

**PATCHES THE COACHELLA VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER**

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The purpose of the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild is to promote the 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** **Kathleen Herring**

Hello Everyone!

Where has the summer gone? It seems like we were just wrapping up our first Studio Tour and now it is time to get ready for our meeting in September.

The Studio Tour was wonderful thanks to the organization done by Pat Siegel, Natalie Shonerd, Andrea Dooley and Cheryl Jensen AND the special group of guild members who opened their studios and their homes to our members. All the members who I talked to that attended the tour were delighted with it. We hope to do this again in a couple of years.

After two months away, I am looking forward to some great programs beginning in September. Check the newsletter or on the website for details of these programs. In November Monica Gonzalez will be joining us for a Houston Market Update. We finish the year with the Holiday Party. Watch for details about the party and start thinking of getting a group together to create a raffle basket and making something for the silent auction. Not too early to start (and then keep going with making items for the boutique at the Quilt Show in March.)

The next six months or so are filled with shows that are local. The La Quinta Arts Foundation is sponsoring numerous activities for American Craft Week (the week of October 5) including a three month exhibit of quilts from members of our guild at La Quinta Civic Center. They are holding a reception on Wednesday, October 7 from 4pm to 6pm at the Civic Center that will include a free lecture by Laura Wasilowski, an international art quilter. See the newsletter for further information. The original series of the Day of the Dead quilts will be on display along with other quilts.

The Day of the Dead Cards done by guild members will be on display in October at the Palm Springs Art Museum. You can check them out when you are in Palm Springs for QuiltFest Oasis — October 8 and 9 — at the Palm Springs Convention Center.

November brings the Art Affaire in Rancho Mirage on November 7 & 8 (yes, that is a guild day but. . .) where we have done a display and sold Opportunity Quilt tickets for the last few years. Maybe you would like to help out or just come by and say hello. Watch for details at the guild meetings.

Finally, when 2016 comes around there will be the Date Festival in February and the Desert Guilds Quilt Show in March. Please think about entering quilts in both of these shows and volunteering to sell Opportunity Quilt tickets or various other jobs at our show in March. Your help is what makes the guild run smoothly.

Also beginning in January 2016 we will be starting up classes again on the Sundays following our meetings. We had some wonderful classes last year but attendance was low. The Board decided to lower the cost of the class to \$25 to encourage more people to attend. Start signing up in September because those classes will fill fast.

Things seem to get busier and busier. The Nomination Committee has been working on a slate of officers for 2016. If you think you would like to be more involved in the guild please talk to Lucy Jewkes or Laura Fiedler.

Hope you found time though to do the Block of the Month and some quilting of your own this summer. See you on September 12!

## **1st Vice President Report**

### **Pat Siegel**

I hope everyone enjoyed the Studio Tour. I think it went well. A lot of work went into it, but it was well worth it. I want to thank my committee: Andrea Dooley, Kathleen Herring, Cheryl Jensen and Natalie Shornerd. I also want to thank the people who volunteered there "studios": Kathy Dunham, Darlene Estrella, Kendra Gow, Natalie Shornerd, Mary Sue Simpson and Mary Ann Toomey. In addition thanks to Christina Smithberg, Claire Flannery, Linda Crowe, Linda Rae Shea, and Sharon Lubetsky for their help on the day of the tour.

Also, I want to recognize the generosity of the two shops, Quilter's Faire and Monica's Quilt and Bead Shop for their donations for the gift basket. The basket was won by Terri Kirshner.

Our September speaker will be Kim Fauth, introducing a new quilting technique.

October will be Rita Verroca. Her talk will be on "Travel through Quilt History" with an emphasis on applique. October will be "Hat Day". If you want to take part, wear a hat to the October meeting.

There will be no classes in September or October.

2016 is full of new and exciting programs and classes. The classes will be offered at a reduced rate of \$25. In January Marcia Stein is offering "Picture This" where you will learn machine applique to create a small quilt based on one of your own photos. Claudia Gomez is offering "The French Door" in February — something with a modern twist. In March we will be trying a workshop on Saturday afternoon after the meeting rather than a class on Sunday. In May Cindy Needham will work to de-mystify all those threads you are just dying to use but aren't sure about.

A complete list of speakers and classes can always be found on our web site:

[www.cvquiltguild.org](http://www.cvquiltguild.org)

## **2nd Vice President Report**

### **Terri Kirshner**

QuiltFest Oasis is back in the Coachella Valley in October at the Palm Springs Convention Center!

This is an excellent time for us to sell raffle tickets for our opportunity quilt. But to do so we must volunteer 24 hours of white glove services. We have not been assigned our day to provide services but we anticipate, as last year, it will be Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 6 pm.

We will need 12 volunteers to each work 2 hours. We will also need volunteers to sell tickets for the opportunity quilt. We will have 2-hour shifts for raffle tickets sales as well, if we get enough volunteers. All volunteers must pay general admission or the pre-registration fee to get into the show to sell and to provide white glove service.

