

Redwood Remnants

November 2007

REDWOOD EMPIRE QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER



President's Piece

Dear Members

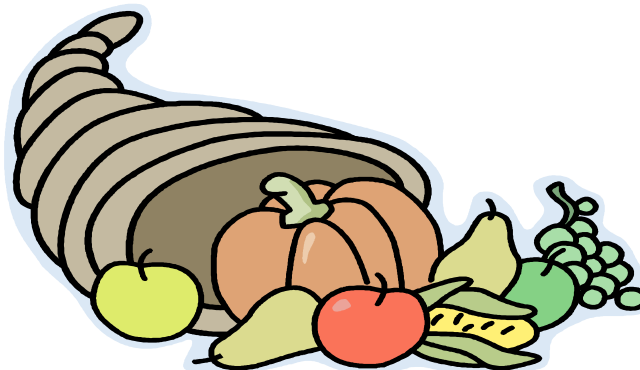
Cathy Zelany will be our National Speaker at the November meeting as many of you already know. I am truly looking forward to having her back as a speaker and this time as a teacher. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for information on her classes, etc.

Since I have joined the guild about 5 years ago, I have become cognizant of the fact that our guild has many avenues to give to REQG and to the community at large. Our Guild Officers, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Committees like Raffle Table, Block of the Month, Fat Quarter, The Newsletter, Membership, Challenge Quilt, Historian, Hospitality, Show and Tell, Sunshine and Library greatly enrich our monthly guild experience. Committees like Community Quilts, Publicity, Doll Quilts, Premie Quilts, the Quilt Show and Humboldt Area Foundation Grants allow the guild many avenues to give to the community. The people who have in the past and continue to volunteer for these committees deserve a pat on the back and warm thank you from each and every one of us for their time and effort for supporting REQG. To all of you, I say "Thank you!"

I have also become aware that there are individual members that reach out to the community and share their time and talents as quilters (and many other ways as well). I recently received an email from Liz McGee-Houghton at Freshwater Elementary School. She stated "We have a Gate (Gifted and Talented Education) program at our school. Several of the students in this program are interested in learning how to quilt. Do you know anyone who would be willing to come to our school once a week (Fridays) to start the students on a project. We are supposed to start these classes next Friday (Oct. 19th) but we can make do until a "real" quilter can fill in. I would very much appreciate if you could help us out. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you." If you are able to help Liz or know someone who might be interested in helping, will you please contact her at Freshwater Elementary School or by email at lizden@humboldt1.com.

Well, it is flu season. I was all set to get my shot on Monday, but I came down with a mild case this weekend. It sucks, I really don't have time for this, but I am grateful it is temporary. Hope you are all well and I look forward to seeing you the first Thursday in November.

Maggie Stimson
President



REQG Board Meeting 10/8/2007

The board meeting of the Redwood Empire Quilters Guild was called to order 7:10 pm by President Maggie Stimson. Officers present were Susie Freese, Sharon Stewart, Sherril Adams, Tedd Collins, Nancy Frost, Barbara Hotelling, Maggie Stimson, Linda Barry and Pat Reeves.

Barbara Hotelling moved that the minutes of the September meeting be approved as presented. Motion seconded and passed.

Correspondence was read and that needing action will be taken up in the proper order.

Treasurers report read and approved. Barbara will do a letter to HAF stating that of the \$2000 for the 07-08 term a portion will be used in the grant this year. It was also discussed that the Guild can apply for a grant from the HAF and it is a possibility we could obtain monies for a laptop and printer. Will look into the possibility.

1st VP—Sherill will check with Lorna to change the December and January meeting format.

2nd VP—Nancy advised the November classes—Friday is filled and Saturday has 6 spaces available. For March we have Pat Durbin lined up and will get a list of the type of classes she has.

Community Liaison Sharon had a large quilt top donated at the meeting - would like to use for a special fund raiser. Wants to set up some quilting days to restock the cupboard. Further information to follow.

Librarian Susie collected \$8.00 in late fees and the new books have created some interest.

Membership Pat reported 87 members at the meeting, 6 new and a total of 135 membership.

Newsletter Linda requested articles by the 15th

Opportunity quilt Susie had 14 fat quarters donated so far, we need “brights” of the batiks.

Preemie quilts Nancy was given 25 at the meeting and has a total of 50.

Doll quilts not present but it was reported we have 190 in our possession now.

Raffle table Tedd reported \$144.00 taken in at the last meeting.

Old Business: The quilt for the Zoo—Maggie has called their office with no response

Quilt class sign up protocol, discussed the procedure by mail or at the meeting or as deemed by the chairman.

Audit committee/ ByLaws— the standing rules need to be changed to correct when the committee is appointed (to April) to be able to report to the membership at the June Annual meeting. Nancy Frost moved & seconded. Motion carried.

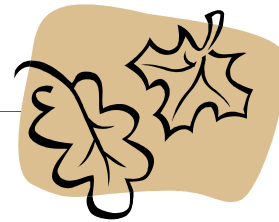
Quilters Travel Companion need to update show information.

