

PATCHES THE COACHELLA VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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

President's Report **Kathleen Herring**

Hello members!

Another Desert Guilds Quilt Show is behind us. I hope you got a chance to attend. I think our guild members' quilts really added to the show. We have quite a talented group and it is wonderful to see their work displayed. If your quilt wasn't in the show this past year, I hope you are planning what you will be entering for 2018 and not just in the main category but also in miniatures and in the challenge.

Congratulations to our members who won ribbons at the show. The show is not juried but if you received a ribbon, you know that someone — vendor or committee member — was impressed with your quilt. (And I know it wasn't easy to decide since I had the privilege of giving out TWO ribbons — one as Chairperson of the show and one as President of our guild!) There were also ribbons given in each category for viewer's choice. Congratulations to three of our members who won Viewer's Choice: Helen Anderson for main entry, Kathy Dunham for challenge and Susan Walz for miniature. You can see photos of these entries at the Desert Guilds Quilt Show website — www.desertguildsquiltshow.com Check the newsletter for a list of members who won vendor or committee ribbons at the show.

Thank you to our members who served on the Desert Guild Show Committee: Cheryl Jensen, Joanne Hunt, Linda Shea, Natalie Shoner, Jackie Mason, Annie Houston, Lydia McCowin, Laura Peterson, Laura Fiedler and Andrea Dooley. It is only through their efforts and the efforts of all our members who volunteered on set up day and the two days of the show that we were able to get this show together.

I have been so impressed by how many of our speakers and guests tell me what a wonderful guild we have. Which of course we do but that only happens because of all of you, our members. Thank you for being so welcoming and helpful. We want to keep this feeling going but to do that we need your help. The guild is a volunteer organization and it can only run smoothly and well if people like you volunteer. Please think about how you can offer your services to the guild — in both large and small ways. We have had members who have been working hard in positions for several years and now it is time for someone else to step in and take over with their new enthusiasm and ideas. I have had several members offer to take over positions opening up on the Desert Guilds Show committee, but we also need members to serve on the board next year and to take over the Sew What Table (yes, Margaret Copus says it is getting to be time for her to take a break. She has done such a fantastic job these past two and a half years. We will need someone to take over beginning in 2017.) Please talk to me or the nominating committee if you are interested and if you get a call from the nominating committee, give it some serious thought.

But this year isn't over yet and there are soooo many more wonderful things in store in the way of programs and activities. Mark you calendars for the second Saturday of the month (except for July and August) so that you don't miss out. Look through the rest of the newsletter for information on what is happening in the guild.

If you are a snowbird and have headed back, have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall. Otherwise I will see you at our meeting in May.

Coachella Valley Quilt Guild Show Ribbon Recipients

Helen Anderson: Awarded by Carolyne Schroth, Pass Patchers
Loretta Duffy: Awarded by Kathleen Herring, Show Chairman
Laura Fiedler: Awarded by Lynette Harlan, Pass Patchers
Chris Gartin: Awarded by Specialty Hemstitching
Kathleen Herring: Awarded by Christina Smithberg, Pass Patchers
Bob Hoffman: Awarded by Pegboard Highway
Joanne Hunt: Awarded by Betty Leone, Cactus Sew-Ables
Cheryl Jensen: Awarded by Rusty Crow
Barbara Lynn: Awarded by Dragonlady Quilts
Jacqueline Mason: Awarded by Jeannie Lindberg (Laura Kresowski), Cactus Sew-Ables
Pene Owens: Awarded by Monica's Quilt and Bead Creations
Roberta Peterson: Awarded by Desert Guilds Boutique
Linda Rae Shea: Awarded by Batty Lady
Karen Sheppard: Awarded by Susan Wamsley, Show Secretary
Pat Siegel: Awarded by Cheryl Jensen, Show Treasurer
Claire Victor: Awarded by Denise Cohen, Cactus Sew-Ables

And The Honors Keep Coming

This seems to be Helen Anderson's year for recognition. After a ribbon at Road and winning Viewer's Choice at our show, Helen is heading back to her guild in Sonoma County, Moonlight Quilts of Sonoma County (www.mqsc.org), to be their featured quilter at the Wine Country Quilt Show on June 4 and 5, 2016. She will be displaying around 33 of her quilts. Congratulations Helen.

3rd Vice President Report Christina Smithberg

Bounce into Spring...then head into Fall Classes and Workshops!

You can NOT find a better value for your dollars when you take a class or workshop from Coachella Valley Quilt Guild. Your membership pays for itself every month. Take advantage of the opportunities scheduled in the coming months. The teachers are getting better and better.

Welcome Cindy Needham from Sacramento in May! Everyone who has taken her class says no one should miss this! De-mystify all those threads you have dreamt about using. Her lecture is called "Thread Facts and Fiction." Her full-day class on Sunday, May 15 is an Open Thread Bar. The cost is \$25 for members. The class is from 9:00-3:00. There is a \$10 Supply Fee.

