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Meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. the second Saturday 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 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

Happy New Year Everyone!

The Holiday Brunch was a great start to the New Year with lovely views across the Desert Willow Golf Course and even an egret in a palm tree. (Linda Shea managed to get a picture of that.) Karon Patterson got the new board off to a grand start by sharing our high school "secrets". Some of them were secrets to the individual involved as well. It was a fun way to start our term of office. Thank you, Karon. I am looking forward to working with our Board this year.

Shannon Bucionis and Lucy Jewkes organized a wonderful silent auction with the help of all those fabulous donations and their volunteers. Thank you, ladies. Thanks to those members who came up with the beautiful raffle baskets and to Monica's Quilt and Bead Creations and Quilter's Faire for the amazing baskets from their shops. Connie Fleischner and her crew of ticket sellers did a wonderful job promoting the raffle baskets. Thank you to them as well. Check the treasurer's report for how much was raised for programs next year.

Congratulations to Pat Kunich for winning the 2014 Opportunity Quilt. She was so delighted with her win. Also, Maryellen Mencimer won the prize for selling the most raffle tickets -- a \$30 gift certificate from Monica's -- good job Maryellen!

Now we are on to the 2015 quilts that will be unveiled at our January meeting. Make sure you are there so you can check out these darling children's quilts. They really are special.

Speaking of the new year, we are starting out in a wonderful new venue -- University of California, Riverside -- Palm Desert Campus. (No, you don't

have to drive to Riverside to come to the meeting. This campus is at Cook and Frank Sinatra.) Luella Grangaard, one of our own talented members, is starting the year for us as our guest speaker and teacher of our first workshop in our new venue. Check the newsletter and/or our website for directions to the campus and our programs for this year. We will have signs out on Berger Drive to direct you to the parking lot. Parking on the weekends is free!

January is also the month to enter your quilts, wall hangings, miniatures, and other quilted items in the Riverside County Date Festival. Check with Terri Kirshner or myself if you have any questions. AND we are looking for the next talented group of quilters to make the 2017 Opportunity Quilt. If you think you might like to try but not sure what to do -- what about a modern quilt? (Or not.) Contact me for suggestions. It is just the top and backing that you need to make. The guild will cover the cost of materials and to have it long-arm quilted. (Of course if your group wants to do that as well. . .) Please contact me soon as possible. We like to have this on the two year plan.

Thanks to all our members for electing me to be your President this year. I'm looking forward to working and learning with all of you. If you have any thoughts, suggestions, or ideas, don't hesitate to let me know. Who knows what we can achieve this year?

Sincerely,

Kathleen Herring

1st Vice President Report

Pat Siegel

I hope you all had a great holiday. The Brunch went really well. I hear you loved the room. Well, good news! We have it booked again for next December.

As you know, we will be moving our meeting to UC – Riverside at Cook Street and Frank Sinatra beginning in January. We are including a map in this newsletter. In addition, it will be on our website and attached to our reminder email. There will be two signs to assist you in finding the location.

We have some really good programs coming up in the next few months. I am listing January thru March here, but you can always go to our website to find more information. <http://www.cvquiltguild.org>

Meeting: Saturday, January 10, 2015

Luella Grangaard

Luella is one of our many talented guild members. She will provide a trunk show of her work.

Meeting starts at 10:00am

Speaker at 11:00am

Class: Sunday, January 11, 2015

Luella Grangaard

"Roadrunner"

Half Day Class noon to 4pm

Class fee \$25.00

Kit Fee \$10.00

Supplies - General hand sewing supplies.

Meeting: Saturday, February 14, 2015

Juli Shulem www.jsdesignsunlimited.com

"Conquer Your Quilt Room"

Meeting starts at 10:00am

Speaker at 11:00am

Two Classes: Sunday, February 15, 2015

Jean Impey www.SewJean.Shutterfly.com

Two half day classes \$25.00 each

You can sign up for either one or both.

Classes: 9am to noon - **Inks & the Amazing Alphabets**

1pm to 4pm - **Garden Party Pillow Top**

Meeting: Saturday, March 14, 2015

Dragonfly Dyeworks

Meeting starts at 10:00am

Speaker at 11:00am

Class: Sunday, March 15, 2015

Dragonfly Dyeworks

Fabric Color Magic

Dyeing Workshop

Class fee \$50.00

\$5.00 Supply Fee

9am to 3pm

Check on our website for downloadable supply lists

<http://www.cvquiltguild.org>

And finally, if some of you missed the deadline for Linda's President's block, you can still get one to me or directly to Linda.



2nd Vice President Report

Terri Kirshner

2015 is upon us and the Date Festival is right around the corner. The Festival dates this year are February 13 through 22, 2015. We hope all of you creative quilters are choosing up to 2 quilts that you might want to enter this year. We want to have as impressive a display as we did last year! In order for us to sell tickets for our opportunity quilt we need to keep our entries at a high level.

As in previous years there are several different categories to enter your quilts. There is regular size quilts, miniatures, wall hanging, and clothing, etc. All of the information that you may need is on the web site at www.datefest.org or you can call me if you do not find the information that you are looking for.

