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ATLANTA!



I chose this picture because the fellowship of meeting and talking with other members is what I look forward to at convention. Having a cup of tea or a glass of sweet tea, Southern style with you will be such a pleasure.

Check it out!

In Kuna, Idaho & Canberra, Australia to Birmingham, England - August 6 & 11 2017

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The National Quilt Museum in Paducah KY

Has some interesting exhibits that will be open around the time of the convention if you have time to go that way!

More photos from the New England Quilt Museum show. By Esther Arlan

While my take on the quilt on the cover is about convention, the following is what Esther sent me with the photo and comments about the photos below with the pictures for the last issue of spice quilts:

Oh to be as talented as Carol Anne Grotrian. This is what I would love to purchase and hang in my home. It has a great deal of depth to it and you can imagine yourself sitting at the table and looking out at a crisp fall day in Acadia National Park in Maine.

Below

This quilt wall hanging by Sandy Donabed (Jupiter, FL) is 75" x 51". Ms. Donabed used several vintage quilt tops to make this wall hanging. She noted that she has been fascinated by twins and this is the first of her "twins" series. The photo that I took does not show a cane that she has nearby. She is one of five women that have been meeting for 30 years.



Ilwaco Quilt Show By Lynn Raymer

Every year, the local quilt group puts on a show at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum. I think it can't get better, but it does. Here are a few of my favorites.

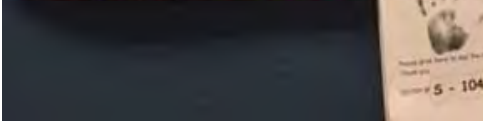


This cowboy quilt caught my eye, but the Harry Potter Bookcase was so fun to find all the hidden surprises. The beach balls brought back memories of childhood on our beach and the chain gang should be hung at every quilt show! Well executed and colorful.



