

# Quilters Cables

San Francisco Quilters Guild – February 2016

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## President's Message

2016 is off to a good start (and it's hard for me to believe it's already February!). I find myself grateful for all our guild presidents who have proceeded me and to all the members who have contributed their knowledge and skills to create this wonderful guild. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes . . . which means outside of our monthly meeting. I receive many emails throughout the month keeping me informed about what's going on or new ideas to consider.

I am also continually inspired by the quilts you share during our show-and-tell time as well as receiving inspiration from our speakers. I just decided to take a class based on the book from one of our past speakers. I'm planning on entering it in our quilt show in just over a year. I think it uses about thirty-seven different fabrics that I think I can pull from my stash without buying anything extra.

I'm almost finished making my blocks for our opportunity quilt. I just had another guild ask me

when we wanted to come and show it at their guild! They are ready and waiting for our quilt to be finished.

Quiltaway is almost here (February 25-28). That will be an exciting time for all of us as we challenge ourselves to learn new skills and make new or deeper friendships. I can't thank Cathy Miranker and Barb Strick enough for all the work they have done putting Quiltaway together and also must thank the Postcard team of Gloria Miller, Janet Mednick, and Kenan Shapero. I'm having fun pulling fabrics for the "Wish you were here, Wish I was there" theme.

The kick-off meeting for our QUILT Show 2017 has happened and several people have stepped up to help. There are still many, many ways to get involved to help make our quilt show one that attracts people from other guilds and great distances. We certainly received tremendous feedback from our last one with accolades galore!

Happy quilting, Jane Strem



### February 16<sup>th</sup>: Rachel Clark "Clothing for the Body & Soul"; & "Out of the Crayon Box"

Enjoy a fashion show accompanied by anecdotes on the "hows and whys" of dozens of unique garments—including coats, jackets, and vests—made by Rachel Clark. Also included in this lecture-fashion show is a look at Rachel's latest project, "Out of the Crayon Box," a celebration of that first box of crayons you got when you were going back to school. Each crayon is represented by a coat commemorating its color. We need six to eight "models" for this presentation; to volunteer contact [Cathy@Miranker.com](mailto:Cathy@Miranker.com). [www.rdkc.com](http://www.rdkc.com)



### March 15<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Bardach "Exploring Quilt Design"

Using quilts that range from realistic to semi-abstract to very abstract, Nancy Bardach will talk about how she gets ideas and goes from start to finish . . . and how you can, too. She'll suggest many ways to design art



quilts and possible springboards to inspiration, including working from an eye-catching image, riffing on traditional patterns, cutting shapes and composing with them, and more. She'll show starting sketches and then radical changes to her pieces as an idea takes form—then cover the nitty-gritty process of moving from first idea to research, composing, and reworking, up to completion and exhibiting. The goal is to inspire and encourage you, and share some "how-tos" of creative work.



## The Sewcial Scene

Sewcials are an important part of our guild. Here's where we learn new techniques, and relearn those old techniques, share our creativity with each other, and just have fun. A supply list will be provided when you sign up (full supply list at guild meeting or on website). In addition to the supply list for each Sewcial, please bring: extension cord, cutting board, rotary cutter, sewing machine, rulers, fabric, etc. Arrive about fifteen minutes before the start of the workshop (9:45 A.M.) to set up and get directions so that we can begin on time. Remember, there are no refunds for cancellations. For the comfort of all, please attend Sewcials "fragrance free." Feel free to bring your lunch or there are several places to eat within walking distance. Please pay fees when you sign up in advance for Sewcials. For more info contact Cathy Miranker <[Cathy@Miranker.com](mailto:Cathy@Miranker.com)>. All Sewcials are held at the San Francisco Police Academy unless noted.

**Directions to the Police Academy:** Sewcials are held at the SF Police Academy, 350 Amber Drive (at Duncan), near Diamond Heights Safeway. Take SF Muni bus #52 or drive your car, parking is free. Due to construction on Duncan Street at Amber Drive, you will need to enter the Police Academy parking lot from the western end of Amber Drive. From Portola, take Clipper Street to Diamond Heights Boulevard, take the first right onto Duncan, and then right again at the first cross street onto Amber Drive to the Police Academy.

**New Low Price for Sewcials!** During 2016, the cost of all Sewcial workshops will be \$50 (\$65 for non-members). This price cut represents a yearlong experiment adopted by our guild's board of directors and is intended to encourage more sign-ups for Sewcials. Classes need a minimum of ten participants, and students *must* pay for the class when they sign up—no exceptions. You can read more about the new pricing policy on our website.

