



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With appreciation to VP Roberta Walley for handling this column last month.

Now is the season when New Year's Resolutions are on our minds. Trying to think positively, I'm going to concentrate on trying new things:

Pick up my knitting needles, inspired by reading *Knitting Yarns* edited by Ann Hood. This book is a compilation of essays from famous writers (Sue Grafton, Jane Smiley and 20+ more). Knitting addicts, failed knitters, family knitting stories – all are inspirational.

Use a custom paint-by-numbers cartoon/blueprint to make a small quilted wall-hanging. Furnish your own photograph to www.paintapic.com and they'll translate into a numbered cartoon/blueprint. (I'm going to request two paper versions rather than the canvas usually used for paint.) There is a fee but seems like a quick way to convert a photo to fabric.

Volunteer as a literacy tutor at my local elementary school. I've tried this before with large literacy organizations; now it seems volunteers are needed to teach the basics to the youngest non-readers.

To use up my fabric stash to do good. Bibs for senior citizens, pillows and lap quilts for the wheelchair-bound, crib quilts and diaper bags for low-income families. Additional ideas are welcome.

Westside Quilters is ready for 2014! Check out our list of workshop teachers and lecturers at our website and in the pages of this newsletter. Thanks to all members who participated in our programs in 2013 – we're looking forward to another great year.

■ Tina Nord

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Madeline Ehrlich & Marianne Simpson, Co-Chairs

Well, with the holidays just behind us and just as the unwinding begins...why not think about treating yourself to a fun and creative gift?



On Friday, February 7, 2014, Sheila Frampton-Cooper will be conducting a unique abstract quilt workshop. Color, value, design, composition, trusting your instincts and much more will be covered as you create your "one of a kind" quilt. If you sign up early, the fee is only \$60 for members. Non-members-\$75 Hurry, we only have a few spaces left!!

The first General Meeting of the year 2014 will be Saturday, February 8th. Our guest speaker will be Sheila Frampton-Cooper and her lecture will be "Creating from a Place of Trust." She will share with you her insight into her creative inspirations and design process and especially how to remove those road blocks that impinge on creativity.

After the General Meeting, in the main parking lot of St. John Presbyterian Church, THE YARN TRUCK will be available to you and guest a shopping experience of specialty items. Please stop by...maybe you'll find that perfect item.

Please continue to send in your surveys...we want to hear what YOU want.



Sheila

Frampton-Cooper



Friday, February 7, 2014

WORKSHOP: *Express Your True Self: One Piece at a Time*—

Explore the mystery and excitement of creating a pieced abstract quilt with little or no plan. We will discuss basic design and composition, color and value, quilting and most importantly, trusting your instincts. Sheila will demonstrate construction techniques for sewing curved seams and discuss some of the challenges you may run into with spontaneous design and piecing. Basic design and composition, color and value, quilting. Tips on challenges of improvisational design.

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

11555 National Boulevard (east of Barrington Ave. in West L.A.)

\$50 fee for members who register before Jan. 7; \$55 for those who register after Jan. 11; \$80 for non-members.

Check the "Upcoming Programs" page for information on registering for WQ workshops.

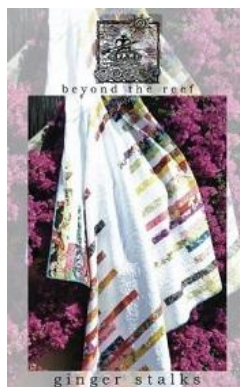


Natalie Barnes

Friday, March 14, 2014 – 9:30 am-3:30 pm

WORKSHOP: *Rotary Cutting with No Rule(r)s*

Natalie, *Beyond the Reef* owner teaches a working techniques class using modern ("liberated") piecing. "If you sew long enough the pieces are bound to get bigger." Check the WQ website for location and registration information.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Workshops open for registration: February 7, 2014.

To Register:

At the **WQ website**; choose *Calendar* and scroll down to individual workshops. See the link to the Workshop Registration Form (which you can fill in on-line and then print) and the supply list.

