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Meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. the second Saturday each month at UCR Palm Desert, 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive at Cook Street

Website: www.cvquiltguild.org

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild is to promote appreciation of quilting, share and uphold the heritage of a timeless folk art, and to further the education and skill levels of the members of the guild.

President's Report

Hello Everyone!

It's been a busy start to the year with two great programs and three fun half-day classes. Hopefully you have been able to join us for a few of these activities. If not, just remember there are lots more to come. Check the newsletter and/or the guild's website for upcoming programs and classes.

The venue is as wonderful as we thought it would be. It's been a delight to hear such positive comments from members.

Thank you to Andrea Dooley for setting up a Facebook page for the guild. It will offer the guild another way to reach out to other quilters and non-quilters and support the art of quilting. Check it out and don't forget to "like" it.

But, of course, there is nothing quite like word of mouth so keep inviting your friends and any quilters you encounter to attend our programs. Also, don't forget to welcome any guests and new members you see or meet at our meetings. I think our guild is a friendly gathering and we want others to feel the same way as I do.

In January and February we invited representatives from the various charities we are supporting either through monetary gifts and/or quilts to speak at our meetings. It was heart-warming to hear how well your quilts were received by both the groups' staff members and their clients. The "thank-yous" we received from recipients were delightful — we posted them on a board on the Information Table. Our goal this year is 310 charity quilts and it is achievable. Making two charity quilts is on my to-do list this year. How many are on your to do list? Thank you for all your work with the charity quilts. Keep checking Cheryl Taylor's reports and at her table each month to see how we are doing and where the quilts are going.

The response to Pat Claytor's sudden death was overwhelming in the number of heart blocks that were turned in in her honor. Pat added a great deal to our meetings and she will be missed. Thank you to everyone who made one of the 90 blocks. Thank you to Kathy

Klein for taking on organizing those blocks into quilts for Pat's family. Thank you also to Claire Flannery and Candy Scott for continuing the work Pat was doing with the Block of the Month.

I hope you had a chance to visit the Date Festival and enjoy the quilt display. Thank-you to all those who entered their quilts and the volunteers who sold raffle tickets to our 2015 Opportunity Quilts. It was wonderful that the quality of work put into the two kids' quilts was recognized with a first and second place ribbon. The Guild appreciates your support. Check the newsletter for who else got ribbons at the Date Festival.

I mentioned at the February meeting that the Bylaws committee and Board have proposed some changes such as a change in the Board composition. We would like to take the position of 1st Vice President and split the overwhelming duties of that position into two — 1st VP/Facilities and the new position 3rd VP/Programs. We also proposed changes in the check signing procedures and financial review. In addition there were a few wording changes. Please have a look over the Bylaws that are included in this newsletter so that we can answer any questions and have a vote on them in March.

Please look over the reports from the various Board members so you can keep up to date with what is happening. If you have questions, comments and/or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact me or any Board member.

Thanks,
Kathleen Herring

1st Vice President Report

Pat Siegel

The newsletter contains a list of our next four programs. For a complete list for the rest of the year you can go to our website cvquiltguild.org. Supply lists for the Dragonfly Dyeworks and the Bento Box workshop are both available for download on our website as well.

In June we are trying something different. We will be organizing a tour of some of our member's studios. If you are interested in showing your studio, no matter how big or small, please get in touch with me at pls60048@yahoo.com.

There will be no business meeting in June, just the studio tour.

Pat Siegel

2nd Vice President Report

Terri Kirshner

As I am writing this the Date Festival is in full swing! We had approximately 40 quilts entered into the Fair this year, including Guild and non-Guild members. We had a beautiful combination of sizes, colors, and styles! I hope everyone was able to see the wonderful display.

Members who won blue ribbons in their quilt class are Roberta Peterson (2), Kathleen Herring, Treese Pflum, Andrea Dooley, Patricia Siegel, and our opportunity quilt, "Boys and Their Toys". Congratulations to all! In addition to our first place winners we had several second place winners including Robert Tucker and Treese Pflum and our Princess Ponies opportunity quilt. Congratulations to you .

Thank you to all who volunteered their time. I do appreciate the efforts you made and also your enthusiasm for selling the tickets.

We have been invited to a meeting of the Busy Bear Quilters in Big Bear at the end of summer. We hope to take the Opportunity Quilt to their meeting to sell tickets. We need a volunteer to take the Quilt to their meeting on the third Monday in September to sell raffle tickets. They meet at 5:30pm. Please call me if you are available for this little trip.

The Coachella Valley History Museum invited the Quilt Guild to participate in the Heritage Festival on 3/28/2015, which is a Saturday. We are looking for some volunteers who might like to set up a demonstration of quilting as part of a heritage art display and sell raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilts. Please contact me if this is something you would like to participate in.

