



Simi Valley Quilt Guild Newsletter

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January 2020

January Speaker Julia Fikse, Quilt Ninja



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Quilts 'n Force

Julia Fikse has 25 years of experience in the textile industry as a designer, garment maker, textile creator, graphic artist, entrepreneur, clothing and accessory manufacturer, and business leader. Julia has a B.S. Degree in Design from the University of California at Davis, with a minor in Textiles and Clothing.

She has trained and worked as a trend forecaster, designer, colorist and dye coordinator at Levi Strauss and Co., Gymboree, and Adidas. She has owned and operated her own clothing company for over 14 years.

Julia is an AQS Certified quilt appraiser based in Los Angeles, and currently holds memberships in a variety of quilt-related organizations including American Quilter Society, Modern Quilt Guild, Valley Modern Quilters, San Fernando Valley Quilter's Association, PAAQT and American Quilter's Society.

Her January presentation will be "Quilt Appraisal, Repair & Trunk Show"

This one hour interactive, fun, and informative lecture will teach you the value of appraisals and answer the question, "Should I get my quilt

appraised?" Included in this lecture is information about how to care for and repair quilts. Then, enjoy looking at quilts through the ages with Julia's collection of quilts from 1860 to the present with an interactive discussion about fabric dating, condition and caring for your quilt and the historical significance of quilting past and present.

Come to the January meeting early (6:40). Julia will be doing a bed-turning of some quilts brought in by our members. You can be right there as she analyzes quilts and talks about what an appraiser specifically looks at when she/he evaluates the value of a quilt. These will not be formal, i.e. paid-for, appraisals. You will be able to ask questions as you and Julia get up-close-and-personal with each quilt. Time is limited, so call Lynn Slosson if you want to bring a quilt for the bed-turning.

Ways & Means 50/50 Raffle

We are going to begin 2020 with a 50/50 raffle instead of an opportunity quilt raffle!!! There will still be door prizes for participation in block party, fat quarter swap, hospitality and just for showing up! We will sell tickets as always - \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. We are hoping this will bring in a little bit more \$\$ each month.

What is a “Round Robin”?

RR is a learning exercise the guild does every other year to help us develop as quilters. Each participant submits a block of some sort to be the starting point. That block can be any old thing – a bit of large print fabric, a test block from a quilt already done, an unfinished something from a class, a block received in an exchange that may or may not be to your taste. Basically anything that doesn't need to be in your closet anymore. In our case it should be less than 18" square.

At the January meeting, the committee assigns a number to your block and puts it in a bag so that it looks like every other submission. This is so that nobody knows who has what each month except the committee. You may also bring a bit of fabric to put in the bag. There will be a piece of paper with a place for your name and number as well as a space for each contributor to sign. Please be sure to sign it each month. Then you are given a bag with someone else's block on which you will add a border. The paper put in the bag will give some direction about what to add each month.

Keep in mind that you are not finishing this quilt. Someone else will be putting on another border next month. The bag with quilt, paper and any fabric must be turned in EACH MONTH February

through April. Each month you will be given a different bag to take home to work on.

In May, when you turn in your last bag, we will hang everything up. It's a learning experience for everyone to see how challenges were met, how we all look at color and design differently. You will want to see how your block inspired others AND how what you added to someone else's work was interpreted by the next person. This is how we all get to learn from fellow guild members.

What Round Robin is NOT

This year's RR will not be judged. There will be no voting for “best” RR. Do not bring in a center block you especially care about; RR is not a way to end up with a masterpiece with someone else doing most of the work. RR does not need to end up a finished anything. RR is not a solo effort each month – ask your friends for ideas. You will not be required to stand up and talk about what you have done if you don't want to.

Christmas Party

Over 50 members put out a spread to do us all proud! We had four guest who must have enjoyed the fare as I heard no complaints.

The guests were Dianne Long, Virginia Long, Tova and Doug Sobel. Let's hope they will come back and join us as members.

