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Monday August 24th
ZOOM MEETING

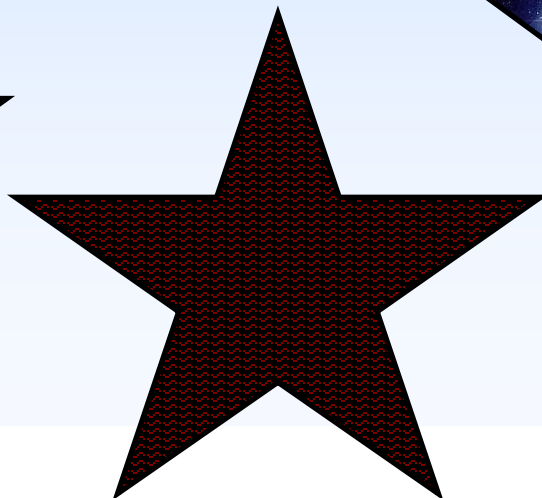
Patchwork Stars

Be sure to join us this month for one of our most favorite meetings of the year. We will introduce you to three of our members and they will “zoom” us through their personal quilters journey. They will share their beginnings and their favorite quilts with a virtual trunk show. Don't miss this chance to meet three of our outstanding members and their works of art!

* This will be via Zoom. Information about that will be sent in a separate email.

Dates to Remember

- August 24th—Guild Meeting
- **Look for us on Facebook**



Presidents Message

Dear Quilters,

I truly hope everyone (and your loved ones) are safe and well during these challenging times. I do believe we will get through this and go forward once again, hopefully sooner than later. First of all, I wanted to share with you some good news . . . our guild has received a generous donation from an anonymous member and I wanted to express our heartfelt gratitude.

Also, we had a wonderful July zoom event with Elizabeth Eastmond, including both the business meeting and fun workshop. It was a joy to see so many wonderful faces again!

This month, we have some exciting events taking place and I hope all of you can attend via the zoom format. We will be hosting our very own Patchwork Stars gathering where a few of our guild members will be sharing their stories of quilting and show off their own trunk show! Also, be sure to get your quilts ready for the “show-n-tell” presentation of the meeting. Send pictures of your finished quilts and projects, along with a brief explanation about them, to northcities@yahoo.com.

Another great event that will be happening this month will be our very own “Pineapple Punch” Mystery Quilt Retreat. Once again, Diana Fish will be hosting and presenting this special time via zoom. I am so looking forward to a relaxing time with friends and getting to sew together. As you know, the cost has been reduced to \$45. Please contact Kath Finch to reserve your place at this fun-filled annual event.

I am grateful that we can continue to connect and quilt, and keep our guild strong, as we support and encourage one another through this time. I am grateful for all of you, that we can share our love for quilting together.

From my heart, Debi

Program Notes

Hello, Quilters!

I wonder how many of us have watched the tv show, "Friends," in the past, or even reruns? There is one episode that these current times reminds me of. It's the one where the guys are moving a sofa up the stairs...do you remember? The repeated word was, "Pivot. Pivot. Pivot." It was hilarious! Anyway, we are met daily with situations which require us to pivot, either physically, mentally, emotionally, or in any combination of those. This is one of those times.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, you will read about how we are going to pivot with our August Mystery Retreat. I won't go into the details here... you can find them yourself. What I will say is that I am confident the retreat will be heaps of fun for those who choose to attend. Please follow Debi's instructions about your options, and communicate them to me by the deadline. I am a phone call away...

714 515-9271.

All the best!

Kath

Free to a Good Home

A quilter is moving and downsizing her supplies! An original HandiQuilter frame has been donated to our guild. It is the type of frame that connects to a banquet type table. It can be used with a Juki. It comes complete with instructions and video. To learn more about it, checkout the sites below.

Original HandiQuilter Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTUCNFFxGfE&t=1410s>

HQII Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTUCNFFxGfE&list=PLx5wRLLbdvJ1nsrGkR4qlwzWL90PoTTT4&index=8&t=1526s>

This is a "starter" longarm and would be perfect for someone who would like to quilt small baby or lap sized quilts.