First, please email Programs@WestsideQuiltersLosAngeles.org of your intent to attend a workshop.

See the workshop no-refund policy (substitutions allowed) shown on the Workshop Registration Form.


WQ will hold your space at the workshop for 14 days to allow time to mail Workshop Registration Form and payment to the WQ post office box. For last-minute registrations, contact Program Co-Chairs. Credit cards/debit cards now accepted. Note Early Registration discounts available 30 days or more before workshops.

Quarterly Meetings: WQ members attend at no charge. Non-members are welcome for a \$10.00 guest fee.

Meetings at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 11000 National Boulevard at Military (3 blocks East of Sepulveda), Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Workshops: Fees vary. Note early registration discounts may apply. Non-members pay a \$15.00 surcharge.

Workshops are held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church or Westwood Presbyterian Church, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

February 7 Friday	Workshop	Sheila Frampton-Cooper	"Express Your True Self: One Piece at a Time" Create a pieced abstract quilt with little or no plan. Basic design and composition, color and value, quilting. Tips on challenges of improvisational design. Trust your instincts.
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April 12 Saturday	Workshop	Andi Peredja	"Shibori Dyeing" Saturday Come play with poles, fabric and dyes! What could be more fun? Learn <i>Arashi Shibori</i> dyeing and create your own unique fabrics. Dyes supplied.
May 3 Saturday	GENERAL MEETING	JANE SASSAMAN	"Under the Influence" .Illinois-based quilt, fabric and pattern designer discusses the visual and philosophical ideas which influenced her. A very colorful experience intended to inspire you.
May 4 – 5 Sunday and Monday	Workshop	Jane Sassaman	2-Day Workshop - "Abstracting from Nature" Sunday and Monday [tentatively scheduled for 2 days] Examine a wide variety of artists' interpretations of nature. Experiment with abstraction and exaggeration to capture the essence of your favorite flora and achieve dramatic visual effects. Translate these ideas into fabric.
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Happy New Year, 2014 already! Thank you all for the wonderful quilts and other items that Westside Quilters members have made and donated to a wide variety of charities during 2013. Looking back at the log sheets of donated quilts is very inspiring, thank you all. The tied quilts and little dresses from our fun and very productive "Giving for Thanksgiving" Philanthropy workshop have been delivered or sent off to the appropriate children's charities. Thank you again to everyone who participated and/or donated materials to make the day possible.

Keeping Track of Philanthropy Work

Remember, to keep track of your philanthropic work. We ask members to keep a record of quilts or quilt items they make for charity so the information can be entered in the WQ Philanthropy log, available at quarterly meetings. Also, we have "Westside Quilters" cloth identification labels for you to sew to the back of each quilt you donate. These labels will be available at each of our general meetings or alternatively you can email us and receive them by US mail. Upon request, we can arrange to deliver quilts for specific organizations.

Looking for a Philanthropy Project?

Information on the **Santa Monica/Westside YWCA Transitional Housing and Education Program for Girls**, **Baby/Crib Quilts for the St. Joseph's Early Learning Center**, the **Wounded Warrior Project**, and the **House Quilt Project** is on our website. Check back periodically as we will be expanding this list. Members can recommend charitable organizations which request and accept quilts as donations.

Workshop Scholars Needed

The basic requirement for a WQ Workshop Scholarship is that the recipient will use the knowledge learned at the workshop to further the Art of Quilt Making, or as a reward for quilting for charity. Workshop registration fees are paid for by WQ. Referrals for scholarships are accepted. Recipients need not be WQ members.

Best regards,

Debbie Nussbaum and Tanya Heldman

MEMBERSHIP

Sally Wright, Membership Chair

Westside Quilters is happy to welcome back a returning member. Laverne Owen-Barakat has rejoined as of December 1. Membership now stands at 93! At the WQ Holiday Tea I heard news of one new mini-group in the process of organizing. I hope to hear of more soon.

