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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 Spring Quilters! The time for bunnies and leprechauns has arrived. Where was winter? Did we have one? But, I for one am not complaining. Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. It speaks to renewal and all things coming to life. And boy, is our guild hitting the ground running this spring. We are just finishing up with a great turnout at the Date Festival, and here comes the Desert Guilds Quilt Show. Lots of volunteers are required for these two major events, and as always, our Guild came through. Special thanks to all those who have once again gone above and beyond.

The Date Festival is in direct alignment with our mission statement to: “promote 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 our Guild.” It makes me proud, and should make everyone of us feel really good about promoting our beloved art.

Linda Blake, our VP Opportunity Quilt did an outstanding job of coordinating the needed volunteers to help set up, take down, and also sell raffle tickets for the Date Festival. Special thanks to Linda, Nancy Wilhelm, Patty Unterman and Kathleen Herring for helping to get all the beautiful items put up for display and then returned to their rightful owners. I will announce the ribbon winners at our March meeting, but they are also listed here in the newsletter.

Special thanks to Kathleen Herring, Jackie Mason, Robert Tucker, Kim Carlson, Annie Houston, Stevanna Collins, Pat Siegel, Joanne Hunt, and Kathy Dunham, who all represented our Guild on the Desert Guilds Quilt Show committee. They worked for 2 years to make the show happen. We really appreciate them.

The Date Festival and the Desert Guild Show is a great way for our snow birds to get more involved and to volunteer, and they do. If you want to get more involved, just let me know. Thank you so much. The new board now has two meetings under their belts and we are feeling more comfortable. Your patience and help in getting past the learning curve has been so outstanding. So, on we go to March. March comes in like a lion with the Desert Guild Show on March 2nd and 3rd. Congratulations to our guild’s 3 challenge quilt winners. If you missed the February meeting, the winners were: 1st place Karen Lummus, 2nd Betty Fernandez and 3rd Kathleen Herring. Congratulations. All the quilts were beautiful and it was a very hard decision for me to only vote for one. I asked Robert for more ballots

and he said “ Toto, you are not in Chicago anymore.” Thank you so much Robert Tucker and Patricia Young for doing such a great job with the contest.

At the March meeting we should be able to announce how much money we made at the boutique. We could not do it with out the hard work and beautiful items our members contributed. Pat Siegel and her team did an outstanding job at coordinating our Guild’s participation. We all appreciate your hard work.

Cal has been busy with arranging some outstanding speakers and classes for March and April. Check out all the upcoming speakers and classes on our Guild’s website at www.cvquiltguild.org. There is a lot of information to be found on the website, and great photos. If you haven’t yet, consider joining us on Facebook .

Spring is always inspirational for me. I lived in St. Louis and grew up living next to my grandparents. I always remember my grandmother’s tulip bed, lilac bushes and jonquils that would line her yard. All the pretty colors and the various green leaves. Hum..... sounds like a quilt coming together.

Happy Spring
Karon Patterson
President

**Opportunity Quilt - Vice President
Linda Blake**

The Date Festival is coming to a very successful end for another year. This is one of our largest opportunities to sell tickets for our Opportunity Quilt. It provides a significant contribution to our ability to fund the many things we do as a group. This includes direct contributions to our selected charities and providing inspiration and education around the art and skill of quilting.

This takes a lot of time and effort from our members to sell tickets and promote the guild. Many thanks to all of the member who spent time at the Date Festival on behalf of the guild.

**Programs - Vice President Report
Calvin Trimpey**

March – Saturday the 10th

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

March Class – Sunday the 11th

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 14th

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

April Class – Sunday the 15th

Pati Fried will be teaching her “Winter Brrrd 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

May – Saturday the 12th

In May, we'll be having a panel of professional long-arm quilters, and whether or not you “quilt by checkbook,” this will be a great day to discover the wonders of quilting with a long arm machine, and how to perfectly prepare your quilt for your long-arm quilter. At the Guild's March and April meetings, you'll be able to submit questions that we'll use to facilitate the panel discussion.

June – Saturday the 9th

Before we break for the Summer, the Guild would like to recognize and honor the many Friendship

Groups in the Coachella Valley. We're going to skip the regular meeting format and focus on welcoming these groups whose work and activities are near and dear to the Guild's purpose. Everyone is welcome, and there will be no "guest" charge to attend.

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

Membership Report Anita Holden

It was a great start to a new year with January and February being busy months for the Membership team. We are at 160 Members, and continue to grow. Special thanks to all the volunteers: Janna Calkins, Cheryl Chandler, Libby Coulter, Mary French, Annie Houston, Deb Gonsalves, Judy Greger, Moree Spurlock, Candy Scott, Carolyn Wartchow and Nancy Wilhelm. 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. Be sure to say "Hi" and introduce yourself. WELCOME to all our new members.

January

We had 43 renewing Members. There were 12 Guests, 4 New Members, and 118 Members for a total of 134 present. Sally Hartman won the door prize.

