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

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E-mail Sharon Malachowski if you need help at:
smalachowski@hotmail.com

DIRECTORS MESSAGE

Happy Spring!

We are so looking forward to our April 15 meeting - we have a great program planned with lots of ideas and opportunities to think about.

Susie Ernst and I are back from our trip to teach hand quilting in Cambodia -and we will be participating as well. NCQC was very generous in giving us a \$1,000 grant and in this newsletter you will see the letter we wrote about our trip - and thanking you all!

I must admit that I kissed my sewing machine when we got home! We in the USA are so fortunate and so blessed - and we take it so for granted! Our eyes were really opened on our visit to Cambodia.

In July we have a second Meet the Teachers program for this year. We encourage you to attend.



APRIL MEETING

By Sharon Malachowski

As quilters it is heartwarming to learn how much our "simple" craft can effect positive change

in the world.

The April 15th meeting will focus on how we can make our world a better place by sharing our passion

and having fun.

Learn what our members are doing and brainstorm new strategies for your outreach projects at the

**Your NCQC Board
of Directors**

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Pieces

766 Gilman

Berkeley, CA 94710

Northern California

Quilt Council

2009 Meeting

Topics

April 15, 2009

At 10:30 am:

Helping Others

July 15, 2009

at 10:00 am:

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.

APRIL MEETING

(Continued from page 1)

When we reconnect who we are with what we do, we approach our lives and our work with renewed passion, commitment, and integrity.

I am so inspired by the response from our members for the April meeting topic, Helping Others. Thank you all.

We will have 7 presenters followed by open discussion. I look forward to a lively meeting.



The Sum is Greater than the Parts.

The speakers are:

Susie Ernst, Judy Sisneros - Agape Missions

Dottie Montgomery - Ovarian Cancer Fund Fabric Sale

Barbara Allen - Hope Quilts

Lani Longshore - Women's Federal Prison

Collette Lenoir - Foster A Dream

Gail Belmont - Quilts of Valor

Cindy Haschke - Antelope Quilters Guild

NCQC ACCEPTING 2009 GRANT APPLICATIONS

NCQC has some funds available to donate to charitable causes within the quilting community.

We are accepting

grant

Applications.

The forms will be

available on-line

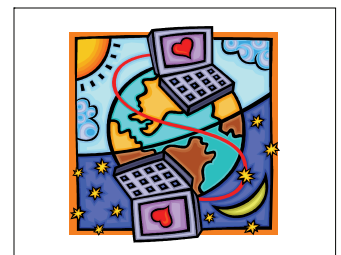
and I will have

copies at the April

15 meeting.

Sharon

Malachowski





STITCHES OF HOPE, CAMBODIA

Dear Supporters of Stitches of Hope:

How can we begin to tell you about our trip to Cambodia? It was definitely both the most difficult thing we have ever done.....and the most gratifying! I can tell you that we needed and appreciated each and every prayer offered for us while we were there. We have been back since the end of February, and are finally back on California time! The time difference is 15 hours between here and Cambodia.

As you know, our goal was to teach hand quilting to young girls rescued from the sex slave trade in Phnom Penh. We arrived on Friday and on Saturday, we went shopping for silk, batting and sewing machines. Many supplies we brought with us. The sewing machines were 1960's industrial Brother machines -- with no light, no bobbin winder and no stitch regulator - a far cry from our machines at home! The weather was in the 90's with humidity the same - our hotel room was air-conditioned but the Agape Restoration Center where we worked was not.

We taught 5 days a week from 1-4 in the afternoon, but we were as tired as if we had been teaching for 8 hours! The girls, ranging in age from 7 to about 18, were wonderful. Many spoke some English. We hired a translator and had simple printed directions translated as well - so we could leave those behind. We began with the quilting stitch, focusing on small and regularly spaced stitches. First, they sewed simple designs on muslin, which were then made into pillows for them to keep. They practiced until they were good enough to work on silk. Many girls lost interest when they learned they could not just start on the silk. We expected this. The housemothers who stay with the girls were also interested, and they made pillows as well. They will be able to teach more girls as they

come to the center, so the program will be ongoing.

A couple of days before leaving, we purchased additional silk, so the girls can continue to make the pillows. We will be selling them for \$15 (not including the pillow

form insert). We have mostly beautiful chartreuse and red pillows left. Other colors that will be available are brown, gold, champagne, eggplant. When a girl leaves the center, if she is good enough that she can sew to support herself, we have committed to buying a sewing machine for her. So we are leaving a legacy behind, which we are thrilled about.

