



FALLBROOK QUILT GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Quilting Sisters,

Wow! March was certainly a busy month for the Fallbrook Quilt Guild. As we gear up for the transition into a new guild year 2016-2017, your nomination chairs, Barb Vajda and Lou Cobb have been beating the bushes in search of guild members willing to serve their guild. They certainly deserve lots of applause for their efforts. Barb Vajda volunteered for nomination responsibilities, in addition to being our current Treasurer, AND while working a full-time job! Lou Cobb, our current 2nd VP and a phenomenal multi-tasker, assisted while doing Grandma duty in England! Barb and Lou, you ladies are Super Stars!

Starting off March 1st, our guild has a display at the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce promoting the diversity of quilts. The five quilts, on display for three months at the Chamber office on Main Street, show traditional pieced quilting, paper piecing, hand applique, a whimsical art quilt, and a bead/metallic thread-embellished quilt. Marie Sundsboe and Sandy Scott allowed me to recruit them for hanging those quilts. Sandy was so brave to climb the ladder and hanging one of the quilts at a height of 10 feet! Marie and I did our part—we held the ladder for her! Be sure to stop by to see this display. Our Chamber membership provides many opportunities for advertising and community involvement.

March was especially exciting for members anticipating the lecture and free-motion quilting workshop presented by Sharon Schamber, quilter extraordinaire. Sharon was a delightful speaker, her quilts were beyond breathtaking, and her workshop was jam-packed with information, instruction, good humor, and aura reading. Many thanks go out to Marie Sundsboe and Sandy Scott, who handled all the transportation, entertainment, lodging/meals, and lecture/workshop setup/takedown for our gifted speaker. Thank you, Marie and Sandy, for stepping up to the plate to plan and coordinate everything!

Our Quilts of Love committee collected 22 quilts from our generous members at our March meeting, and Floyce Royer reported that she delivered 19 quilts to the hospital on Camp Pendleton. An additional six quilts are soon to be delivered to birth mothers giving their babies a better life through the Adoption Center of San Diego. Whether you made quilts for babies born to our military personnel, or for birth mothers giving up their babies for adoption, each quilt is special because it is stitched with love, caring, and compassion. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Our gorgeous Opportunity Quilt 'Words to Live By' continues to bring in the ticket sales, with Ways & Means team members, Susie Alderson and Jan Conklin worked hard at selling tickets during the March Quilt Run. Even though the revenue goal is getting closer, there are STILL members who have either not paid for their tickets, or who have not paid the full amount. What's up with that? Part of being a member in good standing requires the purchase of 30 raffle tickets. Members have the option of keeping the tickets for themselves or selling the tickets to others. Please be sure you are a member in good standing. Thank you team Ways & Means for the fantastic job you are doing!

Our April Board meeting will be held on April 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Quilters Cottage. All guild members are invited and encouraged to attend. Attendance is an opportunity to present your ideas for the guild, and/or to express your concerns. Your input makes a difference!

Be sure to read the entire newsletter, as I am sure Christy Smith has included lots of interesting information. AND, she is producing this month's newsletter while doing Grandma 911 duty from Seattle WA! Christy makes each newsletter so much fun to read, and has been a great newsletter editor!

To all of you, who serve our guild, it is such a pleasure to know such dedicated, talented, and hardworking quilting sisters!

Many quilted hugs,

Shirley Fleming

A REFLECTION ON THIS OLD QUILT

I was probably just as much in awe of Sharon Schamber's incredible artistry as the rest of you when she showed masterpiece after masterpiece at our March guild meeting. I would love to be able to create quilts that truly are such works of art but, you know how it is, life gets in the way sometimes. And, after seeing yet another birthday come and go just a few weeks ago, I was even feeling slightly discouraged accepting that there just enough time lifetime left to achieve Sharon's degree of creative artistry. But, then I read the following reflection my sweet (and so very talented!) niece posted on Facebook, and I felt genuine gratitude

for the ability to create any quilts at all. Let me share her musings with you...



