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**PROGRAM NOTE FOR
DECEMBER:**

**IT'S OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY-
REMEMBER IT'S THE
2ND WEDNESDAY-
12/14--YOU DON'T
WANT TO MISS IT!**



✧Peggy's Corner✧

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season!

This is my last column as President of the guild. I must say the last 4 years have flown by. I want to thank everyone for making it an enjoyable experience. We have had a wonderful group of women on the board and on our committees.

I also want to Thank the entire group for when we asked for help with something, someone or a group of people stepped forward to do it.

We are good hands for 2012 with Cindy and Bobbie as Co-Presidents,

the board and all our members. It

will be nice to sit in the audience for a meeting.

Have a wonderful time with family and friends. I hope 2012 is good to you and you to it.

See ya at the Party!

Peggy



Dates to Remember



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

12/14/11

Kaleidoscope Quilt Christmas Party@ 6:30 p.m. Lemon Grove Masonic Center
--don't miss it!



Our
December
Birthdays

12/4 Barbra Stewart
12/10 Jill Norcross
12/18 Sheryl Smith-Bailey
12/26 Lois Gresham

Membership By Debbie Sherrell

January is membership month. Please remember to get your dues to Debbie next month. If you have had information such as e-mail, phone, address, etc. change during 2011, please get your corrections to Debbie so that the 2012 directory will be accurate. Your membership dues can be paid in person at the general meeting or you can mail them to Debbie. Remember, for bookkeeping purposes, the checks received in November and December for 2012.





It's Christmas Party Time!

**When: December 14th
6:00 p.m.**

It's finally here--our annual Holiday Party and we're planning a Holly Jolly Christmas party for you! The date is December 14th. Appetizers at 6 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm. We're asking all to wear their favorite Christmas attire--no contests for costumes this year. Please bring a wrapped ornament or christmas Decoration for a game with a cost of about \$5.00 See ya there!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

by Ruth Simon

We didn't have a block in November due to the Christmas Party. We will start up again in January when our block will be done by Barbara Lopez and Barbra Stewart. We still need volunteers to do blocks next year--if you are interested, contact me and I'll sign you up!--it's a great way to use up your stash and show the group a new idea!

Programs and Workshops

by **Connie Close**

Linda Pohlenz will be taking over in January. Our Program for December is our Christmas Party. Our speaker in January will be Cindy Rinne who will do Narrative Art Quilts. Our Speaker Angel is Donna Francis (we need another angel), our Angel Hostess is Margie Cameron and our table angels are Lola O'Leary and Rosa Blatchford. Thanks for volunteering for January!



Billie Lee Wade-In Memorium

May 29, 1930 – November 2011

Billie was married to Wally for 60 years. They had 4 children and 4 grandchildren. Billie was in-service to everyone she met. She did kind things for people just because she thought you needed a pick me up. She always greeted you a smile and her happiness. She loved her garden and shared her flowers with many.

She had an unflagging devotion to the veterans of our various wars. Year after year she took or sent quilts to the disabled, mostly forgotten, soldiers at the veterans' hospital in Arizona, and right up to the end of her life, she was still making quilts and collecting those made by others, delivering them to various veterans' recovery facilities here in San Diego.

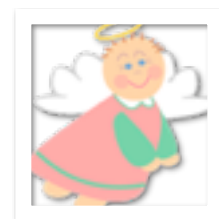
As many of you know, Billie was in the Romantic Writers Guild... she wrote a few news articles for our newsletter using those skills. They always made us smile.

Billie was such an example of how we should try to live our lives...try to enjoy each day that we are given, and in doing so,try to brighten everyone else's day. She is a special blessing to all of us. She will be dearly missed.