So why was it so difficult? First the heat and humidity. We were often sick from the food. Only bottled water was safe, so no ice, and it was hard to find a place to eat where we didn't get sick. The pollution and traffic were horrible - you cannot imagine! Our transportation was mostly in a tuk-tuk, which is a small motorcycle pulling a cart with 2 benches, rails and a canopy. Those 30 min. rides to and from the center were the most difficult each day! Susie kept her eyes closed much of the time and I prayed!

Nevertheless, the blessings far outweighed the problems. We do feel that we made a difference in the lives of these girls. Don & Bridget Brewster, who opened the center 4 years ago, are people that we admire more than anyone we know. We couldn't do what they have done for so long. Our mission helped lift them up. We will pray for them daily, and hope you all will too. The day before we left for home, a special 'blessing dance' was performed for us by 5 girls in traditional Cambodian dancing costumes. It was wonderful. We wanted to do something for them too, so bought 104 ice cream cones (like Drumsticks) - enough for every girl, housemom, staff member. They were thrilled!

We have been in email contact with Don & Bridget -- the girls are continuing to practice and are very excited about their prospects to make money for their future. We are so proud of them all.

So, we are back home in our clean, safe, air-conditioned environment, with plenty of good food and clean water. These things will never be taken for granted again. We will continue to support this cause. Any donations can be sent to Agape International Missions, P.O. Box 2037, Rocklin CA 95677. On the memo line, put Stitches of Hope. God bless.

If any of you in the Sacramento area would be



Quilters making a difference

interested in a get together where we can show our photos, pillows, etc. please email me and let me know - judysisneros@starstream.net. I hope post some photos soon on my website www.judysisneros.com.

With our love and thanks,
Judy Sisneros

Susie Ernst

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:
lwf.quilts@comcast.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
smalachowski@hotmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2009

April 17th, - 19th, 2009

4th Annual Best of the Valley

A regional Show of Quilts, Wearable Art and Cloth Dolls Host to the
"God Bless America Exhibit"

9 - 5 Friday and Sat, 9 to 4 on Sunday

Come see our new location at the McDermont Field House in Lindsay,
CA

365 North Sweet Brier (559 562-3326

Featured Artist: Susan Bellamy

April 18th & 19th Annual Tracy Quilt Show

New location

George & Evelyn Stein High School

650 10th St. (The school is located at the corner of 10th St. and Tracy
Blvd)

Tracy, CA

We will also have the country store this year, if you have some quilt related items that you would like to sell, new or old, you can contact Kathy Glover at 835-5163 or
sewstuff@comcast.net .

There will be an appliqué class this year taught by Jill Rixman. Check for details. More information, or to get applications. Karen Chiles
835-0289

Karen@time-slice.com

April 19 to June 10

Seven Designing Minds

Monterey Peninsula Art Quilt Group
Reception for the artists – Sunday, Apr. 19, 1-3 pm
Back Porch Fabric Gallery
157 Grand Avenue
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
831-375-4453 Contact: Jeanne Mills

April 25th - 26th. Loomis Quilt and Fiber Guild *presents*

Saturday 10 - 4 and Sunday from 10 - 3

A two day quilt show in the lovely little town of Loomis.

The show will take over the entire newly renovated historic Blue Goos Fruit Sheds.

Hours: Saturday, Admission is \$5.00

Address: 3550 Taylor Road, Loomis, CA 95650

Contact nanetteflorance@sbcglobal.net for more information.

April 18, 2009 Haute Couture Société of Stockton presents

41st annual fashion show, Sew What's Haute at the Hilton Stockton, 2323 Grand Canal Boulevard.

The garments for this show are created by members and invited guest designers.

Proceeds fund scholarships in apparel design and fashion merchandising. Vendors will

open at 9:30 A.M.; fashion show at 11:30

A.M. with luncheon following; and raffle &

silent auction at 1:15 P.M. For tickets, send checks (@ \$40.00 each to Haute Couture) to

Patty Morais, 1836 Ramona, Stockton, CA

95204. For information, call (209) 477-6496 or (209) 466-9840 or email

budnmaryann@cs.com

April 18th & 19th 2009 Cabin Fever

Quilters *present* 17th Annual Show

"Purple Mountain Majesties"

April 19-24th Sunday to Friday
Empty Spools Seminar - Session IV
Asilomar, CA

Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4

Memorial Hall, Hwy 70, Portola
For info call: 530-832-0446

April 25 & 26th 2009

Seven Sisters Quilt Show

Sat 9 - 5, Sun 9 - 4

Alex Madonna Expo Center

100 Madonna Road

San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

April 25 & 26 Amador Valley Quilters

presents

"Quilted Treasures XIII"

Saturday 10 to 5

Sunday 10 to 4

Another great event at Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, Ca.

Admission: \$10, and \$8 for seniors

Free Parking

www.amadorvalleyquilters.