As I've been sidelined for a few days waiting for this sickness to pass, I've been reflecting on this old tattered, faded quilt. It was my first attempt, made at the ripe old age of 17, for the man who would become my husband. I had no idea there was such a thing as a rotary cutter, so I tore the fabrics into strips. I had no knowledge of binding or actual quilting, so it was simply finished and tied. If I'd know at the time the things this quilt would see, I'd have shaken my head in disbelief. In its youth, the browns were rich and earthy, the blues bright, like shades of new denim and the border a soft, fine wale corduroy in chocolate brown. Through the years, it has protected soft baby legs from grass at the park. It has hosted countless picnics, served as a source of warmth during backyard campouts, become an indoor fort. It has comforted sick children, been puked on, sneezed on, fevered on, and as a result, taken many trips through the wash. It's seen a husband through cancer and a daughter through Mono. Poor thing is so faded; the corduroy is completely worn through in spots and has been many times repaired. A few times I've considered retiring it, only to be met with pleas to let it stay. This old rag will be with us to the end. It will soon get a new binding made from the old jeans of the man it was made for. I hope to be loved this much when I'm old and soft and worn.

Written by Trisha Seifert (age 46)

Vancouver WA

So...isn't this an expression of why we all really make most of the quilts we make? We make them thinking of those we love, those who will receive this offering of our creativity, and we stitch our love into each and every seam.

And, then, we give those quilts away, hoping they will be cherished so much that they, too, will become soft and worn and loved.

Submitted by

Shirley Fleming

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: A general membership meeting of the FQG was held at the Fallbrook Community Center in Fallbrook, Ca., on Mar. 3, 2016. The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM, by our presiding President Shirley Fleming, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Announcements:

- Welcome to tonight's guest speaker – Sharon Schamber, who has a treasure of beautiful quilts to share with us. Thank you to both Marie Sundsboe and Sandy Scott for all the arrangements for Sharon's visit, and a special thank you to Sandy for opening her home to Sharon during her stay.
- Minutes of the Feb. guild and board meeting were reviewed, approved and published in the last newsletter. Our next board meeting will be on Mar. 11, 2016 at 10a.m. Our board meeting this month will be held at Jessie Lee's home.
- The Feb. newsletter required much patience on the part of our editor, Christy Smith. Please show your appreciation for the outstanding work that Christy has done with our newsletter both last year and this year. In addition, we are still in need of someone to take over as editor for next year. If you are interested, please see Barb Vajda or Lou Cobb.
- Our guild is a member of the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce. Benefits to us are: inclusion in brochures distributed by the Chamber; extra advertising of our special events. Since the last board meeting we were asked to put together a special display of quilts to hang at the CofC.
- Members that contributed quilts for this display include: Sandy Scott, Barb Anderson, Shirley Fleming, and Ann Turley. The display includes a traditionally pieced quilt, a hand appliqued quilt, an art quilt. A bead-embellished quilt, and a face quilt, in order to illustrate the great variety of quilts, and to encourage new membership. The title of the display is *"Diversity of Quilting"*. To promote our 2017 Quilt Show, Sandy has already reserved the months of Aug., Sept., and Oct. 2017 to display quilts and advertise the show. We are also working a special flyer and new business cards to put out at the CofC, and want to create a tri-fold brochure.
- Additional benefits of belonging to the CofC includes free seminars. On Feb. 29th Marie Sundsboe, Shirley Fleming and Sandy Scott attended a State Board of Equalization seminar on Non-profit organizations and sales use tax. Seminar was very enlightening, and informative. We are very fortunate that Marie is very well versed in this area.
- At the Feb. board meeting, the board position of Non-Profit Compliance Officer (NPCO) was approved with Marie Sundsboe nominated for the position, which will begin with our new year. This is a 2-yr. position, responsible for keeping our guild in compliance with all Federal, State, and local requirements in order to maintain our legal Non-profit status. Marie will be voted into this position in May, along with the rest of the other Board members. Until then she will continue her role unofficially acting as our NPCO. Many thanks to both Marie and Rosalie Mikelson for working so diligently since 2012 to bring our guild into compliance.
- Please read your most recent newsletter to review the proposed by-law changes for the creation of the Non-Profit Compliance Officer position, as well as the wording changes to the by-law regarding our scholarship. We will be voting on these issues in April.
- The SCCQG meeting on April 9th will be "Meet the Teachers" This will be a wonderful opportunity for our new 2nd VP, which we still need someone to fill the position, to meet potential speakers for the new year. If you are interested in going please see me to reserve your seat.

