

# THREADS

Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists



## I've Been Framed

Connie Harris Farrington of Queensbury, NY has been quilting for decades. Her most recent quilts have been two-sided, humorous, and focused on some rather quirky ladies. In 2014 she completed "I've Been Framed", featuring 18 American women who were arrested for a variety of crimes. All of the women are cut from commercial fabrics and machine appliqued. Each is "framed" in a combination of print fabrics and material that Connie hand-dyes and hand-letters with fabric inks. Since she hand quilts with a large "primitive" stitch, she typically finishes only one quilt a year. This quilt is 72" wide by 88" long.

The array of ladies goes back as far as 1692 when Sarah Goode was hanged as a witch. And it comes up as close as Martha Stewart's arrest in 2004 for obstruction of justice. On the way we see such women as Lizzie Borden, Leona Helmsley, Tokyo Rose, Carrie Nation, Rosa Parks and Tanya Harding, all portrayed whimsically. The border highlights 13 sing-song-y crimes appliqued in gray ultrasuede.

The reverse side tells the poignant story of "The Framing of Anne Hutchinson", a history-changing event. Anne was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1638 for heresy after allowing discussions of "inner faith" in her home. Later she fled from Rhode Island to Westchester County, NY where she and 14 members of her family were scalped in 1643. Her life and death played a large part in the framing of the First Amendment rights of freedom of speech and religion. Her life was celebrated in the naming of NY's Hutchinson River Bridge and Hutchinson River Parkway.

Connie's quilts have won prizes in many national competitions and appeared in several magazines. She is a professional genealogist and has 3 large organic vegetable gardens. Connie is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and lectures on quilts.

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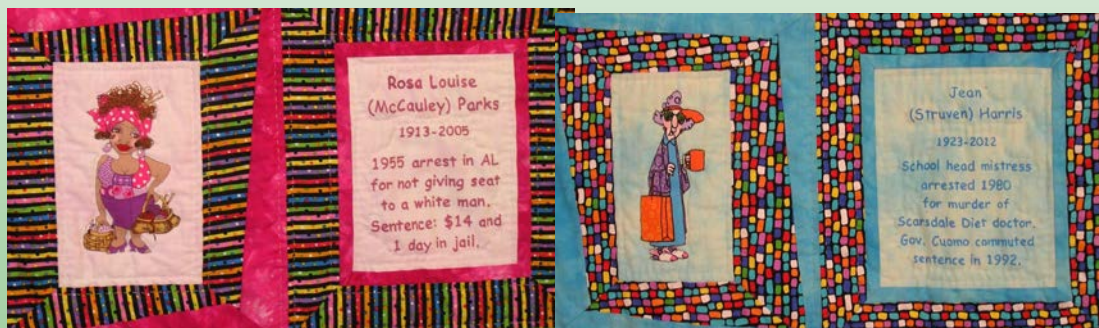
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"Sew Whimsical"  
Heart of California  
Quilt Guild 2015 Show  
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which will be on  
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Yeiser Art Center.  
Paducah, Kentucky**

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# Quilt Guild to the Rescue

## By Rev. Diane Mettam

**When my husband and I moved to Eureka I felt blessed to find a quilt guild. What I didn't realize was how big a blessing this quilt guild would be.**

**As a Methodist minister I believe in a life of service. So does the Redwood Empire Quilt Guild. Each year we donate more than 200 quilts to Hospice, the North Coast Veterans Program, Dialysis Center, North Coast Children's Services, and the Red Cross. In addition, we donate approximately 300 doll quilts to the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots to be distributed to children at Christmas. A quilt is part of each doll and stuffed animal toy given by Santa, to develop a sense of nurture and care for the toy. Guild members can check out cut-out quilts to piece together, finished quilts that needs bindings sewn, or pieced tops that need to be quilted, and return them as they are finished.**

