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Quiltmaker Story
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I am a 3rd generation Chinese American. Father and Grandfather were born in Courtland, California. Mother, my brother and myself are native San Franciscans. I attended S.F.'s public school - Commodore Stockton, Spring Valley, Marina and Lowell. Attended San Francisco State University for 2 years. Work experience: Macy's, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Health Service System, Galileo High School; S.F. Community School and Argonne Elementary School. Retired in 2005 with 37 years City & County of S.F. service.

I had taken sewing as an elective at Marina. Next sewing instruction was when my aunt purchased a singer machine and I took the class in her place. I started sewing for my two boys in the '70's, gifts for relatives and clothes for myself. I enjoy sewing and knitting both for myself, my family and friends. I had started watching Simply Quilts in 2005 and was drawn into quilting after watching Rebecca Wat making her quilts with origami flowers. I decided to purchase her book and try her technique. That same year I was on a trip to Croatia and met Marilyn Moody who had been a member of the San Francisco Quilter's Guild. She introduced me to the SFQG in 2006 at one of the monthly meetings and I have been a member ever since.

I have been making quilts since 2005. I enjoy making dimensional quilts, embellishing them with beads, crystals, and origami kimonos and quilting with metallic thread. I have made quilted bags, bowls, and

wall hangings. I made quilts for friends and grandchildren. I have made approximately 45 wall hanging quilts. In addition I have made several preemie quilts for donation. Most of my quilts are made with Asian fabrics and most of them cover my walls all through my house.

I attend Caroline Liberman's quilt class at the Lincoln Park Church and have learned different techniques. We also do group quilt projects, round robin quilts and donation quilts.

I love shopping for fabrics in quilt shops, shows and online. Since I started quilting I have purchased two machines - Elna Quilter's Dream and the Bernina 830 which includes an Embroidery unit which has expanded my sewing experience.

I have entered some of my quilts at the Pacific International Quilt Festival, San Francisco Quilt Guild and the San Mateo County Fair. I have received Third Place Ribbon on my first entry to the San Francisco Quilt Guild show; Honorable Mention Ribbons in 2009 and 2011. I received my First Place Ribbon this year at the San Mateo County Fair.

My advice for future quiltmakers is make your quilt the way you want and not what you think is expected. Have fun.

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