

## From Your Editor

Dear Friends,

First I must apologize for your very late summer issue. You will soon be getting your fall issue and we will be all caught up.

Soon after the last issue Florence Smith and I took off in my little yellow car for a fascinating visit with Emma Andres in her little museum. I will be telling you about her in the next issue.

While we were there we heard weather reports that Tucson was "enjoying" 105 degrees, so we headed north instead of our planned visit to see some of our friends in the south. However we did have a lovely trip to the Grand Canyon where Florence discovered a Grand Canyon quilt. I am trying to track down a picture of it for the next issue

Then we forgot quilts for a few days and enjoyed every minute of a trip through Bryce and Zion. It was cold! In fact I have a picture of Florence standing in front of a snow drift higher than her head.

When we got home I had just a week to put together my Santa Rosa Quilt Contest/Exhibit blocks for our guild show. Everything that could go wrong, did. I struggled early and late to complete it and finally had to resort to finishing it by machine. Now I face the unhappy task of taking the machine stitching out so that I can finish putting them together by hand. The blocks which were done for me by the different committee chairmen are too lovely and important to be done any other way.

When that was done I starting preparing for my trip east. When I do Hawaiian workshops I like to take 10 or 12 basted tops in a variety of colors and motifs so participants can see what Hawaiian quilts are all about. I also like to cut out a full size quilt and pin baste it so they can have the thrill of seeing one unfold.

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Once in Virginia I had such fun! I wish I could share with you the wonderful quilts, the warm hospitality and friendly spirit that I encountered. I was treated to several Show and Tells and many many hours of quilt talk.

Being with Jinny Beyer and her family was as nice as I had remembered it. As I predicted Jinny and I laughed way past our bed time, and we loved it.

From there I went to Richmond where I was a guest of Phyllis and Bill Soire. They had ordered cool weather for me and one night I even slept under two quilts. Everyone was full of Southern hospitality and I wish I could share all my good times with you.

I had just a week after returning to prepare for our son's wedding and a big bride groom family dinner. We held it outside by a lovely stream but it was miles from the nearest store and we had to make lists and lists so that we didn't forget anything. Plates, silver, pots and pans, tablecloths, the food, tables and chairs all had to be transported. The wedding was held beside Hat Creek with 180 plus friends and relatives and it was a memorable occasion.

So that is why your summer issue is so late. Please forgive me but I wouldn't have had it any other way.



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