

# ***Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter***

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## ***Orland Quilters – Orland to Host Our April Meeting !***

Orland Quilters will be hosting the April 30th meeting. We are happy to fill the spot for Mountain Quail Quilters. Masks are no longer required but if you have concerns or are more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. Your choice is respected. We all hope this time next year the "covid effect" is all a "big bad dream "and we are moving on!

The meeting will be held at 131 E. Walker St., the Success Square Conference Center. If you are traveling via Interstate 5 take exit 619 towards Chico. You will exit on Hwy 32/Walker St., continue east and you will find us on the left side of the street (north). If coming from Chico area (Hwy 32) we are on the right just before Papa Murphy's. We are not serving lunch but will have coffee, water, and cookies to munch.

We would really like to know if you are coming so we can get enough chairs! Yes, a head count would be most helpful. Please call Carol Palmer at 530-521-3515 or reply to this email.

The guest speaker will be Scarlet Rose of Redding. She has a multi-varied background in quilting and most recently is involved with "Modern Quilting". She's been a member of the Modern Quilt Guild for the last 3 years. This promises to be a very interesting presentation.

Along with our regular community service projects of quilts for foster kids, homebound seniors, victims of domestic violence, and Just for Children, we are making "fidget quilts" for dementia patients. These small quilts fit in your lap and hold an assortment of textures to touch and explore. This gives the patient something to do with their hands and has a calming effect. These quilts have been well received.

Again, we are not serving lunch but here is a list of local places that would welcome your patronage.

Andy's Butcher Block Corner of 1st. and 32

Fourth St. Cafe 824 4th St.

Farwood Restaurant Corner of 5th and 32

The Hive 6th St./99W

Next to freeway East side - Burger King Walker St/32 and Starbucks

Next to freeway West side I-5 Café - Hoffman Place and Wendy's & Taco Bell

On your way home don't forget our nearby quilt shops, if north, the Quilt Basket in Corning and if south, Quilt Corral in Willows.

Looking forward to seeing you April 30th in Orland.

Ria Poldevaart and Carol Palmer Reprs.

## ***What Happened at Our January Meeting?***

Our meeting was hosted by Pacific Flyway Quilters in Colusa. Many Opportunity Quilts were hung and created a colorful background for the day. Guilds from Kelseyville, Sutter, Yuba City, Chico, Paradise, Orland, Oroville, Willows, Redding, Red Bluff, Anderson, Woodland, Colusa and the cyber world of modern quilting attended.

After announcements from the guilds the program for the day created a lot of interest. It stemmed from the loss of a founding member a few months earlier. As her family was going through all of her quilting belongings they wondered what on earth were they going to do with it all. So this brings us to the discussion topic for our meeting: Your Last Will and Requests for Your Quilting Treasures. It was pointed out that it is extremely important to appoint someone as a guardian for them. Someone who understands their value. One family took everything to the dump including the lady's Feather Weight! Another just dumped everything. Everything! Quilts and all. If you want to make sure that items are given to the person or groups of your choice, make

a list, mark the quilts and make sure that it is visible and/or known to your family and friends so thing will be distributed as you want them to be. One guild in Southern California unfortunately lost several members of the last two years and their wishes were for the guild to have everything the family didn't want. Five storage units the guild decided to have a five weekend yard sale, each one in a different location in the area. One was only machines. One only quilts, etc. Well when it was all over people had come from everywhere and the guild made over \$100,000. That made up for all the income they had lost over the 2 years of lockdown. (Their meeting place is extremely expensive.) Remember no one loves your craft the way you do.

See you Orland in April!