Please check your calendars and sign up for a date and time. I will have the sign-up sheet at the September meeting or email me at [terrikirshner@gmail.com](mailto:terrikirshner@gmail.com) Our shifts will be divided as follows:

10a-12p  
12p-2p  
2p-4p  
4p-6p

Thanks in advance for all the help! See you in September!

## **Philanthropy Report**

### **Cheryl Taylor**

While the “snow birds” have been away this summer, the Philanthropy Committee has been busy trying to maintain an inventory of quilts to supply the on-going needs of our charities. Eighteen (18) children’s quilts were recently dropped off to Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center, not quite the twenty (20) quilts they requested. The remaining 11 quilts went to Shelter from the Storm. Hopefully you have not forgotten the charities we serve during the summer. I realize that many quilters put aside their projects during the warmer months and focus on outdoor fun and adventures...well, everywhere but here is the desert...we stay INSIDE to avoid the 115+ temperatures. I hope that you’ll have lots of finished quilts to bring to our September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Philanthropy table will have lots of kits available in September as well. You will have over 70 kit options to choose from – some that just need to be quilted and a binding added, some with fabric ready to sew per the pattern included, and others that allow you to be creative with the fabric inside the kit. Stop by the table and pick out your next charity quilt...or two kits!

Our statistics to date:

- Quilts received: 209 - 67% of goal
- Quilts delivered: 197

Thank you for all the work you do helping those less fortunate in our valley. See you in September! Till then...keep on quilting!!

## **Sew What Table**

**Margaret Copus**

"The Early Bird Gets the Worm" and you'll find loads of new items collected over the summer at our Sew What Table. We have books and packets of quilting designs for hand or machine quilting to name a few, and there are "Quilting Arts" magazines plus lots of "must haves" for the casual and serious quilter (just when you thought you had everything you needed). There are kimonos, a very large cutting mat, and a John Flynn Portable Machine Quilting Frame/System still in the original packaging which can be used with your home sewing machine, just waiting for your offer. We even have things you didn't know you needed. Come before the meeting starts for the best selection. We have so much there will still be new items you can purchase during the break.

Please drop donations off at Monica's any Monday morning or bring them to the next guild meeting.

# Membership Report

Claire Victor

Hello! We will start our 2016 Membership Drive in September. We will have pre-printed forms at the meeting for current members. Join or renew your membership for 2016 by December 1<sup>st</sup> (at a meeting or by mail) and your name will be entered into a special raffle. The winner will receive the treasure trove of goodies below!



- **Blue Enamel Sectioned Carry-all**

- **3 Fabulous Books**

- Visual Coloring* – A foolproof approach to color-rich quilts by Joen Wolfrom,
    - Blendable Curves* - Stack, slice, & sew unique quilts in a weekend by Peggy J. Barkle,
    - Scrap Republic* – 8 quilt projects for those who love color by Emily Crier

- **1 Free Class or Workshop in 2016**

- **3 yards Jewel Toned Robert Kaufman Fabric**  
*Lumina design by Peggy Toole, made in Japan*

- **7 Coordinating Fabrics in ½ Yard Cuts**  
*Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Black, Purple, Orange*

- **7 Spools Cotton Essential Thread, 1200 yards, 50 Weight**  
*Marigold, Amazon, Persian Blue, Red, Black, Grape Juice, Orange*

- **Recycled Silk Yarn**

- **Mary Ellen's Best Press**

- **Magnetic Pin Pick-up**

- **Flat Flower Pins**

- **Clover Binder Clips**

- **Bling Lariat**

- **Embroidery Scissors**

- **Post-it Notes**

- **Raincoat!**

**Form to be postmarked by December 1, 2015.**

Drawing will take place at December Holiday Luncheon.

## **Follow the Thread—A Salute to American Craft Week**

Sept. 8 – Nov. 20, 2015 at La Quinta Community Gallery

La Quinta Arts Foundation and the City of La Quinta, in association with Coachella Valley Quilt Guild, will co-present an exhibition of contemporary quilt art at La Quinta Community Gallery in La Quinta Civic Center, 78495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta. The exhibit will run from September 8<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>. The gallery will be open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm.

*Follow the Thread* is a glimpse into the fascinating world of modern-day quilt artists who are able to transform a fabric canvas into a multi-faceted art piece by imagining the possibilities contained in a bolt of fabric and a spool of thread. Quilt artists are continually pushing the boundaries of this medium as they explore new directions for this American craft.

The exhibition will feature 27 extraordinary art quilts plus 11 “tree sculptures” created by 23 local quilt artists. Nine of the quilts on display will pay homage to Dia de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) — all inspired by the children’s book, *Calavera Abecedario*, by Jeanette Winter, a Day of the Dead alphabet book.

A highlight of the exhibit will be a unique mixed technique quilt by Laura Peterson simply titled, “The Quilt Show.” The quilt measuring 108”x30” is on special loan from Big Fork, Montana.

