

LOOSE THREADS

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April is my favorite month of the year just for the sheer beauty that bursts forth around us. The vineyards leaf out, the poppy's bloom. Especially this year, I'm enjoying our sunny days after so much rain. As I am relishing spring, I am conscious some in our group may not be enjoying the same experience and it causes me to reflect a bit.

Our long-time member, Betty Ann Miller, passed away in early March. She was not one who enjoyed attention, but we would be remiss if we did not pause to remember and appreciate all she did for our Guild. Betty Ann lived on a beautiful property in the middle of vineyards. For many, many years, she gave the Guild use of her guest house for our speakers/work shop leaders, saving the Guild the expense of paying their hotel bills. She also gave us use of one of the bays in her garage for our Quilts2Share supplies/activities. She did so quietly and without fanfare, always bushing off our thanks. Those who know her better, have many other examples of her generosity to our Guild and her volunteer work in the Napa community. She is much missed.

As in any population, we have fellow Guild members who are experiencing difficult times - losses of friends, losses of spouses/partners, our own or a family member's serious illnesses. The friendship and fellowship we extend to each other help in ways we cannot quantify. I encourage you to put your roster to good use and continue to reach out with a call, a note, or an invitation to come and sew.

Katie Bowers, President



Napa Valley Quilters
Minutes of the General Meeting
Las Flores Community Center, Napa
March 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President, Katie Bowers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the March birthdays were announced and Happy Birthday was sung, and Katie announced that Mary Boyer will give today's presentation .

New Business: Katie discussed the approaching need for a new storage area for the Quilts to Share supplies, as Betty Ann's unit will be unavailable within a few months. If a guild member does not have a free or fee area available the guild will need to enlarge our purchased storage unit.

Old Business: Katie briefly discussed the library reorganization when the Senior Center is again available. Linda Wagner questioned if there is a list of books/items and mentioned the importance of the available literature for use by our members.

Secretary: Sandra Hewitt mentioned the minutes were posted with the newsletter, on line. Corrections for Feb 9 minutes were submitted and then the minutes were approved as corrected, on a motion by Rose Luce and a second by Krista Lopez.

Treasurer's report: Report presented to membership by Maggie Walker. The checking account has a beginning balance of \$22,149.26 and ending balance of \$22,360.17.

Programs: Kelly VanCamp introduced Mary Boyer as today's speaker with a lecture and display of her works. Mary is a 'Green Quilter', using many recycled fabrics for her projects. Speakers are lined up for April, June, September, October and November. Our member, Linda Wagner, will be our speaker for July; along with a potluck and Country Store. Check the webpage for planned speakers and classes.

For more information and links to the speakers' websites go to the Napa Valley Quilters' website.

Membership: Krista Lopez reported that there were 82 members present, with 1 new member and 3 guests. Our new member's name is Mary.

Newsletter: Cheryl Bundy was absent but Katie reminded members that any item for inclusion in the newsletter needs to be emailed to her no later than the 20th of the preceding month.

Block of the Month: Elizabeth Helmer reported the BOM info is on the webpage: www.napavalleyquilters.org . Sandra Ellingson won the blocks. Sarah Galczynski announced 3 members to share the fat quarters; and that the fat quarter colors for the year are also listed on the inside, back cover of the members roster.

Drawings: Mary Jo Kent announced 4 winners.

Website: Maggie Walker stated the website is up to date. Check the website for other quilt events, and Block of the Month plans.

Communication: Patty Glenn was present and had no report.

Historian: Carol Holmes was present and had no changes to report.

Welcoming Chair: Nothing new

2019 Opportunity Quilt: Opportunity quilt ticket packets are available; you may have more than 1 packet. There are also pillowcase kits.

Quilts to Share: The next Q2S Saturday is March 30 at the mobile home park. The group meets 10-3:30, with lunch provided as well as drawings and fun. Kay O'Neill announced there were 2.5yds and fat 1/4s for sale at the table.

Parliamentarian: Linda Feutz was not available.

Publicity: Nothing new

Art in the Library: Linda Feutz will return in April for discussion of Art in the Library.

Sunshine: No report

Librarian: No report

Hospitality: Leslie Vaughn is back and there was a wealth of treats available

Other business:

- Sharon Lampton mentioned she had taken a drivers' test and learned that the recommended hand placement on the wheel is now 9-3, not 10-2. The 10-2 position may lead to a broken wrist if the airbag deploys.
- Michele Moore announced that Napa State Hospital is looking for fabric donations for craft classes. Contact her regarding donations.
- Joanne Dalton mentioned she will be offering a quilting class on Sat, June 22. Contact her for info.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am for Bring and Brag, and presentation with Mary Boyer.

Sandra Hewitt, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fiber Expressions has an exhibit showing quilts at the St. Helena Library the Month of May.

