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Dates to Remember

4/4	Meeting: Tammie Bowser "Photos to Mosaics"
4/5	Tammie Bowser wkshp
4/19	Kid's Kovers
4/21	Board meeting
4/26-27	Seven Sisters Quilt Show
5/2	Esterita Austin Lecture
5/3	Esterita Austin wkshp
5/17	Community Quilts
5/19	Board Meeting
5/31	Free Memory Collage Wkshp Janice Strakbein
7/11	Jill Schumacher "Heirloom Machine Quilting"
7/12-13	Jill Schumacher wkshp
8/9	One Block Wonder wkshp
9/13-14	ACQG – Quilt Show
12/6-8	Julie Silber
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	<u>Other Quilt Events</u>
7/24-27	Long Beach Quilt Festival
10/16- 10/19	Pacific International Quilt Show

General Meeting, Monday April 4th

Tammie Bowser, "Photos to Mosaics"
Trinity Lutheran Church, Paso Robles

Remember to bring: -Nametag,
 - Library books

President's Message

Instead of using this message space to summarize guild happenings, please make sure to read each article of this newsletter for all the details on all the exciting guild events past and present. I would like to use the space this month to pay tribute to Gloria Freytag whose passing brings us a reminder to how special friends are. I received this as an internet chain letter and would like to share it with all of you.

THE GIRLS IN MY CIRCLE

"When I was little, I used to believe in the concept of one best friend, and then I started to become a woman.

And then I found out that if you allow your heart to open up, you will be shown the best, in many friends.

One friend is needed when you're going through things with your partner.

Another friend is needed when you're going through things with your parents.

Another will sit beside you in the bleachers as you delight in your children and their activities.

Another when you want to shop, share, heal, hurt, joke, or just be.

One friend will say, 'Let's cry together', another 'Let's fight together', another, 'Let's walk away together.'

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEW MEMBERS</u></p> <p>BARBARA AHERN</p> <p>BONNIE BABINEAU 12/26</p> <p>KAY DYKES 5/28</p> <p>MARGARET CAROL</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</u></p> <p>1st Constance Teague 3rd Deanna Iandola 21st Denise Van Klaveren 22nd Sharon Goss 24th Peggy Cockrell 26th Lynn Weygandt 29th Carolyn Wallen 30th Brenda Ouwerkerk</p> <p>138 Members</p>	<p>One friend will meet your spiritual need, another your shoe fetish, another your love for movies, another will be with you in your season of confusion, another will be clarifier, another the wind beneath your wings.</p> <p>But whatever their assignment in your life, on whatever the occasion, on whatever the day, or wherever you need them to meet you with their gym shoes on and hair pulled back, or to hold you back from making a complete fool of yourself...those are your best friends.</p> <p>It may all be wrapped up in one woman, but for many, it's wrapped up in several...one from the 6th grade, one from high school, some from the college years, a couple from old jobs, on some days your mother, on some days your neighbor, on others, your sisters, cousins, and on some days, your daughters.</p> <p>So whether they've been your friend for 20 minutes or 20 years, and only if you'd like to, pass this on to the women who have been placed in your life to make a difference.</p> <p>God determines who walks into your life...it's up to you to decide who you keep in your life. Fw:Girls in My Circle</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wishing you Dresden Daydreams, <i>Dawn</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Kid's Kovers</p> <p>The next meeting is April 19th at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Templeton. (Third & Crocker) from 10-2PM. Bring a brown bag lunch. Call Yvette for more information</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHURN WITH A TWIST <i>2008 Quilt Challenge</i></p> <p>Challenge yourself to make a <i>CHURN DASH WITH A TWIST</i>. For several years the ACQG has held a quilt challenge. Every member is invited to participate. Prizes will be awarded for best of show, pieced, appliquéd, garment and first time entry. The finished quilts will be displayed at our June meeting. Sign up now. Diana or Pam.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Airing of the Quilts</p> <p>Airing of the quilts will be held Saturday, May 24th at 11:30 A.M. at the home of Joan Rexroth.</p> <p>Tickets, which will be available at the April meeting, are \$6.00 each. Please bring a quilt to hang. Members are asked to "please" carpool.</p> <p><i>Joan Rexroth</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Almond Country Quilters Show 2008</p> <p>We are still looking for a person to head up the committee for door prizes and signs. If interested, please give either Diana or myself a call.</p> <p>As Dawn stated in her President's Message, it is hard to commit our time and talents to two shows at the same time, but it is possible. Diana and I would like to get some input from our members regarding the quilt show so please either contact us by telephone or talk to us at the general meeting. Let's all work together and make the Almond Quilters 2008 Quilt Show the best ever.</p> <p>Look forward to hearing from you. Diana Imhoof; Bebe Belmont March 2008</p>
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Education News