Treasurer (Barb Vajda): Our current bank balance is \$33,867. Dec. income was \$524., and Dec. expenses were \$239.

Nominating Committee (Barb Vajda and Lou Cobb): still looking for members interested in serving on the board or a committee for next year. There are forms at the table by the entry door to fill out and turn in if you are interested.

Membership (Ardis Duhachek/Diana Rash): we have 71 members signed in, 1 new member, and 7 guests, this evening. We have a total of 112 guild members.

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Ways and Means (Jan Conklin): thanks to all that helped out with white gloving and ticket sales at Road.

We sold \$238 in Opportunity Quilt tickets at the show.

Hospitality (Tuesday Girls): thanks to everyone that brought food tonight. We still need volunteers for food for both March and May.

Scholarship (Betty Hall): applicant must be from the area. We have \$1500 in scholarship monies available. Scholarship application is on our website, and all schools in the area have received applications as well.

Shop & Swap (Paula Manning): thanks to everyone that brought things in tonight for our 1st shop and swap. You can bring in things that you no longer need or want to put out for sell. If your things do not sell, please take them home and bring in again at another meeting.

Programs and Workshops:

March: Sharon Schamber presenting a Trunk show at the meeting and her workshop on March 5th will be "Machine Quilting on a Domestic Machine."

April- Irene Althaus will be presenting our program on Chicken Linens. No workshop.

May- Claudia Gomez will be presenting "Motion is Lotion" at the meeting and her workshop on May 5th will be "The French Door Wall Hanging."

Tonight's speaker is Jill Rixman, presenting "The Evolution of a Pattern Design".

BREAK

15-minute break to buy raffle tickets

Show and Tell: Linda Wright, Judy Ortega, Bard Vajda, Karen Granoff, Lois Sprague, Noreen Ring, Connie Follstad – showed 4 Quilts of Love, Dawn Johnson, Ann Turley, Sandy Scott, Carol Harpin, and Barb Anderson.

Cup and a Quarter: tonight we have cups from Danielle Eichelberger, Susie Alderson, Patti Cass, and Vivian Borgstrom. Tonight's winners are Ardis Duhachek, Judy Ortega, Barb Vajda and Patti Lucas.

Door Prizes: winners are Betsy Shirkey, Barb Vajda, Andy Hard, Wendy Bean, Louis Linfoot, and Judy Ortega

Monthly Drawing winner is Marie Sundsboe

Block of the Month winner is JoAnn Russell, and Sylvia Williams

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Jeter, Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2016

Call to Order: An Executive Board/Committee Chair Meeting of the F.Q.G. was held at the home of Jessie Lee, in Fallbrook CA. The meeting was convened at 10:04 A.M. Presiding was President Shirley Fleming. Members present were Barb Vajda, Cheryl Jeter, Marie Sundsboe, Dawn Johnson, Diana Rash, Ardis Duhachek, Lou Cobb, Sandy Scott and Jan Conklin.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Barbara Vajda): Mar. income was \$747.50, expenses were \$1890.60. Current balance is \$32,875.40.

Barb has added a "Sales tax Payable" to the Treasurer's Report. Marie will track all sales tax that we pay from our special events and report them to Barb.

Membership (Ardis Duhachek, Diana Rash): discussion on how to handle a situation with two former members that attended the March meeting and did not sign in as guests or pay the guest fee. One of the former members wore her guild badge and then participated in Show and Tell. Lou suggested that both ladies be sent a bill, Marie suggested that a letter be written to them. Shirley will be writing a letter to each former member concerning the situation and advising them that we are aware of them attending as non-members, and not paying guest fees. It was then decided that if the situation then occurs again after the letters are sent, then membership is to advise Shirley and she will address them at the meeting.

Ways and Means (Jan Conklin): Susie Alderson and Jan Conklin sold Opportunity Quilt tickets at the Cottage over two weekends, selling \$200. In tickets. Jan said that the theme of the Quilt Run was western, so on Sat. when she was selling tickets she dressed in a western theme and found that her sales increased significantly, especially with men coming in to purchase tickets.

Still have a number of members that have not paid for tickets picked up, or still owe a balance of \$5. Still have a few members that have not picked up their tickets, as well. Discussion on whether tickets should be numbered. It will be less expensive to print tickets without being numbered. We have sold 4,217 Opportunity Quilt tickets to date, so that by June we should have sold all 5,000 that were printed, plus some additional tickets that Jan has printed off her home printer.

