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[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.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Quilters,

It is hard to write a newsletter article, when the only news is that we are staying home and staying well. Today I finished all my infusions treatments related to my foot and am getting the final reports so I will be released and ready to go dancing. With the quarantine and having limited mobility, I have really made a lot of progress on my EPP quilt blocks. I have 40 now. Only 10 more to go. And I would bet a lot of you will have quilts to take to the long-arm quilters, since this has been a great time for sewing.

This will be my last newsletter as President. It has been a very interesting and sometimes challenging term. But we made it through. I want to thank all the board members and committee chairs for their hard work. But most of all their flexibility that kept things moving along smoothly and got things done.

Also a special thanks to all of the members who came forward and helped with the Desert Guild Show and the Date Festival. And to all of you who make our Guild a special place with support and appreciation of each other's talents, a friendly smile to new people, and your willingness to help out new quilters.

We got the call for the need of face masks, and you jumped right in. Thanks to Kathleen and Kelly who took on the coordination, and to all of you who worked so hard and got it done. The Board has wonderful plans for the coming months and year, starting in September. Lots of good things are coming our way.

I always enjoy it when you make a point of coming up and catching me for a "hi" or a hug and letting me know what is going on. I guess the new greeting will be an elbow bump. Which is fine by me.

I have totally enjoyed my time as President and thank you all for giving me the opportunity. I am so very proud of our wonderful Guild and honored to have been President.

Karon

## **PAT SIEGEL, TREASURER**

I want to give my heartfelt thanks to EVERYONE for donating items to the Quilt Show Boutique and for volunteering to work. We took in almost \$1900. This will help us keep up our many good enrichment projects into the future. As always, not everything sold. If anyone wants items back that they made they can send me an email. Otherwise, I will hold them until the next Quilt Show.

Thank you,  
Pat Siegel

## KATHLEEN HERRING, PROGRAMS

### Programs

It is a bit difficult to write about what we plan for the rest of the year since so much has already changed. As you probably know or realized, we are not having meetings in May or June. We were able to reschedule Christen Brown, *Embroidered and Embellished*, for September 2021. That worked for her and us. The Studio Tour has been rescheduled to June 2021.

That brings us to the fall. We are planning that our meetings will start up in September but that does depend on whether UCR opens up for public events or not. At the moment we are assuming that they will. For the September meeting we will be in the auditorium which will give us lots of room for social distancing. That being said, here's the schedule for the Fall:

#### Saturday, September 12 — Lenie Bosman — *Rescue Quilts and What I Have Learned From Them*

What happens to the once-treasured quilts that were made with so much love? Lenie Bosman and her daughter have been looking for those quilts, orphan quilts, and have rescued them and given them a new home and a new purpose. Lenie has been inspired by them and learned from them. She will pass that acquired knowledge on to you by the way of a bed turning.

#### Saturday, October 10 — Jane Tenorio-Coscarelli — *Color My World Latin Style*

Jane Tenorio-Coscarelli is a freelance artist who has combined her artistic talent and love of quilting to create 1/4 Inch Publishing. For the past 30 years, she has successfully designed and produced her product line of books, patterns, fabrics and notions with a Latin flair.

#### Sunday October 11 — Jane Tenorio-Coscarelli — *Catrina*

Join Jane for a 6 hour workshop inspired by the Catrina's of Mexico during Dias De Los Muertos to create your own Catrina. You will design her dimensional skirt in flowers, corn husks, cactus, etc. while using Applique (Traditional and Fusible), Machine Applique and Embellishment. Pattern is included in class fee — \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.



#### Saturday, November 14 — Trudy Cleveland — *How to Photograph Your Quilt*

Trudy Cleveland is a quilter and photographer who will explain to you the how, why and when to photograph your quilts using the features of your smartphone.

### Desert Guilds Quilt Show

The 2020 Desert Guilds Quilt Show, which the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild takes part in, is over and all packed up for two years. Hopefully you had a chance to see it in person as it was a wonderful presentation of quilts

and quilting skills, not just from Coachella Valley but also from the two other guilds, Cactus Sewables and Pass Patchers, who all work together to put on this great show.