Contact Becky Sproal

Philanthropy

The QOV project has been very successful! We have 5 tops completed and blocks for one more! If anyone would like to be involved in this project, I am looking for a willing hands to put together this last set. If you've already done one, and would like to do another, that would be great, too! Just send me a text and I'll make arrangements for delivery. Thanks in advance.

Philanthropy was able to deliver several baby quilts to Living Well this past month, with several more ready to go. They love to see us coming!

Please stop by and pick up a project or two – or a quilt to bind. The bins are always full and easily accessible. Your handiwork is so important to our mission. We are stockpiling quilts right now until the organizations are accepting them. Let's be ready!

Thanks to all of you who have made the effort to come by and pick up Philanthropy items. We have received numerous quilt tops and quilts that have been bound and are ready to donate. You are the heart of our philanthropy projects!

A special thanks to the following teams who have returned their completed QOV tops:

Betty Getchell/Mary Fitzgerald

Charline Berg/Debi Hanna

Dona Willson/Kat Bloom

There are still a couple quilts out for completion. Can't wait for a time we can come together and present these quilts to a worthy serviceman/woman.

Rita and Tammy

Membership Notes

Hello Fellow Quilters!

We will be sending our renewal membership form via an e-mail blast very shortly! Membership Fee is \$35. We will also have our form updated on our website for easy download.

Betty Ann Wytcherley

Opportunity Quilt

“Baltimore Blooms” Opportunity Quilt

September and cooler weather are just around the corner and so is the drawing for our lovely Opportunity Quilt.

This year we have lost many of our fundraising activities because of the “Stay at Home” order. We have had to cancel our “March Madness” and our May Luncheon. We usually sell lots of tickets when the quilt travels to other guilds, but this has been prohibited.

One way to share the love and help our guild’s budget is to buy and give the Opportunity tickets to friends and family in birthday cards. I’m writing more snail mail these days and a winning ticket enclosed might just make someone’s day a little brighter! I also slip an Opportunity ticket in with my fat quarter birthday gifts to my Friendship Group members as a “To/From” tag. You might consider giving tickets as tips to your hairdresser, mail girl, or UPS driver! Please help your guild by participating in this vital fundraiser. Let me know if you would like more tickets. We have plenty!

Please consider purchasing additional tickets this year to support our guild. Please mail your stubs and a check for \$25 made out to North Cities Quilt Guild.

To save time and for ease of bookkeeping, please remit to:

NCQG
c/o Becky Sproal
18802 Haven Lane
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Thank you so very much!

Becky Sproal, Opportunity Quilt chairperson

Mystery Retreat Updated Form

NCQG MYSTERY RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM - ON ZOOM

Please complete this form and send it, along with your check made out to NCQG for \$45.00 to Kath Finch, 1100 San Antonio Ave., Fullerton, CA 92835

Your Name _____ Telephone # _____

Mailing Address _____ Email _____

(Please print clearly and check the appropriate box above to indicate your preference for receiving retreat information)

Contact Kath Finch at (714) 515-9271 to reserve a spot ASAP to be able to receive fabric requirements and cutting instructions!

LIMITED OPENINGS
FRIDAY, August 28th – 9:00 am Zoom opens for social time and Zoom instructions. Class officially starts at 10:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm with a break for lunch 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The Zoom session will be open during lunch for sewing and visiting. **LIMITED OPENINGS**

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Contact Kath at (714) 515- 9271 to reserve a place ASAP.

Checks will need to be received by Kath by August 21st.

You may mail checks or drop off the checks at Kath Finch's home by August 21st.

Spots will be filled as registrations are received, however, no one will be considered registered until their check is received.

If you do not have access to a printer, you may call Kath at (714) 515-9271 and she will take your registration over the phone.

