

**PATCHES THE COACHELLA VALLEY QUILT GUILD
NEWSLETTER**

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Meetings are held at 10:00 a.m., the second Saturday of
each month at UCR Palm Desert,
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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
Christina Smithberg**

Hello, Fellow Quilters!

Your summer vacation plans are taking shape; travel goals are
on the calendar; book lists are getting longer; and sewing
UFO's is part of your agenda. I have a few more ideas listed
below.

The CVQ Guild is busy preparing for Treese Pflum's lecture on
Color Theory, and workshop on Color on May 13. Don't miss
this opportunity to double check your color choices for your
next quilt. "Color Theory" was on your program wish list last
year, so this is your learning window. Program starts at
10:00am. Class starts at 1:00pm. Spaces are available in her
afternoon class.

June 10 is **the CVQ Studio Tour from 9:00-1:00**...Cal Trimpey
will be sending you the map and the directions. Monica's and
Quilter's Faire are offering 10% discounts to only those with a
completed Passport. You might even win Gift Baskets from
these shops, or other gifts! Sign up early. If you need a ride,
email Cal or Christina. Check the website for more
information. (CVQGuild.org)

The **CVQ Holiday Luncheon** held in December is beginning to
take shape. Janna Calkins has graciously accepted the Guild's
invitation to chair the **Silent Auction**. She is looking forward
to seeing your hand-made items.

Gift Baskets are very popular. Think about creating a group
gift basket (Value \$200+). The Silent Auction, and the Gift
Baskets raise thousands of dollars for the guild. These are
very important ways to raise money for quality programs, and
renting the UCR facility every month.

Pat Siegel is Chairperson for **our Boutique** at the Desert
Guilds Quilt Show, in March 2018. "That is right around the
corner!" Add boutique items to your summer sewing list.
Don't forget-- the **wallet**, and the **fabric pouch**-- some of us
signed up to make. (Desertguildsquiltshow.org)

Summer is the perfect time to start the quilt you have always
wanted to make. The **Miniature Quilts** may be blocks of 3" or
an Art Quilt with perimeters no larger than 72". The Rules of
the **Miniature Quilts and Challenge Quilt** are *printed below*.
You are invited to **shadow current members** of the Board or
Committee Chairpersons to find out what their job
description involves. Contact Linda Crowe if you are
interested.

Written in our Standing Rules for the Guild, each member is
expected to buy 2 **books of tickets for the Opportunity Quilt**
or volunteer to sell tickets. Have you purchased your tickets?
Snowbirds, you are also encouraged to help us raise money
through your participation. If you are a regular visitor, we
appreciate your support. The money raised helps to pay for
programs, and/or the UCR facilities.

Summer is the perfect time to start the quilt "For the Show"
you have always wanted to make. **Desert Guilds Quilt Show:
March 2-3, 2018.**

**Each member of our guild may enter a MINIATURE Quilt, a
CHALLENGE Quilt, and/or a LARGE Quilt.**

1. Small Quilts: Blocks are no larger than a 3" square
and a maximum perimeter no larger than 72".
2. Small Art Quilts: Art quilts can be designed with
mixed media and must have a fabric background.
Perimeter no larger than 72".

The Challenge Quilt Guidelines:

1. To convey the theme: "OFF THE BEATEN PATH," your
quilt **must show a MINIMUM of ONE path, road,
trail, track, street, footprints, voyage, or route by a
person(s) or animal(s)**. You may connote a map,
treasure map, fields, ...aerial view, or ground level,
etc. You may piece, applique, paint, thread paint,
embroider, embellish, or other technique. Your
image **must include a MINIMUM of ONE sign, trail
marker, route number, direction, mileage, or
nautical miles**.
2. The quilt size may be no less than 60 inches or no
more than 120 inches in perimeter (except for
wearable art).
3. All items must be finished. Entries must be hand or
machine quilted. No tying.
4. Label your quilt on the back with your name
covered. Sleeves are optional.
5. For judging, put it in a brown bag and turn in your
Entry Form separately. Your entries will be returned
to you by your guild representative at the guild
meeting following the 2018 show.

Road to California is in January. You may want to consider
entering a quilt in this show. There is also a Bag Challenge, if
you are interested in making bags. Check their website for
entry forms, and details. (Road2California.com)

Opportunity Quilt - Vice President Report

Leslie Gardiner

Raffle ticket sales went well at the fair. If you haven't already bought raffle tickets, please do at the next quilt guild meeting. Thanks!

Programs - Vice President Report

Calvin Trimpey

In May, we'll have Treese Pflum talk to us about color theory, and she'll teach a workshop after the meeting on Saturday. There's still spots available, so sign up and never again be mystified by color again! The fee is now \$10, plus a supply fee to Treese of \$5, and will be Saturday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm.

The studio tour on Saturday, June 10th will feature some of our west valley members' sewing rooms and studios. We have six hosts who will delight you with their own tips and tricks of quilting at home. You need to be signed up to visit the studios, so be sure to add your name to the list. There is no fee to participate.