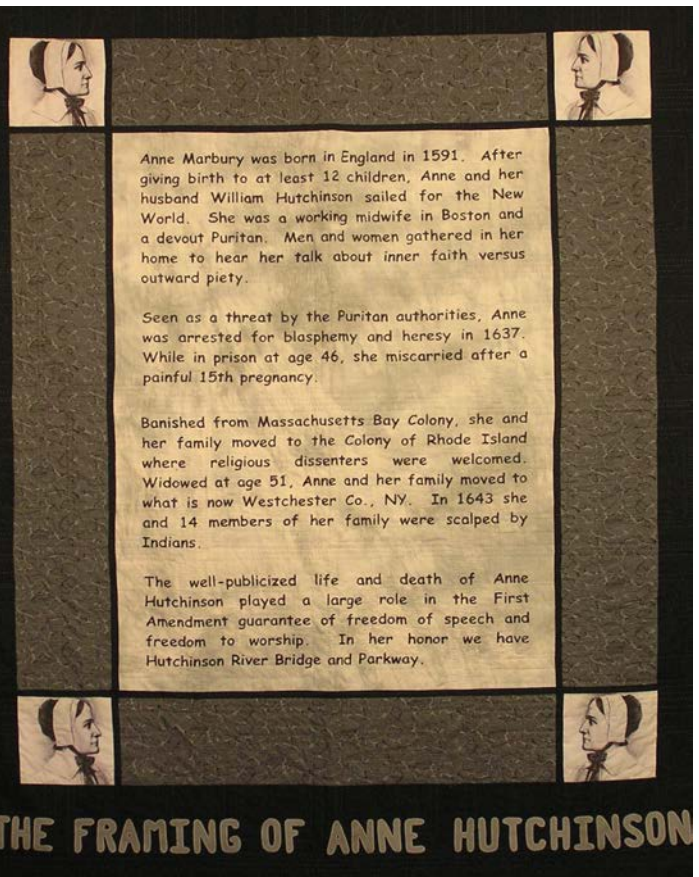
**What is a quilt guild without education? We are fortunate to bring in educators of national renown to lead workshops and speak to our guild members. In May Laura Nownes taught a class on her popular "Spoolin' Around" quilt and gave a talk and trunk show at our monthly meeting. She was a delight, and a kind and patient teacher. In November Tracey Brookshier taught two classes - her popular "Beyond Bento Box" and "Butterfly Town" patterns - and spoke to the Guild about "Quilting is BIG Business."**

**And of course a quilt guild means fun. Each month we have a fat quarter exchange and a block-of-the-month exchange, each with a theme chosen by their coordinator. We also have a raffle table full of treasures donated by members, and an extensive library of books, videos and magazines loaned free of charge. There is a social gathering before each meeting, with delicious food and drink. And we have Show and Tell, where we are all free to show off what we have been working on, and receive the admiration of our fellow quilters and fiber artists (one of our members is actually a dollmaker, not a quilter). What I appreciate is that everyone, from the most experienced quilter to the newest beginner, can find a place in the Guild and feel appreciated.**

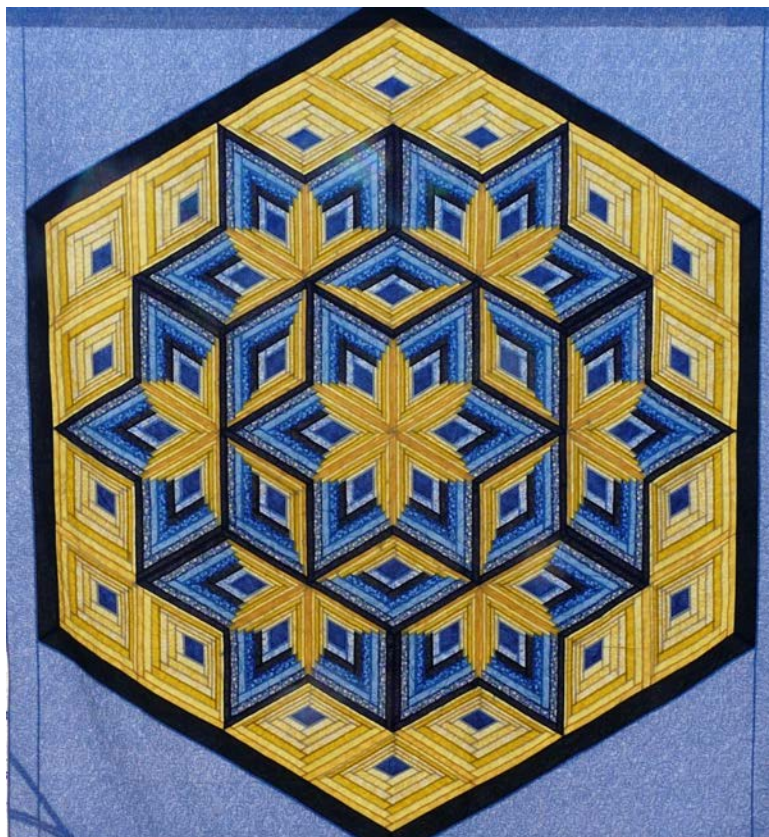
**Every other year we host a quilt show, and that is what we are gearing up for in 2015. More than 300 quilts will be on display, along with our opportunity quilt, Brilliance, which was a labor of love among many guild members. It will be raffled off as a highlight of the show. My husband and I attended the show for the first time last year, and were astounded by the breadth of the show, which allowed for displays of quilts in mini "rooms" of different themes, techniques, color schemes, and other motifs.**

