

Redwood Remnants



Redwood Empire Quilters Guild Newsletter

January 2012

President's Piece

Another Challenge?

One of the things I get to do as President is to read the newsletters that are sent to us from other guilds around the state. As I was reading the one from the Redding guild, an article caught my eye. It was about a challenge they were wrapping up this month. It was a finish your UFO's challenge.

I looked around my house counting the UFO's that I had finished this year. I'm not talking about my personal ones (I don't have any). These were ones that had been given to me by other people. I had to resort to checking my quilt journal. I finished FOURTEEN! Those are just the ones I finished. There are still a few laying around my sewing room that I haven't gotten to. Talk about taking on someone else's quilt! I sure did.

So I am throwing down the gauntlet. From January 1st to the June meeting, let's see how many UFO's this membership can finish. We don't have a quilt show to worry about, so you can concentrate on the projects that are lurking in your sewing rooms. I will think about some prize categories. Oldest, as in how many years it sat around, could be one.

I called Gladys Hartmann to see if we could have a UFO Show and Tell in June. She said yes and asked me if I had opened the Christmas gift she had given me at the meeting. I hadn't, so Gladys said to open it. It was a glow in the dark metal sign that said "UFO Crossing" on it. How perfect was that? I think I will hang it in my front hallway. It will certainly confuse the non-quilters who come into our home.

If you really can't face those UFO's, they can still come to live at my house.

Have a happy and healthy holiday and new year. And may all your seams be an accurate 1/4".

Happy Quilting
Susie Freese

Programs

What a feast there was at the December meeting! The potluck table was filled with yummy food. Our guest that night was Harriet Pecot from Food for People. We filled the back of her car with boxes of donated food items.

The cookie sale brought in \$230 and the "pass the hat" donations brought in \$500. It was a wonderful, generous evening.

Here is her note to us:

"Thank you and all the Redwood Empire Quilters Guild for inviting us back this year and all your generous donations. I am impressed by all you do for our community. It was also a lot of fun being with such a dynamic group of women. Thanks so much!"

Happy Holidays,

*Harriet Pecot
Fund Development Director
Food for People, Inc.
harriet@foodforpeople.org
(707) 445-3166 ext. 306"*

Time to mark those new 2012 calendars!

January:

Don't forget to bring your "mini challenge" item to the January meeting. Look for the submissions table, which will be in the foyer. Numbers will be attached to all completed submissions, which will then be pinned up onto black drapes or placed on a table in the main room. We will hand out ballots to all attendees.

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There are some fun prizes for the six categories:

Best Use of Materials
Best Hand Quilting
Best Machine Quilting
Most Humorous
Best Wearable/3D
Best of Show

February: National Speaker, Pat Sloan - Classes are filled. There is a waiting list.

March: Basket Auction - The March sewing weekend is filled up, and we have a waiting list.

April: Tall Quilt Tales

May: Trunk Show

June: End of year potluck and HAF recipients' presentation

Questions - call Anne or Gladys

Work Day

Redwood Sewing Center is hosting a work day to make quilts for Dialysis Patients on Saturday, January 21, 2012. We'll start at 10 am and sew until 3 pm. Pot luck for lunch. Carolyn Biles is in charge of this project.

Bring your sewing machines and any orphan blocks if you have them. Please join us for a fun day for a good cause.



Fons and Porter's Magazine Offer

The Fons and Porter magazine, "Love of Quilting," is being offered to quilt guilds at a discount, which is \$15 for one year --6 issues. The regular price is \$20. Fons and Porter will donate \$5 to the guild for each subscription. Included with your subscription are these items: 2 free quilting booklets and 3 free spools of Sulky thread. If interested, bring your check for \$15 to the January, February, or March guild meetings, and sign up on the list we will circulate, or have at the membership table. The deadline is March 31, 2012.

See Susie or Edith Harmer for more information.

Calling for Blood Bank Quilts

It's time again to change the quilts in the Blood Bank. Bring quilts to the January meeting, and Lorna Richardson and I will find homes for them for 6 months where they are very much appreciated and enjoyed by all the folks who come in the Blood Bank's doors. Remember that we need mostly small quilts with space for only a few that are in the 45"-50" size. Quilts that have been up since June will be available at the January meeting, as staff person Dave plans to take them down ahead of time. We will work out the colors and themes, and somehow it always seems to work well.

Thanks for loaning your quilts, Edith Harmer.

Fat Quarter Raffle News

Thanks to all of you that brought in fat quarters in September. Below is the list of the themes for the entire Guild year. If you have any questions, call me.

- Jan. Something From Your Stash
- Feb. Hearts
- Mar. Shamrock Green
- Apr. Flowers
- May Black and White
- June Red, White, and Blue

Thank you,
Joyce Turner

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Welcome to 2012 and the creation of new and beautiful quilts for our organizations that we serve.