Donna Paschal



2020 Calendar

- January 8 Julia Fikse "Quilt Appraisals, Repair & Trunk Show"
- February 12 Arlene Arnold "The Journey - Kentucky to California 1864"
- March 11 Quilts 'n Force Charity Sew-in
- April 8 Dora Cary "My Path to Quilting - Romania to USA"
- May 13 Round Robin Reveal
- June 10 Ann Shaw "Line, Shape and Design in Quilts"
- July 8 Free Sew
- August 12 Matt Reese from Road to CA "How I Got Here"
- September 9 Heidi Stagno "How to Quilt That Quilt Top"
- October 14 Game Night
- November 11 Quilt Show Wrap-up
- December 12 Holiday Party

Sunshine and Shadows

Marcie Chin arrived home from Sydney after a great 42-day vacation but they brought home their germs and retired to beds for some post-vacation recuperation. Let's hope they are up and dancing by now!



Please send all S&S messages to:
 Marcie Chin, Corresponding Secretary
 805-527-8142 ... geographyqueen@att.net

The Free Table

Several members bring items to the guild meetings which they are offering free to anyone who would like to have the item. It has been rather hit and miss. The Board would like to initiate a free table at each regular guild meeting. If you wish to participate, you may bring your quilt related items to leave on the table. The proviso is that you are also responsible for claiming any items which you have brought which did not find a new home.



We Could Use Your Help

Since Road to California first began 25 years ago, quilt show volunteers have played an important role in maintaining not only the integrity of the quilt show but sharing their love for quilting with our guests. Many of Road's quilt show volunteers are returning volunteers; they enjoy their volunteering experience so much that they are anxious to return year after year. However, as the show grows and more guests attend, the need for volunteers also grows.

Road volunteers receive special "perks" for their service. All quilt show volunteers who volunteer a minimum of 2 hours receive a multi-day admission for Road 2021. Volunteer a minimum of 4 hours and receive a coveted "Roadies Bar" for the official Road to California pin in addition to the 2021 multi-day admission. And for volunteers who serve 6 or more hours, they receive all of the above plus they have the option for Road 2021 Priority Registration.

Opportunities to volunteer include helping with unpacking quilts for the quilt competition viewing; photography assistants; setting up special exhibits; white glove hosts; and take down of quilts after the show. To learn more about Road volunteer opportunities and how to sign up, please visit our website: <http://www.road2ca.com/volunteer.html>.



- 1 Jean Calderon
- 6 Betty McPeters*
- 13 Marlyn Cooper
- 20 Gil Melgoza
- 24 Bonnie Panattoni
Beverly Preston
- 25 Sherri Keeler
- 27 Julia Shipley
- 28 Linda Telford
- 30 Janet Stull

Anne's Cyber Column

While we are all trying to stay warm and cozy against the winter chill, thoughts of home and comfort are often at the forefront. Here are some wonderful house patterns to contemplate and make:

Beach houses

pattern: <http://www.craftsisters.com/uploads/1/0/7/3/1073622/halemaki.pdf>

Pretty Little Houses

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7NAJIVzfxCCOEJZTGJcnBpc0E/view>

Itty Bitty House Block (my personal favorite):

<https://www.quiltingcompany.com/qm-bitty-blocks-home-sweet-home-quilty-pleasures-blog/>

Christmas Cottage block

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/2017/12/countdown-to-christmas-christmas-cottage.html>

10" house block

<https://weddingdressblue.wordpress.com/2010/05/14/house-block-tutorial-as-promised/>

Suburbs house pattern (second row down...cute, but not free):

<https://cluckclucksewshop.com/collections/all-patterns?page=6>

Houses from Advent calendar pattern

If you are an AQS member, you can visit their little house site.

<https://www.aqsquilt.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/AQS-pattern-206pdf>

Be My Neighbor block

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/1296/1649/files/my_bmn-block11.pdf?17541498510290835015

Row Houses block

<http://www.quilterscache.com/R/RowHousesBlock.html>

Drawing a liberated house block

<http://blocksnsnswaps.blogspot.com/2010/09/how-to-draw-liberated-house.html?m=1>

Stay warm while you sew up a storm!

