

PATCHWORK GAZETTE

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Monthly Newsletter from the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild

President's Message

Stacey Hieb

Happy New Year to All! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holiday. I'm looking forward to 2019 and all the fun stuff our guild will be doing!

Our first workshop of the year is our Mystery Charm Pack Workshop. This will be my last workshop as committee chair. I have enjoyed doing the workshop for the past two years.

For our Mystery Charm Pack Workshop we have 23 ladies signed up, which is great to see! Can't wait to see everyone's finished projects. It's an easy one, so I think by the February meeting and bee we should have a great Show N Tell.

I'm sure Janie and Julie will have loads of fun and exciting workshops this year. I'm looking forward to hearing about them, aren't you?

I'm also looking forward to getting to know a lot more of you wonderful quilters. I've only been in the guild for three years and here in Florida as well. I have learned so much since I've been part of our guild. We have so much wonderful talent in our guild. My mission is to get to know everyone's name. Of course, if you wear a nametag that will help me a whole lot (please and thank you)!

We have lots of new people who have stepped up for committees. I'd like to welcome them all and hope you will as well.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the 10th - Stacey.

Meet our New President

Sarah Wisnewski

Stacey Hieb was born in the state of Washington to an Air Force family and also married an Air Force man. She has lived all over the U.S., England, Italy and Japan to name a few places. Stacey began quilting in earnest in 2009 and enjoys a variety of styles and patterns. Though she doesn't have a favorite pattern, color is another story. Her two favorite colors are purple and orange. A year and a half ago she purchased a long arm so she can do a quilt from start to finish. When asked what is next for her on her quilting journey Stacey replied that she wants to refine her free-motion quilting skills. Her favorite tools are rulers – any ruler. If you have seen any of Stacey's quilts you know she isn't afraid to try intricate patterns that involve rulers. She also loves small scissors. "I have to have them everywhere! I always need to snip a thread or trim a piece of fabric," she says.

Stacey moved to Navarre several years ago and has been a member of our guild for about as long. She is inspired by the amount of talent in our group and has enjoyed the various workshops we hold. Stacey has also been our workshop chair for the past two years and has done a marvelous job.

Setting Quilting Goals

Sarah Wisnewski

What better time to plan your next step in your quilting journey than the start of a new year. We all have projects we want to finish up and projects we want to start. Have you ever thought about evaluating where you are and where you want to go? It can seem daunting especially if you have jumped from one project to another and gathered fabric for this or that and before long you have that “deer in the headlights” syndrome. You know that dazed feeling. What am I doing? Where am I going with this? Those trips to the fabric store have resulted in books, patterns, fabric and notions that have been piled up and stuffed into closets and drawers. I know this from experience. You are not alone.

Progress always needs a plan and the simpler the better. Start with looking at what you completed in the past year with your quilting and sewing projects. You probably have done more than you first realize. How about projects started but not finished? Putting those on a Get-R-Done list will help keep them forward in your mind. Is there a technique you would like to learn? Don't be bashful about requesting a workshop on it or get together with a few at Bee or in your home to learn it.

Taking stock of where you have been and where you want to go can be a motivator but before you start in on these cleaning and organizing your sewing area will give you a fresh perspective and help focus your goals. Most likely you will find a treasure or two you have stashed away and forgotten about.

Mystery Workshop

Stacey Hieb

Every January we have a Mystery Workshop using charm squares. A charm square is 5”X5” and come in packs of 42. You will need two packs for this project and you can buy them or make your own. They can be the same or coordinating/complimentary, your choice. You will also need your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. The cost is \$5.00 and you can call me at 208-599-1407 to join in still if you have the time. Irons, ironing boards and cutting mats will be provided. The workshop will take place right after the guild meeting so bring a drink and lunch.

Quilt Challenge

Donna Lacy

The Challenge has been revealed - Monochromatic! Pick your favorite color or really challenge yourself with a color less used. Remember, monochromatic color schemes are derived from a single base hue. Extend this color choice by “adding” white to get a tint, gray to get a tone, or black to get a shade. Try to create “white” in your project by using a very light tint of your color choice. Likewise, create “black” by using a very dark shade of your color.

