

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 - May, 2017



Susan Keller, Editor

MAY PROGRAM - By Marily Stone-Benjamin - Vice President, Programs

When I took my quilting cruise to Hawaii, I had three quilting classes and three different teachers. One that was a great deal of fun was Mary Tabar. Mary was always there to help and had some good patterns and ideas and always had a smile.

Mary taught quilting, surface design and fabric dyeing for seven years at Palomar College and San Diego Continuing Education. She is currently lecturing and teaching for quilt guilds. Mary's award winning quilts have been exhibited locally, nationally and internationally. Mary designed a set of patterns called Snip & Flip. The design is based on the use of Notan designs. These patterns are machine applique and have many variations.

At the May meeting Mary will do Notan, "The Light and Dark of Design" detailing what a Notan design represents. Quilters will gain the confidence to try a new technique of machine applique and learn new design ideas.

I hope you will join us at the May meeting and I know you will enjoy Mary as I have.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Vanda Bresnan

What a pleasant surprise at our last meeting to have a fashion show by Chico's plus delicious sandwiches to munch on while the models showed the latest fashions. Chico's is a fairly conservative dress shop where they have clothes sized from .5 to 3.5. As a 1 to 2, I was thrilled since it has been 55 years ago since I wore such sizes.



Models: Sue Jalowiec and Evelyn Flores

We are making plans for the August Birthday Bash and the September Quilt Exhibit. These two events will require an "all hands" participation. At present our newest members, under the direction of Marily Stone-Benjamin, are working on the Birthday Bash. The rest of us need to assist with the Quilt Exhibit.

Have a wonderful May and I hope to see you at our next meeting!

MEMBERSHIP - By Pat Clark - Vice President

Total members: 86

Directory corrections: Ann Ainsworth, email: ann@mcfarlandria.com

Face Book: Please note - Effective May 1st, we will no longer have a Face Book page known as Crazy Quilters' Guild of Laguna Woods. I'm not the "owner" of this page, just the page manager. (The owner decided to shut it down). Face Book will not permit 'transfer' of a page from one person to another. What does that mean? Simply starting the page over. To do this would involve downloading all the photos and albums of meetings and special events. This would be a very time consuming effort on my part to do this and make a new page. Also, of the 196 'LIKES' the page has gotten since established, only 32 of them are guild members (a little more than 16% of those that 'LIKE' our page). This indicates to me that our members don't really care about our page. These 'LIKES' would not carry over to the new page.

Vanda has been briefed on this and is leaving it up to me as to whether we have a guild Face Book page or not. She fully understands the amount of work and time I put into it and what it would take to re-establish the page. I'm sorry this is happening, but it is best to let the page go. Thank you to the guild members that followed the page and enjoyed the postings.

May Birthdays

Mina McPhee	5/2
Deb Stewart	5/9
Linda Easley	5/11
Shirley Bruensbach	5/11
Winnifred Strong	5/16
Betty Worden	5/17
Rita Vittrano	5/26

Happy Birthday!

Door Prize winner: Betty Koskinen



Attention: We love having CH7 as our meeting location for our monthly Crazy Quilters' Guild general meetings. However, it is possible to lose CH7 if there is a greater need by another club or group. So, I'm asking that if you come into a meeting late, PLEASE find me and let me know you are there. After each meeting I have to submit a form to the clubhouse and let them know the number of people that attended the meeting. Everyone's attention to this is appreciated.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - By Nancy Allen

O.K., no more lectures on the quarter inch seam. I'm sure by now, you all "get it" as to how it applies especially to a communal project. Thank you ALL for your diligence. The "Plaid" quilt was a real test and passed with flying colors. It was an actual joy to put together.

Our BLOCK for May is brought to us by Ann Ainsworth from her own stash of 2-1/2" jelly rolls. A fun block called "Skinny Dip" from a recent quilt magazine. BEWARE! The 2-1/2" measure across the strip is from pinked point tip to pinked point tip. It's awfully easy to take up too much seam. I speak from experience here as I ripped out and re sewed several seams before I achieved the required block size. Have fun and watch those TIPS! It'll be a cute quilt.

On April 8th 30 quilts of various sizes were delivered to Orangewood. Six of which were fleece with either hand crocheted or serged edges by Shri Riter, Candy Mc Laughlin, Ann Ainsworth, and me. These were throw size. The rest were twin to crib size. Most all quilted by the makers themselves. We are now busy refilling the bins for the next delivery.

An eerie thing happened a few weeks ago. Louise, from the sewing room, brought us six nicely pressed identical blocks someone had found at a thrift store. I could not believe my eyes. They were OUR blocks of the month from years ago. They were truly rejects! So they wouldn't return to haunt me again, I sewed them together over the lumps and bumps and points and put a border on and turned them into a small quilt. I hope some child likes green and yellow and bears, and that I never see those blocks again. Even rejects deserve love.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS - By Susan Keller

Please submit inputs for the newsletter to me by the 20th of the month.

PHILANTHROPY- By Lynda Guthrie

It is time for me to explain our Philanthropy program to refresh the information for returning members and to help our new members understand our goals.

We are a club first, a guild second. Our primary goal is to have fun and to socialize while we try to improve our community one quilt at a time. Philanthropy is a big part of our club. Philanthropy is not required for participation, but, we do encourage it. Our quilts go to several places which the guild as a whole has voted to support.