Christmas Stockings

Just wanted to let people know how great Martha has been helping me get supplies for our Christmas stockings. She has provided me with fabric (for front and back), batting and linings. I have been able to finish 20 and will be doing another 5 to round it up to twobits before I hand them off to her. I will be asking for some more supplies after that. I hate that any kid won't get a stocking just because we can't meet. During the zoom today Martha did a tutorial on making the stockings from the ground up. Good job, Martha. I showed my output and commented on one or two things. First I want to let all you quilters out there, you don't have to just do strips but can do other things too. I sometimes take some Christmas fabric and do stitch in the ditch or stitch around the patterns (see last one right top row). Bright gold one in 2nd row is plain fabric with Christmas stuff fussy cut and applied on with decorative stitching. I had some fleece from a quilt back left over so I used it to do stocking. Same with some minke left over (3rd from left top row). I even have incorporated bells given to me (3rd from right, top row). I sometimes put a bit of extra batting in to give the stocking design a bit more depth. I always have left overs from trimming of quilts so it doesn't go to waste. But believe me, I do my share of cuffed stockings and just strips. All during the year I find odds and ends that I can see would look cute on a stocking so I grab them up. I use ribbon of all kinds for hanging loops. So, get creative and let your ideas lead the way. Happy quilting to you all and to all a good night.

~ Laberta Malone



Bits & Pieces

SOURCE – WELCOME TO THE PARTY

Bring six blocks to exchange for each monthly meeting. The block is so (sew) fast to make! I really enjoyed the process and I hope you do as well!

Cutting Instructions:

Using the colored fabric of your choice cut one 5" square and four 2 1/2" squares for each block (Note: You can use a layer cake (10 X 10 square) this will yield 2 blocks.)

From the assorted white on white fabric cut a strip 1 1/4". Sub cut this strip into four 5" long rectangles. You will need four rectangles for each block.

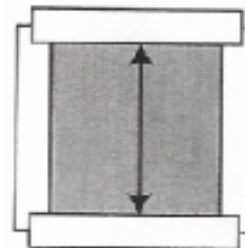
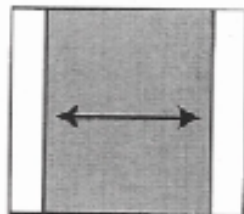
Mark the diagonal on the wrong side of the 2 1/2" squares.



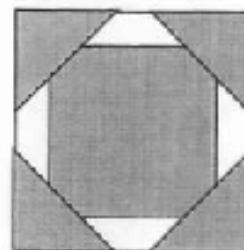
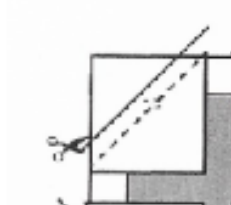
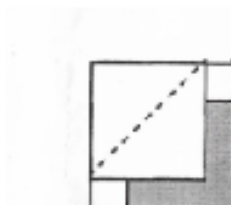
(Note: You will also need one white on white to finish the quilt cut at 6 1/2" X 6 1/2")

Block Construction:

Sew a 5" X 1 1/4" strip to two opposite sides of each colored 5" square. Press the seams out toward the strips. Add the strips to the other side of the square. (These won't match to the end but just center them on the square) Press the seams out toward the strips



Match the 2 1/2" square to the edge of the strip at the side corner. Sew along the drawn line. Sew all four corners using this same technique. (You can trim the back with a 1/4" seam but it's not necessary) Press seams away from the center to complete the block. Finished size is 6 1/2" X 6 1/2".



August Block of the Month

North Cities Quilt Guild

August BOM 2020 [Butterfly Block]

(Make up to 5 blocks and receive a ticket for each block)

Fabric and Cutting Instructions:

Green- Color 1: Cut 8 1 2" strip x 18 "

Yellow-Color 2: Cut 8 squares 3 x 3" and cut these squares diagonally

Cut 2 squares 5x5 "

Sunflower- Color 3: Cut 1 2" strip x 18"

