



NEWSLETTER EDITORS: JUDY RIDDLE AND
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OUTING TO FORT ROSS

Eight quilters: Judy, Riddle, Sharon Moreland, Julie Verran, Laura Hamilton, Joyce Gaudet, Renata Lopez, Gail Spencer, and Katy Horn, made the venture to Fort Ross on July 24. It was a beautifully warm, calm, sunny day.



Everyone gathered at the picnic area near the Call house. To fill time before the caterer arrived, quilters braved a Quilt-Word scramble game. Joyce Gaudet was our expert quilt-word unscrambler, with a close second by Laura Hamilton. Renata made arrangements with Tim Smith, our local certified food handler to provide lunches for us. All savored their brown-bag lunch which included a sandwich or salad, fruit, a cookie, ice tea or water, and a mint. After a pleasant lunch, quilters were quizzed with quilt trivia questions and a quilt block identification challenge. We then had free time before the Fort Ross presentation by Ranger Robin Joy Wellman. Following a very informative lecture, we relocated to the field to "fire the cannon".



Gail Spencer, Renata Lopez, Don Hamilton and one other visitor assisted Ranger Robin to "fire the cannon".



We were then invited to the Officer's Quarters to have tea and cookies.



While enjoying our goodies, Ranger Robin and Joyce Gaudet unveiled the 'Piece of Ft. Ross' quilt which will be part of the California State Parks online quilt show via the quilt web page www.150.parks.ca.gov/quilts. Joyce prepared two blocks for this quilt and collaborated with Ranger Robin to finish the quilt for the 150th anniversary celebration of Fort Ross. This



quilt will be on permanent display at Fort Ross.

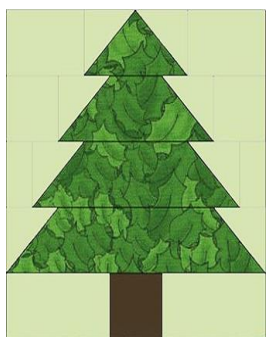
It was a great day for the outing and fully enjoyed by everyone!
~ Judy Riddle

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In preparation for the Fort Ross outing on July 24, I considered the idea of trying to incorporate a "quilting related" activity. Several ideas came to mind, but were discarded after taking into consideration the time constraints and the limitations of the location. I received 500 quilt trivia questions from a quilter friend (thank you Jan Bawart). 500 trivia questions was quite overwhelming at first, but, after reading them, I found myself to be very uneducated, yet intrigued. The trivia questions peaked my curiosity and forced me to do a little research. I thought it would be enjoyable to quiz those who attended the outing, by presenting some trivia questions followed by identifying the quilt blocks mentioned in these trivia questions. Some of the trivia was obvious and some enlightening to all. It was also very educational for me to search for pictures of particular quilt blocks. I went through six books trying to find pictures of particular quilt blocks. Some blocks were in EVERY book, i.e. Drunkards Path, Sunbonnet Sue, LeMoyné Star. Some were in NONE of the books, i.e. Wagon Wheel, Wandering Foot. I then went to the internet and found some quite nice pictures. However, I could not find a picture of one particular block....."The Forty-Niners" quilt block as it relates to the California Gold Rush. Curiosity also infected Gail Spencer, who went searching for The Forty-Niner block and found an example. My point with sharing this exercise with you is that Quilt history is incredible. You have no idea how massive quilt history is until you start looking for something in particular, not to mention that you can get sidetracked. It's a bit like looking for a particular piece of fabric only to then get involved in rearranging your sewing room, and then find those unfinished projects you decide to finish!!!

~Judy Riddle

FESTIVAL OF TREES



2014

The Festival of Trees committee needs another member. We have a small group of active members and many members are doing more than one job. If you are doing only one—or none—consider helping

us. The duties are light for most of the year, but require some time in October and November. No special skills required! Just a desire to help us produce more income to keep the Guild afloat and healthy. Please contact Joyce Gaudet and/or Sylvia Edwards. Their contact information is in the Guild directory.

Sharon Moreland for the FoT Committee, Joyce Gaudet and Sylvia Edwards, Chairs

PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2014

URGENT MESSAGE: As of July 30, GAC had no sign-ups for this workshop. Registration deadline is August 28. Workshop fees are \$50 to \$65. Please sign up as soon as possible so that we do not have to cancel this workshop.

