

PATCHES THE COACHELLA VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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www.cvquiltguild.org

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

Happy New Year, Everyone!

It has been an exciting year for me as the president of the guild and I feel we have made great progress. Our move to University of California Riverside, Palm Desert campus was a real plus. The auditorium made it easy to enjoy our speakers and see all those wonderful show and share of members. It also gave the Sew What Table lots of room to spread out and Margaret Copus and her helpers have used it to great advantage. It certainly is a highlight of our guild meetings. The classrooms have also been a delight for us to use for the classes we have sponsored. Hopefully you will get an opportunity to experience these classrooms when you join one of our upcoming classes or workshops this year.

The Holiday Brunch at Desert Willows Golf Resort was a fantastic ending to our year. Thank you to Lucy Jewkes, Shannon Bucionis, Rebecca Blosser and all their helpers for a smooth running and profitable Silent Auction. Of course that would not have been possible without all the beautiful items that were donated by our members. Thank you.

Thank you also to Monica's Quilt and Bead Creations, Quilter's Faire, Sun City Guild Members, Needles and Pins, Busy Bees Group from the Indio Senior Center, Luella Grangaard's group and Laura Peterson's group for the fantastic raffle baskets. Candy Scott and her team of volunteers really sold those tickets for the baskets. Between the auction and the raffle baskets we raised just over \$4000!!! That money will help support our meetings, programs and classes.

The guild has also had some great exposure in the community this year with the Date Festival, the quilt show with the La Quinta Arts Foundation, the Day of the Dead Deck of Cards exhibit at Palm Springs Art Museum and our display at The Palms Retirement Home. Thank you to all those people who helped with these events. The guild is also becoming known for the charity quilts you have made which have been donated to local non-profit groups. I can not believe how generous members have been in the creation of 366 quilts!! Well done!

But we can't just dwell on 2015 when this year, 2016, is offering us even more opportunities to enjoy wonderful speakers like Sharon Shamber and Cindy Needham, take classes and share our love of quilting with our local community. For the speakers and the classes, check the newsletter and our website, cvquiltguild.org, for more information. We also have opportunities to share the art of quilting with our local community at the Date Festival (February) and the Desert Guilds Quilt Show (March) through your quilted entries to these two events and by volunteering at these events. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.

I am hoping to get a chance to visit some of our Friendship groups in the coming months in order to meet more members and see what wonderful things you are doing in both creating your own quilts or creating quilts for charity groups. We truly have an amazing and generous group of quilters in our guild.

This coming year should be an exciting and fun year and I look forward to serving as your president. See you at our guild meetings, classes or other quilting activities.

2nd Vice President Report

Terri Kirshner

Happy 2016 everyone! I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and end of the year festivities.

The opportunity quilts of 2015 have been sent to the lucky winner from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Linda Johnson. I await a picture of her with the quilt! But in the meantime we are moving on to our 2016 fund raising season. Soon the new opportunity quilt will be presented and we will be selling raffle tickets again. Barb Steckel won the gift certificates for selling the most raffle tickets in 2015. Congratulations Barb! Perhaps you can win the prize for the most raffle tickets sold in 2016!!

The Date Festival is fast approaching and I hope everyone who has finished a quilt this year is entering it into the competition at the Date Festival. All entries must be submitted by January 23, 2016. Please remember that if we do not get good participation they will not let us sell our opportunity raffle tickets. The Date Festival runs from Friday 2/12 to Sunday 2/21/2016. The instructions for entering quilts is on the Date Festival website. Go to Competition Handbook on the website and then to Crafts and Hobbies, and then to Textiles and Crafts to get all the instruction you need to enter. I will be glad to help if need be. Quilts need to be received on 2/8 from 9am to 5pm at the Crafts and Hobbies Building #7. Judging will take place on Tuesday 2/9.