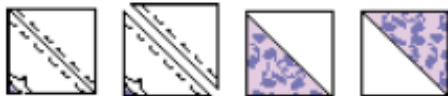
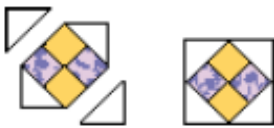
Cut 2 squares 5 x 5 "

Cut 1 square 4 1/2 x 4 1/2"



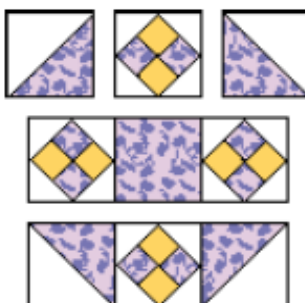
Sewing:

Sew the Green and Sunflower strip together. Press in direction of sunflower fabric. Cut into 8 - 2" segments. Sew these segments together making 4- 4 patch blocks. Sew the yellow fabric triangles on each side of the 4 patch.



Place the 5 x 5 squares from yellow and sunflower fabric right sides together. Draw a line diagonally and sew 1/4 " from line on either side of line. Cut along line and press toward the sunflower fabric.

Final assembly:



UFO Challenge

Our UFO Challenge goes on!!! We may be challenged by this pandemic in many ways but we can still sew and complete projects!!! We had 8 quilts turned in virtually for July, 23 year to date, and the prize winner for our drawing was Laberta Malone. Buttons and ribbons will still be awarded and if we are not meeting in person by September, I will mail them to each participant according to their turn ins this weekend. Watch for them in the mail.

Our next virtual turn in will be August 24. This will be #4 for this year's challenge so get on it!!! Virtual turn in is when you email me photos of the finished quilt with a photo of the label and a description. I suggest that you send it to me with a blurb suitable for Show and Tell. I can then forward to Marcia for our newsletter virtual Show and Tell also. And you can then publish the photo and description on the guild group Facebook page to inspire us all!!! Here's the link: [Facebook Groups](#)



DONA WILLSON	Aug 01		JOANNE SCHAUM	Aug 21
KIM BECKLEY	Aug 03		JOANNE BURKHART	Aug 22
SUSAN LEE	Aug 05		DIANE WILKINSON	Aug 24
GINA WHITELAW	Aug 07		TERESA MALINOSKI	Aug 26
DOREEN JOB	Aug 10		CAROL RANGEL	Aug 27
JUDY STUMPF	Aug 15		SANDY BROWN	Aug 28
LINDA SCHAAL	Aug 21		KAREN THOMAS	Aug 28

Virtual Show and Tell



Norma Holland says—"This quilt was made for my grandson Brian Holland. I call it Brian's Quilt. The label reads: Because you asked and because I love you. May 2020.



Helene Born says—"Like many other quilters I've found the time spent at home very useful. I've completed many quilts over the past few months. Here are some I finished this month.

Flannel strips with improv piecing. Michael Jacobs floral on the back and binding.

Asian print with a print panel on the back.

The last is a patriotic table runner that I finished for the 4th of July week.



Virtual Show and Tell cont'd



Laberta Malone says: These are my last UFOs for the year. These blocks were from Bits and Pieces block exchange few years back. They were gathering dust on a shelf until I decided to get busy with them. Had a lot of blocks and rather than making one I opted for 3 quilts. Even ended up using the last of the blocks on the backs. Nothing goes to waste at my house. At least with quilts, that is. They were pieced in May 2019 but didn't get sent to Marcia



for quilting until about December 2019. Got them back and then they sat around

waiting to get bound. Finally finished up a couple of months ago. True UFOs. They are "Friendship Star in a Brown Funk" (54x64"), "Night Sky Friendship Stars" (37x54") and "Gray Day Friendship Stars" (42x52"). Feels good to have a finished product.



—> Anna Lee says: 22 years and 7 months, it's finally done.
1/7/1998-8/7/2020

This was my first mystery quilt taught by Debbie Gordon.



<—Rita Jones says:
Here's my latest finish. A Kathleen Tracy mystery pattern.

