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Tips for Newsletter Editors and Guild Representatives:

If you want to extract a portion of this newsletter for your guild publication, highlight and copy the text. Then paste it into a Word document to save it. Then you can paste it into your publication, or forward it as an attachment in an email.

"We want to make sharing the information as simple as possible."

Sharon Malachowski
Newsletter Editor

****Reminder****

**New Meeting
location is
Fairfield
Community Center**



Summer Quarterly Meeting July 20

Summer has finally arrived in the valley. I am enjoying the sunshine and heat (I'm one of those few who enjoy being warm) but, of course, my house and sewing room are air-conditioned. The long days are the best in the summer. More time to sew and garden.

After many years on the board and director for the past four years, Judy Sisineros has resigned from the NCQC board. We are sorry to see her leave and will miss her easy manner and quick wit. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedicated service, Judy.

July at NCQC is **Meet the Teachers** again (as in January) and we look forward to new quilts, new ideas and new teachers. This is your guild's opportunity to get a taste of many teachers and what they can present at your meetings. Our new, larger facility in Fairfield will feature participants and spectators in the same room.

Hope you plan to join us on July 20th.

Happy Quilting,
Diane Leighton

**Your NCQC Board
of Directors**

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Quilt Council

2011 Meeting

Topics

July 20, At 10 AM

Meet The Teachers

Fairfield Community Center

October 19, 2011

**Tips for Connecting with the
21st Century Quilter**

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

MEET THE TEACHERS



Learn from expert teachers to both educate and empower you.

By Sharon Malachowski

Our meeting this month is the popular Meet the Teachers and as always we expect a full house.

Thirty teachers will be available to talk to you and show their lecture and workshop information.

The July 20 meeting begins at 10:00 AM.

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 with the artists.

NCQC IS ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

NCQC has some funds available to donate to charitable causes within the quilting community. We are accepting grant applications.

The application form is now available on the NCQC website under forms. Grant application rules are:

1. All grant requests must be postmarked on or before October 10 to be considered in any given year.
2. The Grant Application Form must be submitted in full.
3. Enclose a copy of your organization's current Financial Statement and Operating Budget. A summary/overview copy of these reports will suffice.

All Grants are subject to the decision of the directors of NCQC and their interpretation of NCQC's bylaws.

5. Our Purpose shall be to facilitate communication among quilt groups, among shop owners, ... to promote quilting.

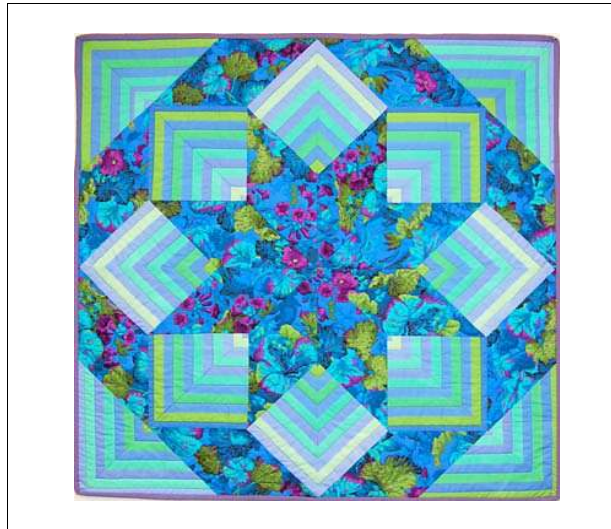
As required by law: the property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.



Deadline for applications is October 10, 2011

*Teaching like
quilting is an
art in itself*

NEW QUILTS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



NCQC is sponsoring a special exhibit, **New Quilts of Northern California**, at the Pacific International Quilt Festival October 13-16, 2011.

Call for Entries Due August 8, 2011

This is a great opportunity to showcase Northern California's quilting talent at a world class venue.

We encourage you to enter or to pass this on to fellow quilters.

*“Promoting Quilting
through
Networking”*

The exhibit will be juried to 70 quilts which will be in the entry of the show.

Medium size quilts show the best, and quilts longer than 90 inches will hit the floor.

Enter quilts that are new and have not been widely shown before—your best latest work!

Entries are due August 8, and acceptance will be sent by September 10, 2011.

Entry forms are available on our website www.ncqc.net. Click on the word “Forms”.

Tips for Connecting with the 21st Century Quilter

The October 19, 2011, NCQC quarterly meeting will be a panel of talented quilters who have conquered their fears of change and new ways to communicate in our world of today.



New ways to reach out to customers, techniques, and friendship groups.

They will share with all of us what some of the ways that they have embraced quilting and quilters of today.

Come and learn about the new terms and options in quilting classes, guilds, and small groups.

This meeting will have ideas that will open your eyes to new ways to reach out to customers, techniques, and friendship groups. This should be a meeting that no one should miss.