Finally, remember to mention to your friends that 6 months Westside Quilters memberships (December 1-May 31) are now available for \$30.00, so it's not too late to join for 2014!

Wishing you all a healthy, prosperous and "quilty" New Year!
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Sally Wright, Membership Chair

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2013

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Opening Balance Dec. 1, 2013		\$6,879.29
INCOME		
Dues	\$30	
Workshops	\$190	
Donation	\$270	
TOTAL INCOME		\$490
EXPENSE		
Charities	(\$500)	
Workshop expenses (rent/teacher fee)	(\$800)	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(\$1,300)
Closing Balance Dec. 17, 2013		\$6,069.29

Aileen Cooke, Treasurer

The main event in December was our Annual Tea and donations to the Los Angeles Food Bank and St. Joseph's (Adopt-a-Family). We are also paying ahead, most of the January workshop expenses. Everyone shop through WQ's Amazon logo and a donation comes to us. Easy way to help the guild.



Sylvia Adams	1/1
Miyoko Nakamura	1/1
Keiko Tapp	1/2
Carollee Schuegraf	1/4
Aileen Cooke	1/21
Jennie Lou Kraft	1/27
Sally Wright	1/30
Kathleen Yamazaki	1/30
Luann Jaffe	1/31

Ireland In 2014?

Are you dreaming of a trip to Ireland? I went to the First International Quilt Festival in Galway in June 2012, and loved it! The people were welcoming and the scenery was amazing. Even the food was great, with most of it being organic and from nearby farms.

There are many ways to organize a trip to Ireland. First, get a copy of the latest Rick Steves' guide book so that you know what sights you want to see. Make sure you apply for a passport early, as processing can take months.

The trips described below usually include airfare, some meals, comfortable hotels, and tour bus transportation between sights. There is a local Irish guide who is with the group during the entire trip, as well as day guides who specialize in a specific town.

My first recommendation is to look at the quilt-themed trips offered by Sew Many Places, as they have a large selection of trips and leaders. These trips all feature time at the quilt festival, as well as visits to many famous Irish sights. Well-known quilting teachers accompany these trips, making it easy to get to know them.

Another option is to look at Country Heritage tours. I went through New England with this company, and really enjoyed it. These are quilt-themed tours, with daily stops at quilt shops and special restaurants. My tour leader wasn't a quilt teacher, but she was a very experienced guide. She knew that quilters would do a lot of shopping, so she planned two stops at the post office to mail our purchases home. She had boxes, tape, and labels on the bus for us, making the post office stops very efficient.

I chose another option, and planned my tour with the help of an excellent travel agent at the Auto Club. I took an express bus from the Dublin airport to Galway, where the quilt festival is held. Then I took a taxi to my bed and breakfast, located on Threadneedle Road. (How appropriate for a quilter!) I spent an entire day at the quilt show, with my favorite historical quilt being one that used parts of blackout curtains from World War II.

Then I took the bus back to Dublin, and joined a Brendan tour (a company that specializes in Ireland). This was a less expensive option than many of the quilt-themed tours, even though it included most meals and the hotels were upscale. My tour included sights such as the Waterford Crystal Factory, the Guinness brewery, and the phenomenal Book of Kells.

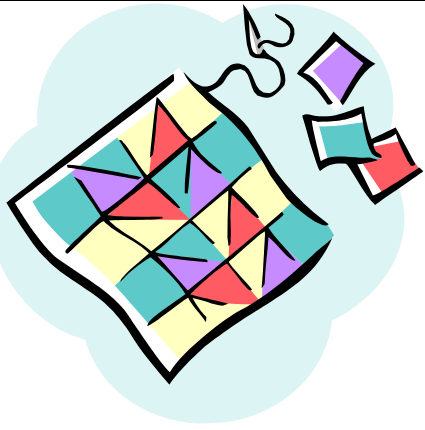
Another choice is to drive yourself through Ireland. If you don't mind driving on the other side of the road, this may be a good idea for you. There are delightful bed and breakfasts throughout Ireland, and owners who can direct you to the local sights. Everyone in Ireland speaks English, and the roads are good. It's really easy to travel independently.