Soon you will be hearing from me as I begin to assign dates and times to the volunteers who will sell opportunity raffle tickets at the Date Festival. Please have in mind what day and time will work with your schedule. We are hoping to get entry tickets for the sellers but we will not be able to get parking passes. Please keep this in mind when you volunteer to help. I will also need some help in hanging the quilts up in the Crafts and Hobby Building #7 on Wed. 2/10. Please let me know if you are able to participate in this function.

See you at the January meeting for the unveiling of the 2016 Opportunity Quilt.

3rd Vice President Report

Christina Smithberg

Welcome to the 2016 Winter/Spring Classes and Workshops!

Be original, be creative and just as importantly, challenge yourself this year! Learn a new skill, study design or focus on color. Stretch your abilities! You can not get a better value in classes than through your guild. Our class fee is usually \$25.00 for 6 hours of instruction from knowledgeable, well-known teachers. Be sure to sign up early!

In January, **Marcia Stein's** lecture on January 9, is entitled, "Destinations: Travel

Inspired Quilts". On Sunday, January 10, (9:00-3:00) in her class "Picture This" she will show us how to use our own photograph to make a small art quilt. You will learn machine appliqué. There is one space available. (as of the writing of the newsletter.)

"Motion is Lotion" is the title of the lecture by **Claudia Gomez** on Saturday, February 13. Her class, "The French Door" is from 9:00-3:00 on Sunday, February 14. The cost for the class is \$25. SOLD OUT...Wait List available.

We have scheduled a *workshop* for Saturday afternoon in March...right after our General Meeting. **Jennifer Rapacki's** lecture is called "Creativity Unleashed: Modern Technology for Quilters." Her class, "Weave That! Quilt Background" is held from 1:00-4:00pm. The cost for the workshop is \$20, plus a \$5 supply fee paid to the instructor.

Sharon Schamber will be giving a trunk show at the General Meeting on April 9. The class will be held on Sunday, April 10 from 9:00-3:00 pm. The class is called "Fire Flower-Piec-leque". This class is \$35, plus a supply fee of \$15 paid to the instructor. SOLD OUT ...Wait List available.

On May 14, **Cindy Needham** will work to de-mystify all those threads you have dreamt about using. Her lecture is called "Thread Facts and Fiction". Her full-day class on Sunday, May 15 is an Open Thread Bar. The cost is \$25. The class is from 9:00-3:00.

A complete list of speakers and classes can always be found on our website: www.cvquiltguild.org. You will find the class/workshop fee, the supply list, a copy of the teacher's samples.

Membership Report

Darlene Estrella

Hello Members!

Congratulations! Trudy Greenlaw won the early renewal incentive basket. We had 135 members renew early. 18 new members joined, for a total of 153.

Renew your membership by January Guild meeting to be included in 2016 Directory.

Philanthropy Report

Pene Owens

Happy New Year!!! I am so looking forward to working with all of you on the Charity quilts. Cheryl had a huge success this last year receiving over 383 quilts and all have been turned over to the charities she chose to serve. I will be changing the charities up this coming year with some new ones that I think will be well received. I am not going to set a number for this coming year. I have a few things planned for incentives to keep you wanting to provide quilts. I will have kits available this next meeting. If you have kits that have not been returned and you have had them since May or before I

would so love to get them back soon. My wish is that any kit that is taken out be returned within 3-4 months and please wash the quilts before returning. If you have a kit that needs something please call.

Kits from 2014 still out 7
Kits from 2015 still out 33
Kits ready for pick up 84

Ways to make a Charity Quilt:

Orphan blocks
Half finished quilts
Fabrics you will never use

Charity quilts help you practice your quilting skills, use up your stash and most of all make someone very happy.

Blessings in the New Year

Pene Owens
Philanthropy Chair

Sew What Table Margaret Copus.

Did you miss us in December? Never fear, lots of great items will be available at the January meeting.

