

PATCHES THE COACHELLA VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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

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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 end of summer (or almost there)!

If you weren't able to come to the June meeting (CVQ Day), you missed a fun and productive meeting. It was a great shopping opportunity as we tried to pare down all the books, magazines, material, etc on the Sew What Table. It always amazes me what you can find from the members donations. And then there was the work going on in the classroom under the direction of our Philanthropy Chair, Pene Owens, and her team of volunteers. There was cutting and ironing and sewing and creating quilt tops going on all over the room. My niece, Kyleah, was here from New Zealand and she had a great time working with our members to make a comfort quilt top for one of our charities. Thanks to all those volunteers who were there that Saturday. I know some members couldn't stay to work there but took home kits to do over the summer. I hope you have all had time to get some of those finished.

Summer — I had great plans for the summer but sometimes things change very quickly. As some of you already know, I managed to slip as I was going downhill on a trail at the top of the La Quinta Cove and ended up with three broken bones in my ankle! So instead of traveling north to Oregon and Idaho, I had two operations and a fairly long stay at the Carlotta's skilled nursing facility. Some of our quilt members came by while I was there and helped to keep my spirits high. I am home now since my sister came to stay with me for a while. I did get some hand sewing done and am just getting back on to my machine. Unfortunately I still can't put weight on that ankle so come our September Guild meeting you might see me moving around on a knee scooter. Hopefully you had a safer summer than I did.

Our next guild meeting is just around the corner on September 10th, and I look forward to seeing you there if you are in town. Patt Blair is our speaker on her journey from an artist to a quilter. It is always interesting and fun to learn about the way someone has developed as a quilter. It can inspire us to make our own changes.

With September, we also begin our guild journey to the end of 2016. Elections will be coming up and we still have a few openings on the Board to fill for 2017. It takes all our members to keep the guild going and moving forward. Please think about how you can help in this process — volunteering at the meetings to help at the membership table or the Sew What table; selling Opportunity Quilt tickets at places around the valley (Quiltfest Oasis is coming up and Terri Kirshner needs a few more volunteers); holding quilts during the meetings; or serving on the Board or as a committee chairperson.

The Holiday Party isn't until December but planning is going to start soon. We are going to need items to support our big fund raisers of the year — the Silent Auction and the Raffle Baskets. So please start thinking what you or your friendship group or group of friends can contribute. Also if you are willing to coordinate one of these two activities, please, let me know.

I hope your summer went more according to your plans than mine did and that you enjoyed it. See you at a meeting, friendship group or a quilt store soon I hope.

Kathleen Herring

1st Vice President Report

Cheryl Jensen and Karon Patterson

Our Holiday Luncheon will be Dec. 10, 2016. We will be taking reservations at the October meeting, but it is not too early to start thinking about or making your silent auction items.

2nd Vice President Report

Terri Kirshner

Our Opportunity Quilt has not seen much action since June. That is about to change as the summer comes to an end!

The Mancuso Quilt Show in Palm Springs, Quiltfest Oasis 2016 is scheduled October 6 -8, 2016. Show hours are Thursday-Saturday 10am-6pm. As in past years we have requested from the show administrators to sell tickets at the show on all 3 days from 10am to 6pm. I have a small list of possible volunteers that signed up in May. I have or will be contacting these volunteers to assure their availability. Before we can sell tickets we need to offer 24 hours of volunteer "white glove" services. Our volunteer day is Friday Oct. 7. We will supply the white gloves and no experience is needed. You are assigned an area of the show to assist visitors in looking at the back of the quilts and answering questions. If we have 12 white glove volunteers each volunteer will do 2 hours. There are chairs available to a rest period and you do not need to stand for the full 2 hours. I am leaving town for 2 months as of Labor Day. Karon Patterson will have the opportunity quilt and will be the contact person for volunteers for the show.

Thank you for supporting the Guild's effort to sell tickets. It helps us in our charitable endeavors and it allows us to have expert speakers and teachers available to us at meetings and workshops.

All members are encouraged to purchase at least \$10 worth of tickets. The tickets will be for sale at our meeting each month.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT FOR 2019

2019 seems like a long way off and it really is, but in January 2017 the board is going to be looking for someone or one of the friendship groups to head up the creation and completion of the 2019 Opportunity Quilt. It can be Modern or Traditional, pieced or appliquéd, solids, batiks, prints or . . . totally the group's choice. If you have an idea, please, contact Kathleen Herring or another board member.

3rd Vice President Report Christina Smithberg

It WILL be cool soon. Fall is coming! Don't miss every opportunity you can to hear a National Quilter, and take a class or workshop with the guild. The teachers are getting better and better.

On September 10 the excitement is building. We welcome Patt Blair from Big Bear! Her lecture is entitled "Painter's Path to Quilting." I will bet she will inspire us to get out our paint brushes.

Do not miss the lecture on October 8. Nancy Ota will be here. Her lecture is called "Japanese Textiles". Her workshop on Sunday is all about Sashiko. I am taking names for the Waiting List! Her class is October 9 from 9:00 to 3:00. The cost is \$25.

On November 12, Monica Gonzales will be telling us "What is New at Market." We have an additional special guest speaker: Alicia Campbell, the Batty Lady! She will be telling us all about batting...the ins and outs of the fibers, scrim, washing, weight, the drape of the batting, and so much more.

On the same day we have a Surprise in the afternoon (November 12)! Our Round Robin is an invitation to view demos from (1:00-3:00). Alicia Campbell from Wonderfil Threads will be our guest at Station 1. Our own Kathy Dunham will demonstrate binding techniques. There will also be stations to demonstrate some possible boutique items to sell at the 2018 guild show. Please sign-up at the Program Table with Christina. Cost is \$5 for guild supplies.