Whatever travel plan you choose, I recommend talking to a travel agent at the Auto Club. My agent made all of my reservations, which were guaranteed by the Club. She took my passport photos for free. I was also able to order packets of Euros so that I had cash in my pocket when I landed at Dublin. Plus, the Auto Club gave me a choice of a cell phone for the trip, or a discount on an excursion.

So many Americans have roots in Ireland. Is it time for you to visit Ireland, and find your ancestors? Instead of just dreaming about Ireland, plan a trip! You'll make memories that will last a lifetime!



Betsy Barker, Member
Westside Quilters



A NEIGHBORLY QUILT CALENDAR

JANUARY	
January 8 Santa Monica	Katsy Chappell January 8 Presentation: <i>"My Life with Pieces"</i>
January 8 & 11 Glendale	Laurel Anderson January 8 Presentation: <i>"Laurel's Search for Perfect Applique"</i> January 11 Workshop: <i>"Applique Perfect Circles and Points"</i>
January 11 Westside Quilters	Jean Impey January 11 Workshop: <i>"Garden Party Pillow"</i>
January 12-13 San Fernando Valley	Ami Simms January 12 Workshop: <i>"1/2 String Star"</i> January 13 Presentation: <i>"How Not to Make a Prize Winning Quilt"</i>
January 21-22 South Bay	Laurel Anderson January 21 Presentation: <i>"History of Applique"</i> January 22 Workshop: <i>"How to Cheat at Applique"</i>
FEBRUARY	
February 5 & 22 Santa Monica	February 5 Presentation: <i>"Vice President's Program"</i> February 22 Workshop: Terry Waldron <i>Scraffito</i>
February 7 Westside Quilters	Sheila Frampton-Cooper February 7 Workshop: <i>"Express your true self: one piece at a time"</i>
February 7-8 Valley Quilters Guild, San Jacinto	Quilt Show www.valleyquilters.org
February 9-10 San Fernando Valley	Jean Impey February 9 Workshop: <i>"Pineapple Quilt"</i> February 10 Presentation: <i>"Trunk Show"</i>
February 12 & 15 Glendale	Terry Waldron February 12 Presentation: <i>"You, too, are an artist"</i> February 15 Workshop: <i>"Art Class for Quilters"</i>
February 18-19 South Bay	Lisa Coulombe February 18 Presentation: <i>"Jacket and Tote Bag"</i> February 19 Workshop: <i>"To Be Determined"</i>
February 22-23 South Bay	Annual Quilt Show Torrance Cultural Arts Center www.southbayquiltersguild.org
MARCH	
March 5 Santa Monica	Philanthropy Sewing Night
March 14 Westside Quilters	Natalie Barnes March 14 Workshop: <i>"Rotary Cutting with no Rule(r)s"</i>
March 9-10 San Fernando Valley	Karen Combs March 9 Workshop: <i>"Transparency"</i>

	March 10 Presentation: <i>"Transparency in Quilts"</i>
March 21-22 Glendale	Annual Quilt Show "Crazy for Roses" New Location: Pasadena Convention Center www.glendalequiltguild.org
March 18 South Bay	Quilt Show Wrap Up
Visit the Event Calendar for the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds: www.sccqg.org	

OUT AND ABOUT



Road to California
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MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY WESTSIDE QUILTERS MEETING

October 12, 2013

Executive Board member Sally Wright called the October 12, 2013 quarterly meeting to order. Sally wished President Tina Nord well for her upcoming knee surgery. Dorothy Akiyama and Carol Thomas were introduced as new members.

Sally called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17 quarterly meeting. Betty Seinfeld made the motion, Nancy Sharp seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer Aileen Cooke reported that we have \$6,535.00 in our checking account and that we are on budget. Our membership now stands at 93.