Fund Raiser for off Quilt Show year—Studio Tour, Quilt Raffle. We need to get some concrete idea of what we want to do.

Treasurer Barbara will send to HAF memorial checks in memory of Susie Burkharth's husband and Judy DeGraff's mother. \$25.00 each.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm

Acting Secretary, Linda Barry



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Ready Reference

Fat Quarter:	18" x 22"
Preemie Quilts:	14" x 14"
Doll Quilts:	18" x 18" to 28" x 28"
Community Quilts:	45" x 60" (min)
Cradle Blanket	30" x 30" (min) to 35" x 35"

Raffle Table—Tedd Collins

NOVEMBER !! A great lecture and a couple of good classes. What more can you want. (Well friends not threatening to lock up your stash if you start a new project!!) We should have some interesting samples in the next couple of months from those PEOPLE who think the finished quilt is the thing.

Maybe the joy of sitting at the machine and working with the fabric is what it's all about!! Or maybe I'm just guilty of procrastination and am trying to guilt myself into finishing something. I don't think I can really count the two quilts I showed last month as real projects.

Thanks again for all the donations last month. I only pulled a couple of things from the closet and we made \$144.00 Surprised the heck out of me!

Your continued support is a constant confirmation of how each of us, doing our small part, puts together some great results. This is a generous guild and every time I run the table, I'm shown over and over how true this is.

We will have a raffle table in November and I'll try not to rattle on too much but I enjoy it and hope you do too.

Thanks again, TEDD (and now back to the sewing machine)

November

Happy Birthday

1 – Beverly Hood
 5 – Nancy Spruance
 7 – Linda Barry
 9 – Anna Imren
 15 – Mary Hall
 21 – Ida Kale
 21 – Lorna Richardson
 26 – Loren Justice
 28 – Megan Breyer
 29 – Pam Cone



NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

Newsletter items of general interest are accepted from all members of REQG. Business memberships include a business card-sized ad in each newsletter for the REQG year. Members are welcome to submit a copy-ready ad in the following sizes:

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Or send payment to above address and e-mail ad to: REQGNLBARRY1@aol.com



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
15th of the month

Membership—Pat Reeves

Hello, once again from membership. The last meeting was quite hectic, and I was so overwhelmed by so many people and by so much to do. Many thanks to Joyce Turner for being there to help me. We missed you, Judy.

I'm still learning the computer program, and trying to remember all that I'm supposed to do and keep track of. Thank goodness Cheryl Pekar, computer guru, was there last week to save my bacon again. I was able to correct my mistakes, and get everything back in order. Our current membership count is 138 with 19 of these being new or returning members.

Everyone must remember to check in at the membership table, so I can get an accurate count. Yes, I may call you on your missing name tag. Just remember, we don't need your dollar, we just want to know who you are, and that you were there. I encourage all members to create their own unique name tags. I can't find any flower pins for new members. If anyone can make some new ones before the next meeting, please do. It would be greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, due to my oversight in Sept and due to no room in the Oct newsletter, birthdays were not listed in the newsletters. Please forgive us. So I'd like to wish everyone a happy belated birthday to all that were missed.

If you have not registered by now, you are too late for the directory, and unless you register late, you must pay to attend each meeting. I hope nothing unforeseen has happened that caused me to leave anyone out of the directory or off of the registration list. If so, I apologize ahead of time. I hope to have the directory available for you to pick up at the November meeting.

Balance Sheet 8/1/07 to 9/30/07

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$29,799.19
Other Current Assets	-0-
Fixed Assets	3,265.44
Total Assets	<u>\$33,064.63</u>
Liability & Equity	
Liabilities	\$ 462.51
Equity	\$32,602.12
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$33,064.63</u>

Profit & Loss Statement 8/1/07—9/30/07

Income	
General Guild Income	\$ 828.40
Membership	\$ 2,050.00
Total Income	\$ 2,878.40
Expense	
General Guild Expense	\$ 2,909.50
Net Income	<u>\$ - 31.10</u>

Quilts by Donna Parker

On display beginning
in November

Fabric Temptations

942 G Street, Arcata
707.822.778

What do you want from Christmas?

Many people do hope for more than presents at Christmas. We want to somehow return to a time in our childhood (or some other good time in the past), when life was simpler and made more sense, before the troubles of adult life arrived. We feel sure that behind all the fun and decorations, there must somehow be a message, something more, some key to life, hope and happiness.

In this spirit I come to you with a fun exercise for our December meeting. When I became a young adult (in my family, for the purposes of Christmas giving, that age was 13) I automatically became part of the family gift exchange in lieu of receiving individual gifts. The way it worked was that all the men would purchase a gift for a man and the women would purchase a gift for a woman. The spending limit was an enormous \$5.00. These gifts would be brought to the gathering wrapped, with a tag stating whom the gift was from. Also attached to the gift was a long ribbon of 3 – 4 feet or more. On Christmas day all the gifts would be placed into a “special container” (usually a cardboard box with a dishtowel draped over the top). with the long ribbon hanging out... Everyone gathered around and chose a ribbon. On the count of “3” the bearer of each ribbon would pull their gift from the “special container.” It was a very merry time and we all had a lot of fun anticipating, buying, and receiving “the perfect gift.”