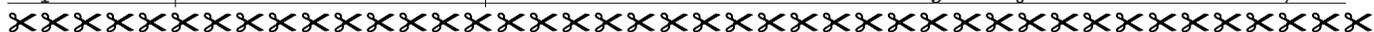
**March 19<sup>th</sup>; 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. .... Exercise Your Design Muscle**

Pretend you're Nancy for a day! To get some hands-on practice with a few key approaches for creating an original quilt, participants will rotate through different design exercises and try playing with black and white, experimenting with composition, exploring transparency, perspective and scale, and more. Nancy Bardach will talk about tricks she learned in architecture school, finding inspiration, looking at fabrics for potential. But her main focus will be on something that sounds simple—how to look—and how to harness that skill to edit your work, change it, and improve it. Please note: Cost, payable in advance, is \$50 for members, plus a \$5 materials fee; \$65 for nonmembers plus a \$7 materials fee. Visit the guild website for a <.pdf> with more details, more photos, and a student supply list.



**Upcoming Speakers and Sewcials:** We have a terrific line-up of speakers and Sewcial instructors in 2016. Details and lots of photos are already up on our website. Here's a handy chart that shows you the year's programs at a glance:

| Month     | 2016 Speakers   | 2016 Sewcial Instructor and Class Title     | date  |
|-----------|-----------------|---|-------|
| February  | Rachel Clarke   | <i>no Sewcial this month</i>                | ---   |
| March     | Nancy Bardach   | Nancy Bardach: Exercise Your Design Muscle! | 03/19 |
| April     | Carol Van Zandt | Ursula Kern: From Fabric Collage to Quilt   | 04/23 |
| May       | Laura Fraga     | Laura Fraga: Techniques for Dear Jane       | 05/21 |
| June      | Tish Chung      | Community Outreach                          | 06/25 |
| July      | Freddy Moran    | Freddy Moran: Patchwork Collage             | 07/23 |
| August    | Kevin Kosbab    | Kevin Kosbab: AlphaBlocks                   | 08/20 |
| September | The Pixeladies  | Thom Atkins: Bead Embroidery for Quilters   | 09/24 |



## San Francisco Quilters Guild Meeting Information

- ✂ Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except the November and December meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) at 7:15 P.M. at the Chinese 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church, 7777 Geary Blvd. Doors open @ 6:30 P.M.
- ✂ Guests pay \$5 admission, and all are welcome.
- ✂ Please bring: library books; name tag; sew and tell; secret-pal gift; friendship blocks; block of the month.
- ✂ Board meetings are usually held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.
- ✂ Sewcials are generally held the Saturday following the guild meeting, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Police Academy.



## January Board Meeting Summary

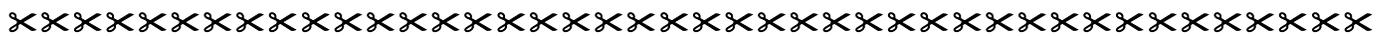
The highlights of the January 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting included that Jeanie Low attended. We discussed recognizing past presidents at the February meeting and approved funding for gifts.

We discussed a 35<sup>th</sup>-anniversary party. Jeanie will chair that event.

We also discussed our QUILT Show 2017 and the kick-off meeting Feb 6<sup>th</sup>—and when to send out a BLAST about that meeting.

## February Board Meeting

This month's meeting will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 P.M., at Ortega branch library, 3223 Ortega Street. All members are welcome and invited to join; committee chairs please submit email reports if not attending. Contact Janet Mednick if you have any questions at (415) 509-6027.



## History Corner "Honoring Our Guild Presidents"

*by Jeanie Low*

This month, we are honoring our dedicated guild presidents. Like strong thread that hold bits and pieces of fabric to make beautiful quilts, each president has led our guild forward—and we are richer for their service and example. They and their officers have set the pace as we continue to quilt and share our skills through our community outreach. In our 35 years as a guild, we've been fortunate to have 29 individuals who have served as our guild presidents. A few served as guild presidents more than once and continue to be active as officers and/or committee chairs. We will ask those who are still members and present to step on stage at our February meeting. We miss those who have moved away, are absent, and those who have passed away.

### Presidents' Roll Call:

Caroline Lieberman, 1981-83; Linda Breitbarth, 1983-84; Shirley Towan, 1984-85; Gloria Miller, 1985-87; Phyllis Schaefer, 1987-88; Darlene E. Hartman, 1988-90; Ann Gage, 1990-91; Pat Garner, 1991-92; Barbara Blue, 1992-93; Marie Torres, 1993-94; Mary Fischer-Boyd, 1994-95; Glenda Freiberg, 1995-96; Suzanne Searby, 1996-97; Gretchen Nelson, 1997-98; Janet Mednick, 1998-99; Erin Watson, 1999-2000; Julie Scribner, 2000-01; Roberta Walker, 2001-02; Christine Beard, 2002-03; Judy Woodfill, 2003-04; Doris Atkinson, 2004-05; Carolyn Kotner, 2005-06; Laureen Neilly, 2006-07; Linda Breitbarth, 2007-09; Joyce Goode, 2009-10; Carol Munch, 2010-12; Judy Woodfill, 2012-13; Kenan Shapero, 2013-14; Jane Strem, 2014-16.