In June we celebrate, our first CVQ Day! Our Giant Sew What Sale is waiting for you. Bring quarters, dollars, and a huge shopping bag. Fill it up with wonderful

surprises! Other guilds are invited, so arrive early to get the best deals!

The other activity of CVQ Day is the Philanthropy Workshop. Work with other friends to create pillowcases, lap quilts, bed quilts for someone to enjoy. All the materials you need are provided. Just bring your sewing tools, and a sewing machine. Make others smile from all your efforts. There will be no regular meeting, both activities will take place at UCR as usual. The doors will be open from 9am to noon.

No meetings in July and August.

On September 10 the excitement is building. We welcome Patt Blair from Big Bear! Her lecture is entitled "Painter's Path to Quilting." I will bet she will inspire us to get out our paint brushes. There will be no class in September.

Do not miss the lecture in October 7. Nancy Ota will be here. Her lecture is called "Japanese Textiles". Her workshop on Sunday is all about Sashiko. Hurry, the class is already filling up! Her class is October 8 from 9:00 to 3:00. The cost is \$25.

November is always a treat when Monica Gonzales tells us "What is New at Market."

December is the Holiday Luncheon...

A complete list of speakers and classes can always be found on our website: www.cvquiltguild.org You will find the class/workshop fee, the supply list, and a copy of the teacher's samples.

Membership Report

Darlene Estrella

Hello Members!

We had 5 new members, 14 guests, 121 members at our April meeting. Total Attendance 140.

Our current membership is at 217. Thank you to our volunteers and Greeters.

Philanthropy Report

Pene Owens

Thank you to all who contributed a quilt to Philanthropy this month. I received 33 quilts and quilt tops. I distributed 54 quilts to Shelter from the Storm, Barbara Sinatra and Pegasus Horse Farm. The quilts that were made out of the horse themed fabric will be used for their awards program. They work with special needs children and adults who have had strokes. Robert recently made a horse themed quilt top that will be used for their Auction in July. Liz Thoman donated a quilt top that will be given to VNA (Visiting Nurses) for their auction in May. Some quilts that are given to me will be used to help Organizations raise money. All of this is with the permission of the Quilter who is donating it.

I am getting excited for our June meeting. We will have a room designated for sewing charity quilts. I will be bringing lots of fabric for piecing and batting for quilting. I will need

several people at different stations to help those that might need some help cutting or piecing, some who can help pin the quilts that will need machine sewing and binding. This will be done in conjunction with the CVQ day in place of our June meeting from 9 to noon. This summer would be the perfect time to take home a quilt kit or two and turn them back in by the Fall months.

Nita Samuelson volunteered to do binding for me. Which brings me to the fact I have lots of quilt tops that do need to be quilted. I will have those at the May/June meetings. I always provide batting and backing fabric for those tops. It doesn't matter if you do long arm or machine quilting. I always try to make the backs bigger for either. Any quilt kits that have been out since last Fall should be completed by June.

Your gifts of time and quilts really do make a difference in the Community.

Blessings

Pene

Parliamentarian **Lucy Jewkes**

Hello fellow guild members. I would like to remind you that the board will have some positions open next January. We need to start finding candidates now because there is a process determined by our by-laws that works through our fall meetings--nominations, elections--each at a different meeting.

So the nominating committee will be meeting in the summer months to fill the seats that will become available. We will need a President, a 2nd Vice-President (Opportunity Quilt Person), a Secretary, a membership chairperson, and a Parliamentarian. The nominating committee will review our membership list and call those who expressed an interest in their membership application and a lot of the new members. Our goal will be try to touch base with the whole membership.

If you are new to the guild or the area, this is the best way to meet people who share your passion for the art of quilting. You will be exposed to people who come from all over the valley who share your interests and are just as excited as you are to learn and share. The outgoing board members will be very willing to help you in your new adventure and you don't have to be in the Valley full time to manage many of these positions.

Please appreciate how this guild has grown and consider making a contribution to help it continue. We cannot keep this wonderful resource going without new people to help out. You may contact me through my email address if you want to explore a position, I'll be happy to answer questions. Sharing Board positions is always an option.

The nominating committee members are: me, Lucy Jewkes, Linda Crowe, Linda Rae Shea, Pat McDaniel, Connie Fleischner and Kim Carlson.
We will be contacting you this summer.

Thanks.

Lucy

Sew What Table

Margaret Copus.

Lots of great items will be available this spring with a big grand finale at our June meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

Please drop donations off at Monica's any Monday morning or bring them to the next guild meeting.

New Member Lunch

New member lunches will begin again in the fall. Stay tuned...

Sad News

Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Nancy Setterlund and Phyllis Oswald. Their passing has touched us all.

Call for Quilts

Once again, SCCQG (Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds) has an opportunity to showcase our members' talents at a major national quilt show, Quiltfest Oasis in Palm Springs, October 2016.

They want to ensure that each and every guild and guild member has an opportunity to participate in this exciting exhibit. Entry forms are due by June 1. Quilts will be collected in September for delivery to the show.

Show information and the entry form are attached as files to the email.