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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

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.

Welcome Home Quilters!!

Hope you all had a wonderful safe summer. Mine was unbelievable. I spent the end of July driving my son Adam's van from Newport Beach to Bloomington, IL. My son and his family were transferred back there with his job. I drove the van and took my granddaughter Regan, 17, my grandson Spencer, 13, Chief the family dog who is a puppy and is a mix of pug and handsome stranger, and this big plant we all call Bernice. It was my mom's plant and when mom passed away, Adam claimed the plant. It was a great adventure and so nice to have the kids actually taken away from their technology and actually talking to me and each other. I would do it again. The only bad thing is that I did not make it to any quilt stores along the way.

I lived in Bloomington for 10 years before moving here. When I got there, I dropped off the kids, the dog and Bernice and met with my quilting buddies in Bloomington. What a great time. Quilters are such a wonderful group of people no matter where you go. We just picked up where we left off. And amazingly the two large quilt shops in Bloomington are still in the same place and doing well. Yah!! There are never too many great places to buy fabric.

Now back to the friends here at the Guild. Over the summer, the nomination committee and the By-Laws committee have been working hard under the direction of Linda Crowe. Thank you so much. They will have the new proposed By-Laws ready for presentation to the guild in the near future. There are a lot of changes and Linda will review them all.

We have had several board members advise that they will need to be leaving the board in December. Along with this change and the end of term for some other board members in June, we are in need of help in finding new board members. If we cannot fill the board, then it may be that we will have to eliminate some of the things we all love. The Sew What Table and Philanthropy are just two of the possibilities. PV Programs, VP Opportunity Quilt, and Parliamentarian, are the offices that are critical and need to be filled. Linda and the nominating committee have been working all summer, but we still need help.

I know we all love the Guild and want so much to continue to have a great organization, but without volunteers to help make the Guild work, we could have issues. Some of us have continuously served on the board since we became members because we so enjoy the Guild. But new ideas and new contributors are what keep the Guild current, growing and meeting the needs of our membership.

Please consider being a part of the leadership team. If you have an interest, please call me or Linda Crowe. Let's all take on the responsibilities of being a Guild member.

Karon Patterson
President

**Opportunity Quilt - Vice President
Linda Blake**

Some of you may not be aware that your membership provided you with two packs of tickets. If you haven't gotten yours yet, please stop by the Opportunity Quilt table at the meeting to claim yours.

**Programs - Vice President Report
Calvin Trimpey**

PROGRAMS!

An exciting Fall schedule awaits!

September – Quilts of Valor Foundation

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans with healing and comforting Quilts of Valor. Over 180,000 quilts have been awarded to our brave veterans who have risked their lives in service to our country. The QOVF program gives us quilters an opportunity to say, "thank you," with gratitude and love stitched into quilts. It's what we can do. Suzanne Wade, from the QOVF will be talking to us about the Foundation and its programs. More information can be found at the QOVF website: www.qovf.org

October – Leah Zieber

Watch America's quilt traditions unfold before your eyes as we travel back through 180 years of quilting history. Discover the truth about fabric color in nineteenth century quilts and see some fantastic examples of true American Beauties. Leah Zieber is a Southern California quilt historian and quilt maker who specializes in Antique Reproduction Quilts from the nineteenth century. Her reproduction quilts have been exhibited at quilt shows and historical museums across the country. You won't want to miss this extraordinary look at quilting history by one of the country's preeminent quilt history experts. See more information about Leah at www.zieberquilts.com

November – Catherine Wilson

Paper piecing has been around for a long time, but the "Judy Niemeyer" (Quiltworx) paper piecing technique has been refining the process for over 20 years, and the result is an array of patterns and designs that often feature beautiful, long points and stars. A small number of certified instructors teach the technique all around the world, and we have the rare opportunity to see a Quiltworx trunk

show by one of Judy Niemeyer's top instructors. Catherine Wilson, a quilt designer and certified Judy Niemeyer instructor, started Queenie Quilts in 2010 as a means of providing quilters with world class instruction and custom-built kits to assist them in making their own Judy Niemeyer masterpiece. Visit Cat's website at www.queeniequilts.com

COMING THIS SEASON!

January: Nancy Lee Chong – Hawaiian Appliqué Lecture and Class

February: Frieda Anderson – Lecture/Trunk Show and Autumn Mums Class

March: Joe Cunningham – Lecture/Trunk Show and Rock the Block Class

April: Robert Tucker – Lecture/Trunk Show

Sign up now! These classes are going to be popular!