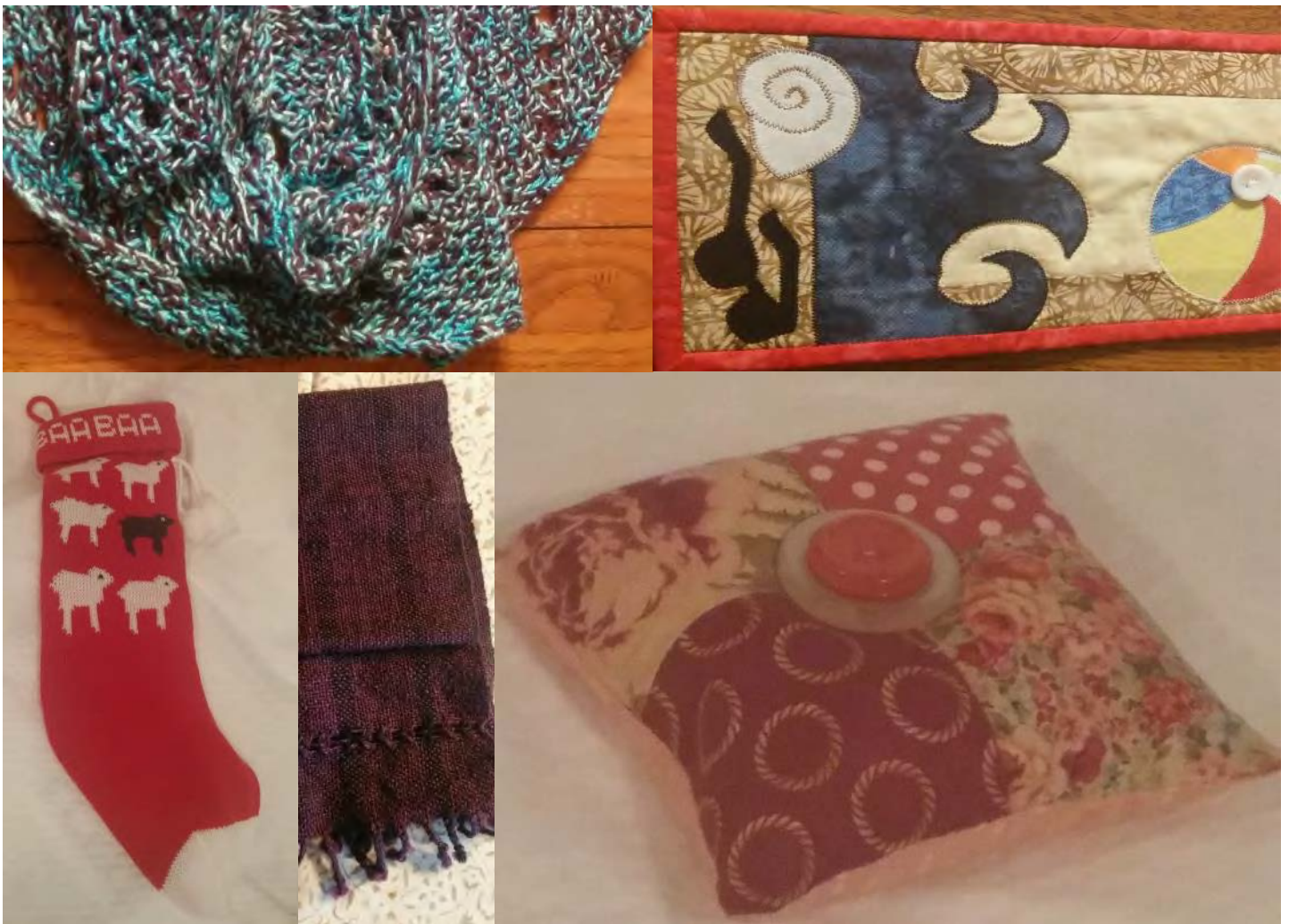
More Quilts





Fundraising

Every Spring the Rotary Club of Southwest Pacific County Peninsula has an auction to earn money for children's programs. Oysters, Art and Adventures is always a lot of fun but also a lot of work. This year along with guided bike tours, chauffeured brewery tours, theater tickets and painting they also had a selection of hand woven, knitted and quilted items. Here are a few items.



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Madera Sunrise Rotary Club Sewing Machine Project

By Diana Barden

Wheelchair distribution trips result in much more than distributing wheelchairs. There is always another project that receives assistance or a new project that develops along the way. In the case of the wheelchair trip from District 5220 to the Philippines, the new project was the purchase of 12 industrial-type sewing machines for a vocational class at a public high school. While the wheelchair distribution group was visiting the school, Phil Benner, a Madera Sunrise Rotarian, noticed the shortage of machines in the sewing class. He initiated the project. The teacher of the class requested industrial-type sewing machines so student could develop skills needed to earn a high certification through national exams. She proudly sent photos of the first group of student who passed those exams with skills learned on the new machines – a gift for their future.

After the machines arrived, Phil requested that the students in the Philippines make traditional Christmas tree ornaments for the tree that the Madera Sunrise Interact Club was decorating for the Trees for charity event. The students in the Philippines made ornaments for the Interact students in Madera to put on their tree. The tree was auctioned for \$950 with consortium donations bringing the total to \$1,800 to go toward projects of the Madera Interact Club – a gift from a gift.



What to make for the booth?



From the Chairman—Cheryl Minshew

ATLANTA IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! We've had a last minute cancellation for one of the rooms at our beautiful Southern Plantation home, Windy Hill Estate. Each of the eight bedrooms/8 baths are elegantly furnished; the living areas are luxurious and comfortable. The total cost of a private room is \$950.00us for our 7 night stay (checking in on June 8th - checking out on June 15th). If you prefer to share a room total cost is \$475.00us. If you'd like to peruse the 85 pictures of the home, pool, and lush surroundings go to Flipkey.com, Windy Hill Estate, Ref. #BR21478687. If you have questions please email cminshew@cox.net or call me at 1-619-445-2026/1-619-300-0464. Several of us will have cars to carpool to/from the convention, and I'll even pick you up at the airport if I have your flight information.

This year we have a terrific booth location in the middle of the Friendship Hall. Booth #2683 is on a corner across from the Convention Promo and Social Media Booths, both generating high traffic. Our colorful booth, inventory, and personnel always attract a lot of attention as well so we should be very busy. Opening day of the convention is June 10th. If we haven't received your donations by then you may drop them off. The Work Schedule will also be available so please sign up to help in the booth at times most convenient for you. A list of local quilting and yarn shops will be available for your shopping pleasure as well as coupons, maps of the area, fellowship meeting plans, and maybe a field trip to one of the closest quilt/yarn shops, etc. Convention is a busy time with lots to see, meetings and events to attend, visits with old friends, and squeezing in a little sleep along the way. It's going to be a GREAT TIME!!!

Let me know if you're interested in staying with us at Windy Hill Estate! I'm looking forward to seeing old friends, meeting new friends, and enjoying the fruits of our labors. Cheryl

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Festival of Quilts Birmingham UK

By Helena Daniels

I attended the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham England, in August last year, it is our biggest exhibition of the year and amazing, there are a diverse array of quilts and wall hangings to suit all tastes. I must admit I am a 'traditionalist' and I do find some of them not quite to my taste. But as they say 'everyone to his own'!! It must be extremely difficult for the judges to decide a winner as they are all of a very high standard. Don't know if the 'face' quilt shows up well in the picture but it is of Nelson Mandela.

This year we were fortunate enough to meet Kaffe Fassett (swoon!!) such a lovely man and so talented...in my opinion! I did notice with his quilts that some of the corners and points do not actually line up and with his knitting there are some dropped stitches, and I spend hours and sometimes lose sleep if my points do not meet!!.

It is a wonderful day out and my friend Mary and I always manage to buy material which I am sure we do not actually need but you know how it is, it stares at you and says 'buy me you know you want me'. Do you ever experience that??? We met one of Diana's friends Frances, over from the US which was great and spent a while chatting over a cup of coffee.



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www.quilterscache.com

allfreecrochetafghanpatterns.com

www.favecrafts.com

<http://fiberartnow.net/events>

Spring is in the air and time to check the calendar for nearby quilt shows. Noticed that the world is alive with new yarn colors. Just glancing thru magazines makes one want to start a sweater or shawl for the cooler evenings we will be experiencing. Quilt Sampler magazine will be on the shelves soon and it is a great way to plan a trip to wonderful quilt shops. Periodically QS has a printable "booklet" that lists all the shops that have appeared in their articles.

Tri-Cities Quilt Guild—Economics