It's with this tradition in mind that I proposed to the board that we participate in this type of gift exchange for our December Pot Luck meeting. So...everyone wishing to participate is to bring a wrapped *quilting related* item to the December meeting, on the gift tag write who the gift is from. For continuity a ribbon that will be attached at the event. Your spending limit is a generous \$10.00. Lets see what we can come up with in the way of the perfect gift!!!

Sharon Stewart
Community Quilts Liaison

Community Quilts

Hi!! My name is Sharon Stewart and I'm really excited to be a member of the Redwood Empire Quilt Guild!!! So excited, in fact, I have volunteered to be the Community Quilts Liaison for the coming year. If you know of a need in the community that the quilters could fill please contact me or have the organization/ individual in question contact me.....I'm ready to get my feet wet!!!!

I'm sure you all remember the Hydesville family with 6 children that lost everything in a fire??? We gathered quilts for all the members of the family but I'm sorry to report that the family moved before the final 4 quilts could be delivered and the guild has been unable to locate them. That means there are 4 lovely quilts in the community cupboard for future use.

I'm am quite fortunate to have several guild members volunteer to work on community quilts. They are – Sherrill Adams, Diane Goldsmith, Cindy Bogardus, Sherry Guerney (is that spelled right Sherry?) and Winsome Miller. Thank you, ladies, your spirit and camaraderie are very welcome. We're going to have a fun year.

At the last meeting I touched on the idea of a quilt/sewing event after the holidays. We are still working on obtaining a building. If you have knowledge of a building we could rent/use please contact me or one of the committee members. I'll have more on the event as plans are finalized.

Sharon Stewart -Community Quilts Liaison
839-8416

PS: If you are the person who donated a large quilt top for community quilts please contact me.



The following members have these books due at the November meeting:

Donna Hauser
Omiyage

Kim Gunderson
Memories and Milestones

Julie Wester
Machine Quilting Made Easy

Sherrill Adams
Strip Clubbing

Jeanne Cissna
Legends

Peg Boedecker
Super Simple Triangles

Yvonne Jolley
Dear Helen, Can You Tell Me ?

Nancy Ingram
Strip Happy

Anna Imrem
On A Roll

Carol Hansen
Tried and True

Kathy La Forge
Happy Hour

Melody Williams
Surprisingly Simple Quilts

Darlene Cole
Combing Through Your Scraps

The following members have the books overdue and must pay a \$1.00 fine per title.

Janet Thomas
Hand Applique by Machine
Threads of Time

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Treasurer	Barbara Hotelling
Parliamentarian	Judy Gallamore
Community Quilts Liaison	Sharon Stewart
Library	Susie Freese
Membership	Pat Reeves; Edith Harmer; Judy DeGraff; Joyce Turner
Newsletter	Linda Barry
Publicity	Cathy Ray Pierson
Quilt Show	
Block of the Month	Pat Durbin
Challenge Quilt	Helen Saunders; Pauline Pire; Dorothy Cowan; Edith Goggin
Doll Quilts	Janet Fessler; Carol Hansen; 2008 will be Yvonne Jolly And Kim Gunderson
Fat Quarter	Joyce Dollar
Historian	Nancy Ingram
Hospitality	Gazella Wike; Chris Johnson
Preemie Quilts	Nancy Frost
Raffle	Tedd Collins
Show & Tell	Kathi Branum
HAF	Nola Flynn; Donna Parker

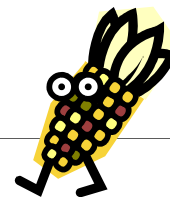
Quilting tips—what to do with your batting (and other oddities)

I use small pieces of left over batting for dusting. At first it was just dusting around my sewing machine, but now I use it all over the house.

I don't have a wall big enough to hang a flannel sheet for my blocks or rows of blocks. I take wire coat hangers and hang the first row lengthwise. Hook it with a clip clothespin and label it with masking tape on which I've written Row # and Sewing instructions, such as sew to row #2 from the top down or bottom up. When I get all of my rows done they are all lined up in a row on hangers with instructions so I can see what it's going to look like, and what I have to do next

I take a "hunk" of leftover batting and pin it over my shoulder when sewing. Then as you snip off those threads, tiny fabric nips, etc. etc., you just put them on top of the batting where they cling very well. After your sewing session is complete. you simply unpin the batting from your shoulder and toss it all neatly away

When you get ready to sandwich your quilt it helps to use a large yardstick to smooth out the wrinkles in the batting. It only takes a few strokes of the yardstick to get a smooth laying batting, the yardstick acts as an extended long arm and works like a charm



THURSDAY, November 8, 2007

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Block of the Month/ Fat Quarter Raffle
Personal beverage holder with lid
Community, Preemie, and Doll Quilts
Library Book(s) & Fine
Name Tag
Show and Tell Items