“Finished is way better than perfect”



Elanor Burns Paducah Tent Show 2011

The 21st century is here to stay and the quilting opportunities that are open to all of us are bigger and better than ever.

QUILTING IN AMERICA 2010 SURVEY

Quilting in America 2010 is the sixth in a series of studies done since 1994 with the intent of measuring the amount of time and money quilters spend on their hobby in addition to profiling the key segments of the market.

Here are some of the results that might interest our members.



Who are modern dedicated quilters?

- The estimated value of the quilting market in 2010 is \$3.58 billion up 9% since 2006)
- Total number of quilters in the U.S. is 21.3 million (down 23% from 2006)
- 6.2% of quilting households are considered "dedicated," responsible for generating 69% of quilt industry spending (\$2.48 billion)

*"A day patched with
quilting seldom
unravels"*

Who is the Dedicated Quilter...

- Female 62 years old
- Well educated (72% attended college)
- Affluent (\$91,602 HH income)
- Spend on average \$2,442 per year on quilting
- Quilting for an average of 16 years

QUILTING IN AMERICA 2010 is Presented by Quilters Newsletter, a Creative Crafts Group publication, in cooperation with International Quilt Market & Festival, divisions of Quilts, Inc.

To view the complete survey go to:

[Www.quilts.com/news](http://www.quilts.com/news)

QUILTS FOR KIDS

By Pam Fox

Quilts for Kids, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit which for 11 years has been donating hand-made quilts from volunteers all over the country to seriously ill children and children of abuse. We would like to contact quilt guilds in the US and ask that they participate through their philanthropic projects in our effort to comfort children in need with quilts.

Please visit www.quiltsforkids.org for more info.



The gift of a quilt to a seriously ill newborn comforts the entire family.



Generating smiles, one quilt at a time.

*Map to New Fairfield
meeting location is on the
NCQC website*

www.ncqc.net

Join the Conversation

By Sharon Malachowski

As more and more of our lives get locked up in the various electronic boxes we're all attached to all day, we can get along with less and less human contact.

But people love to meet other people with whom they share ideas and interests and talk face to face. When we do, we find out that what unites us is even more than we imagined.



What unites us is even more than we imagined

If quilters really want to join the conversation, then what's next online is offline.

Please support your local quilt shops and join in the fun.

“Toss your crooked pins. Life is too short.”

Join the Fun!



By Sharon Malachowski

One of the joys of being newsletter editor is getting to know a little bit about the 67 Guilds in our Council.

I strongly encourage you to look at all their sites.

You will learn a lot by looking at how other Guilds do what we love to do.....Quilt,...Quilt,...Quilt.

You can access the sites by going to: www.ncqc.net. Click on Guilds. Click on a link to their website!

Find a local meeting and join the conversation.

IRS Increases Mileage Rate to 55.5 Cents per Mile

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2011. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and other purposes.

The rate will increase to 55.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2011. This is an increase of 4.5 cents from the 51 cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2011, as set forth in Revenue Procedure 2010-51.

The new six-month rate for computing deductible medical or moving expenses will also increase by 4.5 cents to 23.5 cents a mile, up from 19 cents for the first six months of 2011. The rate for providing services for charitable organizations is set by statute, not the IRS, and remains at 14 cents a mile.

Quoted from IRS Newswire
Submitted by Karren Lusignan, EA



*“Behind every quilter
is a big pile of
fabric”*

Opportunity Quilt Showcase



By Sharon Malachowski

We have pictures of 10 Opportunity Quilts from member Guilds!

Thanks to all the Guilds for giving us a tempting show. We hope this helps you get the word out.

Our Home page looks fabulous!

To showcase your opportunity quilt send photo to:

webmaster@ncqc.net

I want to win them all!

NCQC

C/O New Pieces
766 Gilman Street
Berkeley, CA 94710

The logo for the Northern California Quilt Council (NCQC) features the letters "NCQC" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a black, trapezoidal shape that tapers from left to right.

***NCQC is seeking
pictures of your
Opportunity Quilts for
the website.***

*Please e-mail them to:
webmaster@ncqc.net*

*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.

If you are receiving this email in error, or if you know someone else should be receiving it instead of you, please let us know. Send the corrected information to membership@ncqc.net

CALENDAR

Summer Shows & Events

July 16-17 Heart of the Redwoods Quilt Show in Eureka
July 20 NCQC Meet the Teachers (starts at 10:00 a.m.)
July 29-30 Truckee Meadows Quilt Show in Reno
July 29-31 International Quilt Festival in Long Beach
September 10-11 Elk Grove Quilt Show
October 1-2 "Falling Leaves" Quilt Show in Lakeport
October 1-2 Sierra Gold Harvest Quilt Show, Plymouth, CA
October 13-16 Pacific International Quilt Show, Santa Clara
October 19th 10:30 a.m NCQC Meeting - Tips for Connecting with the 21st Century Quilter

For detailed information go to the calendar page at www.ncqc.net