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**Website:**

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

Happy New Year Quilters!!! I hope you and your families and friends had a wonderful holiday season. Mine was outstanding. Having the ones, you love and care about around you is so special. And of course, the goodies to eat is also a special treat.

I hope all of you enjoyed our November speaker as much as I did. Another great day thanks to our VP-Programs, Cal. Later in November, 24 quilters from our guild attended the fall retreat in Temecula. A wonderful time was had by all. The weekend, as always, proves to be a very productive one for all those who attend. Along with working on their own projects, the quilters had the chance to make project bags and sewing tool travel kits. They also completed 10 walker bags that were donated to a facility in Palm Springs where the majority of the residents are on some sort of financial assistance. It was also a special weekend because 25 of the LA Modern Quilters were also at the retreat center. We visited with them, shared what we were all doing and engaged in a hot game of QUILTO (quilters bingo) on Saturday night.

Special kudos to Rebecca Blosser and her team for planning an outstanding holiday luncheon. The facility was great and so was the food. The luncheon would not have been such a success if it wasn't for the hard work of all the volunteers. Jana Calkins and her team did a fabulous job with the silent auction and from what I hear we topped last year's sales!!! Candy Scott and her "balloon ladies" did an outstanding job of selling tickets for the raffle baskets. Special thanks to Kathleen Herring for all her work in coordinating the baskets and working with all the other wonderful groups who provided baskets. It was a challenge to decide what basket to put my tickets in, so I just put some in all of them.

It was a very special day for me and I can't thank Robert Tucker enough for his wonderful installation of officers. Robert, you are the BEST!! It was also very special to see some folks who we haven't seen for a while. So glad they could attend. We are a lucky guild. We had Sharon Rooker, Laura Fiedler, Linda Shea and Kathleen Herring, all past presidents, with us to celebrate and support our guild. It takes a village to keep our guild going. I am so very grateful to have such a wonderful board, along with the past officers to help keep us on track.

We have some wonderful programs and classes coming up in January. Check out our web-site for what is coming up in January and February. Time to enter your items in the Date Festival Show and the Desert Guild's Quilt Show is very quickly running out. Please get your entries in. Your beautiful work is what keeps people coming back to the Date Festival and Desert Guild Quilt Show.

Karon Patterson  
President

**Opportunity Quilt - Vice President  
Linda Blake**

Our Winner! Shelly Wyman. She purchased her ticket at the Date Festival. Our 2018 Opportunity Quilt will be unveiled at the January meeting. Be sure to be there!



**Programs - Vice President Report  
Calvin Trimpey**

**PROGRAMS!**

**January – Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>**

Laura Fraga will give us a presentation on the “Dear Jane Phenomenon.”

With beloved memories of watching her grandmother hand quilt traditional quilts, Laura discovered her own love of quilting at her first quilting class in 1990. Once she mastered the basics, she developed a passion for hand appliqué and making “Dear Jane” quilts. She soon found herself winning blue ribbons and recognition at the national level, and is now sharing her inspiration and passion for quilting through lectures and classes. You won’t want to miss her presentation about Dear Jane quilts, along with her insights and tips for your own appliqué projects. For more information, her website is: [www.laurafragaquilts.com](http://www.laurafragaquilts.com)

### **January Class – Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>**

Laura Fraga is back with us on Sunday to teach her hand appliqué techniques. She is known to be a master, so don’t miss this opportunity! Space is still available!!!

Fee: \$35 members/\$45 non-members

### **February – Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>**

Famed artist Thom Atkins will present his latest quilts, beautifully embellished by bead embroidery. His work is truly amazing, so you won’t want to miss this trunk show!

