



# Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry – May, 2007

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

It was great to be together in April at our regional conferences! They are always inspiring and we have the money and energy and information to help you! **Liz Shantz**, who did a great job putting on the conference in Ontario, Canada, sent us this note about their guest speaker, **Jane Burke**.

*“Her theme dealt with the fact that each quilt is created for a purpose and so whether the quilt is for practical reasons, sentimental or show will determine how it looks. God creates each of us with our own purpose and our job is to fulfill the purpose that He has for us, no matter what that may look like. She was humorous yet brought forward God's design for our lives and wove into it the many things she has learned in her life - like making a quilt with contrast colours. Our lives may have dark patches but why not balance it out by putting a light patch beside the dark? Maybe a patch of forgiveness or kindness.”*

So inspiring!

The San Diego, CA conference had great speakers with our founder, **Wendy Mathson**, talking about “Scrap Management” and loads of new ideas. **Daniela Stout**, owner of a San Diego area quilt shop, Cozy Quilt Shop and Sew Cozy Sewing Center (Bernina), unveiled her new book **Strip Clubbing** (available after May 10 at [www.cozyquilt.com](http://www.cozyquilt.com)) and previewed the quilts that were included. She also designed a charm square pattern for Prayers & Squares. **Susan Head and Carolyn Ketterer** from Chapter #64, Our Redeemer Lutheran, did a

beautiful quilt show and shared the pattern “Fast Blocks” that Susan has written for us. **Sharyn Craig** designed “Pick Up Sticks” for our afternoon Sit-and-Sew, which is a fun twist on the traditional Chinese Coins pattern. We were so blessed to be together and felt a great energy throughout the day.

Another workshop that was held that day was called “Behind the Seams”. It was a forum for sharing ideas and challenges in different chapters. We have flip charts filled with ideas about prayer squares, note cards, pink balloons, celebrations and styles of workshops. We will share them with you through the coming year and put as much as we can up on the website. Conferences always bring new energy to this organization and we will be redesigning parts of the website to give you easier access with more centralized information. We are targeting May and June to do this so check back and tell your “communication person” to stay in touch!

Have a blessed month,

– *Kathy Cueva, President*  
*Prayers & Squares International*



## ASTRID'S CORNER:

Hi Busy Quilters,

What a fantastic conference we had in San Diego with lots of new, great ideas. I enjoyed each session. I was not a helper for this conference so I want say, **THANK YOU** to all who volunteered their time and talent to make this day possible. I heard that the conference in Canada was also a great success. It is so good to come together to meet and hear about other chapters, get new ideas and refresh the spirit. I hope there will be many more regional conferences in the future in other parts of our prayer quilt world.

Sharyn Craig provided the pattern for the conference, Pick Up Sticks, which is posted in All About Quilts/for members / Free Pattern Archives. This pattern starts out like the Rail Fence with a little twist, a great way to use some of those 2 1/2" scraps. While you are in the archives, look for Sharyn's Soul Food pattern from the 2006 conference. We greatly appreciate and thank Sharyn for writing these pattern ideas for Prayers & Squares.

I feel so very blessed to be a part of this spirit filled ministry. Without prayer it would be difficult to deal with all the turmoil, anger and hate in our world today. God is good. God is great. There is **nothing** greater than God. There is nothing more evil than the devil. The rich need nothing, the poor have nothing and if you eat nothing, you will die. Did you get the answer to the riddle?

*Hear my prayer, O Lord... for you are great and do marvelous deeds...*

*Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth,*

*Give me an undivided heart...Psalm 86*  
AMEN.

Bless you as you quilt and pray,

– Astrid