We'd love to thank Diane Semans for sharing her knowledge and expertise with us at the free educational guild workshop March 8th. We each completed a cute towel with appliqué and stitched lettering and learned a lot about the zigzag stitch and our sewing machines.

Our next free workshop will be May 31st. Janice Strakbein will show us how to use photographs, charms and other embellishments to create a memory quilt collage. This class will be at the AARP building in Atascadero from 9 to 3 with set-up at 8:30. The supply list is posted on our website. We will be taking sign-ups at the meeting.

On August 9th, Diana Imhoof will be teaching a free class on "One Block Wonders". In order to take the class you must purchase the book "One Block Wonders". You can buy the book through Gail, our guild librarian for \$17.77. Payment for the book is due at the time of ordering and we must have at least six orders to purchase it at this price.

Congratulations to Phyllis Davis and Janice Chadwick who won scholarships to Tammy Bowser's class. We'll be drawing names for scholarships for Esterita Austin's class at the April meeting. Be sure to sign up if you are interested.

Jeanne

Door Prizes for March

Old Town Quilt – Marion Hurtt
Sophie Ann's – Sally Ferree
Betty's Fabric – Sabrina Johnson
Betty's Fabric – Joan Poucher
Betty's Fabric – Marianne Blevins
Santa Maria Sewing Center – Pat Johnson
Creative Patches – Joan Rexroth
Quilting Cousins – Pat Scott
Quilting Cousins – Sandy Garcia
Quilt Attic – Denise VanKlaveren
Cotton Ball – Terry Rademacher
In Stitches – Phyllis Davis
In Stitches – Laura Afana
The Quiltery – Juanell Hepburn
The Quiltery – Joan Poucher
Wine Country Quilting – Kay Dykes
Sew Fun – Kathy Sweet
Sew Fun – Laura Afana
Quilter's Cupboard – Jane Leaphart
Quilter's Cupboard – Pat Scott
Buzy Bee – Diane Imhoof
SLO Custom – Joan Rexroth

Board Highlights

1st VP, As March Spring Cleaning sale was such a success, Clare Shaffer discussed the possibility of doing one annually and next time allowing more time for shopping. Also she has many fliers for store windows and book marks for Seven Sisters Quilt Show to be distributed around town.

2nd VP, Laura Afana reported that there are only four more spots available in Tammie Bowser wkshp and Esterita Austin wkshp.

Education, Diana Imhoff conducting free "One Block Wonder" workshop 7/12-13. Purchase of book is required.

Kid's Kovers, We had 14 participants in Kid Cover Challenge. Kathy Burkey and Peggy Cockrell both one first place and went away with \$25 gift certificates to The Quiltery.

New Business: Will start organizing committee to work on Holiday Auction. *Phyllis Davis*

Associated Quilt Guilds of the Central Coast (AQGCC)

Seven Sisters Quilt Show to be held April 26th and 27th

Tickets at the door, \$7.00 for one day and \$10.00 for both

Don't forget your quilts are due at the April 4th meeting. If you do not have your quilt ready by that date, or can not attend that evening, please contact Jane Leaphart, as soon as possible, to make other arrangements to have your quilt to her by April 12th, the deadline for quilt submission, or Cheryl Zelus, if you need to make special arrangements for your quilt submission.

There was an AQGCC Programs Meeting held March 15th, 2008 at 10 a.m. at Rene Jennings home in Grover Beach. One of the items discussed was planning for an AQGCC Speaker in October 2008. The group decided upon Mary Ellen Hopkins, with Sharon Craig and Joe Cunningham as second and third choices. The plan is to schedule the speaker for a Saturday, either October 11th, and 25th, the dates prior to and directly after the 2008 Pacific International Quilt Show. The group would also like to investigate a venue in SLO, which is more centrally located for all guilds to attend, and the group would like to hold the event during the day, to accommodate those who dislike driving at night.