**Finding a home at the Redwood Empire Quilters Guild has been a real blessing that will keep me occupied for many years.**

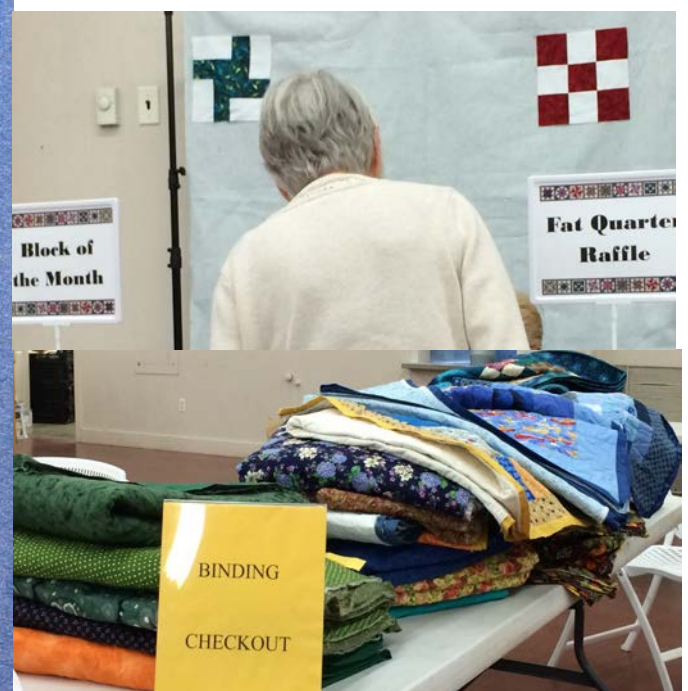




I've Been Framed, Front and Back



Brilliance (Quilt Guild Raffle Quilt)





## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

**From Carol Orr**

**I'm First Lady of our District this year, last year I was District 6110 Polio Chair and remain on the committee this year but felt that I couldn't help my husband and continue to as Polio Chair. I have served as president of our club and then foundation plus other club "opportunities". Herb, my husband, is District Governor of 6110 which includes 80 clubs in parts of 4 states (NE Oklahoma, NW Arkansas, SW Missouri and SE Kansas). To date we've traveled about 10,000 miles and visited 60 clubs. We've had lot of fun with club...learning how they impact their communities and the world. Herb and I are always amazed at the depth of care and giving. Needless to say I haven't done much sewing of any kind since January but hope to start things back up after the first of the year. I will make some Christmas pillows, pillowcases and machine embroidery some little tops for the grand kids. We did go to and it was a great convention.**

**Diane Barden, our chairman recently informed me that we have our booth for Sao Paulo reserved. We are waiting to see if they may have an extra booth available as it was suggested that it might be nice to have more room to display the work. Yvette Yolande Ambendet from the Rotary Club of Libreville Okoume in District 9150, Gabon sent a package of materials for the booth. Wonderful fabrics and many stamped with Rotary logo or their district name. Many small purses, a fantastic apron, table runner, tote bags and more. Yvette tells me she did all these herself! Inspiring.**





# Visiting a Fellowship Friend By Lynn R

In November I was in San Diego for a conference and took the opportunity to visit Cheryl Minshew who I met in Sydney. When I wrote to her to ask if I could join her for lunch at her club meeting, I found that was not enough! Cheryl quickly let me know that I needed to stay a little longer and spend some time in the area. So when I arrived in San Diego, I called her and the next morning she came to pick me up at the hotel and the tour was on. I was able to visit a conservation garden at the local community college where she is on the board. It was about saving water in the near desert as well as encouraging native plants. From there we went to her Rotary Club of El Cahn meeting, where Veterans were recognized as it was the day after Veteran's Day. Ginger, another Rotarian joined us for the afternoon at Balboa Park, where I saw this wonderful stool with striking needlepoint. The next day, we drove up into the mountains east of San Diego, where we visited the old mining town of Julian. After lunch at a delightful restaurant, we walked through some fun shops and found Kat's Yarn & Craft Cottage. Kat carries some fun yarn, including Pagewood Farms, some wonderful kits from Trend Setter Yarns <<http://www.trendsetteryarns.com/>> and some beautiful shawl pins made from salvaged woods from recent wild fires in the area by <<http://www.fibertofabricmagic.com>>. All in all a delightful time that started with joining the Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists.