About 15 years ago, Thom, a sculptor, was involved in a traffic accident that severely damaged his wrists and thumbs. Since it was clear that pushing clay around was no longer a possibility, he decided to combine his love of beads with fabric, and explore the pairing as a new medium of expression. In time, surgery repaired the damage, but the shift had been made and a whole new vista of fabric and beads had opened up. “Bead Embellished Quilts,” less sculptural and more colorful, became the order of the day. Finding the balance between beads and fabric, where each is integrated into the design and both are essential to the overall composition, has provided ample challenges for Thom’s active imagination. He has come to a point where neither “Bead Embellished” nor “Quilt” seem accurate or applicable terms, yet he continues to use them for lack of more precise definitions of what he does. We are very excited to welcome Thom to the Coachella Valley. For more information, his website is: <http://www.thomatkins.com/quilts&tapestries.htm>

### **February Class – Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>**

Thom Atkins will be teaching his bead embroidery techniques for quilters. The class is full, but if you’re interested, put your name on the waiting list... you just might make it into the class!

### **March – Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>**

For March, we’ll welcome renowned artist/quilter and author Katie Pasquini Masopust. She’ll be presenting her lecture “Painting with Cloth,” where she’ll talk about her development from early paintings through traditional quilts up to the present contemporary wall quilts.

For nearly 30 years Katie Pasquini Masopust has produced high quality contemporary art quilts that have been coveted and collected by a broad range of admirers. From her early beginnings as a painter dabbling in traditional quilt making, her work has evolved from structured Mandalas and mind-blowing dimensional

pieces to very painterly landscapes and abstracts executed with the finest fabrics and most creative stitching techniques.

Katie's easy, energetic manner has made her a very popular teacher and lecturer. When not in residence at her studio in Northern California she travels the world presenting her contemporary quilting theories and techniques to classes; not only in North America, but in Europe, the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. Awards and accolades have been numerous for Katie, culminating with her 2005 induction into a very select group of art quilt professionals who have earned the Silver Star Award presented by Houston Quilt Festival. Katie's website is: [www.katiepm.com](http://www.katiepm.com)

### **March Class – Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, Katie will teach her “Artful Log Cabin” technique, where she uses a photograph for inspiration to design contemporary log cabin blocks into a finished quilt. Her class is full, but if you put your name on the wait list, you just might make it into the class!

### **April – Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>**

In April, we'll be dazzled by the enormously talented Pati Fried. Pati will discuss the principles of modern quilt design and how a traditional quilter might explore these principles to challenge their design skills. Pati will share how the fundamental Elements of Design can be inspired by everyday life. Using these principles and elements can act as a roadmap for venturing into new design territory. For more information, visit Pati's website at: [www.patifried.com](http://www.patifried.com)

### **April Class – Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>**

Pati Fried will be teaching her “Winter Brrrd (not a typo) Houses” pattern. Combine pieced blocks, improvisational curves and a little folk art applique for this whimsical quilt design with so many options. Make a whole village of houses or just work on 2 or 3, it's your choice.

Fee \$35 member/\$45 non-member

Our program schedule is always available on our website: [www.cvquiltguild.org](http://www.cvquiltguild.org)

## **Membership Report Anita Holden**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready for a great 2018.

Please note that the last day to renew membership or join and be included in the 2018 Directory is January 13<sup>th</sup>, our Guild Meeting. You can still join after that date, but you will miss the print deadline for the directory.

I am excited to join the board as Membership Chair and look forward to meeting all of you. Thank you to all who volunteered last year. You are an important part of the Guild and your continued support will be very much appreciated.

**Philanthropy Quilts  
Fran Jones & Cat Griffin**

Thanks to all who put their faith in us to be co-chairing Philanthropy for 2018!

Cat and I have hit the ground running! On Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we met with Pene Owens, the outgoing Philanthropy Chair, to go over some of the bookkeeping duties **and A LOT OF FABRIC!** Cat and I got busy putting quilt kits together on the spot for Philanthropy. We are now ready to hand these out to anyone wishing to make a Philanthropy quilt.

As most of you know already, these quilts are given to needy organizations, such as safe houses and hospitals to name a few. We would **so** appreciate it if, when you bring us a donation for Philanthropy, the quilt is completely finished. By this, I mean:

**quilted, binding attached, washed and labeled.**

No labels? That's okay. We have some available.

If you are unable to finish the quilt for whatever reason, no worries; we won't turn it away!

Thank you all for your donated quilts, past and present.

**Note From Pene:**

I am excited to say that this month you will have the pleasure of meeting Fran Jones and Cathy Griffin (Cat) as the new chairs for Philanthropy.