Secondly, the Programs group has begun planning a Meet the Teachers type event for local teachers that are guild members from our local guilds. Please let your AQGCC representative, or your Second Vice President know if you would like to be considered for this event. The group would like all guild Programs representatives to take the idea back to their guilds and discuss the planning and timing of such an event. The next Programs meeting will be June 14th and will be held again at Rene Jennings home at 10 a.m.

There was also an AQGCC Steering Committee Meeting on March 8th,

Tammie Bowser in April 2008

GREAT NEWS!!! Tammie

Bowser, of Mosaic Quilts fame, will be joining us April 4th and 5th, 2008 and we still have four places left in this class! Please go to her class description webpage for the details of the workshop she will share with us on April 5th.

<http://www.mosaicquilt.com/classes.cfm#>

Tammie Bowser will present her original technique for creating photo art/memory quilts. Tammie Bowser has received the coveted Japan Award and was invited to share her techniques with eager students in Japan. She was also invited to Pacific International Quilt Show this past October where she filled classes, as well. Her technique hinges on taking student's photos and creating a pattern from her original computer program to facilitate her method of reproducing a picture in to an incredible art quilt. Cost for this class will be \$25. It really is a fabulous value! Her lecture, Friday night, April 4th, 2008 will be, "What is Quilted Photography?"

We need to send your photos in advance for Tammie Bowser to make up your pattern. If you have paid for the class and you have not given me or sent me a picture for your class pattern, please make sure you contact me ASAP so that we can get your photo to Tammie Bowser. If you have interest in this class and have not signed up, please call Laura Afana or me, ASAP, and make arrangements if you would like to join us on April 5th. The Tammie Bowser class will be held at the Plymouth Congregational Church on Saturday April 5th, 2008 from 9am-4pm, with a potluck lunch. Please bring a potluck item to share with the class. Please call Cheryl Zelus or Laura Afana for more information about this upcoming event. Thank you!

2008, at 10 a.m. The next AQGCC meeting will be on April 5th, at 1 p.m. at 1550 Madonna Road, SLO. I will not be able to attend that meeting, but Jane Leaphart is planning to attend if anyone would like to carpool. Our last AQGCC show meeting just before the Seven Sisters show on April 26th and 27th, will be April 19th, at 1:00 p.m. **Please sign up to help our various committee chairs put on a fabulous multi-guild show.**

Thank you so much for your support.

Cheryl Zelus-AQGCC Representative-

Esterita Austin in May 2008

Esterita Austin, internationally award winning quilter, designer and teacher, will join us May 2nd and 3rd, 2008. Some of you have signed up for Esterita Austin's class, "Rock, Wood, Water" at our last meeting. Cost for this class will be \$40 per person. Here is a description of the class on her website: <http://www.esteritaustin.com/workshops.htm> (scroll to the last class on the page). We were fortunate for the opportunity to have Esterita Austin out from New York, as she will be a featured artist at a retreat in Cambria, May 4th-8th, 2008. Because she is traveling out to the area for the retreat, we will be able to share her travel expenses with the retreat sponsors and Central Coast Quilters in Arroyo Grande.

<http://www.sandyturner.com/retreats.html>

This was an event we just did not feel we could pass up, even though our 2008 year is already fully booked, we requested board permission and added this incredible workshop and lecture to our schedule. Sign-ups will continue for this class at the April meeting, and the supply list is available when you sign-up and pay for your class. We currently only have two spaces left in this class. If you have misplaced your supply list, it is also available on the Almond Country Quilt Guild website at <http://www.almondcountryquilters.org/calendar.html>. (scroll down to May 2008). Please remember you are only enrolled in a workshop upon payment for that workshop. Please call Cheryl Zelus, or Laura Afana, for more information about this upcoming event. Thank you so much!

Additional Seven Sisters Quilt Show Information

Dawn Stemper is the chairperson for our opportunity quilt for the Seven Sisters Quilt Show. She is scheduling times for selling tickets in 2 hour intervals April 26 & 27, 2008. Please contact Dawn for your opportunity to sell tickets.