#1. LONG BEACH VETERANS HOSPITAL (LBVA) We usually donate bed size quilts to the spinal cord units. There are six units at LBVA. We try to make them 80" by 70" a little bit one way or the other is acceptable. The reason for the size is that many recipients are a good 6' tall. We try to cover them from their nose to their toes, and keep their fanny covered when they turn or move.

#2. Our local Fire Department #21. These good looking... helpful, friendly compassionate firefighters do so much for our community. Our guild decided we needed to show them our support for their efforts. We make quilts 90" x 60" to fit their extra long twin beds. We gave them 13 quilts in September, enough to "cover" for one shift. There are three shifts. We hope to have one quilt for each member of the station. These quilts serve to remind the fire fighters how much we appreciate their efforts and their selfless manner as they care for all of us when we need them the most.

#3. ORANGEWOOD CHILDREN'S HOME, located in the city of Orange. Is Orange County's version of an orphanage. When children are removed from their homes for whatever reason, they are taken to Orangewood, where the goal is to get them into foster care as soon as possible to decrease the chance of becoming institutionalized, and, to hasten normalization of their lives. Orangewood gives each child their own quilt on arrival, as many come there with nothing to call their own. Children come in all sizes from newborn to teens, so quilts can be any size.

#4 LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE SOCIAL SERVICES (LWSS). In Laguna Woods, we have our own Social Services department, and the club usually donates 10 quilts twice a year for the FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM. A program unique to Laguna Woods to provide some companionship and contact with the world for residents who are shut-ins.

As you may have noticed, our newsletter always contains a short notice of thanks to our sponsor, The SUPOWITZ FOUNDATION, who has been sending us \$1000.00 each quarter (after I send him a quarterly report). Mr. Supowitz has a soft spot for Marines, but is glad to support efforts to help any veteran. He prefers to have us spend his donation on military-related efforts. He also recognizes that many of the firefighters are veterans too.

The club treasury helps us fund the cost of batting and some quilting for Orangewood. Particularly when we exceed the \$4000.00 from Mr. Supowitz.

For those who are new, when you as an individual or as a group make a quilt top for one of our recipient groups, we provide the backing and batting (If you want to provide your own, we won't turn you down). If you need fabric for a charitable quilt, come to Clubhouse 4 on Thursday afternoons. Bring your pattern and we will give you fabric.

We contract with several long-arm quilters to long arm our large quilts. We get a special discounted rate for these quilts. We thank all of our long-arm quilters for their lovely work and the discounts. Without the discounts we could not afford to complete and give away so many quilts.

As I mentioned, last September we gave 13 quilts to the Fire Department. We gave 26 quilts to LBVA. We gave close to 100 quilts to Orangewood, and 20 to LWSS. This month we are donating approximately 20 to Santa Monica.

We are always grateful for your donations of completed quilt tops, fabrics, batting, or other quilting supplies you no longer need, want or know what to do with. If you have any questions, need fabric for a charity quilt feel free to call me at home [959-859-4116](tel:959-859-4116), or see me at Clubhouse 4 on Thursday afternoons.

QUILT BOOKS/MAGAZINES- By Jeanne Stone

Many quilting books have been donated and left for us at the Club House 4 quilting room. We do not have storage space for a library so we are offering the quilt books and magazines to our members for **FREE**. Yes, any quilt book or quilt magazine is free. Many of the books are like new (nice presents). Read them, get ideas, get techniques, see some new color combinations. You can learn so much from these books. Take one or two or more home and enjoy - for FREE.

SHOW & TELL - By Mary McAdara

We had three presenters for our show and tell during April's meeting: Pat Clark proudly displayed her delightful Easter table runner and basket on the reception table so that everyone could get a good look at her handiwork. She made the table runner for her granddaughter and the Easter basket for her great granddaughter. Nancy Allan amazed us again with the beautiful block-of-the month blocks submitted by our members that she made into two philanthropy quilts. Jeanne Stone proudly displayed the quilt she created for showing off her antique crocheted and tatted dollies.

If you have a quilt or two that you would like to share with our members, please call me at [949-205-6561](tel:949-205-6561) and I will be sure to put you on the roster for the Show and Tell portion of the meeting program. You can also email me at mary@mcadara.com

Upcoming Events

North Carolina Quilt Symposium

A non-profit corporation that was formed after the first North Carolina Quilt Symposium in Raleigh in 1979. At the time of its formation, its primary purpose was to insure the continuation of an annual Quilt Symposium. The 2017 symposium is being held May 18 - 21 in Raleigh, NC.

Registration forms for the North Carolina Quilt Symposium are available at the link below.
http://www.durhamorangequilters.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/NCQS_Registration_2017.pdf

Star Valley Quilt Trail - Inagural Quilt Show

A unique quilt show featuring quilt exhibits in 5 towns along Scenic Byway, Highway 89 in Star Valley, Wyoming. This inaugural quilt show will be held August 17, 18, 19, 2017, at the community centers in Afton, Thayne, Star Valley Ranch, Etna and Alpine, Wyoming.

Visit our website, www.starvalleyquilttrail.com, or Facebook page. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, 307-883-2088.

Note: See attached sheet for two more upcoming events.

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