## A Note from One of Our Past Presidents [for two terms!!]

Hi Jeanie: I'm not quilting up as much of a storm as I was in SF. My sewing room is separate now and nowhere near as big. In SF it was my living room so all activities went on together—TV, audio books, etc.—so it was easy to be constantly quilting. Am still sewing though, and crocheting and knitting too. The guild here is great. Membership is about 150. Not quite as many activities as in SF, but a terrific group. I am the Membership Chair this year so I am still keeping my hand in volunteering-wise. Their Community Quilts program is amazing! Last year (and almost every year) over 400 quilts are donated to various charity groups in Bend. They 'require' that every member donate at least one quilt every year, and they meet every Wednesday for three hours to work on quilts. A great group of women. A weekend retreat and one-day show every year. They do a fat-quarter-of-the-month drawing, but . . . no friendship blocks, no









submitted by Pat Metzgar

# The Quilter's Stash

Behind the painted picket gate there lived a quilter known as Kate.  
She had one son, a boy named John; one daughter, whom she doted on.  
She had one husband and one house, one pup, one cat, one little mouse . . .  
And 14,287 pieces of fabric!



# 2016 Events Calendar

submitted by Martha Schwarz

**February 6-May**.....**Carol Cislowksi's Gallery Showing**  
Gallery 786 Fine Art, 786 Main Steet, Cambria. [www.gallery786fineart.com](http://www.gallery786fineart.com)

**February 18-20**..... **Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival**  
San Mateo Event Center, Fiesta Hall, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo. [www.quiltcraftsew.com](http://www.quiltcraftsew.com)

**February 18-21**..... **QuiltCon presented by The Modern Quilt Guild**  
Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green Street, Pasadena. The only international modern quilt show. Many special exhibits, including Gwen Marston's. [quiltconwest.com](http://quiltconwest.com) Questions? [Healthier@themodernquiltguild.com](mailto:Healthier@themodernquiltguild.com)

**through February 21**..... **Stunning Contemporary Quilts**  
Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street (@ 10<sup>th</sup> Street), Oakland. Vibrant, boldly unique quilts expand the notion of craft in yo-yos and half squares. Info: [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org)

**February 27-28**.....**Pajaro Valley Quilt Association "Quilt Show and Auction"**  
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 E. Lake Ave., Watsonville. [www.pvqa.org](http://www.pvqa.org)

**February 27-28**..... **Foothill Quilters Guild present "Fruit of Our Love and Labor"**  
Gold Country Fairgrounds, 1273 High Street, Auburn. [www.foothillquilters.org](http://www.foothillquilters.org)

**through February 28**..... **Royal Hawaiian Featherwork: Nā Hulu Ali'i**  
de Young Museum. Explore the distinctive art, culture, and history of Hawai'i with rare and stunning examples of the finest featherwork capes and cloaks in existence. [famsf.org](http://famsf.org)

**through February 28**..... **The Russian River Watershed in Fabric: Altered Points of View**  
San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S. First Street, San Jose. This exhibit includes nineteen pieces from the 2015 quilt challenge by Sonoma's Pointless Sisters. [sjquiltmuseum.org](http://sjquiltmuseum.org)

**March 19-20**.....**Voices in Cloth 2016: Extraordinary Quilts by the Bay**  
East Bay Heritage Quilters. Craneway Pavilion, 1414 Harbor Way South, Richmond. [www.ebhq.org](http://www.ebhq.org)

**March 19-20, 2016** ..... **Sonoma Quilt Show 2016**  
Vintage House Senior Center, 264 First Street, East Sonoma. Featured artist: Kathy Martin.

Gallery 786  
Please join us  
in celebrating the work of  
**Carol Cislowksi**  
from San Francisco  
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The San Francisco Quilters Guild publishes a monthly newsletter. Current members receive newsletters electronically by email, by picking them up at the guild meetings, or by having them mailed to your home. The deadline for newsletter submissions is the first Tuesday of the month of publication (the November newsletter deadline is one week earlier, and there is no newsletter in December). All submissions *must* be pre-edited. Please email news, articles, and event notices to Ginger Ashworth, [sfqc.editor.gingerashworth@gmail.com](mailto:sfqc.editor.gingerashworth@gmail.com). **For advertising**, email file, then send check to SFQG, P.O. Box 27002, San Francisco, CA 94127. We accept advertising relevant to our membership. For members the 1/8-page rate is \$20/month, the 1/4-page rate is \$40. For nonmembers, \$25 and \$45 respectively. A three-month run is encouraged.

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