

THREADS

Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists



A Life Lived Well

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In Memory of Donna Scarbrough

I was very fortunate that along our Rotary path my husband and I met PDG Gene and Donna Scarbrough from Anaheim, California. We became fast friends. Donna loved to quilt and enjoyed other fiber arts as well. When we chartered this Quilt Fellowship in 2003, Donna agreed to serve as Treasurer. She was our charter Treasurer until she passed away quietly and peacefully on May 21, 2014 and joined Gene and my husband Jerry in heaven.

Donna and Gene have 5 children and two are Past Presidents of their respective Rotary Clubs. At the Celebration of Life, each one of them displayed the quilts their mother made for them. Each one was hand pieced and hand quilted. She also made a Christmas stocking for every member of her family, except for herself. Donna was loved by all who knew her. She enjoyed the quilt fellowship and served us well over the past 10 years. Rest in Peace, my friend.

I appointed Marty Wyatt, a charter member from Madera California, to serve as Treasurer and she graciously accepted.

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August 14-16, 2014

Pecos Valley Quilters
Show, Roswell, New
Mexico. Show is Sept
19-20, 2014 with clas-
ses starting on Sept.
18.

**International Quilt
Festival
Houston 2014**
October 30-
November 2,
2014 George R. Brown
Convention Center
Houston, Texas

Donna's sewing machine.



Debra, Scott and Susan,
with one of the quilts
their mother made. So
beautiful.

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The International Experience



Cheryl Minshew, who again organized the fellowship booth at Sydney reports "We donated \$7000.00 to Polio through sales at the booth. We had donations from Fellowship members living in England, Finland, Tasmania, Australia, New Zealand, and the USA. " We also welcomed ten new members.

Beth Woolley, Vere Gray, Carole Wright and Gwenda Knights, left, are all fellowship members who helped with the booth.

Exploring the Passion

Our Australian hosts were wonderful. From the Down Under Breakfast and the Aussie BBQ lunch to the more formal Restaurant night at Darling Harbour the food and fun were great. PDG Tony Castley invited members of the RFQFA to join his class of PDGs at a lovely dinner with a perfect view of the Vivid Sydney Laser Light show and fireworks. The food and service were outstanding. We were also able to visit his store Hobbysew. We were treated to a store full of fun fabrics and other fiber arts products. And we got tea as well. Here are a few photos.



Cheryl and Sue at Darling Harbour, Anita in her Rotary fabric dress, with new friends from Australia and pictures from the trip to PDG Tony's Hobbysew store.



AUSTRALIAN THEMED WALL HANGINGS AT SYDNEY

BY VERE GRAY, AG ROTARY CLUB OF BATEMANS BAY, PROJECT CONVENOR

Prior to the Sydney Convention a challenge was issued initially to members of the Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fibre artists, then later extended to Rotarians, their partners, or anyone with a link to Rotary. The challenge was to make an Australian Themed wall hanging size 15" x 50". The idea came from a project which I had co-ordinated with my local quilt group when five wall panels were stitched depicting our local area, namely the south coast of New South Wales, Australia. When these panels won fourth place in the 2013 NSW Quilters Guild Quilt Show under the Community/Group Quilt Section I began to wonder whether we Rotarians could make something similar for the Sydney Convention - hence the idea was born.

These five wall panels, together with another 23, were hung on a black background at the entrance to the House of Friendship. Some panels depicted the area where the quiltmaker lives, others depicted Australian animals and birds, some portrayed Australian landscapes, one depicted themes from all the states and yet another told the story of forty years of Rotary Friendship Exchange. The makers came from Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

Makers were given the choice of having the panels returned or having them auctioned for the End Polio Program. Seven panels were sold by silent auction and \$3035 was donated by the winning bidders to the Rotary Foundation to help End Polio. With the Gates Foundation Matching Grant this translates to \$6,100 which will vaccinate about 15,000 children! Thank you ladies for your generous gift in offering your panels for auction.

Many compliments were received about the panels, the ideas, the workmanship and how the theme was interpreted. Everyone who walked in and out of the House of Friendship couldn't help but see them!

My grateful thanks go to PDG Tony Castley who helped greatly with the logistics for the display, to Carole Wright from the Rotary Club of Hurstville (Sydney) who helped every day during the Convention, and to the other ladies who took a turn and helped by answering questions and encouraging bidding! My grateful thanks also go to the members of the Fellowship who made panels, who spread the word or who encouraged others. Without your wonderful efforts we would not have had a display! We truly showed the talents of those who made the panels. And we raised much needed funds to help End Polio - and we indeed helped to Light Up Rotary. Next page—Vere Gray with Carole Wright





From Sydney to Essex Junction

This summer your co-editors of the bulletin have been busy visiting sites in Sydney, AU and Essex Junction, VT, USA

