

**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,
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Website:

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
Christina Smithberg**

In February, we welcomed many new members and
guests to our meeting with Terry Waldron. Hope you
will find the newsletter helpful. The website:
cvquiltguild.org is the place to look for information. The
Directory is loaded with tidbits of helpful items. But,
more importantly, ask questions...I want to know your
interests, and talents. I am looking forward to meeting
each one of you!

The **Date Festival** from Feb. 17-26, at the Indio
Fairgrounds, is off to an exciting start. Our guild's quilts
are hanging in the Craft building; and they have been
judged! Congratulations to the winners!! Thank you to
all the members who helped create the presentation,
AND to the volunteers who will help sell tickets for the
Opportunity Quilt. (A list of winners is being prepared,
as of the writing of this newsletter.) Our Opportunity
Quilt, called "On Point Quarter Log Cabin", was made by
the Needles and Pins Friendship Group. It is beautiful.
Members are *strongly* encouraged to purchase tickets
to support the guild's activities.

Announcement: a Palm Springs Friendship Group is
starting!! They meet every other Thursday afternoon,
starting March 2 from 1-4. We are still finalizing the
location. There are about 10 members at this point.
For more information, you may contact Annie Houston,
hahaannie@aol.com or 951-565-3842.

Friendship Groups: Visiting the Friendship groups in
the last couple of months has been wonderful! I
learned about your projects for charity, quilt
college=peer teaching, and all the great food you are
sharing....my, oh my!!! The best part of visiting is

meeting new friends. I look forward to hearing your
ideas for programs, what you would like in the future,
how to find donated fabrics.... all kinds of questions.
There are several more groups to visit this spring...I can
hardly wait!

The **Directory** is finished! Thank you to Kim Glossip for
her extraordinary effort to prepare the data for
printing. Members, be sure to pick up your copy, if you
have not done so.

Bookmarks and flyers were written to advertise our
programs, classes and workshops. Being new, there are
some errors unfortunately. Be sure to check our
website: cvquiltguild.org for details on programs, dates,
and times. The website is the **FIRST** place to look for
information.

Remember, on **March 11, our next General Meeting**,
we will greet you at the door, but all the guild activity
display tables will be *within* the Auditorium. There will
be NO Sew What Table in March. You will be able to
drop off Philanthropy quilts...

Our **Desert Guilds Quilt Show** is March 2-3, 2018. Pass
Patcher's Quilt Guild, of Beaumont, and the Cactus-
Sewables Guild, of Yucca Valley, partner with us for this
outstanding quilt show in Palm Springs. It is time to
think about your entry. You may enter a large quilt, or a
Challenge quilt, or a Miniature quilt. We would like to
know your intentions, by signing up at the next General
Meeting. Stevanna Collins will be telling you about
entries for the larger quilts, Jackie Mason is
coordinating the Miniature Quilts, and Christina
Smithberg is coordinating the Challenge Quilts. You will
hear lots of details in the coming months.

Our **Boutique** booth will be coordinated by Pat Siegel,
so look forward to information about items to make and
share.

Facebook: If you use Facebook, befriend the Coachella
Valley Quilt Guild. We are tracking our visitors, and
want to share news, projects, art shows, and exhibits
you might be interested in. Send pictures of your
Friendship group activities to Robert Tucker, our
Facebook administrator...keep him busy!

I look forward to knowing each one of you. If there is
anything I can help you with, please don't hesitate to
call or write.

**Opportunity Quilt - Vice President Report
Leslie Gardiner**

I want to thank each of you for taking time out of your
busy lives to sell raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilt
at the Date Festival. I do not yet have the totals of the
proceeds, but I will let you know when it's all tallied.

I appreciate all you do for the quilt guild!

Programs - Vice President Report **Calvin Trimpey**

Great news!! There are still spaces in the Sandy Klop "Stars at Play" class, and we just realized we've been charging \$20 for the pattern, but it should only be \$12! That means the class is only \$30 (for members) and a \$12 pattern! This is a great opportunity to learn some great piecing techniques from a warm, friendly, exceptional teacher! And rest assured, **you don't have to commit to the entire quilt!** You'll make 1 or 2 blocks in class, which will be enough for a pillow or two, or half way there to a table runner! Send me an email, and I'll put you on the list! programs@cvquiltguild.org

CANDY GLENDENING IS BACK!!! She will be teaching us how to make her row houses and house ornaments. The class will be March 25th from 9am till 3 pm, at Ralph's Sewing Center. The cost is \$60, and there aren't many spaces left!

In April, we'll enjoy a presentation by Phyllis Binkley about 2-dimensional felting. It's a fascinating way to create beautiful scenes that have a bit of texture. And, it's a fantastic way to embellish art quilts. Her workshop, the afternoon of the April Membership Meeting, also has spaces, so sign up soon before it fills up!

And finally, in May, we'll have Treese Pflum with Easy Color Theory for Quilters. Have you ever walked into a quilt shop to buy fabric for your project and ended up with a panic attack instead? Treese will help us learn about colors and fabrics so that we'll once again enjoy picking out fabrics. In addition to her lecture, she'll be teaching a workshop the afternoon of the May meeting. More information to come!

Membership Report **Kim Glossip**

January and February were busy months for the Membership team. We are at 189 Members, and continue to grow. Special thanks to all the *volunteers: Janna

Calkins, Libby Coulter, Linda Crowe, Darlene Estrella, Annie Houston, Peggy Lee, April Powell, Debra Pugh, Moree Spurlock, and Elaine Young. There is a Volunteer sign-up sheet at the Members sign-in table; we can always use an extra hand, so please take a shift (or more) if you can. It's a good way to meet other members, too. Our new member name badges will have a "NEW" sticker attached. We've asked them to leave this on for a few months so we can recognize them and introduce ourselves. The sticker is made of post-it material, and can be removed easily. Thank you for wearing the sticker, and WELCOME to all our new members.