The Holiday Tea will be held on December 8 at the home of Barbara Weigold in Beverly Hills. RSVP's will be taken in November and details will be provided in the November newsletter. At the Board meeting, the Executive Board voted to donate cash donations up to \$250.00 each to the LA Regional Food Bank and St. Joseph Adopt A Family Program. Sally spoke about the quilt retreats that were going to be held in the winter; however, because they are at Mammoth, Idylwild and the Sierra Foothills, it was decided to postpone until Spring due to inclement weather during the winter months. Sally encouraged the members to talk amongst friends to find groups of three or four and each participant will pay \$50 per day plus minor expenses. The funds will go to the Westside Quilters treasury. Members are urged to remember that Amazon and IGive.com are linked to our website. We will receive up to 4% of whatever you purchase. *Inspired to Design*, a book by Elizabeth Barton, was given to the member who had been married the longest. Miriam Ulman has been married for 61 years and the book was given to her with a hearty round of applause.

An important announcement about our February 8 meeting should have all knitters and crocheters excited. The Yarnover Truck, a yarn store on wheels, will be in the St. John's parking lot. Members will have access after our meeting for 30 to 45 minutes and then the truck will be open to the public.

Sally introduced Jennie Lou Kraft who spoke about the Santa Monica Quilt Guild Boutique and Opportunity Quilt to be held November 23rd at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica. Nancy Sharp displayed the St. Monica Catholic Church' opportunity quilt, a vintage, hand-pieced, hand quilted bed quilt which dates to 1850-1860.

The Philanthropy Co-Chairs, Tanya Heldman and Debbie Nussbaum, discussed the November 9 Philanthropy workshop to be held at Westwood Presbyterian Church. There are two projects, Little Dresses for Africa and quilts for children. Members are encouraged to bring finished quilt tops and to donate juvenile fabrics, batting, and other quilt supplies. Work stations will be set up. The workshop is from 9:30 to 3:30.

Program Co-Chair Madeline Ehrlich thanked Linda Miller for providing the pre-meeting demonstration and to Lisa Hanson of Quilters Emporium. Madeline asked members for input about future workshops teachers and major speakers.

Lisa Hampton spoke about Quilt Emporium. Their focus has been on reproduction fabrics, but has changed to include all fabric lines and many books. She has a background in design and art history. They have many classes and mini groups and an "Artist of the Month." She has Downton Abbey fabrics.

Show & Tell presenters included: Charity quilt from Prima Casetta and The Getty Sew and Sews; Judith McCormack, "Around the World"; Sally Wright, "Bella Camellia", and "How Green was my Valley"; Carollee Schuegraf, "Dancing in the Moonlight"; Barbara Weigold, Kaffe Fassett quilt; Marianne Simpson, "Witchy Poos" and Flying Geese; Lita Greenberg, Chanukah Hanging and Disappearing Nine-Patch; Pepper Libow, "Sunflowers; Brenda Gottfried, "Loco Motion"; Lisa Redmond, Disappearing Nine-Patch, Strippy Bright Batik, and Zig/Zag Shirts; Debbie Nussbaum, Flying Geese; Daisy Marks, Rasmussen Glass.

Sue Rasmussen, the featured speaker, was introduced by Madeline Ehrlich. Sue was an inspiring speaker. Her talk was sprinkled with humor and at the same time instructive.

Our next meeting will be February 8, 2014 with Sheila Frampton-Cooper, as featured speaker.

Next Executive Board Meeting:

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held January 18.

All members of Westside Quilters are welcome to attend with prior notice to

Pres@WestsideQuiltersLosAngeles.org.

Our Mission

A new kind of guild organized for educational and charitable purposes; to promote cooperation and the exchange of ideas among quilters; to instruct members in methods and techniques of traditional and contemporary creative quilting; to serve mini-groups and their philanthropic endeavors within the community; to inspire personal achievement.

Officers

President	Tina Nord
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Facebook We're on Facebook. Check out the banner on the WQ website home page (lower center).

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