### *Future OGNO Meetings are as Follows:*

#### 2022

July 30 - Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild - Sutter

October 29 - Sun Country Quilters – Red Bluff – Meet the Teacher

#### 2023

January 28 –

April 29 –

July 29 –

October 28 -

### *Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events*

May 21 & 22 - Flying Needles Quilters' Guild - Yolo Co Fairgrounds, 1250 Gum Ave, Woodland,  
Sat Sun

May 21 & 22 – Quilters Sew-ciety of Redding – Anderson Fairgrounds – Sat & Sun

June 25 & 26 – Ocean Waves - Dana Gray Elementary School - Fort Bragg – Sat & Sun

October 1 & 2 – Ladies of the Lake – Kellysville Fairgrounds

October 15 & 16 – Ridge Quilters - Paradise

Nov 5 & 6 - Annie's Star Quilt Guild - Silver Dollar Fairgrounds – Chico - Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

### *Grapevine Quilters of Mendocino County - Ukiah*

Greetings from the Grapevine Quilters of Mendocino County. Our guild has met all but 2 months all through the lock downs. We have been having what I called a Drive Thru every month. We have been meeting in the parking lot of the church we meet in. We have had great fellowship and lots of quilting has been going on. Beginning in May, if all goes well we will begin meeting indoors and back to our old regular schedule, the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30.

We are also 6's months into a yearlong block of the month called Sunday Drive, based on the quilt blocks on the barns and businesses in Lake County. We have also just received a monetary grant to help us with our community quilts, of which we gave out 355 last year to those in need. Coming up at the end of April, we are having a day camp, which will go 4 days and run from 10 til 6. Should be fun. We are also having at our May meeting a Sewing Room Sale, where members can set up a table and sell items to other members. We have been keeping busy.

Debbie Hedges, President and Rep

### *Flying Needles Quilt Guild - Woodland.*

We not only invite you and your guild members to our quilt show on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> but we invite you to show your opportunity quilts at our show. Check out the quilt show page on our website <http://www.flyingneedlesyolo.org> Contact Reva Barzo [rbarzo@Yahoo.com](mailto:rbarzo@Yahoo.com) or call 530-867-5800 to arrange to bring your set-up to sell tickets for your guild. We will be at a bigger building this year in the Yolo County Fairgrounds and we are filling it up with things that are dear to the hearts of our quilters. So now is the time to check with Reva for either day or both. The

show will be fun for all of us who like “country store” goodies, and the chance to see many of our vendors. As always, we are excited to share our quilts.

Olivia Loop will be our featured quilter. Her beauty shows through in her work, feminine and spirited. Olivia also curated the collection of fabrics used in our opportunity quilt “Butterflies n Baskets” and she led our members in the applique and piecing process. You will also get to see the expert quilting done by Gina Boyd. The rest of us in the guild are eager to share our work with you at the show, too. We will be so happy to see you.

In March we are going to have Jenny Lyon share a free-motion quilting class that she offered at Craft Napa. In April we will have a class from Mata Rawlston, a teacher/member of FNQG with national teaching expertise; she will teach “Anything Goes”. This class uses two and one-half inch strips, in a simple elegant design. For information on availability contact our education director Louise Wathen, [whatamama2002@yahoo.com](mailto:whatamama2002@yahoo.com), 530-665-6995.

Roberta Burke [robertaburke@gotsky.com](mailto:robertaburke@gotsky.com), Rep

### *Klamath Falls Heart of the Basin Quilters and Needle Arts Guild.*

We are pleased that The Heart of the Basin Quilters and Needle Arts Guild in Klamath Falls, Oregon, has been getting back into the swing of gathering for fun and social sewing. Our focus this year is the social aspect of the guild. We’re hoping the days of virtual general meetings is in the past. We hold Sew Days on the third Saturday of each month, with a general guild meeting every quarter before the sewing and social time commences. On Monday evenings at 5:30 pm prior to the Sew Day gathering, is when we hold our guild’s monthly board meeting via Google Meet. All of our members are encouraged to attend. If you’re ever in Klamath Falls on the third Saturday of the month, please join us at Coldwell Banker for a day of sewing fun. Doors open at 9:30 am.

This year’s Spring Retreat at Diamond Lake Resort is on the near horizon. Sewing fun begins on Thursday, April 28th and ends on Sunday, May 1st. We’re hoping more and more COVID-19 restrictions are lifted so we can return to having group potluck meals and other social gatherings.