There are no restrictions on size or material, but the piece should be quilted. The limit is two entries per guild member. The backing fabric can be outside of our monochromatic theme as the front of the quilts are all that are voted upon. The quilting thread itself should match our monochromatic theme as well (if you choose blue for the fabric scheme, blue thread as well to complement). Be creative and have fun!

“It's a new year – ready, set, SEW!”

Quilt Shop Focus

Sarah Wisnewski

Each month we will be featuring a quilt shop within our tri-county area. Each shop is unique in what they offer fabric-wise, notions, quilting tools, machines, classes and services. We all have a favorite shop or two we frequent but sometimes they don't have exactly what we are looking for and it is good to know what other shops offer. This month's focus shop is:

A & E Fabrics is located at 923 N. New Warrington Road in Pensacola. They carry about 40,000 bolts of quilting cotton but also carry apparel and costume fabrics along with an extensive array of trims. They also offer a wide variety of rulers, templates, threads, notions, classes and books. They also carry Accu-Cut machines and dies and EverSewn brand sewing machines.

Each month they have a special sale on the "color of the month" and also offer a 15% discount to guild members on all cotton fabric and notions. A & E has their own Quilt Club that cost \$20 a year and members receive special pricing on sales given throughout the year and a discount on all fabric, notions, crafts, books, pre-cuts, patterns and trims. Quilt Club members also receive a 50% discount of a one-time cut of up to three yards of quilting cotton on the bolt in their birthday month.

To learn more about A & E Fabrics visit their store or you can find them on Facebook at A and E Fabrics as well as aandefabrics.blogspot.com.

Workshops

Julie DeLage & Janie Klipstein

Julie DeLage and Jane Klipstein will be doing Workshops in 2019.

We hope to do a Notebook binder in April that holds a standard 8.5 X 11.5 tablet. We need at least 15 people for this workshop.

Place to be announced later. Kit cost will be \$40.00 a room charge will be added as soon as we get the room confirmed. The cost could be between \$45.00-\$50.00 per person.

We would like to do workshops in July and September.

The point of contact will be Julie at email FREYJA04@hotmail.com or via phone [703-677-6269](tel:703-677-6269) for this Workshop

Get R Done

Roberta Bland

Don't forget to attend the Jan meeting and all will be explained what this challenge is all about. Those of you that have participated in the past know what to do and please hand in your lists. Remember, 25 max and we can add to it. Any questions, please give me a call at 405-240-2520.

The Buzzing Bee

With the holiday season our bee took some time and bee-bopped about town enjoying the holiday festivities and I am sure a few flowers along the way. With the New Year our bee returns ready to see all of our BEEautiful projects!

Our next Bee will be at St. Paul's UMC on January 23, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It would be wonderful to see all of your holiday projects at the bee as we begin buzzing along this year learning from each other's knowledge and experiences, maybe make a few new friends along the way too. See you soon!

January's Program: A Simple Resolution

Gail Matuskey

This month I will be sharing my 2019 Quilter's Resolution with you. Have you made one? Would you like to share it with us? The floor will be open to do so.

Terri Bentz was traveling last year and was unable to update us on her 2018 resolution. She will be sharing her success or failure with us this month.

Website

Mari Lydic

Did you know that our guild has its own website? Have you visited your account lately to add projects, photos or just thoughts in general about your quilting?

Last summer our website got a bit of a facelift by a friend of the guild and now I am caring for our site.

So I'd like to take this time to invite all of you have joined to please add to your personal pages. Even if it is just one tidbit, maybe how you found the guild or how you got into quilting.

For those who have not joined the website, please do. The website can be found at: www.srqguild.com

There is a public side and a private side to our site. On the public side the monthly newsletter can be seen along with general information about our guild, including the By-laws, committees, dates and times of meeting

The private side is where we, the members, can post on our personal pages a little bit about ourselves, our projects, etc.

To have access to the private side, either click on the Contact button on the left side bar or scroll down to the bottom of the main page and fill out the contact form. I will be notified and once I confirm that it is you (not some awful robot spammer) you will be given access to the private side of the website.

