treat and get your fat quarter at the Greeter's table!



Sewing An Accurate 1/4 Inch Seam By Carol Smith

When I was asked to write an article about sewing accurate seams, I started thinking about things like how I set up my machine. But the more I thought about it, I realized the accuracy actually starts way before I start sewing.

Fabric Prep – I'm a big believer in starching my fabric before cutting. For small pieces I use spray starch, and liquid starch for larger pieces. When my fabric is starched, my cuts are more accurate and there's a lot less fraying along the cut edges.

Cutting – The cutting process is so different depending on the project you're working on, but my best advice is to slow down and make your cuts as accurately as possible. When I started quilting I would speed through the cutting process. But I realized that sewing accurately wasn't very effective if my pieces weren't cut accurately.

Machine set up – In order to sew an accurate 1/4 inch seam it's important to sew straight on and sew straight off, which is a lot easier said than done. At first I tried using a 1/4 inch foot with a solid guide on the side – that didn't work at all for me. The guide blocked my view of the edge of the fabric, so I couldn't see if it was against the guide or drifting away from it. Then I tried using a 1/4 inch foot without the attached guide. This was better, but it felt like my feed dogs were pulling the fabric to the left. By moving my needle position to the right so that both feed dogs were under the fabric fixed that problem. But I still wasn't getting the accuracy I wanted on a consistent basis.

So here's how I set up my machine that gives me a consistent, accurate, 1/4 inch seam. I use an old plastic card like an old credit card or rewards card to make a seam guide. I put two layers of Scotch Restickable Strips (1 x 3 Inches) along one long side, on the back of the card. I let the long edges extend beyond the edge of the card, and then use a rotary cutter to trim the edges even with the card. I use Susan Cleveland's Quilter's Custom Seam Tool to place the seam guide in the correct position. I position the guide next to the presser foot extending toward me.

Test Strips – Once I have the seam guide set up, I sew at least three fabric strips together. Each strip should measure 1 1/2 by 5 inches. After sewing and pressing, the middle strip should measure exactly 1 inch. I like to use my ruler that has the full length lines at every 1/8 inch for this. You want to be really picky at this step.

Pinning – Using this type of seam guide set up means you have to pin with the head of the pins on the left, which may be the opposite of what you're used to. It took me awhile to get used to pinning this way, but now I do it automatically.

I know what you're thinking - boy that sounds like a lot of work just to sew a seam!! But I love blocks with lots of parts, and it makes me really happy when all those parts come together smoothly and my block finishes square and measuring the correct size. If you'd like additional information, try Sally Collins' book or video called Precision Piecing.



August Door Prizes

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Door Prizes	Donated by:	Winner
Ball Pops 40 pre-cut 2.5 strips	Bolts To Binding	Debbie Lindgren
Better Homes & Garden 2016 calendar	Member	Susan Pacheco
Tree Skirt Kit	Strawberry Patches	Susan Pacheco
Mat with tea pot, needle box, small scissors, tweezers, Quilters Path booklet & thimble in box	Member and Guild	Becky Wells
Panel kit	Maricopa Quilt Co	Karen Churchwell
Green tool basket with EPP samples, felted soap & strawberry bag	Paper Piecing and member	Ann Mayer
5 inch squares charm pack	Thimble Towne	Mary Mattson
Ginger 7" Dressmaker Shears	Guild	Debbie Lindgren

Membership

As of the August guild meeting, we have 187 paid members. I forgot to announce the two visitors: Judy Dobbins and Ludie Montoya; a returning member, Sharon Ihde; and a new member, Janis Edmonson. I am so sorry. I will announce your names at the September guild meeting.

Thanks to everyone for selling and/or buying those Opportunity Quilt tickets. Please keep it up, we're not done yet!

Don't forget to sign in at the membership table, check for your name tag (if you ordered one or want to order one, remember that you can make your own if you want to), membership card, guild directory, or have any questions.

Mary Jo

Next Meetings

Thursday, September 17
1:30 & 6:30

Location:

Riverlakes Community Center
3825 Riverlakes Drive

We meet the 3rd Thursday
of each month.

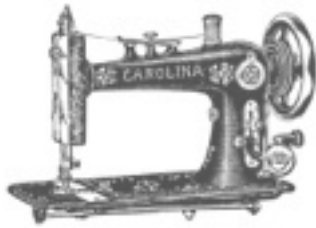
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 - Ultra Glide



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Tehachapi Mountain Quilt Guild

September 14-15, 2015 Our speaker and teacher will be Jake Finch of Simi Valley. She will be speaking on how to Quilt and Create out of our comfort zone.



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ABOUT THE COTTON PATCH QUILT GUILD

Cotton Patch Quilters Guild of Kern County is a nonprofit organization. Our guild includes quilt makers of all ages and backgrounds. We share the love of quilts; the art, design and history that goes into the creation of each one. Our meetings include talented guest speakers, show & tell, as well as workshops. As a group we take bus trips to quilt shows held in other cities and enjoy the creativity of our fellow quilt makers. Every other February, CPQ hosts a quilt show at the Kern County Fairgrounds.

WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND JOIN US!

◆ Contact Information ◆

Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- ♦ to preserve and continue the traditions, culture and history of quilting
- ♦ to promote fellowship among persons interested in all aspects of quilts
- ♦ to contribute knowledge and to promote the appreciation of fine quilts
- ♦ to sponsor and support quilting activities
- ♦ to encourage quilt making and collecting
- ♦ to contribute to the growth and knowledge of quilt making techniques, textiles & patterns through educational meetings.

Officers 2015 - 2016

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First Vice-President	Debbie Kelton
Second Vice-President	Donna Haynes
Treasurer	Carol Smith
Secretary	Debbie Lindgren
Parliamentarian	Nancy Palmer
Member at Large - Day	CeCe Westerfield
Member at Large - Night	Kelly Dahl

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