

Board Meetings:

1st Wednesday of the Month
1:00 pm, Clubhouse 4 (knitting room)

General Meetings:

2nd Wednesday of the Month (Dark in July)
1:00 pm, Clubhouse 7
-- Check-in starts at 12:30 --



CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD

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CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER - June, 2018



Susan Keller, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Pat Clark



Can you believe it? It's almost time for our guild's summer break. As has been done since the guild was established, we are dark in July. Being retired we have the opportunity to up and take off whenever we like. In August, we will be celebrating the guild's 17th birthday!! More details on this to come. Our next general meeting will be in September. And, before you know it, it will be Christmas! LOL!

I'm sure we all enjoyed our May speaker Wendy Mathson and her wonderful 'Storm at Sea' quilts. Check out crazyquiltersguild.org for additional guild-meeting pictures.



The workshop with Wendy, to be held on Saturday, May 26 at CH4, is FILLED!

The members who attended the April 28, Attic Windows workshop shared their projects. Vicki Nardone, Sue Prince and Betty Khzouz again put on a wonderful workshop for our members. Here is Evelyn Flores with her creation.



Our guild's bank account made \$107 from our second 'Take-A-Chance' drawing, as well as a couple of other 'mini' fundraisers. Congratulations to Ann Davis winner of the tote bag. Another Take-A-Chance is in the works! Stay tuned as to when.

Ann Ainsworth won the 'Stitch Guess' mini cake and Laurie Tate won the Door Prize. Mary King won the 'Cinco de Mayo' themed Monthly Mini.



Congratulations to Audrey Bowman as she is the winner of our opportunity quilt.



If you were not able to attend the May meeting, be advised that at the May CQ board meeting on May 2, it was voted to no longer have refreshments during our meetings. Beverages (water, tea, coffee and lemonade) will be provided by the guild. This change is effective with our June 13th meeting. There is not anything in our By-Laws that says all changes to our guild need a membership vote. I know, however, there are some of you who are not happy with this decision. So if you are not happy with this change, please attend the June board meeting and share your thoughts.

Also at this meeting, a new guild operating staff position was created, 'Public Relations' and will be chaired by Marily Stone-Benjamin.

Remember our guild's board meetings are open to ALL members. This is where ideas are tossed around and guild decisions are made. All you have to do to be a part of the guild's decision making is to come to a board meeting! Hope to see A LOT OF YOU on June 6th, CH4 knitting room, 1 PM. 😊

Our 'Philanthropy' chairman, Ann Ainsworth is looking for a CH4 supervisor, Thu, 4-8 pm. Right now Jeanne Stone has stepped up until a replacement supervisor volunteers. For anyone interested, remember this is limited to a Laguna Woods Village resident-only member.

Members of the Quilt Therapy Friendship Group made this quilt top called 'Running Stitch'. Once it is quilted, it will be one of our quilts for the military.



Regarding the 'Provide-A-Ride' sign-up, there was a very poor response at the May meeting. I will again have the sign-up sheet on the membership check-in table in the CH7 lobby. I was hoping that maybe providing a member with a ride would improve our monthly-member attendance. If you can help out a nearby neighbor, please sign up.

Following our May general meeting, it was brought to my attention that members want to know when one of our members loses their spouse. I told them that we try to recognize when a member is ill by sending a get well card and sending a card of sympathy to a member who has lost a loved one. So, in the future, it will be noted in the newsletter by our VP Membership, Linda Nelson, when a member has lost a family member. Please note, that Linda needs to be advised of these events so that she can send these cards and put input in the newsletter. I immediately notified Linda when I received the information regarding the passing of Carol Charlton's husband. So if you know or hear about a member's illness or loss, let Linda know right away.

On Friday, May 11, Crazy Quilters' Guild's senior member, Winifred Strong, along with her husband Fred, friends and members of our guild helped her celebrate her 95th birthday. Songs were sung reflecting Winifred's life including how she met and married her Fred. A lovely buffet table and, of course, cake and ice cream made it a perfect Birthday Party!



On that note, I'll leave you with this bit of humor:



FUNDRAISING - By Jeanne Stone

Thank you all for helping me with the rummage sale - which we coordinated with a Laguna Woods event. We had a good time and so many of you came to help that I didn't have any work to give to you...thank you, thank you. We realized \$399.00 from this. That will pay for at least one program.