Once logged in, you will note that along the left sidebar there is now a My Account, visible. Under My Account there are categories you can click on to go to the appropriate page. Under Events category, there are now subcategories - Meeting and The Bee. So if you would just like to see the dates for the meetings for the year you can click that, or just for the bee then click The Bee. Along with each event is a Google map, just in case.

I would like to add a resources and helpful links page as the year progresses, and really make our website useful to our members. Including the Quilt stores that Sarah is going to review for the year, which I know we all could use!

I know not everyone wants to be online and some of us are online too much as it is, me included. However, it would wonderful to have our guild site be a place that you want to visit

to see what everyone is up to or see what is new out there, as an adjunct to our Facebook pages, or if you can't remember exactly where a shop was to be able to use our site to find what you need.

Community Quilts

Linda Ness and Sarah Wisnewski

As the New Year begins for our guild, there are a few minor changes in the procedure for our Community Quilts. I think you'll like them, and will agree it's important that everyone who pitches in to help make so many Community Quilts gets proper recognition. I apologize, that this hasn't always happened. I need your help to keep better track of each quilt and also the donated items. So, I've printed up some new tags to be attached to each kit. It contains a place for the Kit number, names of the Person(s) and which Task(s) they completed (Piecing, Quilting, or Binding). Then at the monthly guild meeting the completed quilts will be shown as part of our regular "Show and Tell". The names of everyone that worked on that particular Kit will be read. This will also give you a chance to see each quilt in person and not just a picture in a slide show. If you donate fabric, quilt blocks, quilt tops, completed quilts, etc. from your own stash, please pin a piece of paper to it with your name on it for later reference and recognition.

As it can get hectic at the meetings, when kits are coming and going, please help us by making sure that YOU, Sarah or I log "**your name and date**" in our log book next to the Kit # for which ever task(s) you are participating in.

Donations this past month: We received fabric from Mari Lydic, Mary Kay Helmich, Suzette Brinker and Sue Simoneaux and a finished quilt from Mary Addington.

Did you miss the December Guild party/meeting? Don't worry you can still see the slide show of all the beautiful quilts you helped make for Kid's House and the two Pregnancy Resource centers. The entire slide show is on our Facebook Chat page; check it out. If you don't have access to the Facebook Chat Page, please request to join and our FB and chat group master Laura Phillips will add you to the group.

The December quilts, pillowcases, burp pads, toiletries, pop-top tabs, etc. were delivered on the day before the party. It's too bad that all of you couldn't have been with us when we made the deliveries. WOW, the expressions of gratitude and delighted smiles made us really happy and proud that we could do this for them. If any of you would like to join us the next time we make deliveries and experience the "Love" first hand, let me know. You will be very welcome to join us.

We are busy making plans for new Kits for 2019 and hope to have a dozen or so kits available at the January meeting. However, currently we have some special needs. We have run through most of our kid fabric and have only scraps left. Recently we have received some youth fabric from several of you but we are in need of more. Would you consider buying a yard or two of youth and children prints so we can get going making kits? Panels are welcome too. Baby prints are easy to think of but what exactly are we looking for in a youth print you may be wondering. Cars, trains, boats, sport themed (but not teams), animals and animal prints, sea creatures, rockets and outer space...Does this help you? We have run short mostly on boy fabric but we could also use a little bit of girly stuff too.

"That which makes you different is what makes you special." Pharrell Williams

Facebook:

Laura Phillips

SRQG has two Facebook pages.

You first have to be logged into your personal Facebook page to find us.

-We have a public page, which anyone can access. To access this page type in "Santa Rosa Quilters Guild" in the search bar with your personal Facebook account.

-The other Facebook page is for current members only. To access this page type in "SRQG Chat Group" in the search bar. If you are not already a member click on the "Join Group" button. In a few days you'll be approved to join us.

Why do you want to be on our chat group page?

-To be better connected with our group.

-Share some of your personal projects your working on by posting pictures.

-If you need help with a project, post a question.

-Find out when the next meeting or activity is being held.

-Check out all the beautiful quilts that were shown at our guild and bee meetings.