We are in the process of finalizing our 2022 Opportunity Quilt so we can begin selling raffle tickets. So far, we haven’t chosen a local charity for raffle sale proceeds, but hopefully by the next QGNQ newsletter, we will have that ironed out.

### *Log Cabin Quilters – Hayfork*

The Log Cabin Quilters are getting ready for our first retreat in quite awhile. It’ll be held the second weekend in April and we are really looking forward to it. We are also planning our first Quilt Show in our new building and at an earlier date. It will still be part of the Trinity County Fair, but the Fair this year will be held July 14-17, a huge change from our former August date. The work on our new quilt building is proceeding quickly. Our Guild Secretary, Mary Bowers, and I met with the CEO of the Fair and marked where we want electrical outlets, including a few on the ceiling. We discussed how many tables and chairs we will need and talked about curtains for the windows. We will have a sink and even a VERY large storage area. It is such a fun and exciting project and I can hardly wait until it's done and we can invite QGNQ to meet in Hayfork so we can show it off.

Our Guild challenge is getting close to the end, it's a Mystery Quilt and I'm excited to see the finished products. It's wonderful to be meeting in person and to be able to enjoy each other's company and then sharing lunch after the meeting.

On a very sad note, our Vice President, Shirley Card, passed away on March 12th. She often attended QGNQ meetings with me. She was a dear friend and a valuable member of our Guild.

*(Editor. We will miss seeing Shirley.)*

Hope you all are safe and well,

Diana Stewart, rep

## *Mostly Modern Quilters of Chico - Virtual Group*

Happy Spring!

As one of the newest groups in the north quarter, we continue to evolve and explore. We only met five times before the pandemic lock down which means the bulk of our experience has been virtual.

Even though groups are beginning to meet again, we've committed to meeting virtually in 2022 for monthly meetings and virtual sews since our quilters are scattered geographically.

This last quarter we planned the content of our year, discussed the benefits of creating small studies and working in a series and shared lots of information about QuiltCon 2022. You can view the [2022 QuiltCon winners here](#).

One of the best ways to experience a taste of QuiltCon is to watch the brief 26 videos Curated Quilts posted on their Instagram account. I found that the interviews captured the excitement and I learned lots about the featured quilts and quilters. These are still available to view.

I greatly enjoyed presenting Modern Quilting to Annie's Star at their March meeting. Quilting is a dynamic craft that continues to evolve. It was fun to share the backstory so that guilds have a fuller understanding of the roots of the modern quilt movement.

With so much conflict in this time, I found Sherri Lynn Wood's perspective in her most recent newsletter to be helpful.

"Together, in the face of more war and racial inequality, we sewed with heavy hearts. It was healing and empowering to realize that we can explore, understand and embrace our very worthy and human patterns, even as destructive patterns in our world are raging beyond our control.

Hold close your creative practice. It is a pathway for resilience, agency and transformation. May you find your patch of light in the darkness!"

Wishing everyone health, creativity and connection, Cathleen Wolford, rep

## *Ocean Wave Quilters – Fort Bragg*

Sitting here waiting for the rain to begin... hopefully this will be a good soaker and not just the little drips and drabs we've had so far this month.

Our guild is starting to get back to some semblance of "normal". We had our first indoor meeting at the Senior Center last month, with the caveat that all in attendance had to be double-vaxed and boosted, since those are the rules set down by Senior Center staff. It was nice to be indoors with bulletin boards to hang our blocks of the month on and actual tables to sit at. Show and tell works so much better when the wind isn't blowing your quilts over your head!! Still no pot-luck, but we know that will come eventually. It was sure nice not to be sitting out in the windy parking lot for those two hours!