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

Quilt Entries Wanted

- Riverside County Date Festival — February 12 - 21, 2016
Entries are now being accepted at www.datefest.org or you can get assistance at the Entry Office (46-350 Arabia Street Indio, CA) on Monday, January 18th thru Thursday, January 21st 8 am to 5 pm, Friday, January 22nd 10 am to 7 pm, and Saturday, January 23rd 9 am to 1pm. Entries must in by SATURDAY, JANUARY 23.
If you need any information, please call Kathleen Herring 760 567-9011
- Desert Guilds Quilt Show — March 4 and 5, 2016
 - Entry forms are available online at www.desertguildsquiltshow.com or at our January meeting. Forms need to be submitted by JANUARY 22 for your main show entry.
 - Miniature Quilt entries in one of two categories — 1) Miniature Quilt or 2) Miniature Art Quilt. forms and guidelines available online at www.desertguildsquiltshow.com or at our January meeting. Please turn your forms into Jackie Mason at the January meeting or make arrangements with her.
 - Challenge Quilts — Desert Birds (What bird did you do?) Challenge quilt entries need to be brought to the February Guild meeting (February 13) in
 - a brown paper bag along with the entry form. The Challenge Quilts will be displayed at the meeting and voted on for Viewer's Choice in our guild. Your Help Is Needed To Make

These Events a Success!!

Desert Guilds Quilt Show BOUTIQUE

Dear Members,

Well, it's that time for me to really start asking for Boutique items.

As you begin to plan the upcoming 2016, please be reminded of the Quilt Show and items that you can make for the Boutique.

I have received some things, which is great. However, I am in need of many more items for our section of the booth. Please put on your thinking caps and start making items. This has been a great opportunity to raise funds for our guild.

I am usually at Monica's on Monday mornings until about 11:30. You are welcome to drop off your items there. Kathy Klein, Pat Siegel and Shannon Bucionis may also be there and can receive items should I not be there. Thank you for your participation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Natalie Shonerd

Buy your Desert Guilds Quilt Show Tickets At the Guild Meeting and Save

Two day passes to the March Show will be \$5 (a savings of \$2) and available only at the guild meetings. These passes are for members only. Support the show and attend. Quilts from three different guilds, vendors, opportunity quilts, miniature quilt exhibit, quilt appraiser and much more.

Congrats To Two of Our Members

When you are at Road to California this year (January 21-24, 2016), look for two of our guild members' entries. Cheryl Taylor had a bag accepted for entry and Claire Victor had a quilt accepted. Congratulations to both of them. We'll see if they come home with prizes. If you know of anyone else with an entry in Road to California (or any other show) please let me know so we can acknowledge their great work.

Calling all Longarmers!

A few of us that have longarm quilting machines have decided to get together once a month to visit, learn, share tips and what we are working on. We will most likely take turns visiting at each other's quilting "studio".

No dues, no obligations just a good time encouraging and fellowship with others. Professional quilters, hobby quilters – all are welcome to join us.

We are thinking the 3rd weekend of the month might be a good time. I will let you know more details as we get more interest. We are shooting to start in January if at all possible and the first get together will be at Debra's home in Palm Springs.

I encourage anyone interested in joining us to contact Debra Pugh at the following email.

Debra Pugh

New Member Lunch

Come and join a few of the guild members for lunch after the guild meetings in January, February and March. Immediately after the meeting each month, those who would like are

getting together at Applebee's just up the street at Cook and Frank Sinatra Drive for a no-host lunch. Our purpose for these luncheons is for our members to get to know each other better, especially new members and snowbirds. I will be at the newcomers table as you check in each meeting if you have questions or would like to say hi. All guild members, new and not so new and guests would be welcome. Annie Houston

Invitation from Diamond Valley Art Council

The Coachella Valley Quilt Guild is invited to attend the Diamond Valley Art Council Fiber Arts Exhibition 2016! The Exhibition is open to the public from January 3 through February 28. The DVAC Gallery is located at 123 N. Harvard Street, Hemet, CA. It is open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday- Saturday and during events and concerts. Many fiber artists from our guild are presenting work. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Thank you,
Christina Smithberg