September 18:

"Voluptuous Applique", one day workshop by Cara Gulati, 9:30-4:00. You'll learn to create your own original block design. Learn to design your own blocks with wild curvy seams. Freezer paper, glue and



invisible thread are some of our tools. A light box creates transparency. Color gradations can make amazing impact! Check the PPQG website for the materials list. We will have light boxes.



September 19:

Guild Meeting with Lecture by Cara Gulati.

October

10: **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE**

The Guild meeting is a week earlier so that it does not conflict with the Pacific International Quilt Fest in Santa Clara, CA. Our guest speaker will be Marie Strait, Board Chair for the San Jose Quilt and Textile Museum. She will be bringing several quilts from the museum.

November 21: Guest Lecturer will be Jan Soules presenting a lecture on "Spectacular Borders: from basics to beyond". Jan has been quilting since 2000. She has never settled on one style of quilting preferring to mix appliqué and pieced blocks, her sense of design and color sense for creating her works. She is a member of the Elk Grove and River City quilt guilds. Her accomplishments include five Best of Show awards and six Best Use of Color awards at local guilds, along with numerous first place and judge's choice awards. She was the featured artist at the 2011 River City Quilters Guild annual show.

~Kalyrn Oleson ksue57@mcn.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

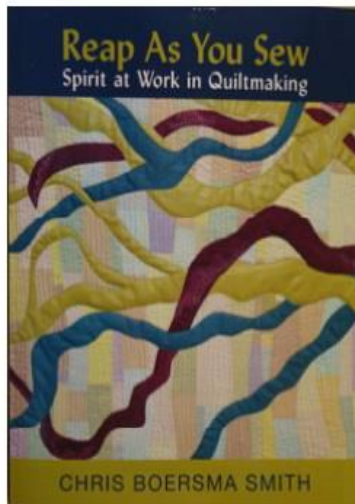
Beginning Balance (June).....\$5,564.79
Deposits..... 462.50
Expenses..... 494.58
Ending Balance (June)..... \$5,532.71

NOTE: Workshop proceeds from R. Dace's class will show on July report.

~Kalyann Oleson

QUILT HAPPENINGS

Mirka Knaster is one of 19 artists invited to participate in Art by the Sea, The Sea Ranch Tour, Labor Day weekend. Her studio, at 36560 Sculpture Point Drive (off Navigators Reach), will be open to the public 10am to 5pm from Saturday, August 30, through Monday, September 1.



Chris Boersma Smith's book,

Reap As You Sew: Spirit at Work in Quiltmaking,

is now being printed by WestBow Press. This isn't a how-to quilt book, but rather, an 8.5"x11" WHY-TO quilt book with over 90 color photos and 13 stories about

quilters of different faiths and quilting styles, including (besides Chris) Annie Beckett, Donna Blum, and Sue Friedland, with other recognizable local faces. Each chapter also lays out practical steps to enhance the spiritual-quilting connection. Chris will be hosting local and online *Reap As You Sew* creativity workshops, and Four-Eyed Frog Books will schedule an author's event and trunk show as soon as the release date is confirmed. Check www.foureyedfrog.com/ or www.ReapAsYouSew.com for updates.

Spaces are still available:

Diablo Valley Quilters Workshop with Judy Sisneros Now Open to non-Guild Members

August 21, 2014 Thursday 10:00 - 4:00
Judy Sisneros: Circle Pizzazz Cost: \$50
Skill level: Confident Beginner/Intermediate
Five-piece acrylic template sets with pre-cutting instructions will be available for purchase (\$21.50) by registered attendees at the June and July General Meetings or by contacting Susan Greene (sgrehome@gmail.com or 925 984-9868). See more Circle Pizzazz quilts on Judy's website—http://judysisneros.com/Workshop_-_Circle_Pizzazz.html

Workshops are held at the DVQ Studio, 12919 #1 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon, CA.

To reserve your spot, send a check for \$50 made out to "DVQ" (include your email address and the name for the workshop) to

Susan Greene, 316 W Meadows Ln
Danville, CA 94506-1335

Ladies of the Lake

13th Annual Falling Leaves Quilt Show

Featuring multi-talented quilt artist:

Colleen Granger

October 4-5, 2014

Saturday 10:00 - 5:00, Sunday 10:00 - 4:00

Lake County Fairgrounds

401 Martin Street, Lakeport, CA 95453

To enter a quilt download an entry form or for advance sale tickets visit www.LLQG.org



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Open Monday through Friday 8am to 6pm;

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