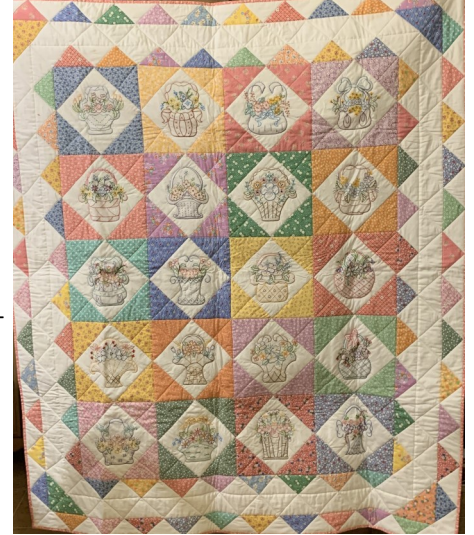
UFO Turn In's Show and Tell



Gail Mitchell finished 2 more quilts for the UFO Challenge:

"God Bless America" I started this in the Fall of 2017 in Sandra Johnson's class, using a Northcott panel purchased on the summer quilt run. The star border is paper-pieced and was a free downloadable pattern from Hoffman Fabrics. I machine-quilted it myself, with some hand quilting around the letters, and completed it in May.

"Aunt Bea's Parlor" I started this one in November, 2011 from a pattern by Black Cat Creations. The embroidery was so enjoyable to do, and I love the 30's fabric and colors. I machine-quilted it myself, with some hand quilting around the baskets, and completed it in May.



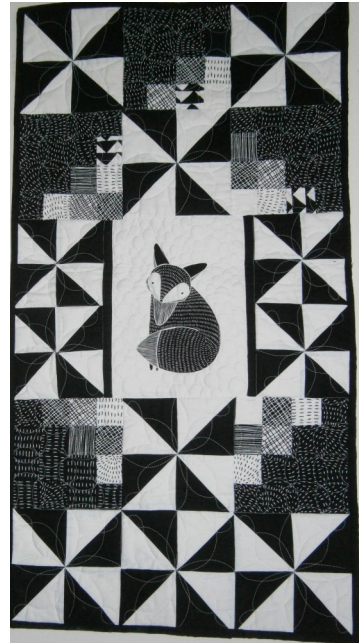
Laberta Malone finished 2 more quilts for the UFO Challenge:

First one is called Harmonious. This was a kit I bought on a Shop Hop one year (probably at least 3 years ago) because it was 40% off. I am a sucker for a deal. So it languished until last summer. It is batted with flannel because as you wash it the outside border and the inner applique frays and starts looking sort of raggedy. I had Marcia quilt the base and was going to do the flower applique myself. After getting it back and seeing how difficult it turned out to be I sent it back to Marcia and she completed it for me. So glad I did. She did an amazing job. It measures 80X84".



Second one is what I submitted for the virtual fair competition this year called "Orphans From the Thicket". I had a kit called "From the Thicket" given to me for Christmas several years ago and did it up last year and submitted it to the fair. Got a 2nd place ribbon. Anyway, there were several pieces left over but not enough to do another full size so I noodled around and came up with this design for a smaller version. Used all the leftover parts even incorporating some on the back. It is 18X34". Again

sent it off to my favorite out-of-state quilter and she did an outstanding custom quilting job on it. It really makes the piece pop.



Guild Meetings (Overview)

We meet on the fourth Monday of each month, January through November (dark in December and May), at the:

**Placentia Presbyterian Church, in Key Center.
849 North Bradford, Placentia, CA 92870**

6:30pm - Social time, refreshments, library, opportunities, block exchange and more

7:00pm - Welcome, Business Meeting, Program, Show and Tell and Door prizes and other drawings

Monday August 24th	Guild Meeting	Friday/Saturday August 21 & 22	Mystery Retreat
Monday September 28th	Installation Meeting		
Monday October 26th	Guild Meeting		
Monday November 23rd	Jingle Mingle		

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Do you have something you would like included in the newsletter? Let me know! All articles should be submitted by the 5th of the month. Please submit to: j.marcia@gmail.com