The Board agreed that going forward that all tickets will be paid for in full at the time they are picked up and the member must sign for them at the time of pickup. Diana Rash suggested that we put a reminder on the member application reminding everyone that members are expected to sell Opportunity Quilt tickets and complete 2 Quilts of Love ea. year. Sandy will add this to the application form.

Jan brought up the situation of not knowing which past presidents are no longer active in the guild and those that should be purchasing Opportunity tickets. Suggested that going forward that past presidents that are no longer active being noted in the directory. Shirley will contact any active past presidents that have not purchased their tickets or this year and remind them of their obligation to still sell Opportunity Quilt tickets.

Jan is still trying to get in touch with someone from the El Camino Guild to see if they will allow us to display our Opportunity Quilt at their upcoming show in April.

Newsletter (Shirley for Christy Smith): articles for the March newsletter need to be to Christy by March 21st. It was suggested that we add technique articles to the newsletter for our new members. Lou suggested that we start this in the summer to coincide with "Quilt University" which she has planned for the Aug. meeting/workshop. Question came up as to whether or not we can copy published articles, due to copyright issues. This will be checked on, but it was also suggested that the information could be reconfigured, or that we could add links to websites, that will take members to the info.

Boutique (Lou Cobb): there will be no boutique booth at Myrtle Creek for Mother's Day. There is an event at the end of the month, and Lou will advise Jan Conklin of the dates as a possibility to show the Opportunity Quilt. Jan suggested an alternative event for the boutique for Mother's Day – Primitive Antiques, in Old Town Murrieta. Lou was interested in this suggestion, so Jan will forward info to Lou about it.

Marie advised Lou that she needs to know of all Boutique events in advance in order to apply to the state for a sales tax license for each event.

Nominations (Barb Vajda and Lou Cobb): reviewed the list of nominations with board, those who have accepted a position and those that are considering a position for 2016-2017. Still trying to fill the following positions: secretary, block of the month, friendship groups. It was decided to eliminate the positions of historian, advertising and librarian. Shirley will be talking to Paula about taking a small amount of books from the library collection we have and selling them in the Shop and Swap ea. month. Those books that do not sell can be taken to the library. There is a video of our 1st quilt show that is in the library that needs to be kept out. The nominations for the new board and committees will be presented to the guild at the April meeting, and voted on at the May meeting. Jan Conklin suggested that a list of nominees be made up and pasted out at the April meeting.

Bylaw Changes (Shirley Fleming): Voting on by law changes will be held at the April meeting.

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Workshops for 2016-2017 (Lou Cobb): Lou reviewed the programs and workshops that she has planned for the new year. She will be presenting this info to the guild at the May meeting, along with when members can start signing up for the workshops. Lou presented

an example of a tri-fold brochure that she wants to print up listing the workshops for next year. This will be a colored brochure showing an image of the workshop project along with a workshop description. Lou said she has budget to print the brochure. Shirley suggested that possibly some funds could come from the advertising/publicity budget as well. It was suggested that we print a larger number of the brochures, so that they can be placed at the Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society. The board approved to have the brochure printed in time to have at the May meeting.

Marie noted that while Lou has been 2nd VP that she has gone through all past records and created a spreadsheet of all past speakers.

This info will be on a USB drive that will be pasted along to the new 2nd VP.

Quilt Buddy Committee (Shirley Fleming): Shirley had discussed this position with Tiffany Ortega last fall. She will follow up with Tiffany to see if she will start for the new year, as well as take on the Friendship Group committee.

Misc.

Quilts of Love labels – need to have new labels printed. Shirley presented a quote. Sandy told Shirley she has other sources that were less expensive, and will forward the list to her. It was decided that the labels should be printed and not embroidered.

Quilts for Birth Mothers – Shirley now has 6 quilts and will arrange a time to deliver them.

Filed Trip: Diana Rash suggested doing a field trip Hoffman Fabrics.

Volunteer List: Jan Conklin suggested that we have a list of volunteers that can be called on to help out at guild functions. It was suggested that we put the list of “Areas of Interest” back on the members’ application form

Next Executive Board Meeting: April 15, 2016

Meeting Adjourned: 12p.m.

Submitted by Cheryl Jeter, Secretary

We'll Be Turning Over Soon!