-Anything beneficial to our group, post away! We love to see what else is going on in our community.

Think of it as a big bulletin board that only reaches current guild members.

Thank you everyone, Happy New Year and happy posting!

Messages from our Members

Big Thank You from Sue Bell

For 2018 a total of 104 small, medium and large, dog beds have been delivered to the Santa Rosa County Humane Society in the name of Santa Rosa Quilters Guild. Your generous donations to Sue of the materials, threads (both sewing and serger), needles, and batting have been greatly appreciated and donating these beds to those in need would not have been possible without everyone's generosity. This project will continue and your donations will be appreciated.

January's Recipe – This recipe was requested after our holiday party as many enjoyed the fresh flavor. Thank you Jenna Wiggins for providing the recipe:

1 Bag broccoli slaw (found in the cold veggie section of your grocery)

1 can mandarin oranges drained

Red seedless grapes halved (amount is your preference)

Granny smith apple cubed (amount is your preference)

½ cup chopped pecans

½ cup poppy seed dressing (your choice)

Combine and enjoy!

Would you like to see recipes monthly?? Please let me know if you've got one to share or I may share some of my own. Something quick and easy so we can get back to quilting!

"May your days be filled with fabric and your bobbin always full!"

Coming Attractions

Gail Matuskey

I hope to start a Quilt U this year based on Christine Barnes book Color Club. This would be an ongoing class of several sessions. Christine teaches how to use the color wheel when combining fabrics. No sewing machine is needed. You will cut, share, and create quilt blocks on your portable design wall. As a result you will gain more confidence in combining colors. Stay tuned for more information on dates, times, location, and fabric requirements.

Coming Along for the Ride???

Gail Matuskey

Sleigh Bells is a primitive quilt designed by Jan Patek. Several of us are going to do our own version of her design.

Jan's book, Sleigh Bells, was published in 2018, and can be purchased on Amazon, Connecting threads, and other sites. At our September guild meeting we will share our progress. This is a large design, but feel free to make it smaller.

This is all in the spirit of creative fun - no pressure, no prizes, scrappy or planned, theme or no theme. Sound like fun?? Come along and join us!

Newsletter

Mari Lydic

As some of you may know, Sarah has passed on care of our newsletter to me. Hopefully, everyone will continue to enjoy the newsletters in the future! If you have quilting related articles you think we would all appreciate, awesome recipes (who doesn't need more of them), or a question you would like to pose to the guild, please feel free to drop me a message at marilydic@gmail.com and I'll place your news in the next issue.

Over the coming months I will be writing some articles that may be of interest to both returning and new members. The topics may range from styles of quilting, different tools and products that are out and about these days. Honestly, it could be anything related to the quilt world! If there is something in particular you would like me to research and write about, please let me know and I'd be happy to add it to my topic list.

Calendar of Events January to March 2019

January 10th Guild meeting at 9 a.m. at CLC

Program – Quilter's New Year's Resolution

Workshop – Mystery Charm Square, immediately following the meeting

January 24th Bee at St Paul's UMC 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

February 14th Guild Meeting 9 a.m. at CLC

Program – Trunk show by Marcy Gallagher

February 28th Bee at St Paul's UMC 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

March 14th Guild Meeting at 9 a.m. at CLC

Program – TBA.

March 28th Bee at St Paul's UMC 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

2019 Board

President – Stacey Hieb
Vice President – Gail Matuskey
Treasurer – Anne Walborn
Secretary – Sherry Blais
Ex-Officio – Janie Klipstein

Committee Chairpersons for 2019

Membership	Pat Clark
Workshops	Janie Klipstein & Julie DeLage
Historian/Photos	Jenna Wiggins
FB & Chat Group	Laura Phillips
Librarian	Anne Walborn
Quilt Challenge	Donna Lacey & Becky Biddle
Door Prizes	Sue Simoneaux
Get-R-Done	Roberta Bland
Newsletter/Website	Mari Lydic
Community Quilts	Linda Ness/Sarah Wisnewski
Quilts of Valor	Barbara Logan/Paula Cismesia, Lynn Ridgway