Our April meeting will be a combination of an Appreciation Lunch (who are we appreciating? – OUR WONDERFUL MEMBERS AND ALL THE HARD WORK THEY DO!!) and Trunk Show by Laura Fogg. We'll be having this meeting outdoors at Ginny's house; she's offered Laura her "sewing house" to stay in, and it just makes sense to gather there at her husband, Joe's, beautiful "gathering tables" outdoors. We'll make sure the fire pit is going strong to ward off any chill. We're ordering sandwiches from a local deli and several members are bringing cookies or brownies for dessert. Laura will be doing a one-day class on her raw-edge landscape technique on the following day at Sew 'n Sew for us, class size limited to only 14 due to continuing COVID precautions. It should be a fun and interesting – and challenging, if experience with Laura's classes is any indication - class.

We're busy planning for an INDOOR quilt show the last Saturday and Sunday in June. Fingers crossed no new COVID variants will rear their ugly heads. But we do have a Plan B, just in case – we'll do another one-day "On the Fence" show outdoors at the Veterans' Memorial Building, just so we can share our quilts. We're pretty hopeful that the indoor show will be a go, though. We can't wait to get back to Dana Gray Elementary School, where the facilities are so inviting and the

lighting is so wonderful! We've got an amazing "Featured Artist" who has been waiting in the wings for two years... Kathy McCormick is a master of beautiful sashiko work and extraordinary composition, and she's been hard at work up in Comptche creating masterpieces that we can't wait to see! We've got several vendors confirmed, and we're hoping to have some of the late Helen Haun's beautiful quilts on display – we had planned a tribute to her in 2020 on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, but sadly she passed shortly before making that milestone. But we hope to honor her amazing skills with a special exhibit at our show this year. Our show judges this year will be Arlene Arnold and Kathleen Rountree and we're really looking forward to having them share their wisdom and critiques with us. We hope you'll join us here on the Coast (where you know the weather will be gorgeous) on June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for our 26<sup>th</sup> Fort Bragg Quilt Show

Sharon Lau, rep.

### *Pacific Flyway Quilters – Colusa*

I want to start by thanking all the ladies that attended the January meeting. Our soups and homemade bread was a great success. Colusa is going to have a show of quilts all over town for Quilt Day in March. Friends Around the Block (our quilt store) is making the arrangements, they are planning to have quilts hung in yards and have a mini show in the park. We are relying on our guild members for our education programs right now, but have plans to bring in some new and inspiring speakers in the near future.

JoAnn Young - member-at-large

### *Ridge Quilters – Paradise*

Guild has much excitement to look forward to, from our May retreat in Chester to the return of our biennial quilt show in October with many fun and exciting programs and workshops in between.

As was announced at our meeting in February we will be moving our general meetings and workshops to the newly completed and lovely Elks Hall beginning with our July general meeting. Drop in will remain at Terry Ashe Center.

For upcoming programs we have:

April 19th: Deb Brothers Fabric painter. She is a local Oroville artist.

May 17th: Diane Morrow will present a trunk show for us. Many of you may know her. She had a fabric shop in Chester and belongs to the Chester guild.

Months when we do not have an outside presenter we ask one of our guild members to come prepared to show and tell her work.

She would be asked a series of questions, for example:

- What is your quilting history?
- Do you do art quilts or other types of fabric articles?
- What kind of quilts do you like to do?
- What two pieces of advice would you give to a new quilter or new guild member?

This is a great way to get to know our own guild members.

The third weekend in October, 15&16, will be our biennial quilt show At the Elks Lodge. This is an opportunity to share our creations with each other and the public and is one of our major fundraisers, allowing us to continue with our other activities throughout the year.

Some of you might know Marge Redding. She has moved from the area to be near her family. (*Editor: Yes we know Marge. She was the rep for many years. She will be missed so much! Go tame Utah Marge!*)

Judy Martinez, Rep

### *Quilter's Sew-ciety of Redding*

In April we will be seeing a trunk show and lecture from Blossom Hamuek which will include art quilts.

The month of May is dedicated to our quilt show. Our featured quilters are Dorothy Gillett and Chris Rohn Hartman, who specialize in different techniques. They will have the program for April meeting.

The Quilt Show, Rhapsody in Blue, May 21 & 22, will have many venders and opportunity quilts. If you haven't scheduled your quilt call me (530-339-5155) or see me at the meeting.