We will be holding a Turnover Meeting of outgoing and incoming Board officers and committee chairs on Saturday, June 4th at 9:30 a.m. at the Fallbrook Public Utility District’s conference room. All outgoing and incoming Board and committee chairs are required to attend to make a smooth transition for the new guild year 2016-2017. Those who are outgoing need to bring their **complete and updated** procedure manuals with them to turnover to those incoming.

Though we have tried making this an informal process in the past by allowing all parties to make the exchange of procedure manuals and information at their leisure, this has not been successful. By holding a special meeting for this, your current Board is anticipating that this will allow everyone to ask and answer any questions regarding transition.

Mark your calendars to save this date!

Submitted by

Shirley Fleming

(turned over quilt...)



HOSPITALITY REPORT



Thanks to the members that brought refreshments for our March 3rd guild meeting! I wasn't able to make the meeting, but I understand Renee Toomey, Shirley Fleming, Pam Wright, Sheryl Kaplan, Andy Hard, Linda Huff, Mary Morrison, Sylvia Williams, Kris Hamblen, and Linda Palmer all helped to make the St. Patrick's themed table a success!

By the way, Linda Huff accidentally left her pyrex bowl on the table, we're hoping maybe someone picked it up for her!

The Sew and Sew II's have volunteered to bring the refreshments for April! Much appreciated!

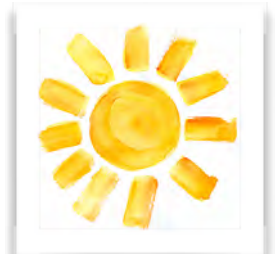
We need members to help out with May. Please let Sue Burns know if you can bring something, or you can sign up at the April Meeting.

See you on April 7th,
The Tuesday Girls



Rain or shine, come on out to our April meeting to hear and see our very own Irene Althaus presenting her Chicken Linens program. Irene is incredibly gifted at repurposing vintage feedsacks and linens into beautiful and useful works of art. Come and be inspired! In May, Claudia Gomez will be presenting "Motion is Lotion" and her workshop will be "the French Door Wallhanging." Signup at the April meeting.

Lou Cobb is finalizing the speakers and workshops for our next year and all will be revealed at our May meeting!





QUILTS OF LOVE STILL POURING IN!



Here are the names of baby quilt contributors - Ursula Hohaus (5), Wendy Bean (3), Gigi Sartor (prepared block to put together), Kris Hamblen (2), Lou Cobb (1) Nora Fusco (2), Jewell Burke (4), Lois Sprague (1), Christy Smith (1).

Thanx, Floyce Royer, Quilts of Love.

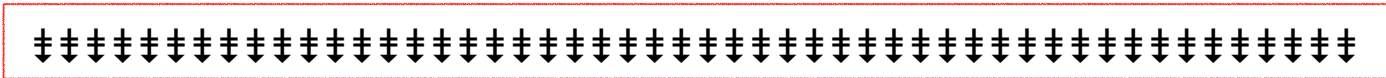
WAYS AND MEANS STILL SELLIN' THOSE TICKETS!



We did an amazing job selling tickets at Quilter's Cottage on the Quilt Run so thanks to all of you that bought extra tickets or brought your friends and relatives to do so. Thanks also to Jan and Diane for graciously allowing us to sell tickets outside the best quilt shop on the run. The quilt was especially popular with men; several of them walked down the driveway just to buy the tickets, so maybe you should buy more tickets for Father's Day gifts or Mother's Day gifts. It's getting close to the final drawing for the "Words to Live By" Opportunity Quilt. You can only win it if you've turned in your tickets and paid for them. So, for those quilters that still haven't done so. now is the time. There are several of you who need to pay for the ones you've already picked up. And there are just a

few that need to pick up and pay for tickets. Three of you that only had a \$20 bill in July owe \$5 of the \$25 that was due. We are nearing our goal but need your help to achieve it.

We are hopeful that we will be displaying the quilt at the El Camino Quilt Guild, Primitive Gatherings and Antiques & Primitives in either April or May Play to win. Who's it going to be?



Still looking for a Friendship Group? Be sure to talk to Sylvia Williams at the April meeting or email her at: sylvview@roadrunner.com.