I am closing out my term by announcing the finale count for 2017

We closed the year with 374 finished and delivered out to the locale charities.

I also want to recognize the Friendship Groups who do quilts over and above the numbers the Guild contributes.

Linda Bucknam, Jer Williams, Joslyn Senior Center they made placemats for meals on wheels, Raffle items, 100 baby blankets for Mothers on the Marine Base 29 Palms

Sun City Friendship Group 150 given to Coachella Rescue Mission, Safe House, Shelter from the Storm, Galilee In Mecca, Soroptimist and Quilts of Valor

Patricia Paige 197 for the Friendship Group Indio Senior Center Stitch's for Kids Quilting Bee Show and Share 46

Sun City Shadow Hills Needles and Pins 327 quilts, 250 knitted items and 250 dog beds from all the left over scraps given to Galilee in Mecca, JFK baby quilts for the New babies, 29 Palms, Free Health Clinic in the Spring and Loma Linda Veterans, beds to dog shelter

Deep Canyon Friendship Group 29 quilts given to Philanthropy.

Along with giving elsewhere they also contribute to the Guild Charities

And I'm sure there are many more that I didn't hear about.

Bless you all in the New Year!

Pene Owens  
2016-2017 Philanthropy Chair

### **Sew What Table**

I have cleaned up and resupplied the Sew What Table with some wonderful donated fabric. I think we have a great selection to kick the New Year off. Bring your \$\$'s

If you have any donations in the New Year please give me a call for pick up.

Many thanks to all those that help me with the fabric sorting and selling and the incredible donations. All the funds go to help us support the Guild.

We will have books and magazines in January which will be the last time to have them because of storage and weight.

See you in January.

Pene Owens  
Sew What Table.

### **New Member Lunch Annie Houston**

There will be a New Member Lunch after the meeting for anyone who wants to attend. You don't have to be a new member. Thanks to Annie for putting this together.

### **Desert Guilds Quilt Show**

Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3 from 10am to 4pm  
at the Palm Springs Pavillion

Save those dates!! That is when we are having our Desert Guilds Quilt Show. Why Desert Guilds?? Because it is a joint show with Cactus Sewables, Pass Patchers and us.

Every guild member is eligible to enter a quilt in the main entry category, but because of space constraints we can only have 40 entries from our guild. This is a great opportunity if you

have never entered a quilt show to show your quilt. It is not a juried show but ribbons are given out by the vendors and the show committee members and board. And, of course there is Best of Show which was won in 2016 by our guild member Helen Anderson. If you are a member of more than one of the guilds involved, you need to choose a guild to do your entry through.

We had sign ups to see who might enter the show. If you did not sign up you can still enter — it will be the first 40 entries that will get in. You have between now and January 23 to get your form and photos in. 2 photos of the quilt and one of you. Only the top needs to be finished for the photo since it is just for identification purposes.

Entry forms will be available on the information table at the guild meetings or download a form from Desert Guilds Quilt Show website. Our color is red but if you download a form just put a red dot on it. You may mail those in or give it to Kathleen Herring at the January meeting.

Quilts need to be delivered to the Pavilions on Thursday, March 1 between 10am and 12pm.

There are other opportunities to enter a quilt in the show. You can make a **MINIATURE QUILT!** You can have as many entries as you like in this area. There are two categories:

- Miniature quilts — blocks no bigger than 3 inches and perimeter no greater than 72 inches
- Art quilts — perimeter no larger than 72 inches.

Entry forms will be on the information table and on the website. Then finished quilts and entry forms need to be given to Jackie Mason, our Miniature Quilt representative by the February meeting.

There is voting for Best of Show in both categories.

A third opportunity to enter and win a ribbon is the **CHALLENGE QUILT**. The theme this show is “Off the Beaten Path” and each member may enter one quilt. The quilt needs to have a perimeter between 60 and 120 inches. There is no challenge fabric for this quilt so let your imagination run wild. Just remember to include a road and a sign. Check information table or website for detailed instructions and/or entry form. These quilts need to be delivered to Robert Tucker, The Challenge Quilt Chairperson, at the February meeting in a brown paper bag. There will be a judging by members at the February meeting and ribbons given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. You could also win a best of show ribbon at the show.