It was a busy show. Attendance was up and people seemed to be enjoying the display of quilts. Every attendee had a chance to vote on their favorites in the area of general entry, challenge (the theme was *Out Of The Box*), miniature and miniature art. One of our Guild members, Helen Anderson, had her quilt “Pieces of My Heart” voted as general entry Viewer’s Choice. Another Guild member, Kathy Dunham, won two Viewer’s Choice selections in the Challenge and the Miniature Art categories. Her Challenge entry was called “In and Out of Boxes” and her Miniature Art entry was “Beaded Beauty”. Marilyn Simone from Pass Patchers won Viewer’s Choice for Miniature with her entry “Storm At Sea”.

In addition to the Viewer’s Choice, ribbons were awarded by vendors, committee members and Executive Board members. The following Guild members won ribbons at the show:

Robert Tucker — “Organic Avocado”  
Roberta Peterson — “Duck Hallow”  
Helen Anderson — “Pieces of My Heart”  
Loretta Duffy — “Butter Rhapsody”  
Cheryl Jenson — “Antique Wedding Sampler”  
Kathleen Herring — “Cuppa”  
Cheryl Quesnall — “Soar”  
Jackie Mason — “Mom’s Trellis Garden”  
Cheryl Chandler — “Quilt”  
Nancy Wilhelm — “Kaleidoscope Dream”  
Marilyn Upham — “Sunset Swirls”  
Joanne Hunt — “Courthouse Steps Garden”  
Kathy Dunham — “Stonehenge at Dawn”  
Theresa Hanada — “Aloha, My Beloved”

All these quilts can be seen either on our website ([cvquiltguild.org](http://cvquiltguild.org)) or the Desert Guilds Quilt Show website ([www.desertguildsquiltshow.com](http://www.desertguildsquiltshow.com)). In addition, all of our Guild’s entries can be seen on our website.

Congratulations to them all!

Thank you to everyone who entered. Your work helped make the show very special. Thank you also to the volunteers who worked on the committee to put the show together and who worked at the show to make it run smoothly. All your efforts helped make the show a success. After all the bills are paid, each Guild gets a payout from the profits. This year’s show paid \$1,800 to each Guild. Now on to the 2022 show!

## **MASKS AND MORE MASKS**

Thank you to the 50+ members and friends of the Guild who answered the Guild’s call for help. Kelley Bachli and Kathleen Herring distributed packets of elastic, members scoured their stashes for material, and the sewing machines got to work. All together over 2,200 adult face masks and 31 child face masks were made and given to Eisenhower Hospital.

The pattern that was used was from The Turban Project ([turbanproject.com](http://turbanproject.com)). They have a video demonstration as well as directions on their website. (The directions are also available on the Guild’s website.) There is one difference — their pattern calls for cotton flannel. We used cotton material on both sides of the masks that were made.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped out. It was a tremendous effort.

But the job is not done. Until the beginning of May, the Guild is making masks for Desert Regional Hospital. They will be used in the administrative section of the hospital. At the time of this writing (4/28 – ed.)

members had made 683 masks and more are coming in. The last collection for these masks will be Sunday, May 3. After that, masks can be donated directly to Desert Regional Hospital.

The Guild's friendship groups have also been busy. The quilters at Sun City Shadow Hills Needles and Pins have made more than 125 masks for nursing homes in the Indio area. Their efforts have been well received. This project is in addition to the Guild's efforts for Eisenhower. It is wonderful to share our sewing skills.

### **PATTI REYES AND LINDA DEKLOTZ, OPPORTUNITY QUILT**

A huge THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered to sell Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival and the Desert Guilds Quilt show. We made exactly \$1,000 at the Fair and a little over \$200 at the Quilt Show, averaging about \$100 daily at each event. Your hard work and volunteerism really did pay off. It was amazing to see how enthusiastic and responsible you all were. It was a real pleasure getting to know and work with you. It is disappointing to know that we won't get to socialize again for a while. Thanks again for supporting our Opportunity Quilt program.