February

Guild Directories, Membership Cards, and name badges were distributed. We had 6 renewing Members. There were 17 Guests, 4 New Members, and 99 Members for a total of 120 present. If you don't have your Directory, Membership Card or name badge, please pick them up at the Members sign-in table. You can request a replacement badges for \$5. Missc Wilbanks won the door prize.

Philanthropy Quilts Fran Jones & Cat Griffin

Hello Guild Members! We are off to a great start for 2018! At the January meeting, we received thirty-three donated quilts! We would like to personally thank the following people:

Rebeca Blosser, the "Lunch Bunch", Elaine Young, Treese Pflum, Hilda Koning-Bastiaan, Marilyn Upham, Barbara Strickland, Aarol Pattenden, Doreen Little, Sylvia Gibbs, Cheryl Beckedorf, Charlene Such and Wayne Snyder

Also, four quilt kits were given out to members. Thank you all!

We will continue to have quilt kits available until future notice. If you would like to take a kit home to make a charity quilt, please see Cat or I at the next meeting and we can fix you up. Once these kits are gone...they are gone. If you wish to make a charity quilt but don't want to use your own fabric, we suggest you check out our Sew What table, where you can find some pretty great deals!

Cat and I have reinstated the drawings for a \$10 gift certificate redeemable at one of our local quilt shops. In order to be eligible for the drawing, you must donate a charity quilt. For each quilt donated,

you receive the same number of tickets for the drawing. Since we did not have a drawing at the first meeting in January, we had two drawings in February!

On a more serious note, we received a request from Angela Allen with Olive Crest, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping abused and neglected children, located here in the valley. Olive Crest is asking for a donation of 70 children's quilts for an upcoming family event in late March. They would like to send each of their kids home with one of our beautiful quilts. Angela went on to tell me how much our donated quilts have meant to the families they've served. I was very moved to hear some of the stories and you will be too! She has agreed to come and share at one of our future meetings.

So, ladies and gents! With your help, I know we can succeed in fulfilling her request and making a difference in 70 children's lives.

Sew What Table

Guild members what a great meeting this last month was. Thank you all for shopping the SEW WHAT TABLE. The Guild appreciates every dollar spent. We continually get new items donated each month and my team helps sort and bundle fabrics for at least two days out of the month to make it fresh for the next meeting. I hope it shows.

If you have any donations please email owensp@comcast.net or phone 503-680-8795 I can meet you on Mondays at Monica's or meet you and pick the items up. We are reducing the books down to anything from 2010 forward. For those older books the library's or College of the Desert will take them for their book sales.

I will try and put some value kits together this month that can be purchased for your own sewing pleasure or to purchase and make a charity quilt for Philanthropy. We will try and estimate how much fabric is in each bundle but it won't be spot on. This I think will help Philanthropy and those that need a little extra help putting things together. They will be sold as is as well as all fabric bundles and yardage. Our prices are incredible and if there is any issues with the bundle please see me. Please do not separate bundles and make your own. This makes more work for me and my team. This is all donated 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

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.

Annie Houston, hahaannie@aol.com, 951-565-3842.

Desert Guilds Quilt Show

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

IT IS LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY! BRING YOUR FAMILY, BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS!

Entries are in and quilts will be delivered on Thursday, March 1st. If you have a quilt in the show, it must be delivered between 10am and noon. Don't be late and if you won't be picking up your quilt personally, you must give written permission for the person who will.

These are the categories:

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

We have had many people volunteering to work at the show. We are very grateful for the help. Now, don't forget to show up for your designate time. Remember, even as a volunteer, you need a ticket to get into the show.

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.

Finally, please help us to **advertise** this wonderful event. Take some postcards (available at the end of this newsletter) 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.

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

DATE FESTIVAL 2018

WINNERS IN THE DATE FESTIVAL QUILT ENTRIES

Opportunity Quilt Wins First and Best in Division!!

The quilts at the Date Festival, while small in number, were beautifully done. The following members won prizes with their quilts:

Quilts Over 48 Inches

- * Ann Zemke — 1st place
- * Linda Blake — 2nd place
- * Sharon Lubetsky — Honorable Mention

Quilts Not Over 48 Inches

- * Marci Robman — 2nd place
- * Marci Robman — 3rd place
- * Sharon Lubetsky — 3rd place
- * Marci Robman — Honorable Mention

Wall Hangings

- * Kathleen Herring — 1st place & Best in Division
- * Kathleen Herring — Honorable Mention

Quilted Articles

- * Mary French — 1st place
- * Sally Hooper — 3rd place

Bags

- * Sally Hooper — 2nd

Table Runners

- * Sally Hooper — Honorable Mention
- * Sally Hooper — Honorable Mention

Pro-Handicrafters

- * Treese Pflum — 1st place
- * Treese Pflum — 2nd place

MONTHLY SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

We will be having silent auction items for the March meeting. 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.