My holiday wish for everyone is that you have an enjoyable, trouble-free, and joyous season with friends and family and that you are looking forward to the New Year with renewed hope, energy and enthusiasm.

The December feast at the last Guild meeting was as grand as always. If you missed the December meeting, the June potluck should prove to be just as wonderful. Special thanks to all of those who planned, set up the tables and decorations, prepared the delicious food, and to those who cleaned everything up after the event.

At the meeting 13 kits were checked out and 17 items were checked in. Two completely finished beautiful lap quilts in shades of aqua, lavender, blue, pink and purple were donated as a holiday bonus for us. We received 6 completed quilts, 3 quilted veterans twin-size ready for binding and 8 tops. During the month, about 20 quilts had their bindings completed and turned back in. It is almost impossible to believe all of the dedicated work, consideration, and talent that all of you provide. Your contributions truly make me weepy as I think about it. I cannot thank you enough. It is especially amazing that this large volume of work has been completed during a very busy holiday season. As a result of your excellent participation, we have delivered the following quilts: 6 to the Red Cross, 6 to the Hospice "We Honor Veterans" program, 7 to the Eureka High School Teen Parent Program and 1 to the Veterans Center. In the next few weeks about 8 quilts will be delivered to the North Coast Children's Center. This week bindings will go on 4 additional Veterans quilts and should be there around January 1. With all of these deliveries, the quilt storage shelves are just about bare.

The Eureka High School Teen Parent Program could use quilts for "Tummy Time." They should be about 20" square.

Mimi

Food for People, Inc.

Following is a letter submitted to the Times-Standard by Harriet Pecot, Development Director, Food for People, Inc.

"How the West was really won...

Dear Editor,

It's obvious if you were at the Redwood Empire Quilters Guild holiday gathering last Thursday evening – the west was won stitch by stitch.

I was honored to attend and accept their generous donations of food and funds on behalf of Food for People to help feed the hungry in Humboldt County. But I was fascinated by *all* the community service going on in the name of quilting. In the front of the room was a huge mound of "doll quilts" (which were more like works of art) to be donated to the Salvation Army for kids to take home to wrap their doll or toy in. At one table there were quilting kits some of their members had prepared which made making a quilt for the Veterans or Hospice of Humboldt (people could make their own choices) very easy. A quilter only had to sew the top of the quilt together which then would be passed on to another quilter to complete the next step (and so on). There were quilts sewn for teen mothers in a local program. There were quilts to be hung in the Alzheimer's home to bring more color and life to the surroundings of the folks who live there. And of course, there were quilts to be hung in the local blood bank. I'm sure there is even more community service going on that I'm not aware of because it is obvious - this is an unstoppable force!

I give thanks for being counted amongst the recipients of such a group (they brought in food, baked for a special holiday goodie sale and also donated money). It takes a community working together to accomplish good works and this group not only does it well, they do it beautifully and gracefully.

Thank you Redwood Empire Quilters for all that you do for Humboldt County – one more reason this is a great place!

In gratitude,

Harriet Pecot
Development Director"

Congratulations, Guild members. A total of \$730 was collected at our December potluck and donated to Food for People!

Anne Carlisle

FOR SALE

Classic Singer Featherweight with case. Excellent condition. Throat plate has been adapted and includes seam allowance increments, including 1/4", perfect for your piecing! Some attachments included, only \$295.00. ALSO, 1954-ish Model Singer 301-A (big sister of the Featherweight, same machine on a larger chassis), lightweight, portable with carrying handle. Uses same bobbins as Featherweight. Includes NEW foot control and cord still in package. All for \$200.00.

Call Judy DeGraff

Happy Birthday

January

- 01 Carol Cox
- 02 Arlene Kobloth
- 03 F. Edith Goggin
- 03 Brenda Lou Scott
- 05 Kimberly Hendrickson
- 06 Cynthia Causley
- 06 Mimi Mace
- 07 Haline Sundet
- 08 Janine Davis
- 20 Ann Seemann
- 22 Cheryl Kaska
- 25 Pauline Pire

Membership Report

Congratulations Susie, your Christmas present from Membership: we have met your goal of 200 members!

Meeting statistics for December always seem to be lower than other months. This year's attendance was a total of 84 people. There were 69 Individual members, 6 Business members, 3 Business Associates, and 6 guests attending this year's meeting. That is not too bad compared to the highest December attendance in 2004-05 when we had a larger membership and the attendance totaled 86.

Happy New Year!