January

January, my first 'solo' month, was very busy at the doors, with 38 renewing Members. We had 5 Guests, 10 New Members, and 102 Members for a total of 117 present. Judy Elliot won the January door prize.

February

In February, it was even busier, as we handed out new Membership Cards, Guild Directories, and name badges. We had 13 renewing members, 12 Guests, 9 New Members, and 116 Members for a total of 137 present. If you don't have your Membership Card, Directory, or name badge, please pick them up at the Members sign-in table. Replacement badges are \$5. Jeanne Kinsey won the February door prize.

* Abject apologies if I missed anyone - and **PLEASE** let me know if your name is missing.

Philanthropy Report **Pene Owens**

What a great start to a New Year. Guild members contributed 40 quilts and the Sew What Table brought in \$503.00. Each month I will be bring in a fresh batch of fabric and Kim will be weeding the books down to more current selection. If your donating please make your donations quilting related only for fabric, books and notions. It takes lots of time for both Kim and I to filter through the items we place on the tables.

This year I am giving tickets out for each completed quilt donated and drawing the name at the meeting. This last meetings winner was Dotty Linville. Each months prize is a \$10.00 gift card to Joann's fabric or Hobby Lobby. Congratulations Dotty.

With the Sew What Table and Philanthropy being combined I am hoping that less kits will need to be provided. I recently got together with Charlene Such to help me come up with some quick quilts. We worked on

crumb quilts and cut muslin squares for strip quilting. You can check out the pre cut muslin squares and a bag or two of strips to make a quick quilt top at the philanthropy table. The quilt top can be backed and tied if you don't or can't quilt your tops on the machine.

If you are turning in a quilt top only I would really appreciate it if you could provide yardage for the backing. I can provide the batting. This helps with overhead and helps keep funds in the General fund for quality speakers.

Thanks again for a great start to the New Year.

Sew What Table Pene Owens/Kim Carlson

Donations for the Sew What Table will be co-ordinated by Pene Owens and Kim Carlson. Please get in touch with them before leaving items at Monica's. **There will be no Sew What Table in March.**

New Member Lunch Annie Houston

The lunch Group will be meeting at Applebee's Restaurant. All newcomers, not so newcomers and friends of Annie are welcome to join us. Annie Houston will be at the newcomers table so if you want to join them please check in with her. The luncheons will continue in Jan, Feb, March and April.

Annie Houston, hahaannie@aol.com

Facebook & Block of the Month Update

As a new participant with these responsibilities I wanted to let you know what a pleasure it is for me. We had 77 blocks turned in at the January meeting. I enjoyed this great response as it was my first time assuming the responsibility. Remember that if you miss one of the monthly meetings the patterns are available on the guild website, www.cvquiltguild.org.

Regarding our Facebook page, I hope to post weekly. My goal is to enhance this public group page. We have a great guild so I hope people outside our guild will visit our webpage. This is why I want to post entries more

often than in the past. Let us promote both our guild and quilting in general. I hope more people within our guild will visit our Facebook page too. If not a member of Facebook, consider joining. It is another way for the quilting community to connect. It is important to "like" and "follow" on our Coachella Valley Quilt Guild page for current entries to show up on your newsfeed.

Please forward guild and other quilt related materials that are of interest to my personal email, lickaretta@yahoo.com with Coachella Valley Quilt Guild in the title. This includes Friendship groups, local & national quilt shows and pretty much anything quilt related, including photographs.

Since joining our guild I have had so many great experiences and met so many wonderful people, learned much and found true friendships. I have been able to develop new skills and broaden my own horizons.

This guild makes Coachella Valley a unique place for me. I hope I can enrich it as it has enriched me.

Robert Tucker

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following members who won ribbons at the 2019 Desert Guilds Quilt Show Festival!!

Hope you got a chance to see their quilts. They are listed by general categories:

QUILTS:

Roberta Peterson — 1st and 2nd
Sharon Lubetsky — 1st and Honorable Mention
Christina Smithberg — 1st
Marci Robman — 2nd and Honorable Mention
Andrea Dooley — 1st
Linda Blake — 1st
Joan Duncan — 3rd
Cheryl Taylor — 3rd

WALL HANGINGS:

Sally Hooper — 3rd
Marci Robman — 1st
Kathleen Herring — 1st and 2nd

MINIATURE QUILTS:

Kathleen Herring — 1st and 2nd

TABLE RUNNERS and PLACEMATS:

Sharon Lubetsky — 1st
Cheryl Taylor — 1st and 2nd

CLOTHING:

Christina Smithberg — 1st

OTHER QUILTED ITEMS:

Annie Houston — 1st

PROFESSIONAL:

Treese Pflum — 1st and 2nd

2019 Desert Guilds Quilt Show
The quilt show is only a year away. There is lots to do...
Quilts to make in several categories and hand made
items for the boutique. The quilt show boutique is one
of the ways we pay for our speakers and activities
during the year. Please start thinking about items you
might want to make. Summer is always a perfect time
to stay in out of the heat and get a few things made to
donate.

Pat Siegel

A Sincere Thank-you

We don't take the time we should to acknowledge our local quilt shops for all they do for us. They provide fabric to the guild and to our friendship groups to make philanthropy quilts. They provide items for our door prizes and they donate items for baskets and space to meet in their stores, just to mention a few of their generousities. Thank you so much to Quilter's Faire, Monica's Quilt and Bead Shop and Ralph's Sewing and Vacuum.