After the summer break, September will feature a trunk show by Linda Anderson, whose stunning art quilts are like photographs. She'll share her thoughts and techniques on how to achieve her marvelous effects. You won't want to miss this one!!! You can see her work on her website: www.laartquilts.com

Membership Report

Kim Glossip

March & April 2015 Membership Report

The Membership team had a busy spring, with high meeting attendance and continued Directories and Membership cards hand-out. If you haven't picked yours up, please stop by the Membership table in the lobby before the meeting or during the break. We are now at 208 Members!

Special thanks to all the volunteers: Barbara Beatty, Janna Calkins, Linda Crowe, Darlene Estrella, Annie Houston, Barbara McMillan, April Powell, Debra Pugh, Moree Spurlock, Sheila Varon, and Elaine Young.

Reminder: the new member name badges have a "NEW" sticker attached. We ask you to leave it on for a few months so we can recognize you and introduce ourselves. The sticker is made of post-it material, and can be removed easily. Thank you for wearing the sticker, and WELCOME to all our new members.

March was a strong month with meeting attendance at 139. There were 20 Guests and 7 New Members. Judy Elliot won the door prize.

I missed our April meeting, and would like to thank Janna Calkins for taking such good care of you. I heard she did a fantastic job. I can tell that summer is around the corner, as our numbers begin to decrease. We had 15 guests and 84 members at the meeting, for total attendance of 99. oe Aldrich won the April door prize.

Philanthropy Report

Pene Owens

Thanks to everyone who has made this season a success in our numbers for Charity quilts to date.

We have 167 given out, 45 on hand and 19 to be given out for Quilting/ binding. I feel good about our numbers to date. There are lots more that have been checked out and I am sure many being worked on over the summer and that will come in at the meeting in May.

I hope you all find some time to work on a quilt or two to bring back this Fall. I want to thank everyone who has provided quilts this Season. And I want to thank all of those who have helped at the meetings and helped sort and bundle fabric for the Sew What table. Sharon, Charleen, Carolyn, Vicki, Robert, Patricia, Cheryl, Sally, Lea, and many more that I might have failed to mention. Forgive me if that is the case. I couldn't do either job without all those many hands.

This month I have received a wonderful donation from a non-member that has moved into the area and was cleaning out her wonderful stash. I hope to have some of the items on the Sew What table this month. For sure in September for members coming back after the summer months.

Just a reminder that my position for Philanthropy and the Sew What Table chair will be open in December. I will be at the end of my term. I am more than happy to talk with anyone who would be interested in taking on either

position. Both are fun and rewarding. And it helps to have helpers as you can see.

Have a great summer and looking forward to seeing those that stay in the heat during the summer months. Stay cool. Safe travels.

New Member Lunch Annie Houston

The New Member Lunch group will begin meeting again in the fall. Thanks to Annie for putting this together.

Annie Houston, hahaannie@aol.com

CVQG 2018 Board Openings: Linda Crowe, Chair, Nominating Committee

Hello everyone! There are 4 openings on the Board we need to fill in 2018. The process begins soon with the Nominating Committee (2 board members and 3 guild members) and continues as needed. Please help me with this short-term project. We meet 3-4 times during the summer, and you will have the opportunity to make new friends, talk shop, help organize the search, and drink iced coffee! My contact information is below.

Nominees for the board positions are introduced in October, voted into office in November, and installed at the December holiday luncheon. We plan to have interested members shadow the current board member at the fall meetings to become more familiar with the duties. Board members are happy to answer questions about the individual positions.

Please volunteer as a Board member to help our special Guild and continue the fun and informative activities during the year.

You can review the duties described in the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations published in the membership book and Guild website. Term of office is one year with a maximum of two years. Why not volunteer with a friend and increase the enjoyment of helping your guild?

Contact Linda Crowe twoblackwings@hotmail.com 206-719-6499 with questions or to communicate interest in a position.

1. **Treasurer:** Record financial transactions, balance budget, pay bills, maintain tax records and file tax return, prepare yearly budget.

2. ***Vice President of Facilities:** Perform duties of the President in the President's absence, secure facilities, negotiate facility contracts, and arrange setup for Holiday Lunch, classes, general meetings.
3. ***Vice President of Opportunity Quilts:** Maintain control of the Opportunity Quilt and frame. Ensure that the Opportunity Quilt is entered in the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival and other quilt related shows and coordinate all activities with the Date Festival, including hanging quilts and scheduling volunteers for ticket sales.
4. ***Philanthropy Chairperson:** Investigate recipients for philanthropy and supervise disbursement of funds and arrange for donations of quilts to charitable organizations; maintain records of same.

*Can be co-chaired. Ask a friend to join you and add to the enjoyment of helping with activities and projects for our special

2018 Desert Guilds Quilt Show Boutique

The quilt show is only a year away. There is lots to do... Quilts to make in several categories and hand made items for the boutique. The quilt show boutique is one of the ways we pay for our speakers and activities during the year. Please start thinking about items you might want to make. Summer is always a perfect time to stay in out of the heat and get a few things made to donate.

Pat Siegel

Silent auction

It's not too early to think about your contribution to the silent auction
Please make your completed items now so you won't be in a rush during the holidays. We all know how that happens

I will begin collecting items for the Holiday Luncheon Silent Auction in November when I return from the summer. Please contact me with any questions.
Jannascalkins@gmail.com

Thanks

Jana Calkins