May 2009

May 2nd & 3rd Carquinez Strait

Stitchers

Spring on the Strait - 2009 Saturday,

May 2nd from 10 to 5 and Sunday, May

3rd from 10 to 4

Set in the historic Clocktower building in Benecia

May 2nd & 3rd Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County presents

"SPRINGTIME IN THE PINES" SILVER JUBILEE QUILT SHOW

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday,

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Special display featuring

Celebrity Quilters of Nevada County

Christine Barnes, Gerry Chase, Wendy

Hill,

Pat Nelson, Velda Newman, Katie

Pasquini Masopust, and Charlotte Patera

At the beautiful Nevada County Fairgrounds

11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley,

California

May 8 – 21. French Art and Textile Tour

Jeanne Mills is organizing the 16th tour abroad. Focusing on textiles and the arts, the small group of quilters will visit the French Riviera and Provence . For information contact Jeanne, 831-647-8973 or jeanne@jeannemillstours.com or www.jeannemillstours.com.

May 10-14 — QUILTERS' ESCAPE 2009

An annual quilting seminar/retreat on the California North Coast in the redwoods overlooking the Eel River near the Victorian Village of Ferndale.

2009 national instructors: Carol Taylor, Jane Hall, Pam Holland, Sandra Lechner, Melinda Bula & Margaret Miller.

Please send SASE to QUILTERS' ESCAPE, 3414 K Street, Eureka, CA 95503 ph 707 442-0081 or visit www.quiltersescape.com for detailed information.

May 16-17, 2009 - Sierra Mountain

Quilters Association *presents*

17th Bi-Annual Quilt Show

Yosemite High School, 50200 School Rd., Oakhurst California

Hours: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Entrance Fee: \$7

Over a hundred, unique, hand-crafted quilts created by local quilters and fiber artists.

Featured Quilter, Lin Crow.

Visit vendors and our own Country Store.

Door prizes, gift baskets, and quilts for sale. Visit our Website for more information: WWW.SMQA.org

May 16th and 17th Sun Country Quilters

"Trail of Quilts" show

8th Biennial Quilt Show

Red Bluff, CA at the

Tehama County Fairgrounds Red Bluff is on I-5, 30 miles south of Redding

May 22 - 24, 2009 Soroptimist of Fort Bragg and Ocean Wave Quilters *present* Fort Bragg, California.

All day and 1/2 day workshops starting May 20 and running through the show. Featured artist is Don Linn, Mr. Quilt. 14th annual show sponsored by . Preview Party, Friday 6 - 8 pm. \$12 includes admission to the entire weekend quilt show and samples of wonderful wine and food from local wineries and restaurants. Show Sat & Sun. 10 - 5 pm \$7. Over 100 quilts, demonstrations, vendors, Vintage quilts, peoples choice awards. 3 venues. Come enjoy the beautiful Mendocino Coast and see our fabulous quilt show. Call 707) 964-5241 or go to www.soroptimistfortbraggca.org/quilt for more information.

May 28-30, 2009 Creative Girlfriends Productions

Quilting, Stitches & Crafts Expo

Grand Sierra Resort

2500 East Second Street, Reno NV 89595

Vendor Mall Hours: Thursday & Friday - 10 - 5 Saturday 10 - 4

Prfe-Expo9 Classes begin: Wed May 27th

Reno, NV

e-mail: ***Creative_Girlfriends_Production***

June 2009

June 6 - 7, 2009 Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County

Santa Rose, California "Wine Country Quilts 2009"

Veterans Memorial Building

1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

Saturday 10 - 5 & Sunday 10 - 4

Admission - \$8.00 Visit www.mqsc.org for more information

June 13, 2009 Pine Needlers Quilt Guild

Quilt Stroll Groveland, California

Highway 120 Groveland, California

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free Admission

June 14 – August 5

Kathleen's Playhouse

Quilts made by Kathleen Crittenden

Reception for the artist – Sunday, June 14,

1-3 pm
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Pacific Grove, CA 93950
831-375-4453 Contact: Jeanne Mills

June 24 - 28, 2009

San Francisco Bay Area, California
Shop Hop by the Bay
Sixteen shops in the Bay Area

**Wednesday - Saturday 9 - 6 p.m. &
Sunday 11 - 4 p.m**

June 27 – 28, 2009 *Presented by the*
Heart of California Quilter's Guild
"A Harvest of Quilts"

Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4

Holy Spouses Hall
320 North "I" Street
NW corner of 4th 4th Street & "I" Street
Madera, CA 93637

Saturday, June 27, 2009

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Outdoor Quilt and Textile Art Festival
Winters, CA

Quilts will be hung outdoors and in most
businesses throughout Historic Downtown
Winters

Featured Artists: Margaret Miller &
Melinda Bula

Local Vendors and Artisans