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DIRECTORS MESSAGE

I can hardly believe it is April already and we are getting ready for another NCQC meeting.

This month the topic will be successful low-cost guild programs and we hope to provide you some good ideas for your guilds.



**Spring: Priceless Fun.
Low-Cost Guild Meetings**

Do you know what the NCQC board really

is.....and what we do??? We are made up of 12-14 members - all volunteers - consisting of teachers, long-arm quilters, shop owners and experienced quilters. We recently got our first male board member, Don Linn, and we are happy to welcome him to our group.

Board meetings are held on the same day as the general meeting in January, April, July and October. We go to Elephant Bar Restaurant for our board meeting after the completion of the general meeting. We do alot of our preparation by email. We are a working board, and each member is expected to participate. Officers are Director, Asst. Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership and officers serve a 2 year term. Half of the officers are replaced every other year so we never have an all-new board. We work hard and we have alot of fun! We are always looking for new board members - check out the website for an application.

Most of you know we have our very successful "Meet the Teachers" program in January and July, where 30 teachers present information. Topics for the April and October meeting vary. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for a meeting topic. Hope to see you at the April meeting.

**Your NCQC Board
of Directors**

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2010 Meeting

Topics

April 21, 2010

Low Cost Guild Programs

July 21, 2010

Meet the Teachers

We continue to offer topics of interest to Northern California guilds, shops, individuals and teachers. Please contact us if you have topic suggestions.

LOW-COST GUILD MEETINGS

By Marcella Peek

Did you run out of budget for speakers before you ran out of months?

Are you looking for guild meeting ideas that involve the members?



Some good ideas for meetings

Need a program idea to help get your members to mix, mingle and meet each other?

In April, our topic is Low Cost Guild Meeting ideas. Sure, twice a year NCQC helps you meet wonderful teachers. Some months, however, you might be in the mood for something different than a lecture or trunk show.

Listen to our panel describe some of the fun and innovative meetings their local guild has enjoyed.

After the presentation, there will be time for questions and some sharing from the audience.

Come and get to know your fellow NCQC reps a little better, have some laughs, get some new ideas and maybe even win a door prize!

See you April 21st!

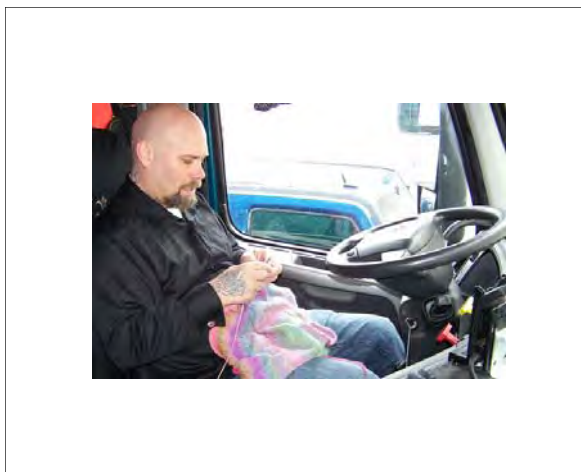
WALL STREET JOURNAL COVERS QUILTING

by Sharon Malachowski

Many friends sent me links to a recent article in the Wall Street journal.

Our favorite pastime has hit a new audience— Long Hall Truckers.

“With less to Haul, Drivers Try New Hobbies; Quilting in the Cab.”



Drivers Try New Hobbies

It's a beautiful piece about defying expectations and appreciating the work and art of creating with your hands. One of the truckers talks of daydreaming about quilt patterns during long drives, and another shares that he has a stash of yarn in his cab to make 'really cute slippers.'

I know I'm preaching to the choir, we all enjoy Quilting , but it was nice to be reminded of the physical and emotional benefits of hand-work:

It is a great stress reliever that can be done almost anywhere.

A way to pass the time to make myself happy, rather than get frustrated waiting .

A means to make something beautiful and useful .

A craft practice that teaches me something with each new quilt and benefits my mind.

I'm always glad to hear about new quilters.

The story is rich with imagery and wonderful anecdotes of crafting from unlikely characters, and is well worth the read. I will post the link here:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704896104575139990857438962.html?>

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of your

**Opportunity Quilts for the
website.**

Please e-mail them to:

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Include contact info for
tickets, drawing
dates, etc. We hope to
promote Guilds and help
you advertise

Dear Members,

The Northern California Quilt Council publishes this e-mail newsletter quarterly for our members. Information from the newsletter can also be found on our website: ncqc.net. Our goal is to provide you with guild, shop, teacher and individual quilt-related information. We coordinate a master calendar of quilting events in the Northern California area and provide a forum for discussing common concerns and new ideas.

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CALENDAR

Spring Shows & Events

April 15– June 6 Amish Abstractions, de Young Museum

April 17-18 Festival of Quilts, Shasta District Fairgrounds

April 21 10:30 NCQC Quarterly Meeting, Pleasant Hill

April 24-25 Seven Sisters Quilt Show, San Louis Obispo

May 1-2 Pine Tree Guild Quilt Show, Nevada County Fairgrounds

May 19-21 Quilters Rule Quilt Show, Fallon, NV

June 12-13 Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Seaside

July 17-18 Quilts n Cars Quilt Show, Reno

July 17-18 Christmas in July Quilt Show, Valley Springs

July 21 NCQC Quarterly Meeting, Pleasant Hill

Check out our website calendar for details and more events.

www.ncqc.net