Opening reception May 2, 2019 at 7:00pm

1492 Library Lane, St. Helena, CA

FABULOUS FABRIC SALE!

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County is having our Annual Fabric Sale on **Wednesday, April 17th** at the Vets Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue in Santa Rosa. Doors open 7pm - 9pm.

This is a BUMPER CROP YEAR with generous donations from members and Jim Hahn, former owner of Teddy Bear Quilts. We have complete and incomplete quilt kits, notions, high quality threads, tools, books, patterns, and of course, TONS of fabric!

There will also be fabulous baskets and quilt tops to win at our raffle. **Fabric is \$3/lb**, and raffle tickets are 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10, and 40 for \$20. Some items will be price pointed. **THIS SALE IS WORTH THE DRIVE!** Bring your stash money you've been saving for a special occasion. This is it! MOONLIGHT QUILTERS

In Loving Memory of Betty Ann Miller



Betty Ann Miller went to rest on March 10, 2019. She was an amazingly generous lady, but you would never know it. She donated not only her garage and guest house to us she bound endless quilts, sewed hundreds of quilts for the pathway home and did all of this in the shadows. She had an amazing life living all over the world and then settling in the Napa Valley. Her presents will be missed but her spirit of giving will always be part of our guild..

You can send cards to
the Miller Family
P.O. Box 5840
Napa , Ca 94581

Saturday APRIL 13, 2019
NVQG WELCOMES Speaker



LAUREL ANDERSON

Laurel Anderson is an award winning gifted textile artist. Born and raised on the West Coast, Laurel is well known in the San Francisco Bay area as an accomplished appliqué quilt designer.

Her quilt designs are inspired by her love of nature as seen in her flower and natural landscape designs which include trees and mountains. She uses a mix of color, pattern and textures. Laurel loves dyeing fabrics including silk scarves, wool and bamboo batting.

The History of Appliqué

This lecture includes an 1850s style appliqué quilt and many of Laurel Anderson's own appliqué quilts. She will discuss the changes in styles and how they evolved with the fortunes of our country. Included are the progression of appliqué methods and her personal exploration of appliqué techniques.

Next Month: SATURDAY May 11, 2019, NVQG's own member-BETH WERT discussing sewing for a living & how a commercial sewing machine makes all the difference!

Don't forget to sign up for WORKSHOPS!!

June 9th workshop-Metro Twist with Lisa McKissick & Make a Ruler Bag with Linda Wagner on July 14th!!

Email Theresa & Kelly at NapaQuilters@HBNapa.com

Colors:

Green for use as grass—3" x 12 1/2"

Tan, Cream, Golden Yellow, Brown, or Opaque white such as white on white 7 1/2" x 9"

Small print would be okay. Make sure when you place fabric on top of background that you can not see background through it.

Some type of fusible material such as Wonder Under.

Assembly: Stitch grass to background 1/4" seam. Press. Trace bunny pattern onto the paper backed side of the fusible web. Cut out the bunny shape about 1/4" beyond the marked line. Lay the appliqué fabric right side down on the ironing board. Place the bunny cutout, web side down, on the fabric. Fuse in place, following the manufacturer's instructions. For easier handling, rough-cut the shape. Then cut out the bunny appliqué on the marked line. Peel off the paper backing. Lay the background fabric right side up. Position the appliqué right side up on top of the grass and fuse in place. Hand buttonhole or machine appliqué around the bunny using color thread close to bunny. Define the ears and hind legs by using a hand or machine straight stitch. Trim block to 12 1/2" X 12 1/2". It will be 12" finished.

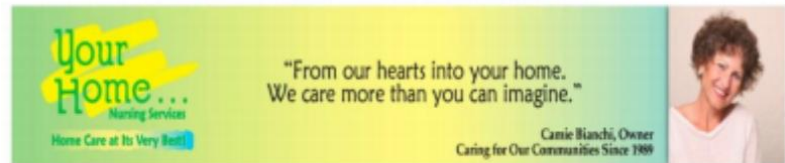
Sew small button or appliqué eye. You can decorate you bunny with ribbon around neck or carrot button, etc. Have fun and use your imagination.

FAT Quarters!

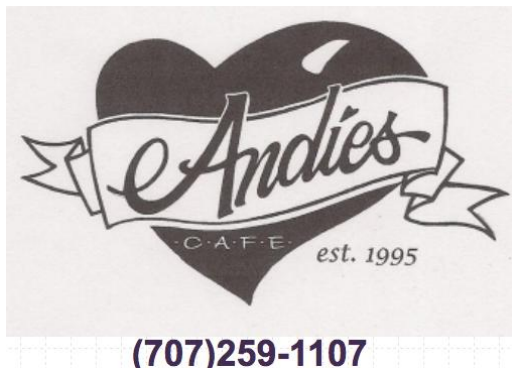
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