January and February 2015 Membership Report

January and February were very busy months at the Membership Table. Special thanks to our volunteers: **Barbara Lind, Libby Coulter, Janna Calkins, Cara Stansberry, Kim Carlson, Kathy Klein, Cher Gellman, Linda Crowe, Mary Ann Toomey, Lydia McCowin and Laura Peterson!**

At the January meeting we had **8** Guests, **5** new Members, **119** members for a total of **132** present. **Barbara Fosse** won the January door prize.

In February we had **15** Guests, **10** new Members and **117** members for a total of **142** present. **Vickie Dinkin and Darlene Estrella** won the door prizes. We also handed out the new membership cards and directories. Be sure to pick yours up next month if you were not able to attend today.

We welcome these new members in 2015:

<p>Jan Barcus Rose Bates Paula Boydston Valery Carpenter Helene Fowler Susan Mayes Pat McDaniel Maria Moniz</p>	<p>Debra Pugh Becky Rayer Liz Salisbury Janine Schoncite Christina Smithberg Cynthia Steward Charlene Such Ann VanBalen</p>
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To date we have **189** paid memberships.

Claire Victor – Membership Chair

Philanthropy Report

Thank you to all the quilters who brought quilts in this month for our charity recipients. We received a total of 25 quilts, plus 5 tops with backs to be quilted, along with 2 tops needing backing fabric. If you don't want to piece a top, but are willing to quilt and bind one, please stop by the Philanthropy Table at the March 14th meeting to pick one (or more) up.

We have reached 27% of the Guild's goal of 310 quilts for 2015 (based on the number of completed quilts). Please keep up the good work. Remember kits picked up now can be brought back in the fall. Also, please make sure you wash the quilts before turning them in at the Philanthropy Table. Not washing them delays their delivery to the organizations the Guild supports.

We are in need of larger pieces of fabric for backing. If you have 2 or more yards of a single piece of fabric that you aren't going to use or don't need, please consider donating it to the Philanthropy Committee for use in one of the kits.

As you know, the Guild currently donates quilts to Shelter from the Storm, Barbara Sinatra Children's Center and the Riverside County Department of Aging. Their clients are extremely grateful for the quilts you make and we deliver. I have recently been asked if the Guild would consider donating quilts to other charitable organizations in the Coachella Valley. If you know of an organization that assists the under-served residents in our valley that could benefit from receiving quilts, email me at philanthropy@cvquiltguild.org. Please provide information on the purpose of the organization and contact information. The Board will consider new charities based upon their need, their service area and the client base they serve.

Again, thank you for all the work you do helping those less fortunate in our valley.

Till next time...keep on quilting!!

Cheryl Taylor
Philanthropy Chairman

Annual Retreats

The guild has 2 quilting retreats each year. The retreats are held at the beautiful Vina de Lestonac Retreat Center in Temecula, CA. Temecula is about 1.5 hours from the Valley and is located in the wine country. Due to the popularity of the retreat center, we have a limit to the number of rooms available, which limits the number of quilters we can accommodate.

This year, the summer retreat is scheduled for Thursday, June 18-21. The cost for the 4 day, 3 night retreat is \$340.00, based on double occupancy, and all meals are included.

Our winter retreat is scheduled for Thursday, November 19-22. This is a change from the original date. We discovered that the original date fell on our guild meeting. Our tradition is to have the retreat annually on the 3rd weekend in November. The retreat worked hard and was able to confirm us on our usual 3rd weekend. The cost of this retreat is a little higher than the summer retreat. Although most of the weekend you have lots of time to work on whatever projects you bring, the Retreat Committee provides several projects for you to participate in, if you wish. The Committee's goal is to provide some small projects that offer you a chance to learn something new. So the cost of the kits for the projects, is included in the retreat cost. The cost for the winter retreat is \$355.00, based on double occupancy, and all meals are included.

Several members at last month's meeting inquired about a pattern for a large quilted bag that a guild member showed during January Show and Share. The GREAT BIG bag pattern is now available at Quilter's Faire for \$10.00.

News from the Sew What Table

Did our February speaker inspire you to reorganize your quilting supplies? If there were items you no longer have a use for, please consider donating them to our Sew What Table. Donations can be brought to Monica's on Monday mornings (preferable), to the guild meetings (we have two "donations" bins), or we will pick them up at your home. Your donations help make our meetings with great speakers possible. All proceeds from sales go directly to our guild and nothing is too large or small.

We have two items of special interest:

- **84" wooden quilt rack/clamp** to hang on the wall (\$35)
Contact Barbara Lind, blind2@dc.rr.com
- **John Flynn Portable Machine Quilting frame/System**. Because the frame itself does the moving, it can be used with virtually any home sewing machine. New in original packaging. \$75 OBO. Contact Margaret Copus, copuscreations@gmail.com.