The Festival only accepts online entries but there is help available from the festival staff if you go to the office during the following hours:

Monday January 19 through Thursday January 22 from 8am to 5pm, Friday January 23 from 10am to 7pm and Saturday January 24 from 9am to 1pm. The last day to enter items in the Date Festival is January 24, 2015. Please help us to have a good showing for our Guild by entering your beautiful quilts!

We will be selling raffle tickets for our 2015 opportunity quilts (yes, we have 2 children's quilts this year!) at the Date Festival. We have a need for more volunteers to sell tickets on the following dates and times:

Saturday Feb. 14 10am to 2pm and 2pm to 6pm, Sunday Feb. 15 10am-2pm, Tuesday Feb. 17 2pm-6pm, Thursday Feb. 19 2pm-6pm, Saturday Feb. 21 2pm-6pm, and Sun. 2/22 2pm-6pm. Please email or call me if you can do any of the dates and times that we need. bandtcasa@verizon.net.

Monday, Feb.23 we will be removing the quilts from the display and we will need 2 or3 individuals to assist. We will be there at 9am. Please let me know if you are interested helping.

We will be unveiling our 2015 opportunity quilts at our meeting in January on the 10th. Hope to see all of you there!

Annual Holiday Brunch Results

What a beautiful facility and a wonderful brunch!

Here are the results of our auction and raffle held at Desert Willow during the brunch: We collected \$1,314 from the basket raffle and \$2,113.50 from the silent auction.

This event is a big fundraiser for the guild enabling us to bring in great speakers and teachers so that we can all pass on the timeless art of quilting.

Thanks to all who participated!

Lucy Jewkes
Shannon Bucionis



Pat Kunich wins the Opportunity Quilt (below)



Membership Report

Hello Members,

At our November meeting we had 66 members 12 guests, and 2 new members.

Our door prizes were won by Kay Lincoln (2nd time!) and Anita Bohning.

Our early membership renewal drive was a great success. Thank you to all that renewed your 2015 membership (or joined) early. Our wonderful "incentive" basket was won by Johanna Myre. Congratulations Johanna!

Applause goes to all of those that volunteered at the Membership table in 2014. Cher Gellman, Kathy Klein, Barbara Lind, Cara Stansberry, Kim Carlson, Terri Kirschner, Janna Caukins, Edith McGarry, Mary Ann Toomey, Karen Shepard and Lidia McCowin (I hope I didn't leave anyone out). It takes a team!

REMINDER: January is the last month to renew or join in order to be in the printed directory.

We end 2014 with 211 members!

Happy Holidays and we will see you next year ☺

Claire Victor
Membership Chair

Philanthropy Report:

Quilt and Sewing Related Donations

As 2014 comes to a close, I want to thank the members of the Guild for their giving hearts supporting the Valley charities. The 2014 Quilt Challenge was to receive and donate 300 quilts during the year. When the last three quilts were delivered to me on December 13th, the total was 332! Thank you so much for your generosity. The last 6 quilts were delivered December 17th. I especially want to thank those who rallied to the last minute request for quilts to meet the urgent request from two of the charities we serve: Barbara Sinatra Children's Center and the Riverside County Department of Aging Senior Care Transition Program.

When considering the number of quilts to set as the objective of the 2015 Quilt Challenge, I hesitated to increase the number over 300. Even with the tremendous response this past year, I have set it only slightly higher to 310 quilts. I believe that the membership can exceed that number, so let's see what we can do.

Additionally, the Guild provided donations for the after-school sewing program at Las Palmitas School in Thermal for fifth and sixth graders. They received five (5) Brother Sewing Machines, yarn, fabric and lots of knitting and sewing notions and tools needed for the program. Thank you for your support of this life-changing program.

Final Counts by Charity Served

Quilts delivered in 2014:

- Barbara Sinatra Children's Center –76
- Camp Erin - 23
- Desert Samaritans – 1 (prior to their dissolution)
- Shelter from the Storm – 137
- Riverside County Dept. of Aging – Senior Care Intervention and Transition Program – 95

2014 Total: 332

Cash Donations

As you may know, the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild awards cash donations (when funds are available) to organizations serving the needs of our challenged or less fortunate Valley residents. The recipients will be awarded cash donations at the January 10th meeting. Please plan to attend when the checks are awarded to these wonderful organizations.

Quilting Supplies

The Philanthropy Committee still has fabric (some small, some larger pieces) which was donated during the summer and is available for use by guild members for charity quilts. I recently received additional fabric from Monica Gonzales of *Monica's Quilt and Bead Creations* for charity quilts. Contact the Philanthropy Committee Chairperson, Cheryl Taylor, to make arrangements to go "fabric shopping". You can contact her at philanthropy@cvquiltguild.org. Batting for charity quilts is also available. If you provide the size of batting you need by January 6th, it will be brought to the January 10th General Meeting and will be available for pickup at the Philanthropy Table.