Marjorie McGraw

### *Sun Country Quilters*

Our guild is off to a great start for 2022! For our February program we enjoyed a show and sale by Pat Fryer of Villa Rosa. In March, we learned all about what long-armers, Vicki Haldane and Ellen Abshier, can do for our quilts. We also had a short preview of the local 4H youngsters as they modeled their sewing projects to get ready for their County Fashion Revue.

At our April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will hold the drawing for our Opportunity Quilt! If you are interested in purchasing some last-minute tickets, please contact us by email to [suncountryquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:suncountryquilters@yahoo.com). After the drawing, we will reveal our brand new raffle quilt made by Roxi Bradley and her "Sew Sassy" sewing group. Linda Ballard will be joining us at this meeting for a trunk show called "Discover Possibilities", followed by her "Bellanova" quilt workshop the next day.

Thanks to several members, we are lucky to have 2 monthly quilt projects started for this year. The "Queen of Mysteries", Natalie Larson, is leading a Mystery Quilt called "One More Time". Debbie Stewart is heading up a Block of the Month project and still taking a few more sign-ups for that.

Our members have been enjoying getting together in many new small groups this year thanks to Natalie Caldwell's leadership. Natalie already has almost every weekday filled with small groups and classes at "Quilt Culture", her new fabric shop in Red Bluff. Our Junior Quilters Group is holding meetings there now too.

In other news, Guild President, Angela Birkeland, was invited to give a short talk at the Red Bluff Kiwanis club this past month. She was joined by some of our Community Service group members to talk about our guild and show part of this important work that benefits our community each year.

Believe it or not, we are ready to start planning our next great quilt show which will be held April 1 and 2, 2023. Our first planning meeting will be next week when we will decide on a theme and featured quilters. As much as we loved the high school as a venue with their gorgeous hardwood floors and bright lighting, we will be returning to the Tehama District Fairgrounds for more space and set-up time. Speaking of which, it is almost time for the annual Tehama County Fair where they have resumed having Still Exhibit displays this year. We hope to have plenty of quilts to display at the fair from April 28 through May 1, with members demonstrating quilting techniques as part of our guild's mission to provide quilt education and service to our community.

Happy Spring everyone!

MaryAnn Crain

## *Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild*

In March Diana Tatro presented us with a trunk show of her quilts, a lot of which were wool applique. She does beautiful work and everyone appreciated her many quilts. Among other things, she does classes for tuffets as well as all kinds of applique.

It was time for the changing of the guard, so we have the new officers installed. Our new president is Shirley Jimerson. Outgoing president Jan Johnson volunteered SBQG to host the July meeting of QGNG at the Native Daughter's Hall in Sutter, so be sure to come and see us. She's got something up her sleeve, so it should be a good meeting.

Springtime is here, and the Buttes will be looking pretty and green really soon, especially since we just had some much needed rain. The ride around the Buttes is an interesting tour of the community if you are in the area. Sharon Easter, Rep

## *Happenings at My House*

*(From time to time Sharon likes to write something about she, as a rep is doing. As the rep for two different guilds where do you include this information? So she writes and article and here it is.)*

I can't say I've accomplished much this year. I don't remember getting any piecing done, but sometimes that's the way it goes. Other things have been happening instead. A friend's 4-year old granddaughter died due to complications of leukemia added to having Down's Syndrome. Another friend (83 yrs old) fell and broke her shoulder so she's out of commission for 6 weeks. And I've had my share of "fun". I was on my way to lunch with another friend and got cut off by a car moving into my lane. "I was in her blind spot" but somehow that doesn't make much sense to me since her car and mine connected just in front of my driver's door and her front passenger's door. Sounds pretty much like we were almost side by side. Anyway, it was her fault, so her insurance will be covering the cost. Of course repairs will not be done until April 25<sup>th</sup>. Ultimately, I can do without any of this kind of excitement for several more years.