Limit: One to a customer

Submitted by Karen Sheppard

Spotlight on success!

Congratulations Karen Sheppard's quilt "Angel Song" was awarded the Past President's Award and a Third Place at the recent Hemet Show. It was hand quilted by Betty Barney a member of the Hemet Guild.

Help Wanted!

Start planning now what you are going to enter in these categories in the 2016 Desert Guilds Quilt Show:

- * General Entry
- * Challenge Quilt — Desert Birds
- * Miniature Quilt — Small Quilt and/or Small Art Quilt

Visit the DGQS website for more information

www.DesertGuildsQuiltShow.com

Upcoming Programs

Meeting: Saturday, March 14, 2015

Dragonfly Dyeworks

Meeting starts at 10:00am

Speaker at 11:00am

Class: Sunday, March 15, 2015

Dragonfly Dyeworks

Fabric Color Magic

Dyeing Workshop

Workshop from 9am to 3pm

Full Day Class (9am to 3pm) \$50.00

Supply Fee \$5.00

Meeting: Saturday, April 11, 2015

Tracey Brookshier

"Love Affair with Japan"

Meeting starts at 10:00am

Speaker at 11:00am

Class: Sunday, April 12, 2015

Tracey Brookshier

Bento Box

Full Day Class (9am to 3pm) \$50.00

\$10.00 fee for pattern

Meeting: Saturday, May 9, 2015

Ann Turley

"Out on a Limb"

What makes a challenge challenging & how do you get started

Meeting starts at 10:00am

Speaker at 11:00am

No Class on Sunday

Supply Lists are available for download on our Website

EXTRA! EXTRA ! CVQG HAS JOINED THE WORLD OF SOCIAL MEDIA (by Andrea Dooley)

As your new Publicity Chairperson, I am looking for ways to get our message out to the quilting community. I have established a FACEBOOK page for the COACHELLA VALLEY QUILT GUILD to achieve this. Social media is a great resource for our membership and for others interested in the our organization.

I invite all members to log on, LIKE and SHARE. The SHARE activity is the method that gets our goals, achievements and events out to a huge population. As you share with your FACEBOOK friends the contact becomes exponentially vast.

I try to post once per week with new material to generate interest. If you have pictures that relate to our guild, you can email them to me. Photos are the key.

My email is agdooley99@aol.com

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: MARCH 2015

Modern Log Cabin Block

Size of Finished Block: 12-1/2" square

The nature of this block is extremely improvisational, with very little measuring or pre-cutting. Your block will not look exactly like this sample block!

Materials

- Variety of scrap strips from the background fabric, as well as three or more print fabrics, ranging from 1" to 3" wide, and in a variety of lengths.
- If you don't have scraps, simply cut strips from any fabric you have on hand.
- To save waste, cut as you go.

Construction

1. Cut a 2-1/2" to 3" square for the center of your block. A "fussy cut" would work well here; e.g., an animal or other object.
2. Choose a small strip of background fabric in any width; align an end and side edge with your square, right sides together, and stitch 1/4" along one side.
3. With the pieces still right sides together, use scissors or a rotary cutter to trim the extended end of the background strip even with the edge of the original square.
4. Finger press the strip open, rotate your piece counterclockwise, and with right sides together, align another background strip (again, any width), perpendicular to the first and stitch 1/4" seam.
5. Just as before, trim the end of the strip even with work, rotate, and add another background strip. Continue until your center square is framed by four background fabric strips.
6. Repeat this entire process, adding frames to your piece, alternating between the background fabric and print fabric for contrast. Consider experimenting with using different width strips with the same frame to throw the design off-center for a more asymmetrical look.
7. Continue adding frames (at least three or four) until your block measures at least 12-1/2" on all four sides.
8. Trim to a 12-1/2" square.



Reminders:

Our new location is UCR Palm Desert is located at **75080 Frank Sinatra Drive at Cook Street**.

Meeting starts at 10:00am. The program starts at 11:00am. Doors open at 9:30am.

To enter at the Berger Drive Entrance:

From Interstate 10 Eastbound or Westbound

- Exit at Cook Street.
- Proceed south on Cook; turning left on Berger Drive (same entrance to CSUSB-Palm Desert Campus).
- Travel along Berger Drive past the CSUSB-Palm Desert Campus.
- Turn right at the monument sign that says "UCR Palm Desert" into Parking Lot B.

From Highway 111 or Country Club

- Proceed north on Cook Street; turning right on Frank Sinatra Drive.
- Turn left on Berger Drive.
- Turn left at the monument sign that says "UCR Palm Desert" into Parking Lot B.