# From the Chairman

Great news! Just received official notification from Rotary that our Fellowship application for a booth at the 2015 International Convention in Sao Paulo has been approved! At this time the exact booth location is still under consideration while the final arrangement for the floor plan is being considered. Cheryl Minshew, our member from San Diego area of California, has once again graciously volunteered to be the booth chairman. She will need lots of help and support, as our booth is very popular!. Our donations of handmade goods are exchanged for donations to The Rotary Foundation's Polio fund. We cannot sell our goods outright, but donate all proceeds to The Foundation. If you are planning to go to the convention, please volunteer your time to help Cheryl in the booth. A signup sheet for shifts will be out prior to the convention. Also, we appreciate any and all of your donated handmade items. Remember that the cost of baggage is expensive, so keep your items reasonable in size. Baby quilts and afghans, lap quilts, table runners, tote bags, etc. are all very easy to pack. Shipping to Sao Paulo is also expensive, so to cut costs, if you are not going to the convention yourself, but wish to donate, see if your Club or District has people going that would pack an item or two for you. Getting very excited as we make plans for another successful year! Thank you all for your contributions in so many ways. Visit us on our Facebook page (Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists) and share photos of your fiber arts, projects and information! We love to see what you are up to.





# FF 2015

**My name is Rosemarie Steele and I am writing to you today from Paducah, Kentucky. Mary Hammond, an active Rotarian and director of the Paducah Visitors Bureau, passed along your e-newsletter to me. I have been contracted to administrate the Fantastic Fibers 2015 International Juried Exhibit which will be on display April 11-June 6, 2015 at Yeiser Art Center.**

**Fantastic Fibers 2015 (FF2015) is an annual international juried exhibition that seeks to showcase a wide range of outstanding works related to the fiber medium. FF2015 is currently in the Call for Entry stage and would very much like to extend an invitation for the Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters & Fiber Artists to submit their work for this engaging and innovative exhibit. The submission deadline date for Fantastic Fibers 2015 is February 21 - there is still time to apply. The Paducah Rotary Antique Quilt Show and Yeiser Art Center's FF2015 are both American Quilter's Society sanctioned events, which means that selected works will be seen by tens of thousands of viewers as more than 30,000 visitors from across the globe attend AQS QuiltWeek in Paducah. This year's AQS QuiltWeek dates are April 22-25, 2015.**

**Here is a link to a newsletter that was sent to a targeted subscribers list last week. The FF2015 website is located at <http://fantasticfibers.theyeiser.org/>. There you will find information about the exhibit, its history, the prospectus, jurors and how to enter.**

**On another interesting note...as the former marketing director for the Paducah Visitors Bureau, I did the research and revisions for an application that won Paducah the honor of being designated as a member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Creative Cities Network. Paducah is now one of twelve cities in the area of Crafts & Folk Arts. Paducah's long standing tradition in quilting & fiber arts was an important component to this application. You will be pleased to know that your Fellowship was mentioned in this application.**

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<http://www.camillavalleyfarm.com/other/weavingguilds.htm>  
This website has a list of weaving guilds from around the world. I'm sure it is not complete but it is extensive.

**April 16-19, 2015.** Planning is underway for Fiber Forum 2015 which will be held April 16-19, 2015 at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Fiber Forum is a biennial conference offering educational workshops to fiber artists in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Since 1986, the Southeast Fiber Forum Association (SFFA) has been the umbrella organization coordinating Fiber Forum conferences with the help of host organizations. Fiber Forum 2015 will be hosted by the Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance (SEFAA.) For more information call (478) 230-7736.

This looks interesting!

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Show Dates 2015

5 - 7 February 2015 Stitching Sewing & Hobbyscrafts Show, Event City Manchester

5 - 8 March 2015 Spring Knitting & Stitching Show, Olympia London

5 - 8 March 2015 Stitching, Sewing and Quilting Show, SECC Glasgow