Anne

Nearby Quilt Shows

Information about Guild shows is available @SCCQG.org, under Calendar.

Road to California

January 23-26, 2020

Thursday - Saturday - 9:00 am-5:30 pm

Sunday - 10:00am-3:30pm

Ontario Convention Center

2000 E Convention Center Way, Ontario

Valley Quilters Guild 40th Annual Quilt Show

Feb 7-8, 2020...10:00 am

Valley-Wide Recreation Center

901 West Esplanade, San Jacinto, CA 92583

South Bay Quilters Guild Show, Ruby Celebration

February 15 - 16, 2020 ... 10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Torrance Cultural Center

Friendship Square Quilt Guild Quilt Show

Mar 14-15, 2020

La Habra Community Center

101 W. La Habra Blvd, La Habra, CA 90631

Glendale Quilt Guild Quilt Show 2020

Mar 28-29, 2020

Glendale Civic Auditorium

1401 N. Verdugo Road, Glendale, CA 91208

All quilters are invited to enter their quilts

glendalequiltguild.org



Workshop with Dora Cary

January 10

Congregational Church of Northridge
9659 Balboa Blvd, Northridge

Valley Quiltmakers will be offering a workshop by Dora Carey and they have extended an invitation to our members to attend for the same fee as their own members. If you attend the workshop, you are invited to show your finished project to Dora at our April meeting, when she will be our speaker!

Cost is \$35 plus a \$10 pattern. Supply lists for each of the quilts is available at Valleyquiltmakersguild.com. where you should register for the workshop.

Dora is offering four quilts from which to choose.



Clockwise from upper left:

Patch Nine, Split Pinwheels, Motherboard,
On the Plus Side

Dora Cary is a Romanian-born engineer and designer who moved to the United States in 2001, discovered quilting in 2006, made her first quilt and became an American citizen in 2008, and wrote her first quilt pattern in 2013. She says, "I love quilting for the creativity and freedom of expression it gives me, and I love the quilting community for the amazing generosity and sense of camaraderie."

Her website is called OrangeDotQuilts.com.

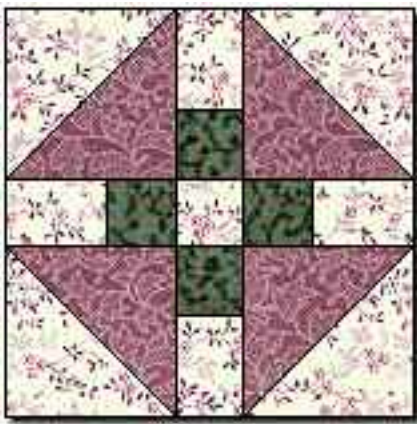
Lover's Knot

February Block for SVQG

Similar in appearance to Churn Dash...this version of a Lover's Knot Block is a very easy one to make! It's a 12" block!

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I think the colors should be pinks, lavenders and purples with a light coordinating background. *Phyllis*



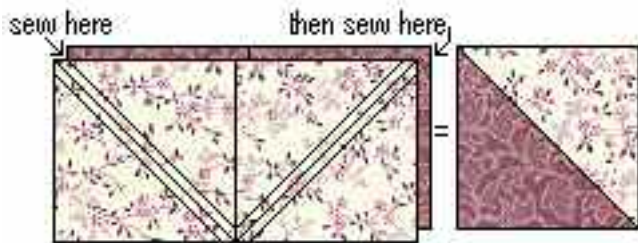
Supplies:

- Light pink (#1a) one 2-1/2" x 14" strip
- Light pink (#1b) one 5-7/8" x 11-3/4" strip.
- Dark pink (#2) one 5-7/8" x 11-3/4" strip
- Green (#3) one 2-1/2" x 10" strip

Directions:

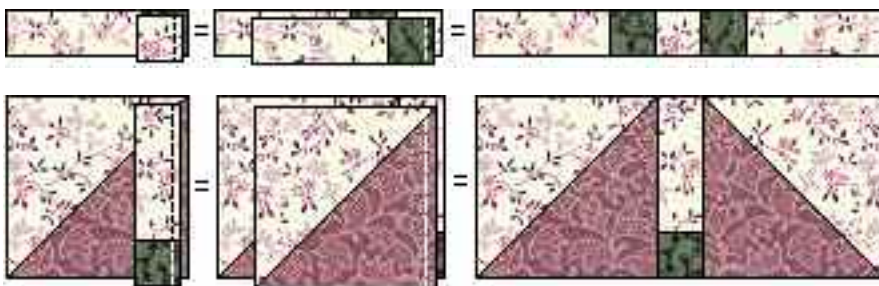
First cut strip #1a into four 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangles.

Next cut Strip #3 into four 2-1/2" squares...



Now speed piece the half squares by stacking the Color #1b and Color #2 strips right sides together. On the back of the top strip lightly mark the diagonals and the 5-7/8" square line, and sew a scant 1/4" above and below the diagonal lines. Cut apart on the marked diagonals, and on the square line. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. This will give you four half squares. Trim these back to measure 5-1/2" if needed...

Next sew a Color #3 2-1/2" square to one end of each Color #1 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangle...

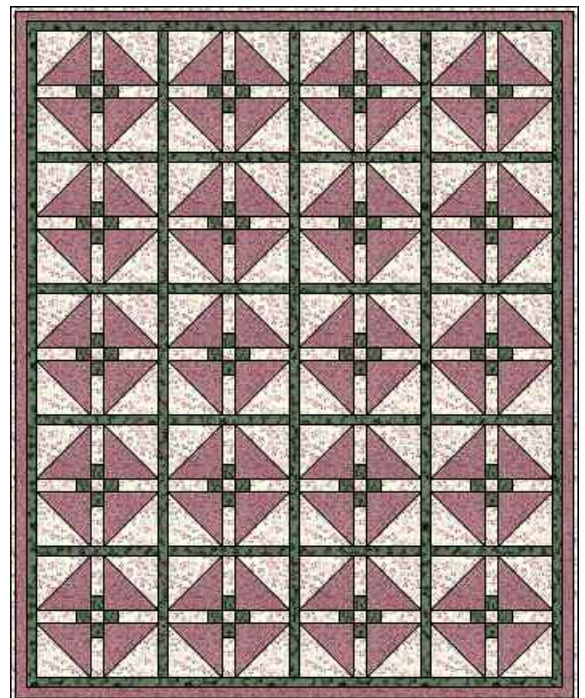
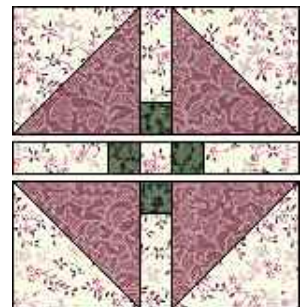


Sew one of the rectangle strips to the right side of a large half square, referring to the diagram below left for orientation of the pieces. Add another half square to the other side of the rectangle strip. Press seam allowances towards the center strip. Make two of these units...

Now sew the extra Color #1 2-1/2" square between the last two rectangle units. Press seam allowances towards the outer rectangles.

Piece the block in the order shown at left, alternating pressing directions as you add rows.

Below is a simple quilt, with sashing around the blocks, two thin borders strips, and a narrow binding.



Block Party for January



Think about a cold winter night, with the fireplace glowing and a soothing cup of hot tea. Thoughts of quilting come to mind.

You decide to piece together a log cabin that characterizes the early morning sky of January!