Don't forget to buy a **MEMBER'S ONLY 2 day pass** to the show. Everyone going to the show needs a ticket or pass even when volunteering. These \$5 passes go on sale at the January meeting. (Otherwise it is \$7/day to get in. Remember this is a fund raiser for our guild.)

We will need lots of **VOLUNTEERS** — to help take in quilts on Thursday, white glove, runners to deliver lunches to vendors, collect entrance fees, count best of show ballots, take down quilts, set up and run boutique, sell tickets to the Opportunity Quilt, etc. etc. Kim Carlson, Volunteer Coordinator, will be taking signups beginning our January meeting (as well as selling passes.)

CVQG and Pass Patchers are running **THE BOUTIQUE** at the show. Pat Siegel, Boutique Coordinator, is looking for lots of HANDMADE items to fill the boutique and help us to raise

money so we can continue to have fantastic speakers and a great venue to meet in. Last November Pat and Nancy Wilhelm demonstrated a pod bag and a wallet that would make ideal boutique items. If you picked up a pattern don't forget you agreed to make a couple of those items for the boutique. In the afternoon, after this November meeting, there was another Round Robin where a really cute coin purse and a project holder were demonstrated (along with two techniques).

Finally, please help us to **advertise** this wonderful event. Take some postcards (available at the end of this newsletter or at the meeting) and give them out to friends, people in your friendship groups, people at church, put in your church newsletter, give to people in your

exercise class, post at your beauty salon/nail salon, and post on any bulletin boards in your communities. (if you need a larger version of the postcard on paper contact Kathleen Herring.) Please help make this a wonderful and successful event.

(You might want to print this off for future reference.)

### **DON'T FORGET YOUR ITEMS FOR THE QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE!**

#### **Holiday Party**

A joyous Holiday Luncheon brought the year to an end for the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild. On Saturday, December 9th, 110 members, family and friends gathered together in the festive ambience of the Bellatrix Restaurant at the Classic Club.

This final meeting of the year saw a changing of the guard when Robert Tucker inducted the new Board in a fan themed ceremony. Thank you to Robert for entertaining and enlightening us on the history of the use of fans to communicate.

The drawing for our gorgeous raffle quilt was also done.

Holiday gifts galore were available in both the Silent Auction and in the selection of gift baskets. A hearty thanks to Janna Calkins for her role in gathering and setting up a vast array of home made items for the group to bid on this year. Additional thanks needs to go to Kathleen Herring for getting all those fabulous baskets donated and to Candy Scott and her wonderful crew for selling tickets.

We had a tasty luncheon and a wonderful time greeting friends, old and new. Thank you to Karon Patterson for arranging for the location!

Thanks to everyone who donated an item to the silent auction or a raffle basket. We had some spectacular items this year. And thanks to all who were at the holiday luncheon and who took part. Your support of the guild is just wonderful

**DATE FESTIVAL 2018**

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Riverside County Date Festival is a wonderful opportunity for new and experienced quilters to show their work. And it doesn't have to be a quilt for the bed (although those are always wonderful to see). You can enter wall hangings, miniatures, place mats, table runners, pillows, bags of all kinds,

garments or anything you have quilted. Also if you have talents in other handcrafts (knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, tatting, needlepoint, etc) please consider entering that as well.

Information about entering, categories and deadlines is available at [www.datefest.org](http://www.datefest.org) You may begin entering your items on Monday, December 4, 2017 and it goes until January 20, 2018. If you need help, please contact Kathleen Herring. We look forward to seeing your

## MONTHLY SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

We will be having silent auction items for at least the January, February and March meetings. About a week and a half before the meeting, photos of the items will be posted on our website so you know what will be coming up for sale. There might also be a raffle basket of goodies — January's basket includes Asian fabrics — so check that out as well.

We are saddened to advise everyone of the passing of Sherry Shroeder's husband Gil. If you wish to send a card, her current address is in the directory.