### **MARCIA ULRICH, PHILANTHROPY**

With this difficult time we are living in, I want to thank the ladies who have remembered to make charity quilts. I would be most appreciative if any of our Guild members would make a quilt for Philanthropy. The charities that we contribute to are so appreciative when we give them quilts, especially for the children. If you need fabric or have tops already made that need to be quilted, please let know. I can help. I thank you all in advance for your help in any way to contribute to Philanthropy.

### **ROBERT TUCKER, SOCIAL MEDIA**

I hope this note finds you well or as well as can be in this difficult time. We are fortunate in having a shared passion for quilting and associated arts & crafts. Our contributions of masks to both local hospitals and others in need of masks has been an uplifting experience and one we can be proud of.

As this season of social distancing came upon us so suddenly, many of us did not have the opportunity to share our projects and accomplishments nor get to wish each other well at our final meeting. Who knew our February meeting would be the last for the time being. We trust and hope we will be able to resume activities this fall. In the meantime, I have gone through my "stash" many times and am busying myself with one project after another. Since Shelter In Place I have made over 90 masks for friends and neighbors: a red, cream and blue Court House Steps quilt, a paper-pieced table runner, and the TWINS challenge for Road to California 2021. I'm sure that is true for many of us -- busy hands.

I want to remind all of you to take advantage of our Facebook Guild page. This helps us stay connected. Many of our members have left for the season and it is a simple way to maintain our friendships and interests.

If you have not "liked" the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild page please do and pass the word to others. "Sharing" a post on our page spreads the joy and also helps others find us. So if you see/read something that you like, please do share. Also if you have quilting news or a current project, please forward that to my email address (*see your Directory*). Think of the guild Facebook page as an online Show and Share. The page is updated weekly with related news and/or images.

However we stay connected we are lucky to have each other in our lives. Wishing you successful stitches.

### **TREESE PFLUM, MEMBERSHIP**

Keep yourself safe and make some quilts! Mask making is allowed too! That's what yours truly has been doing.

## ALENA CALLIMANIS, MEMBER

Hello, everyone. My name is Alena Callimanis and I will be organizing this year's Quilt Retreat in Temecula. For those of you who are new to the Guild, the Retreat takes place in a beautiful setting in Temecula, Vina de Lestonac Retreat Center, and gives quilters of all levels a chance to work as much (or as little) as you want on your own projects. There is a large room with tables and plenty of space to spread out and work. The room is locked up overnight so you don't have to worry about your things. The retreat is strategically scheduled before Christmas to give you uninterrupted time to do your quilts, especially if you will be making holiday gifts. There are great fabric stores in Temecula, as well as great wineries, so you will have the flexibility to enjoy these side trips! I have gone these past two years, and there are always great people from the Guild, who are great teachers if you need advice like I do. And excellent food is provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We have two sets of dates on hold for us. We will need to get back to them soon on the preferred dates. They are:

1) November 12th to November 15th (arrival Thursday late afternoon, or Friday morning, with departure by Sunday afternoon. This date still gives you flexibility, since it about two weeks before Thanksgiving.

or

2) December 7th to 10th (arrival Monday late afternoon or Tuesday morning, with departure by Thursday afternoon.

Cost is \$410 double occupancy, \$550 single occupancy. All meals are included. Since this was a convent at one point, don't expect Hilton luxury rooms! But everything is clean and comfortable.

Because the Retreat Center cannot today predict what will happen with California regulations and social distancing, no deposit is required to reserve your spot. I will let you know when a deposit is required.

Please download the form and complete it as soon as possible, indicating your choice of dates. If you can make either date, please check off both dates so I can make a determination of the dates where we have the most people. If we get a quorum for both sets of dates, we could potentially hold a retreat on both dates.

Please let me know as soon as possible so we can lock in our dates. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me (*see your Directory*).

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