Memorial service will be Saturday, Dec 10th,1pm at the Lemon Grove Community Center 3146 School Lane. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to San Diego Hospice Foundation, 4311 Third Ave, San Diego, CA 92103. www.sdhospice.org

Philanthropy Update

By Linda Pohlenz on behalf of Angel Billie



The Kaleidoscope turbo quilters have done it again. Our goal was to make 100 Christmas stockings. We made 100 stockings. Our members made Memory Bears. Our goal was to make 100 quilts. We made 120 quilts.

And so with joy in our hearts we quilted one more year to meet and exceed our goals by November. There is a saying, "Blend when you must, stand out when you can." That's right, we are each stand-out quilters in our own unique way.

Opportunity Quilt by Marilyn Carnes

Here it is December, and there may seem to be a lull in opportunity quilt activities...however...we are planning for 2012. We have considered many possibilities, and have decided to go a new direction; got your flip-flops on? - cause we're going to the beach in 2012.

Yes, our quilt will have a quintessential San Diego feel to it in 2012....a b-e-a-c-h type of feel. Think sand, surf, sun, ocean, & beach umbrellas. So, stay tuned. We California Girls can do it!

Have a wonderful Christmas, see you at the party.

And the Winner is.....

As a "perk" for selling our Opportunity Quilt tickets, Sheryl Smith-Bailey turned a "boo-boo" into an opportunity itself and made the original center design into a wallhanging for the person who sold the most tickets. That person is Anna Lancia who received the wallhanging at the November meeting.



The Latest from "Down Under" by Suzannah Richardson

My parents ventured "Downunder" for the first time last month, armed with brand new passports and a suitcase full of cheap fabric. My mom has been generously spending my money over the last few months in an effort to keep my stash fully stocked. Between that and the other odd requests for things we can't get around here, they didn't have much room left for their own clothes. Too bad really because I think they underestimated the reality of springtime in Melbourne.

We started their trip here off with a trip down to Phillip Island. There we saw the Fairy Penguins conduct their nightly performance as they came back from long days of fishing to their burrows onshore. These little penguins are about one foot tall and are so much fun to watch - they come onshore in groups of anywhere between 5 and 50 right at dusk. From the shores you can see flashes of little white bellies as they scurry towards shelter, and once they get on land you can watch them from a couple feet away. It is a remarkable experience.

We had a long weekend due to a day off for the Melbourne Cup (a horse race) so we took them on a trip along the Great Ocean Road. We zigzagged along the beaches and saw many beautiful views, such as the Twelve Apostles and some beautiful arches. The winds were certainly impressive, as shown by the picture of my parents all bundled up.



Here's a picture of my parents in front of the Twelve Apostles, and another of my mom and I with some patchwork shop owners.



As any true quilter would do, we dragged our husbands along to a couple patchwork shops along the way. The first one was a shop in the back of someone's house. We searched around for some uniquely Australian patterns and found that their specialty is applique. It was a great little shop, and the owner gave us directions to another shop she thought we'd like further along the way.

The next day we drove through the Grampians National Park where my parents got to see their first wild kangaroos. It was purely by accident - my dad has this knack for taking us down abandoned dirt roads, and in the process of finding three locked gates on the road we turned around at one point to see the roos grazing right in front of us. We did a lot more driving to head back towards home - I don't think they realized just how big Australia is - roughly the size of the continental US, so we barely just scratched the surface on this trip.

We pulled up in front of that patchwork shop we were told about just as a fire truck pulled out of the driveway. This, too, was a shop in the back of someone's house, but it looked like we were just a little too late to get to buy any fabric. We soon realized there were several other fire trucks nearby and smoke was billowing out of the roof of the house. Unfortunately, the shop had caught fire about 10 pm the night before and they were still working to put the fire out. It was quite sad to see the patchwork shop sign with a charred, still smoking house in the background. Sadly, a lot of beautiful fabric perished that night.

We continued on and accidentally stumbled on another nearby shop full of the most beautiful Asian prints I have ever seen. If only they weren't \$24 meter I would have spent an entire paycheck in that shop! Now I have a new list of fabric to find online and have my parents bring over.