LOG CABIN in whites and blues:

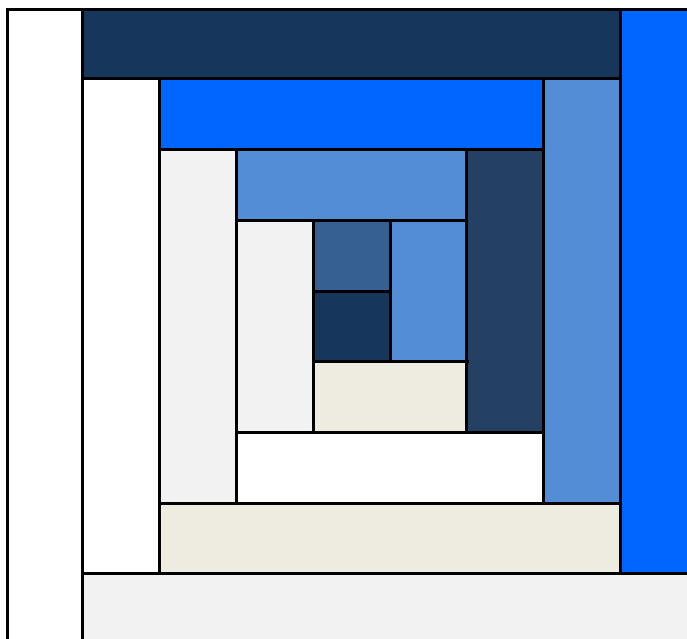
The instructions for this log cabin are very simple. Note - use 1/4" seam to join pieces together.

- Start with various strips of white cut into 1 1/2" widths - needs to be as long as possible.
- Repeat above with various colors of blue, use very light to very dark.
- Cut one dark blue 1 1/2" square - this is your center square.
- Cut one light blue 1 1/2" square, join to square above using 1/4" seam allowance. This represents the top and starting piece.
- Next attach a 1 1/2" strip. Measure square for required length. Example: this strip will be 2 1/2" long
- The next pieces are the whites. Repeat this process of two white and two blue until you have a square that measures 9-1/2" unfinished.

Phyllis has selected another archival block from an old SVQG newsletter.

There was a typo in the pattern published in November.
Use this pattern instead.

*Fat Quarters
for January:
Red*





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Don't Forget

Name Badge

Block Party

Blue and white log cabin

Fat Quarters

Red

Refreshments

Last name beginning with D - J

Area Quilting Stores

Quilty Pleasures
1742 E. Los Angeles Avenue, Ste A
Simi Valley, CA 93065 805-581-1577

Candy's Quiltworks
8549 Reseda Blvd.
Northridge, CA 91324
818-349-SEWS (7397)

Cotton and Chocolate
1772 Avenida De Los Arboles, Unit E
Oak Brook Shopping Center
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
805-241-0061

Baron's (still sells machines)
22635 Ventura Blvd.
Woodland Hills, CA 91365
818-224 2746

Roxanne's, 919 Maple Avenue
Carpinteria, CA 93013
805-566-1250

Jo-Ann's Fabrics
2242 Tapo Street
Simi Valley, CA 93063 805-522-0434

Jo-Ann's Fabrics
19819 Rinaldi Street
Northridge, CA 91326 818-832-6045

Jo-Ann's Fabrics
1516 Moorpark Rd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
805-496-2116

Kingdom Sew & Vac
8923 Reseda Blvd.,
Northridge, CA 91324 818-993-8933

Kingdom Sewing Center
1790 E. Los Angeles Avenue
Simi Valley, CA 93065 805-579-1571

Quilt 'n' Things
2411 Honolulu Avenue
Montrose, CA 91020

The Quilt Emporium
4918 Topanga Canyon Blvd
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
818-704-8238

The Fabric Shoppe
Las Posas Plaza
642 Las Posas Road
Camarillo, CA 93010 805-383-7183

FABRIC town U.S.A.
2686 E. Main Street
Ventura, CA 93003 805-643-3434

Super Buzzy
1794 E Main St.
Ventura, CA 93001 805-643-4143

SVQG meets on the second
Wednesday
of every month at the
Simi Valley Senior Center,
3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley.
Most meetings start at 7:15 pm
Visitors are always welcome for a
\$5 fee.