Please join us on **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** from 4 to 5 pm in City Council Chambers for a special guest lecture by **Laura Wasilowski**, one of the star instructors at Quilt Oasis Palm Springs 2015, who will give a presentation featuring selections of her quilt art. Following the lecture will be a gallery reception from 5 to 6 pm. This event is presented in partnership with Quilt Oasis Palm Springs, held October 8-10, 2015 at Palm Springs Convention Center.

Laura Wasilowski is a renowned textile artist, author, teacher, and creator of hand dyed fabrics and threads who resides in Illinois. She has an undergraduate degree in Costuming from the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN and a Master of Art degree in Fiber from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. She is owner of *ARTFABRIK*.

## **Annual Day of the Dead Celebration – Palm Springs Museum**

As part of Palm Springs Art Museum’s annual *Day of the Dead / Día de los muertos* celebration, the museum will be displaying the *Day of the Dead Deck of Cards* during the month of October.

These quilts were created by 23 of our guild members who were challenged to make an art quilt based on the playing card they chose (Aces, Jokers and face cards) but with the twist that it had to reflect the Day of the Dead influence. This challenge was inspired by the show and book, “Art Quilts: Playing With a Full Deck”.

## **Health Expo**

The Coachella Valley Quilt Guild received an invitation to be a vendor at the County of Riverside **Health Expo**, a public awareness event held August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Palm Springs Family Care Center. Because of the support we provide the County’s Office on Aging’s Senior Care Transition Program, we were honored to be a representative at this Health Expo. Other vendors included Senergy Home Care, Mizell Senior Center in Palm Springs, First 5 Riverside (Department of Mental Health), Gentiva Hospice plus many others.

We raffled a beautiful fall themed quilt created by one of our members. The winner was Jackie Fernandez, a Certified Medical Assistant, who works at the Family Care Center. She was very excited to have won the quilt and said her husband would be so surprised and happy for her. We were delighted to present the quilt to her.

*Laura Fiedler, Kathleen Herring, Jackie Fernandez (winner of the quilt), Cheryl Taylor*

It was our honor to share our passion for Quilting with those who attended the Health Expo. Thanks go to Tara Rhoades, Laura Fiedler, and Kathleen Herring for their help. For more information on the Office of Aging's programs, check out their website at <http://www.rcaging.org/>.



### **Quilts Wanted!**

We have a number of opportunities coming up for you to show off your quilting skills. Please support quilting and our guild by submitting your wonderful quilts.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY DATE FESTIVAL** — Entry submission opens in December. They accept many different types of quilts: king size quilts, queen size, lap-top size, wall hangings, pieced, appliqued, art quilts and miniatures. We need entries so we can continue to sell tickets to our Opportunity Quilt and raise money for our charities and the guild.

**DESERT GUILDS QUILT SHOW** — The show is March 4 and 5, 2016. Entries for the general show are being accepted now until January 22, 2016. You may enter one regular sized quilt or wall hanging. There is no charge for entry this year. You may also sell the quilt you enter in the show. Just indicate that on your entry form. Other categories you can enter in: miniatures, art quilt miniatures, and the challenge quilt with the theme "Desert Birds". We need your entries for a successful show. If you need more information, please contact the following people: Entries — Kathleen Herring (760 567-9011); Miniatures — Jackie Mason (760 408-2750); Challenge Quilts — Laura Peterson (760 771-5807)

### **2016 Desert Guilds Quilt Show Boutique**

We have the quilt show coming up soon! So, it's that time again when I remind you of the need for Boutique items to be sold. The funds raised, from the sale of our items, will go to our guild. I hope you have been working on your entries or at least thinking about what you will make.

Beginning in September I will have a table set up in the lobby where you may drop off your finished items. Please have your name and phone number with your items.

If you have any questions please contact me.

## **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.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in November. The retreat worked hard and was able to confirm us on our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please give Karon Patterson a call or drop her an e-mail at [karonpatterson1151@gmail.com](mailto:karonpatterson1151@gmail.com)

### **I'M A NEW MEMBER**

(Orange Grove Quilters Guild disPATCHER)

I see you at my meeting,  
But you never say hello.

You're busy all the time, you're there with those you already know.

I sit among the members and yet I'm lonesome.

Other new ones are as strange as I, but you old members pass us by.

But darn it, you folks asked me in, and talked of fellowship.

You could just step across the room, but you've never made the trip.

Why can't you nod and say hello or stop and shake my hand,

Then go sit among your friends, know that I'd understand.

I'll be at your next meeting, perhaps a nice time to spend.

Do you think you could introduce yourself?

I want to be your friend

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Quilting, Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint,  
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Quilting only: Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:30  
p.m. and the second and fourth Sundays  
from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Sun City, Shadow Hills Residents Only

Guild members can join group on quilting  
days only, as guest of N&P member

Sally Hooper (760) 636-1048

## **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.