Fundraising is not a popular position in any club, but we have to do it. When Candy (our treasurer) reads the financial report, it sounds good with \$9,000.00 plus in our account. Now, look at what the budget says. Most of that money will be spent by the end of the year as per our approved budget. As a result, we need to raise money. I am not one to nickel and dime the members. I would rather just raise my dues and get it over with, but that is not practical as not everyone can afford to do that. I am trying to just replace what is spent and keep the treasury stable.

Having said that, I will tell you about my next fundraiser. At the June meeting, Sue Prince and I will be handing out kits. Sue and I have spent some time going through UFO's in the quilt room and adding fabric to them to be finished. What I am asking is that you take a kit (many different levels of work) and finish it and return it to me or Sue by September. Some of the kits are so easy and small that they can be finished in a half hour.

How is this Fund Raising? When you finish the kit it will go on the CQ table at the Bonanza Boutique and hopefully sell at a reasonable price for the Guild. That's not hard is it?

There is an alternative. That would be to take things out of the budget. We could limit speakers to one or two a year, but what would we do then. Believe me, the budget is bare bones. I just want to keep things going and on a level budget...please help.

MEMBERSHIP- By Linda Nelson

Our current membership is 73.

New Member: Welcome Pauline Hugh, 708-898-8788, paulinewhugh@gmail.com
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June birthdays:

Marcia Brechtel	22
Vanda Bresnan	30
Jean Carr	28
Johanna Christensen	5
Sonja Dowdy	11
Betty Koskinen	4
Sue Prince	9
Lois Schoenthal	18

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS - By Vicki Nardone

Well, didn't we have a great program this past meeting!! Wendy Mathson and her Storm at Sea quilts were spectacular. Who knew one pattern could produce so many different looks? I hope there was inspiration for everyone to try to ride this Storm at Sea wave!

June's program is all about you! Our "swap meet" should help you clean out the cupboards and get re-inspired by new fabrics, tools or ideas. Also, Jeanne Stone and Sue Prince will be there with our project kits fundraiser, so please give generously with your time to take one of these projects home.

A Storm at Sea workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, May 26! We were able to get Wendy back on short notice and we have a large enough contingent to run it! I wish I could say we had room for more, but we are at sold out capacity for our clubhouse 4 quilt room. If we still have interest, please let us know and we will look at scheduling a second workshop later in the year!

We hope you all received the notice about the workshop from our website. If you did not, please let Linda Nelson know so that we can make sure we have correct email addresses for everyone.

From Betty Khzouz: The Attic Windows workshop was very good thanks to Vicki, she is a great teacher. I hope all that participated had a great time--thank you so much for coming. I also want to mention that Vicki did not accept payment so that was a saving for the guild, and thank you so much to Sue Prince for helping and the delicious zucchini bread.

SHOW AND TELL - By Karen Sweet

Judy Manning showed us two beautiful quilts made from fabric kits, one with teapots & one with houses. As you can see by the pictures, they are visually stunning! Mona Bonbright's "exploding blocks" baby quilt was so sweet, with the cutest fabrics of clouds stars & rockets!



TREASURER'S REPORT - By Candy McLaughlin

Financial Report for April, 2018:

We have \$9,107.76 in our checking account. \$341.12 of this money is for Philanthropy only. Also remember our new account includes the \$502.04 that was in a savings account. I will be presenting a more detailed financial report at the June meeting. I will try to explain why we need to have fundraisers, and answer questions if you have any.

Don't forget to make things for the Bonanza in November! It's a chance for you to make some money and the guild gets money!

Upcoming Events

Trip to Eleanor Burns

The Sassy Quilters Friendship Group (from outside the Village) is going to Quilt in a Day on June 25 at 10 AM. It is located in San Marcos in San Diego County. Carpooling recommended.

Cost will be between \$25 and \$40 for which you get lectures and entertainment from Eleanor, lunch, and a chance to shop her store for bargains. There is room for additional participants. Please let me know if you want to be included.

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Seven Sisters Quilt Show

June 23 & 24, 2018 at the Alex Madonna Expo Center in San Luis Obispo, CA
Doors open at 9 a.m. both days; admission is \$10 for a 2-day pass with free parking and a shuttle to the doors.

<http://www.sevensistersquiltshow.org>

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