

Napa Valley Quilters April

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Happy Spring! In my yard the Maple trees have filled out their new crop of leaves. Some of my winter lettuce bolted with the warm weather. And I have green strawberries on my newly planted strawberry ladder. I made this after perusing the Pinterest garden pictures. I just love the fact, that I can think, of just about anything, and I am able to check out ideas for it; in a matter of a few clicks. I also find many quilt ideas; art quilts, pieced quilts, and techniques, to ponder over.

I attended, at the College, the Sunday matinee show of Guys and Dolls. It was wonderful. And I recognized many quilt guild members there too. Such a great afternoon of song and dance.

I am designing and redesigning in my head the challenge quilt. The House that Quilters Built. I have so many ideas I can't quite settle on one idea. I think I need to just take the creative all in plunge. Make a background I think with painted cloth. And, build a "house" and then finish the piece by auditioning where that house is placed/sitting. I think an animal may live there too.

I still have not started the farm girl blocks but I have collected some fabric. So maybe a block a day is called for.

I also took the 9 patch class in March, after the meeting. Taught by Sharon Templeton. I appreciated the different ways to complete the same patch. And the last technique of 2 big squares, sew, two sides cut; and sew again, twice, then cut the length and sew two more and its done. Good fun!

Have you recycled or upcycled any found or older discarded fabric items. Last Guild Meeting we were shown many different cool ways to incorporate upcycled items to make jackets and bags and other quilted items.

This next Meeting, in April, Joy Lily will show us a selection of her creative endeavors. Carefree quilts, and brightly colored silk painting are a few of her specialties.

And a few quotes for fun. . . .

People who start quilts and never finish them are way cooler than those who never start quilts.

Beware that eating chocolate, while quilting, makes your clothes shrink.

Quilting keeps my hands busy, my mind calm, my heart happy, and my family warm.

And, God would not have made me this creative if She wanted me to just cook and Clean.

Cheers! Krista Lopez, President