Maggie Stimson and Lorna Richardson



FOR SALE

Making room to reorganize my studio:

- 1) IKEA open bookshelf, 9 shelves 39" x 89" x 12"
- 2) Oak bookshelf, 3 shelves 42" x 34" x 12"
- 3) Maple bookshelf, 5 shelves 30" x 48" x 10"
- 4) Cutting table, 32" x 48" x 34" will fold to 32" x 12" x 34"
- 5) Desk unit comes in 3 pieces, forms an "L" with a shelf unit on top.
- 6) TV stand that swivels, black with glass doors 20" x 20" x 30"

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Lynne Todoroff .

BLOCK OF THE MONTH






Colors to use for block #5

Fabric A: White **Fabric D:** Light Blue **Fabric E:** Gray **Fabric F:** Dark Blue **Fabric G:** Medium Blue

Garden Arrows ~ Block #5

All piecing is done right sides together with a scant 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise stated. Cut the pieces listed in the cutting instructions in the order listed. Press in the direction of the arrows.

Cutting Instructions

-  Fabric A: cut 2 - 4" squares
 4 - 3 7/8" squares
 4 - 2 1/2" squares
 18 - 1 1/2" squares
-  Fabric D: cut 4 - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles
-  Fabric E: cut 1 - 7 1/4" square
 1 - 2 1/2" square
-  Fabric F: cut 2 - 4" squares
-  Fabric G: cut 4 - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles

Step #1 - flying geese units

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 18, 1 1/2" fabric A squares. Place a 1 1/2" fabric A square on the corner of a 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" fabric D rectangle. Stitch on the diagonal line. (fig. a) Do this with all 4 fabric D and the 4 fabric G rectangles. Press triangles away from the center. Trim away the bottom 2 corner layers leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat on the opposite corner. (fig. b)

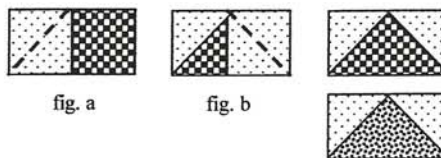


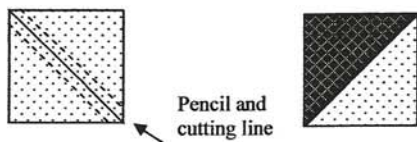
fig. a

fig. b

Step #3 - half square triangle units

Draw a diagonal line, on the wrong side of the 2, 4" fabric A squares. Pair the fabric A squares, with the 2, 4" fabric F squares. Stitch 1/4" on each side of the drawn line. (see below) Cut apart on the drawn line and press seam toward the darker fabric.

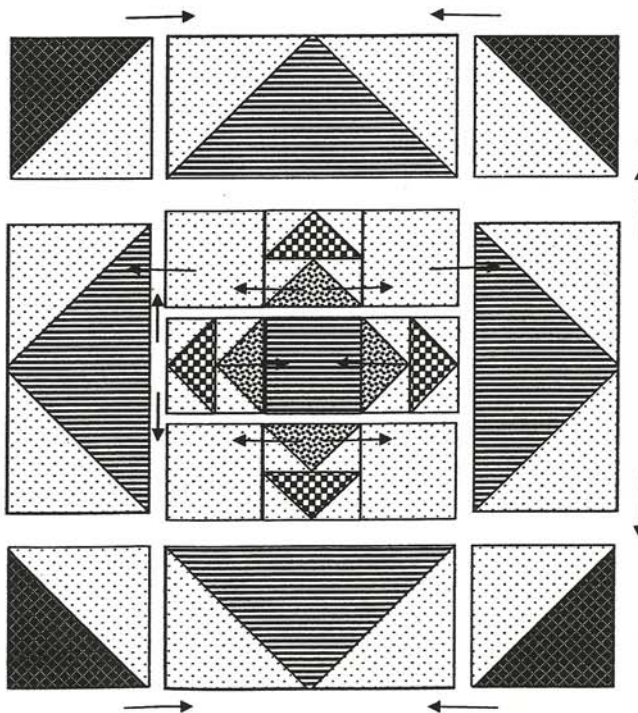
Using a square ruler, with a 45 degree line, (place the line on the diagonal seam) square the half-square triangles to 3 1/2".



Pencil and cutting line

Step #2 - large flying geese units

Use the 1, 7 1/4" fabric E square and the 4, 3 7/8" fabric A squares to make 4 flying geese units. Refer to large flying geese piecing instructions given separately.



Final Step

Piece the block center as pictured. (6 1/2")
 Using the block center, half square triangles and large flying geese units, piece the horizontal rows. Press. Then join the rows. Press. (12 1/2")

Flying Geese Instructions

When the instructions refer to the "large flying geese piecing instructions given separately" piece your sets of 4 large flying geese units using the method below. All piecing is done right sides together. Press in the direction of the arrows.

Fabrics

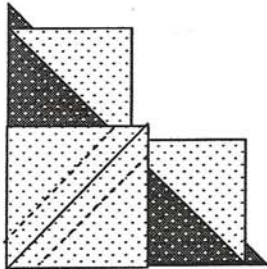
The block/finishing instructions will state what fabrics to use and what size they should be cut.