Even though I haven't done much piecing, I have been sorting and getting rid of some fabric as well as scraps. And this month I'm bringing a box or two of special items for Scarlett and her fellow quilters. I know they will love them. See you in Orland. Sharon Easter

## *Valley Quilt Guild*

We hosted our 39<sup>th</sup> annual quilt show at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds on March 12 & 13. It was a great success with lots of visitors from all over the North State. Of course our featured quilter was fantastic. She also made our opportunity quilt. Just in case you missed her (and the show) her name is Karen Litvinchuk. She had an impressive display of 27 quilts that she made as well as quilted. All were magnificent!

One of our visitors was Jenny Lyon, well known quilter, who was very impressed with our show and said she would be coming back again. She posted several pictures on her blog if you missed the show.

April's meeting will have Kathy Allen with her trunk show; May will have Linda Schmidt and her program "Down and Dirty Design"; June will have Pat Fryer from Villa Rosa Designs in Grass Valley.

If any of these programs interest you, be sure to come and visit. Everyone is welcome. Currently we are meeting at the Gray Avenue Church in Yuba City due to COVID restrictions at Cal-Trans. Sharon Easter, Rep.

## *Some Housekeeping Chores*

Hope you have enjoyed the newsletter. Please forward it to whomever maintains the distribution list for your guild and have them send it out to all your members. Let them know what is happening in the north state. Shows to see. Guilds to visit.

Thank you to everyone who remembered to send me their articles early. Yeah!! And to everyone else who sent them in for this newsletter. You're great! I hope your guild appreciate the time you took to represent them both in print and at our meeting.

Please be asking your guild if they would like to host a meeting. If providing lunch is stopping you please don't let it. As you have read Orland is not able to do that at this time so, so what! We'll have the meeting then go to whatever restaurant appeals to you. You can do that in your hometown. All of 2023 is open so please talk to your members and your board and let me know the date you would like. Your guild would be responsible for a place to meeting with chairs, tables optional and a program. Now come back here. Don't run off. It's simple really. While some guilds chose to have a members present their quilting skills, let me tell you, the discussion topics are terrific. I have a hard time getting people to end in the time allotted! (20-30 minutes). So think about and let me know. Thanks, Arlene

### *Happenings at Springer Run*

As most of you know, among other things, I lecture and teach quilting. In fact I'm flying out this next week for a fast trip to San Diego. I've never been there but this trip won't help that. I'll see the airport, hotel and lecture/workshop space. Ah well.

Last week I was in Tulare at the Valley Oak Quilt Guild at the first meeting back since lockdown. Those are great meetings seeing everyone greet each other and renew face to face friendships. Glory went with me and was a perfect quilting dog.

All was going well after the lecture and I decided to wear my hoop dress back to the hotel where I would have more room to get it off. We loaded everything, I was in anticipation tof changing, finding lunch and then driving to Porterville to see the Calico Mermaid shop. On the way back there was a KFC on the corner and for some reason I pulled in. It's NOT on the diet.

Drove back to the hotel with no incidents unless you count the strange stare I got from the server. I'm sure no one had ever pulled up to the window sporting a black lace head snood, a Big Bertha tatted collar and strange bell sleeves with white wrist length under sleeves. I just smiled and thanked her. I think she's still confused. Glory was very happy with the new scents in the car.

We pulled into the parking lot and I pulled on the door handle and the door opened an inch and then stopped! What? Obviously, I had opened the door incorrectly even though I've been doing it for 60 years. So I pulled it in and tried again. Same result.

Now you have to picture this. Dodge Durango, the big one, full of three carts of antique quilts and a very large suitcase that the dress was in. No escape that way. Dog in passenger seat and no other place for her to go. Her bag was on the floor. Console in between the seats and me taking up ever inch and then some of space with The Dress. It's huge. Ten Yards of Fabric! Oh – and the dress is caught in the door.

I tried pushing on the door. Pounding on the door. Hoping one of those construction guys would come by. It was the lunch hour. They're not coming by. Calling the front desk was out as I had tossed my purse AND phone behind the seat and couldn't reach it. I tried several times. No joy. Could I send Glory to the front desk to say is down the well? No.

