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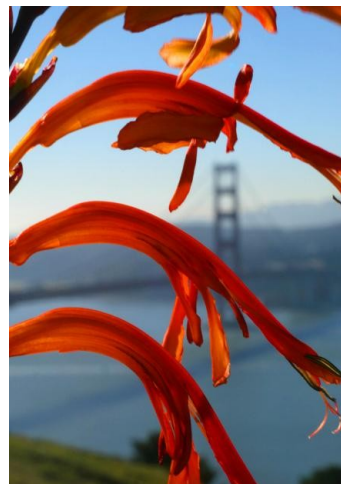
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DIRECTORS MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that it is 2010 already, isn't it?? We are getting ready for another great Meet the Teacher meeting on January 20. Thirty teachers will be there to present information to guilds and shops with brochures, workshop samples, etc. We expect a great turnout as usual - hope to see you there.



Meet the Teachers January 20

I know 2009 was a hard year for many of us. Quilt shops have told me their business is down - teachers have had the same situation, and many of us are trying to buy less and use our 'stash' instead. I'm trying to get my studio cleaned out and come up with new classes as part of my New Year's resolutions..... along with losing weight of course!

The NCQC board elected new officers for the coming two years - Dorothy Maddox, Assistant Director; Sallie Evans, Membership; Lin Squires, Meeting Coordinator. Continuing officers for one more year are Karren Lusignan, Treasurer; Susie Ernst, Secretary; and I will continue as Director. Sharon Malachowski will continue to do our wonderful newsletter!

We hope you will send this newsletter out to your guild members, or post a link in your own guild newsletter. The NCQC board works hard to present interesting and informative programs

Our **April meeting** will be "Low Cost Guild Programs" - and promises to be something everybody wants to know about! Please try to join us on Wed. April 21. If you are interested in becoming a board member, have suggestions for program topics, or have questions, please feel free to contact a board member. My email is judysisneros@starstream.net. Hope to see you on Jan. 20.

Judy Sisneros

**Your NCQC Board
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Quilt Council

2010 Meeting

Topics

January 20, 2010

At 10:00 am:

Meet the Teachers

April 21, 2010

Low Cost Guild Programs

We continue to offer

topics of

interest to Northern

California

guilds, shops,

individuals and

teachers. Please

contact us if you

have topic suggestions.

CONNECTIONS

5,000 YEARS OF SEWING

By Sharon Malachowski

How do you nurture yourself in this very busy world?

I sew.

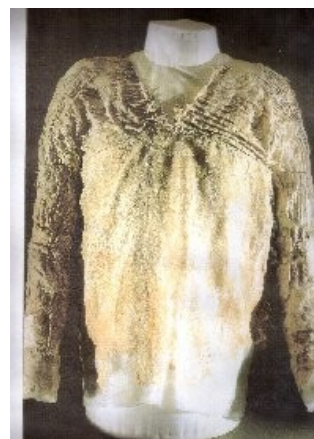
Sewing, like other arts, is a creative outlet from which we can learn so much about ourselves.

It's more than just stitching pretty things together.

It's about relaxing and learning and enjoying what you do.

It's about growing with every stitch and putting a little bit of yourself into every finished piece.

Pleated Egyptian shirt 3100-2890 B.C.



For me sewing is all about stitching together community past and present. Sewing, weaving and needle arts are ancient. 20,000 to 30,000 years ago early man developed the first string by twisting together handfuls of plant fibers. Neolithic mankind developed great skill in weaving cloth. Possibly the oldest extant garment in the world is a white linen pleated dress shirt from First Dynasty Egypt c.3100-2890 B.C. I wonder who the seamstress was. I could wear that shirt today and not look out of place. The 5,000 year old design is timeless.

That sense of timelessness brings me peace when I sew. It brings me a feeling of human connectedness to someone who sewed just like me 5,000 plus years ago. It nourishes my soul.

MEET THE TEACHERS

by Sharon Malachowski

Teaching, like quilting,
is an art in itself.

A good quilt teacher
not only knows the
subject of quilting well,
he/she also knows
how to motivate stu-
dents to become the
best quilters they can
be.



Join in the fun!

The January 20 meeting begins at 10:00AM. The topic for this meeting is "Meet the Teachers".

This is an opportunity for Northern California quilt, wearable art and related topic teachers and lecturers to introduce themselves.

Quilt guild representatives and shop owners interested in finding presenters for their meetings and workshops enjoy hearing the brief presentations and meeting afterwards.

Early arrival is encouraged as these meetings are well attended. Guilds may enter the meeting room at 9:30. We hope to see you there.

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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

Winter Shows & Events

January 15 Amish Abstractions thru 5/15/2010

February 27-28 PVQA 32nd Annual Quilt Show

March 6-7 Manteca Quilt Show

March 6-7 Springtime in the Valley Quilt Show

March 20-21 Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County
37th Annual Quilt Show

March 20-21 Valley Quilt Guild Show : Threads of Friendship

March 27 Northern Regional California Button Show and Sale

April 9 -11 Best of the Valley Quilt Show

April 9-10 You Oughta be in Pictures Quilt Show

Check out our website calendar for details and more events.

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