Upcoming Programs

Our schedule is nearly booked and we have the following programs coming up. Please take a look at the work of some of these wonderfully talented quilters, designers and instructors. Please take note, we will have **Jill Schumacher, Quiltmaker to the Queen**, with us July 11-13, 2008. If you have been waiting for that fabulous Heirloom Machine Quilting Class to come along, this workshop is for you! We will have two whole days of Heirloom Machine Quilting. Please check out Jill's website for samples of her fabulous award winning work. We will begin sign-ups for this class this month, so please bring your checkbook to sign-up for classes as we can not add you to the list until you have paid for your classes. For more information contact Laura Afana, or Cheryl Zelus. Thank you!

Guest Fabric Artist	2008-2010	Informational Website
Sonya Lee Barrington	2/1/2008	http://www.sonyaleebarrington.com/
Tammie Bowser	4/4&5/2008	http://www.mosaicquilt.com/
Esterita Austin	5/2&3/2008	http://esteritaaustin.com/
Jill Schumacher	7/11-13/2008	http://www.quiltmakertothequeen.com/
Julie Silber	12/5&6/2008	http://www.thequiltcomplex.com/
Marcia Stein	1/9 &10/2009	http://www.marciastein.com/
Still Looking for	Apr/May/Jun-09	
Yvonne Porcella	7/11&12/2009	http://www.yvonneporcella.com/
Cara Gulati	9/11&12/2009	http://www.doodlepress.com/
Rosemary Eichorn	2/5-7/2010	http://www.sewjourn.com/
		Below are instructors we are investigating for future prospects
Sue Nickels		http://www.sue.nickels.com/
Lura Schwarz Smith		http://www.lura-art.com/
Vicki Johnson		http://www.vntgraphics.com/
Judith Baker Montano		http://www.judithbakermontano.com/
Sylvia Pippen		http://www.sylviapippendesigns.com/workshops.html
Anita Kaplan		http://www.anitakaplan.com/
Carol Taylor		http://www.caroltaylorquilts.com/
Julie Hirota		http://www.jhiro.com/
		Do you have others? Please contact Laura Afana or Cheryl Zelus

"Swap-squares" - Part 4

1. Take out all 12 blue, 4 yellow and 4 dark yellow-orange blocks and trim each of them so they all are $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.
2. There are 8 blue, 4 yellow and 4 dark yellow-orange all sewn alike.
3. Cut these in two from corner to corner as the figure 1 shows.
4. Cut the remaining 4 blue blocks in two as the figure 2 shows.
These are the 4 blocks that were put aside in part 2 and not yet cut and sewn.
5. The pieces are to be sewn together in pairs, but as a strip of 1 x 6 small pieces.
6. Put the blocks away and wait for the next clue.

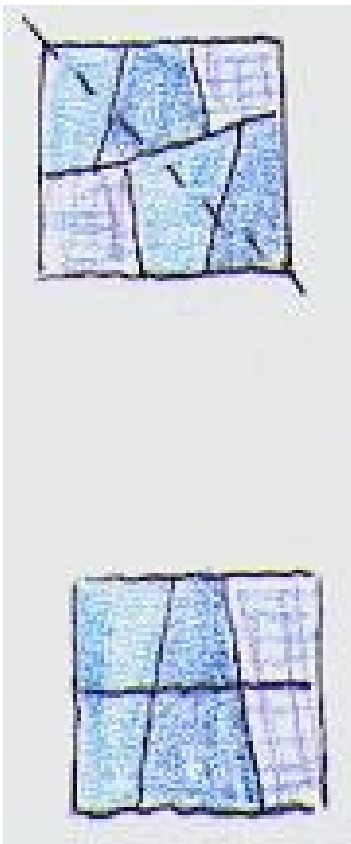
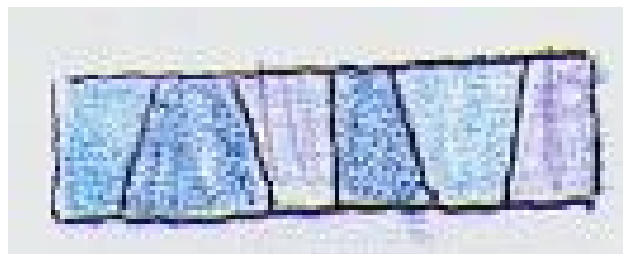