Did I tell you I'm really claustrophobic? Well I am. Really! As the minutes ticked by I'm getting a little nuts. Finally I pulled on the handle and threw my whole body at that door. I was cursing the 45 pounds I've lost. I could of used that bulk just then. The slowly opened.

I was so relieved to not be a prisoner any longer. I got the clothes suitcase, lunch, purse and Glory out and slammed the door. What is going on? The door refused to close! This just couldn't be happening. I decided to take everything to room and as I was parked right outside the window so I could see the car, I proceeded to get that dress off. I really didn't care who saw me. Hey, the sheers were over the window, no one walked by. Next I left Glory in the room with lunch. Oh NO! Trip back and she was eyeing it. In the microwave it went.

Back outside I was accessing what was happening to the door. This really beefy U shape of metal was sticking out of the door and won't retract so I could close it. Of if it did close could I get

it open again! Hmmm. I decided to call my Colusa mechanic but he was at lunch and if this needed to be towed I needed to get AAA going. Called them and got the only information challenged phone operator. He read the location back to me 3 times, each one incorrect. He argued that Dodge didn't make the Durango. Chevy did. Grey is the color but for him black was. Either he was stoned or legitimately challenged. After that call and being told that there wasn't a AAA tow in the area, it would have to come from Southern California, Lord have mercy, I decided to call the closest Dodge dealership. That guy was really nice and assured me he knew exactly where I was except he was in Visalia and couldn't possibly look at it until Thursday. It is Thursday! No NEXT Thursday. Huh? He gave the name and number of a repair shop in Tulare, things are looking, that he has sent family members when he's too busy. Hope he likes those family members.

The second was swamped and couldn't look at the car until Monday. BUT he gave me a third number and this was two blocks away. He was really, understood the spot I was in and said if I got the car to him before 4:30 he'd look at it. Ok we are on a roll. AAA was still 1.5 hr. out so I decided that if thing had to be towed I had to unload it. NO! I had just loaded an hour ago. Each cart full of quilts weighs around 65 pounds. I got all three carts and everything else in there out. My back was screaming. Glory was screaming and I was ready to do just that in the parking lot.

My phone dinged and it showed that the tow truck was 2 miles away. Hurrah! I sat in the back hatch and waiting and he drove right by. Hey wait a minute! I'm trying to get AAA on the phone and finally did and then he calls me and asks me where I am? At the storage unit? No. My friendly phone guy was sent to South Blackstone instead of North Blackstone. Oh boy. The AAA lady on the phone is trying to get my attention so she asked what was happening. I told her and she said "Oh yeah, him." Great. And as the truck came up to my car, my phone rang with Danny my wonderful hometown mechanic on the other end. I told him what the problem was and he asked if I had a screwdriver. No. (I do now) He said open the outside handle, hold on to it, use the screwdriver to push down this little plastic piece and the heavy metal "U" would pop back in the door. OK.

I told the AAA driver what I really wanted him to try. Just get one of your screwdrivers out and let's do this. He said, "I don't have a screwdriver." Oh God I'm surrounded by strange people impersonating AAA roadside service. He did go look in the truck and came by with a heavy duty spring coil. It had a 4" straight end on it so let's do this. I explained the procedure. Outside handle. Push on white plastic thingy. He holds open the inside handle and tries to push the metal piece in. Stop. Stop. Sanctuary. Sanctuary!

I explained again what needed to be done, told him I'd do it. No, I was told. His coil. Not mine. Well, MY door handle. I held it open, he pushed on the plastic item and the metal piece popped back in the door. Really! This big heavy tank like vehicle was stopped by a piece of plastic? I'm disillusioned, disappointed and very grateful. Danny hung in there with me even after he had closed. The AAA guy didn't lose it when he found out that he had been sent 10 miles out of his way and he learned a new trick to fix this problem. I thanked he a lot. He smiled and said this was why he liked his job. And he said that God always sends an angel to help. He then pulled the papers out of his breast pocket, and I saw his name, Angel. Yes, even God helps crazy quilters!