December is our Holiday Luncheon...Preparations are already under way.

January - Candy Glendening, a dynamic speaker, loves to dye fabrics. Her workshop is entitled: "Thread Sketching and Free Motion Stitching." Check out her samples of books, and pillow ideas...just a beginning to the possibilities.

February - Frieda Anderson from Illinois, will be talking about where she finds inspiration "A Walk in the Woods with George." Her class is entitled "Laughing Leaves" Don't miss this chance to hear from a National Quilter.

March - "The American Jane Story in Fabric" with Sandy Klop! You will learn about designing fabrics, the business of creating patterns for quilts, and her part in the fabric industry. She has SO many quilts to share with you. Class: "Stars at Play" Learn piecing techniques! You could make a pillow, table runner, or perhaps the whole quilt from her class!!! (You will need to purchase the pattern, I believe.)

A complete list of speakers and classes and supply lists can always be found on our website: www.cvquiltguild.org.

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Membership Report Darlene Estrella

Hello Members!

For the month of May we had 86 in attendance, 6 new members and 3 guests.

In June we had our Sew What Table Sale and Philanthropy Workshop.

Thank you to our volunteers and Greeters.

Philanthropy Report Pene Owens

Hello from Oregon

Well I escaped the heat for a month and will be back in time to organize and get ready for our September meeting.

Before I left I received 107 finished quilts from Patricia Page and the Ladies of the Indio Senior Center. I also received a large amount of fabric from Geri Vander Dussens daughters this last Spring. It will be used for quilt backs, binding and quilt kits.

I will be looking forward to collecting this summers projects and the quilts that went out for quilting and binding at the June Sewathon. I will have more tops that will need to be quilted and binding so I will have those at the meeting as well. I will bring kits for those that want a fall project. And I will have my numbers to date for what has been collected and dispersed.

Hope you all have had a wonderful summer. See you in September.

Parliamentarian Lucy Jewkes

Hi I'm Lucy Jewkes, your parliamentarian, and it is my job to fill the board positions of those who are leaving. I and my committee, thank you, have made progress on this and we are almost there. We have tried to contact all of the members over the summer so I hope you all have had a call from one of us.

We are still looking for 2 positions; President, and 2nd VP (opportunity quilt person). Please call me or Linda Crowe if you are interested.

Sew What Table Margaret Copus.

The Sew What Table would be happy to receive your quilting and sewing donations at Monica's on Monday mornings or you can bring items to the guild meetings.

New Member Lunch Annie Houston

Come and join a few of the guild members for lunch after the guild meetings beginning in **November thru 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.

Quilt Exhibit Palm Springs Art Museum

The Palm Springs Art Museum will be exhibiting a new collection of 19 Day of the Dead quilts for the third year. We will send an eblast when we know the opening date of the installation.

All 19 quilters are members of the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild and have created quilts inspired by the "Just Add Color, Day of the Dead" coloring book. Artist Sarah Walsh graciously allowed us to use her illustrations as the basis for our quilts. We had little guidelines for this challenge other than to look at her illustrations and let your imagination go wild. The history, the colors, and the amazing imagery surrounding Dia de los Muertos evokes emotion and creativity in each of us who have participated. It is no wonder that this is the third series of quilts we have completed involving this same theme.

The art museum has free admission on Thursdays after 4 PM (same night as Village Fest) and on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Otherwise check their website for general hours and admission fees. We hope you get a chance to see this exhibit.

Laura Fiedler

Check out Guild Members' Work

Guild members' work will be exhibited at the following places:

Quiltfest Oasis — October 6-8, 2016 Palm Springs Conventions Center

- California's Hues, Tints, Shades and Tones — special exhibit through Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds
- Special Exhibit by 3-D Desert Designing Divas

Congratulations to all those members who are exhibiting their work!

Have we missed a display of your work or that of someone else in the guild? Please let us know so that we can acknowledge the fantastic talent in our guild.

WANTED: Quilts of Valor

In September 2018, our speaker, Suzanne Wade, will be speaking on the Quilts of Valor program. She is donating her time to share information on this nationwide program. As a thank you for this donation, it has been suggested that we present her with one or two quilts (or more) which can be used in the program and given to veterans.

The guild is looking for individuals or friendship groups which would be willing to make a Quilt of Valor following the programs guidelines. One stipulations is that the quilt "is to be large enough to cover an average-sized adult, with an ideal size approximately 60" x 80." Finished size can be no smaller than 55" x 65" and no larger than 72" x 90." Please talk to Kathleen Herring or Christina Smithberg if you are interested in this project.

Summer Retreat

Quilters, we have the opportunity to have a summer retreat the third week of July next year. The retreat would start on Thursday, July 13th with lunch and end on Sunday, July 16th with brunch. The location is the Vina de Lastonniac retreat center in Temecula.

I don't have the exact cost, but more than likely it will be in the range of \$370.00 for double occupancy and \$470.00 for single occupancy.

Because our usual summer retreat seems to always conflict with Father's Day, I have asked the retreat center for a new date. I need to have a possible attendee count by the first of October. Please let me know if you are interested so that I can start the planning process and confirm the date with the retreat center.

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Or check with me at the guild meeting.

Karon Patterson

Guild By-laws

I have been asked by the board to review the by-laws and propose some small changes addressing job descriptions and maybe some other things? Anyone want to help? This will be a couple of meetings at a Starbucks or somewhere like that and we will tune up the by-laws.