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Fig.2

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Thank You to Our Door Prize Donors

<p style="text-align: center;">In Stitches 299 Cayucos Dr., Cayucos 995-3770 Hours: M-Sa 10-5, Sun 12-4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Linda and Debi</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sew Fun 462-9739 8775 El Camino Real. Atasc. Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5 . www.atsewfun.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Quiltery 1413 Riverside, Paso. 227-4561 Hours: M-Sa 10-5 <i>Sherline, Marge, Virginia & Rebok</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wine Country Quilting 840 11th St., St 103. Paso downtown; 239-8976. Mon - Fri. 10:00-6:00. Sat. 4-9PM, Sun. 11:00-5:00. The first Friday of every month is fat quarter Friday. The fat quarters are \$2.50.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Santa Maria Sewing 127 East Main St. Santa Maria, 922-1784</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Beverly's Fabrics 543-6433 876 Higuera, SLO</p> <p>Watch Sunday paper and mail for our advertisements.</p> <p>Thank you for your support. Almond Country Quilters receive a 10% guild discount off every purchase. <i>Tam Bailie</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Cotton Ball 772-2646 1-800 895-7420 1199 Main St., M.B. www.thecottonball.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quilter's Cupboard 466-6996 5275 El Camino Real, Atasc. Hours: Mon. – Sat 10-5 <i>Peggy, Lori & MaryLou</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Old Town Quilt Shop 938-5870 165A W Clark Ave Orcutt, CA 93455</p>	<p>Thank you for your support. Almond Country Quilters receive a 10% guild discount off every purchase. <i>Tam Bailie</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Sophie Ann's 925-1888 1765 S Broadway, S.M. Hours: 10-5 M-F 10-4 Sat.</p> <p>More beautiful selections in all the colors of the rainbow. Stop in and see. <i>Helga</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Janice Chadwick 226-0797 920 Oak St., #7, Paso Robles Quilt Your Own Quilt! Fast, Easy, Fun & Saves \$\$\$ Rent quilting machine for \$10/hr. or I will quilt it for you. Call for information/appointment. "Henrietta" (my quilting machine) and I are waiting for your call.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Betty's Fabric 543-1990 1229 Carmel, SLO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Betty's Fabric 922-2181 1627 S. Broadway, S.M.</p> <p>A huge selection, come on in.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Creative Patches 929-3704 136-A&B N Thompson Rd. Nipomo, www.creativepatches.com Hours: M 12-7 Tu-Sa 10-5:30 Fabric, books, patterns, notions, classes, sewing retreats, demos, clubs</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Quilting Cousins 773-4988 330 Pomeroy St. P.B. Hours: Tu-F 10-5 Sat 10-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marianne Blevins Longarm Machine Quilting 226-2013 1862 Jena Ct, P.R.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June Giles SLO Custom Quilting 461-5775 9400 Corona Rd. Atasc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quilt Attic 106 Bridge St. Arroyo Grande, 474-0717</p>



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Seven Sisters Quilt Show – Acquisitions News
IT'S TIME TO TURN IN YOUR QUILTS!!!

Congratulations! All of our quilts from Almond Country will be in the show! There will be over 400 quilts there! WOW!!!

When preparing to turn in your quilts, please check for:

1. Add a 4 inch sleeve for hanging on the back of the quilt;
2. Quilt label with your name on it on the back of the quilt;
3. Pillow case with your name on it for the quilt;
4. Safety pins or Velcro for closing the pillowcase;
5. Friday, April 4th, bring Quilts to our next meeting to me (this is the easy way) or call to arrange delivery between NOW and the deadline of **Saturday, April 12th**;
6. Friday, May 2nd, quilts will be returned at the ACQ meeting. Please bring your receipt! Quilts may NOT be picked up at the show. Special arrangements can be made to pick up quilts from me before May 2nd.

Questions: Call Jane Leaphart or Cheryl Zelus. Thank you!