Our program schedule is always available on our website: www.cvquiltguild.org

Membership Report Anita Holden

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and we are looking forward to mild fall weather. Directories and Membership Cards are still available. If you haven't picked yours up, please stop by the Membership table in the lobby before the meeting or during the break. There will be a Volunteer sign-up sheet at the Membership table; Thank you to those who have signed up to help. I still have a couple of openings for volunteers for each month. If you are able to help please sign up for a shift or 2. It's a good way to meet other members too. Special thanks to all the volunteers for May and June: Anita Bohning, Mary French, Pamela Gustafson, Leslie Herbst, Kathleen Herring, Treese Pflum, Patty Reyes, Moree Spurlock, Charlene Such. We will begin collecting 2019 Dues at the October Meeting. Please note that dues need to be paid separately and not combined with any other payments.

May

Meeting attendance was 51. There were 5 Guests. Many members have headed to cooler temperatures this time of year. Kathleen Herring won the door prize.

June

Meeting attendance was 63. There were 17 Guests. This was our Friendship Group Fair. There was no door prize.

**Sew What Table
Pene Owens**

Welcome back! Unfortunately I am still traveling and won't be back until the October meeting. So there will not be a Sew What Table at the Septembers meeting.

I haven't received very many donations this summer but I feel what I have is quality items and will make for a nice kick off of the Sew What Table in October.

My term will end in December. I have really enjoyed the time I have spent working on the Sew What Table and the team of people who helped me with all the sorting, stocking, set up and selling. It couldn't have been as successful without all of these hands helping. I'm forever grateful.

We are also looking for a person or team of people who would enjoy taking on the Sew What Table responsibilities in January.

If you have items to donate please drop me an e mail or call.

Pene Owens

fabric and we spend many hours sorting and bundling with quantity and quality in mind. And the money goes to support this wonderful venue.

Again thanks for shopping.

Pene Owens

Sew What Table.

**New Member Lunch
Annie Houston**

New member lunches will begin again in November. Contact Annie Houston if you are interested.

Holiday Lunch Silent Auction

The silent auction is coming very soon. I hope you have begun your items or are at least thinking about what you might contribute. Your contributions are much appreciated and go a long way toward helping our guild. Kathleen Herring and Pat Siegel will be at Monica's on Monday mornings during October to receive your items. Please make sure your name is on the item. I will be there during November. If you have any questions, please email me at JannaSCalkins@gmail.com or call 805 233-4362. If you are not able to bring items to Monica's on Mondays, let me know and during November I will make sure to get them

Thanks everyone!!!!

CALLING ALL HOLIDAY BASKETS!

Gather a group, choose a theme and design a basket for our Holiday Luncheon in December. Create a basket you would love to win in our Holiday Basket drawing. Please make sure all the items are new or unused. Sign ups will begin at our September meeting or you can contact Kathleen Herring at kathleen.herring@icloud.com It will be wonderful to see what you come up with this year!

Kathleen Herring

PARLIAMENTARIAN: LINDA CROWE

BYLAWS: The new bylaws are nearly ready for presentation to the Board in September. Members who were unable to attend the May Guild meeting may not know there are proposed changes to the Bylaws involving Board elections. Nominees to the Board will be presented to the membership in March, elected in April, and installed in May, or perhaps June if there is a meeting. The new Board will begin conducting business of the guild beginning July, but of course, we don't have meetings until September. There are a few more suggested changes, and they will be explained at the upcoming meeting.

If the Board has no changes to the Bylaws in September, we will ask the membership to vote on them at the October meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: With changes to the election timing, most current Board members will continue in place until spring 2019. There will be further news about that at the September meeting. **HELP! SEW WHAT TABLE:** The Guild is looking for a volunteer for The Sew What Table. Would anyone like to step into the role? You are free to make it what you want – every 2 months, focus on the busy season only, or anything you like. Please contact Pene Owens, Karon Patterson, or me if you are interested.

We continue to ask you all to seriously consider volunteering to work as a board member or an assistant or partner to a board member or committee. There are several opportunities within the projects and schedule during the year that need help. We can always use new and fresh ideas to help the Guild be a fun and educational group in the Coachella Valley.

Guild Committee Chairs:

Block-of-the-Month: Jerrilynn Williams

Facebook: Robert Tucker

Historian: Sharon Rooker

Newsletter: Pat Siegel

Philanthropy: Fran Jones

New Member Welcome: Annie Houston

Sew What Table: Pene Owen & Kim Carlson

Web Site Coordinator: Kathleen Herring