You will use 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " squares and 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares to make the flying geese.

1, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " square along with 4, 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares will make 4 flying geese units.

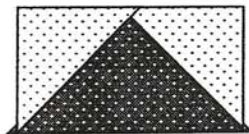
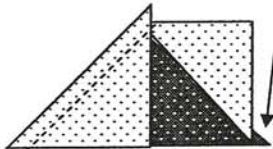
Step #2

Place a 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " square on each half as pictured and stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the drawn line.



Cut apart on drawn line.

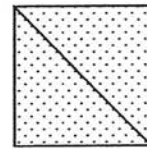
Press and trim away the little dog ears.



Yields 4, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " flying geese.

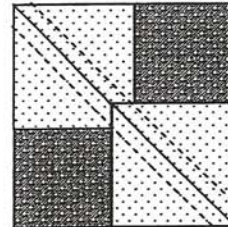
Step #1

Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares.

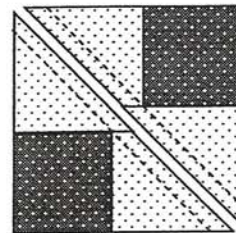


Place 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares on opposite corners of a 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " square.

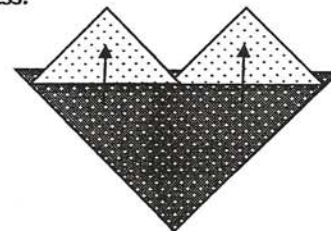
Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the drawn line.



Cut apart on drawn line.



5. Press.



Upcoming Events—January 2012 and Beyond by Edith Harmer

January 19-22, "Road to California Quilters' Conference & Showcase", 2000 E. Convention Center in Ontario, CA. Thurs-Sat 9:30-6 pm, Sun 10-3:30. \$10/day or \$25 multi-day. Classes begin Jan 18. More info: www.road2ca.com

Jan 27-28 in Silverton, OR "The Oregon Garden's Stitches in Bloom Quilt Show" 879 W. Main St. Featuring Velda Newman, nationally recognized quilt artist. 2-day workshops prior to show, French Wire Ribbon Flowers and Textures & Form. More info: info@oregongarden.oorg or Website link: www.oregongardenstitchesinbloom.blogspot.com or call Mary Ridderbusch 503-874-2537

Sue Benner Workshop in Redding on Feb. 8th: "Fusing the Grid: Variations On A Square Theme". No Sewing Machine needed. "In this workshop you will create a series of several art quilts based on the grid. Sue offers many ways to work with rectilinear design using fusible web. This is a great workshop for developing new directions in color, working in a series, and experimenting with silk and other fibers. The techniques and ideas that Sue teaches here are the basis for much of her work and an excellent beginning." Fee is \$55 for non-members, \$35 for members.

I am including this information from Redding guild's (Quilters' Sew-Ciety of Redding, Inc.) newsletter since there are so few quilting events going on this winter.

For more info, see: www.suebenner.com

Request for Help

Charlie, the Olfa Guy, asked me to help him with something while he was here for our quilt show in July. At one of our previous quilt shows, someone told him about a company in Northern California what will use recycled Olfa cutting blades to make prosthetics. Charlie would like the pertinent information to post on the Olfa website.

If you know about this company, please call Judy DeGraff . Thanks.



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15th of the month

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"

**PLEASE RESPECT THOSE WHO HAVE ALLERGIES
LEAVE THE PERFUME AND HEAVY
FRAGRANCES AT HOME ON GUILD NIGHT!!**



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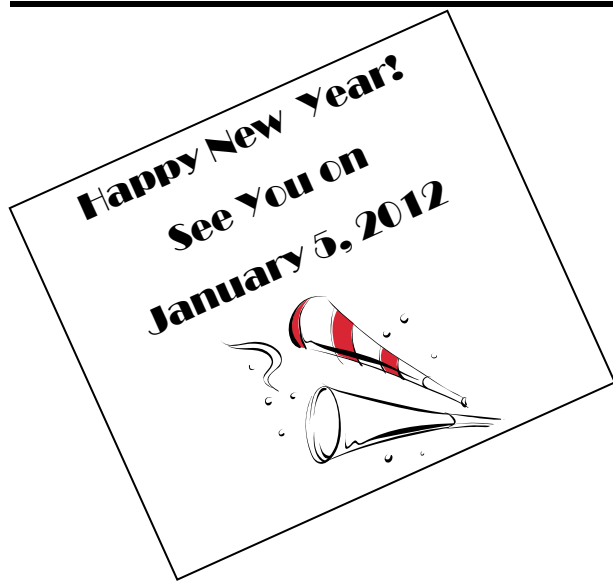
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Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

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