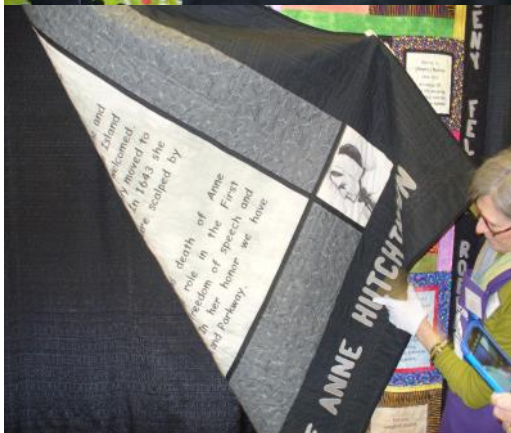
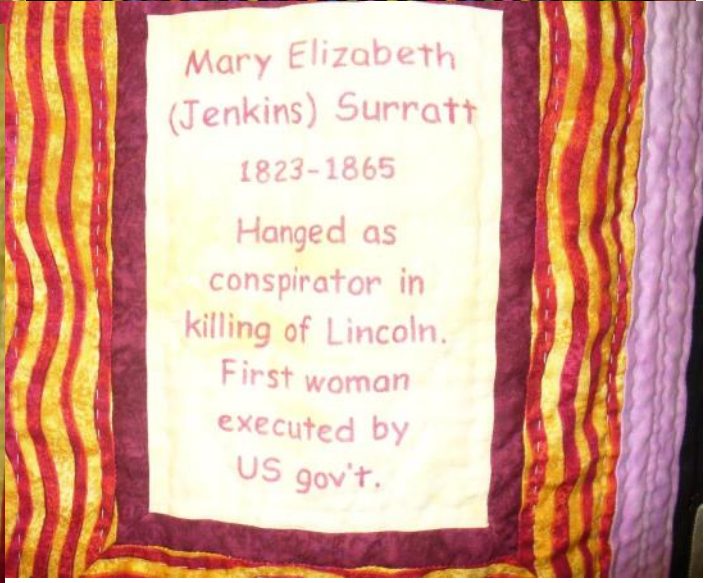
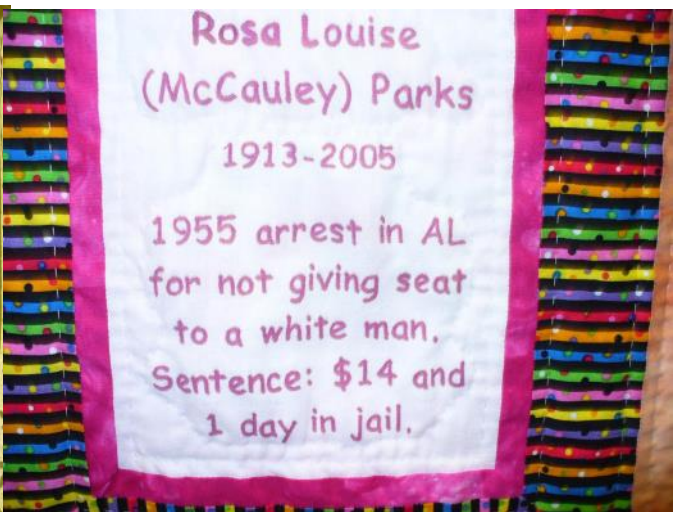
While Lynn was busy attending the International in Sydney, AU I was busy moving from New York to New Hampshire. I did manage to sneak away for the Vermont Quilt Show. This is the 4th or 5th year I have made the trip to Essex Junction and I have never been disappointed looking at all the wonderful and talented artists. Essex Junction is outside of Burlington so it is easy to spend the night and spend quality time at the show (tickets are for 1/2/or 3 days. There are classes available in addition to the show rooms.

The vendors were there and the quilters came prepared with large suitcases on wheels to add to their stash at home. Schlep bags were bursting at the seams as the folks wandered from vendor to vendor. The book display always has a large number of book - hard and soft cover - and you certainly can find what you are looking for. The latest in gadgets and long arm quilt machines were there and gave lots of demonstrations throughout the day I was there. I was *forced* to behave myself as I still had not unpacked the 10 or so boxes marked "fabric". But I did find a pattern that I was looking for and now need to find the perfect fabric in my stash.

The quilts on view covered "antique" quilts, traditional, contemporary and the big change was the number of machine quilted quilts. One exhibit I enjoyed was quilts made by young children - ages 5-15. What great imaginations they had. The stitches might not have been perfect but the love came thru.

Several pieces that I am including for this newsletter had lots of comments by viewers. One quilt was done of women who were arrested and the punishment of their crime. I wish I could have taken pictures of each of the squares. Photo of the back of the quilt corners that a docent was happy to handle for me.

The piece that was multi-dimensional was not classified. It had quilting and the details were considerable. It was at least six layers deep with animals along the borders and hidden in trees. I have included one which is of a fisherman in a canoe. Esther Arlan



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Need a way to contain those balls of yarn? How about this beautiful turned bowl by Richard Schroeder from Saturday Market in Ilwaco WA.

Thinking ahead - is there anyone heading to Houston, TX this fall for the International Show? If so - let us know and perhaps folks could meet for coffee or tea and share their Rotary quilting stories.

I'll be traveling this summer and expect to find some great fabric, yarn and cross-stitch while in the Netherlands, Denmark & Finland. If anyone has ideas please send me info as soon as possible.



Happy quilting, knitting or stitching. Join me in making a commitment to finish one project that is sitting in a basket before we say goodbye to 2014.

Share with us your horror story - of a project gone wrong and how you fixed it. I'll share mine in the next edition along with a picture. Esther