El Camino Quilt Show
April 15 & 16
Oceanside, CA
www.elcaminoquilters.com

Glendale Quilt Guild Presents..A Visit with Alex
Two lectures and lunch with Alex Anderson
April 16, First Cong. Church of Glendale
www.glendalequiltguild.org

The Quilter's Swap Table is for all to enjoy and at the same time make a few dollars for the guild. A member may donate, buy or both. Last month, several great items arrived after the start of the meeting and will be on the table this month. We have some wonderful fat quarters, vintage linens, books, patterns and even some cool and black HP printer cartridges, HP 75xl. So come and swap and shop!
Don't forget to pick up your unsold items after the meeting!
Submitted by Paula Manning

SEWLEBRITY PHOTO PAGE



Super hard challenge for you!

(or, caption the photos so the editor doesn't have to.....)

On this page can you find.....

President Shirley Fleming sharing her mother, Jessie Lee's quilts at our February meeting?

Our May speaker, Claudia Gomez?

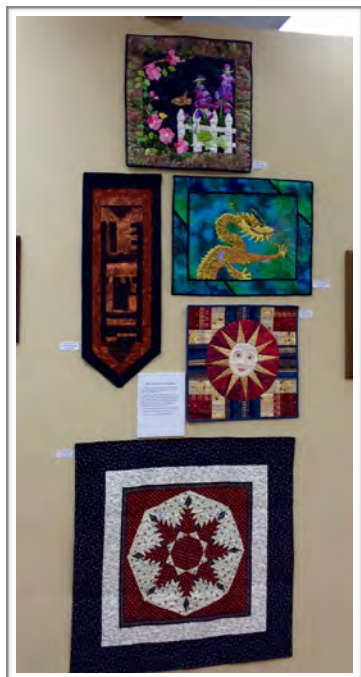
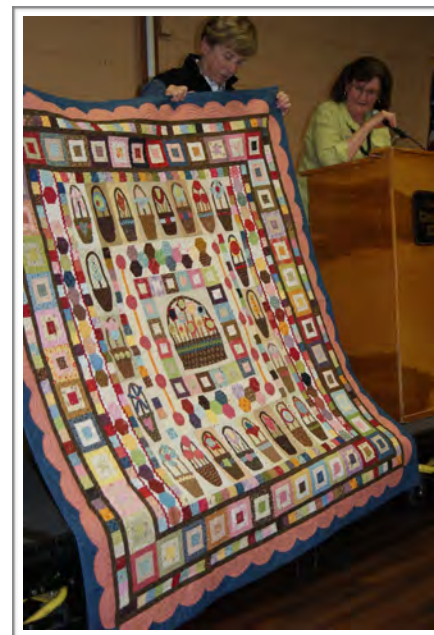
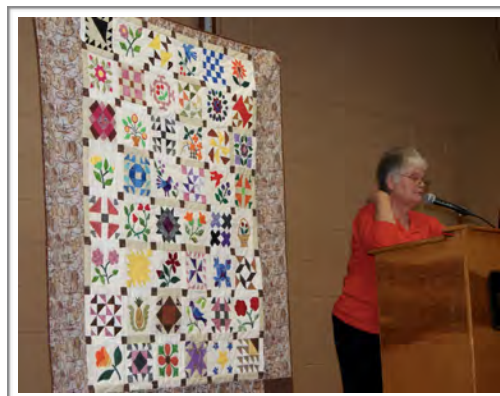
Quilter extraordinaire, Mary Morrison, sharing her basket quilt?

Guild quilts hanging at Chamber of Commerce?

Ann Harris, sharing one of her rescued and restored quilts?

The French Door Wallhanging sample for the May workshop?

OK - too easy, but can you find a blue bird in one of these quilts???



Next meeting is April 7th, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Fallbrook Community Center

Don't Forget:

Name tag
Block of the month
Show and Tell Quilts
Swap shop items
Quilts of Love
Birthday Girls door prizes
Opportunity tickets and payment

APRIL BIRTHDAY GIRLS

April 1	Dawn Johnson
April 2	Deb Raver
April 7	Tiffany Ortega
April 8	Susie Alderson
April 12	Judy Ortega
April 15	Janice Welch
April 19	Christy Smith
April 20	Anne Ondraka
April 23	Diane Parker
April 26	Dixie Johns
April 30	Connie Follstad

Bring a quilt goodie for the prize table!

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