Quilt Kits will also be available for pickup at the January 10th General Meeting. If you have kits you have not finished, please try to complete them and return the finished quilt within the next couple of months.

And Finally....

Thanks to all of you who have made this year's Philanthropy outreach so successful!

Cheryl Taylor
Philanthropy Committee Chairperson

Shhhhh.....wouldn't you like to be a secret pal?

Don't you just love presents? But, I have to admit that sometimes the anticipation of a present is almost as good as the present. If you enjoy these things too, you would probably like our secret pal program through our guild. The deal is though, to *have* a secret pal, you have to *be* a secret pal. Each participant fills out a form that asks what they like to work on, what fabrics or colors they prefer, and if they collect anything. The form is then given to your secret pal and each month the guild meets, (Sept through June) you get a present, anonymously of course! It could be fabric, thread, a quilting book...well...lots of different things...except chocolate (it melts in the desert) or plants (if your secret pal misses a meeting it becomes difficult to store until the next meeting). Most give a gift for each meeting but that's not a hard and fast rule. And if you have to miss a meeting...oh well, your secret pal will get a gift the next month. The gift giving starts in February and your secret pal is announced at the December luncheon. The form is due by the January meeting. You can email me the completed form or hand it in in Jan. I will send you out the form for the secret pal you will be giving to after the January meeting. Questions? Email or call Annie Houston, hahaannie@aol.com

SECRET PAL FOR C.V.Q.G., 2015

Secret Pal...give gifts of all kinds according to the likes of your secret pal's form **(No plants or living things and no chocolate)**

Name _____ Birthday _____ email _____

Address _____

SECRET PAL INFORMATION: What kinds of things do you like to receive that have to do with quilting?

Favorite types of fabric? _____ Colors _____

Do you like...brights _____ pastels _____ florals _____ solids _____ tone on tone _____

Do you collect anything? _____ Your favorite things? _____

Your favorite Patterns....pieced _____ applique _____ art quilts _____ other _____

Things I would like to learn more about _____

Other hobbies I have... (reading romance novels, etc.) _____

What should your secret pal know about you? _____

What kinds of gifts would you like to receive? What project do you do want to get more information or fabric for? (For example... I would like to try a quilt with solid fabrics. I like bright colors.) _____

Questions? Annie Houston, hahaannie@aol.com, Gifts are dropped off at the table by the door at each meeting. Please check the table some time during the meeting.

If you want to contact or have a question for your secret pal you can email me and I will forward it anonymously to her. Please indicate secret pal in your subject line. (You can also call me and I can call her for you.)

Reminders:

Our new location is UCR Palm Desert is located at **75080 Frank Sinatra Drive at Cook Street**.

The first meeting will be on January 10, 2014. Meeting starts at 10:00am. The program starts at 11:00am. Doors open at 9:30am.

Driving directions:

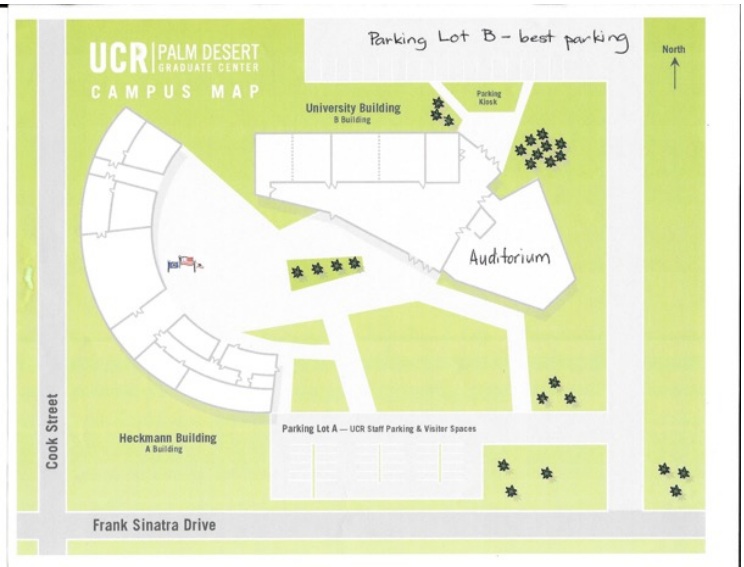
To enter at the Berger Drive Entrance:

From Interstate 10 Eastbound or Westbound

- Exit at Cook Street.
- Proceed south on Cook; turning left on Berger Drive (same entrance to CSUSB-Palm Desert Campus).
- Travel along Berger Drive past the CSUSB-Palm Desert Campus.
- Turn right at the monument sign that says "UCR Palm Desert" into Parking Lot B.

From Highway 111 or Country Club

- Proceed north on Cook Street; turning right on Frank Sinatra Drive.
- Turn left on Berger Drive.
- Turn left at the monument sign that says "UCR Palm Desert" into Parking Lot B.



Spotlight on Success:

Four members of CVQG have quilts accepted into the Road to California Quilt Show:
Claire Victor, Kathy Dunham, Karen Lummus and Jerry Granata. Congratulations!

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