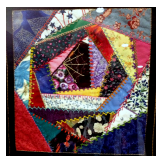


Board Meetings:

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 --



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CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER - January, 2018



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2017 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Vanda Bresnan

As this is my final message as president, I would like to say it has been a true pleasure to serve. There have been many ups and downs, lots of opinions expressed and fortunately we have members who are willing to jump in with both feet to save the day.

We have a great core of members and under the leadership of Pat Clark we will succeed. So have a wonderful 2018.

2018 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Pat Clark

Welcome to a new Crazy Quilters' Guild of Laguna Woods Village year. I look forward to serving you as your President during 2018. But before I get into that, I want to thank Vanda Bresnan for all her work over the past 3-1/2 years. Having to step up and take over after a resignation and then extending her time due to our change from fiscal to calendar year was certainly appreciated. THANK YOU VANDA!

I'm sure it will be an exciting year and there are several of our newer members in chairmen positions and I think this is going to result in a rejuvenation of our guild. So many of our long-time members have stepped up to the plate to see that our general meetings and yearly events were successful. It's time for them to step down and mentor our newer members in these jobs, but giving them free reign to come up with their own creative ideas. I'm still working on some of these chair positions, but hope to have everyone in place by our January 10th general meeting..

Our new Crazy Quilters website within the Laguna Woods Village website is coming along and hopefully will be up and running sometime in January.

Linda Nelson is ready to meet & greet all of you in the lobby of CH7 for our general guild meeting. Please show her the respect you showed me by making sure you stop and check in. REMEMBER, we could lose this wonderful meeting place if another club could fill this room. It is important that we have an accurate count of the members who attend. Linda has to submit a form listing the number of members attending. If you come in late, please let Linda know so she can adjust her count. Thank you all for complying with this.

Also, for those who have not paid their dues for the 2018 year, please do so at the January guild meeting if you want to be listed in the guild's Membership Directory. Speaking of the directory, if you need to make changes to your listed information, please advise Linda ASAP.

CQ Board Meetings: Our board members and committee chairmen meet the first Wednesday each month (1:00 pm) at CH4 in the small room next to the sewing room. All CQ MEMBERS are welcome to attend and I strongly urge you to do so. A lot of what goes on with our guild is decided in the board meetings. If you have questions and/or ideas that you would like the guild to consider, please come and voice your opinion. The January board meeting will be on January 3rd. Our guild can only be successful with member participation and that participation means more than attending the monthly guild meeting, I'm a firm believer in "If you didn't vote, don't bitch about what happens"; thus, if you don't fully participate in our guild, DON'T COMPLAIN!

As we all know, January means the ROAD 2 CALIFORNIA road trip. In 2018 the date is January 18th. Mary Castillo is in charge of the bus trip and she will be able to give you any information if you are interested in attending and going on the bus.

This year there is a special event, Road to California Guild Challenge. What's this about? Well, this means that there is a chance for two (2) guilds to win a \$500 donation. How does this challenge work? To qualify, our guild needs to enter the Guild Attendance Challenge (I will see that we are entered before the deadline of January 1st). One prize will be given to the guild with the highest number attending the show and the other prize will be given to the guild with the highest percentage of their guild membership attending the show. Guild members must sign in on iPads available at the show. What you will need to do upon arrival at the show will be explained at the January guild meeting. So let's get one of those \$500 prizes!

And last, but not least, we all know that we support Orange County Fire Authority - Station 22. I recently ran into a group of firefighters shopping at Stater Bros. I introduced myself and on behalf of the guild, wished them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hoped that they won't have to work too hard on Christmas. They were quite thankful for the good wishes.

Ok, let's all face this new year on a positive note and remember, that I'm here for you, the members. Always feel free to contact me if you have suggestions or concerns that affect our guild. YOU, the members, are who make this guild fun and successful!

HOLIDAY PARTY 2017 - By Pat Clark

I personally sent a note of appreciation and 'thank you' to Marily Stone-Benjamin and Alexandra Martin for all their work for putting on a lovely party for us. The venue was the patio at CH2 that was festively decorated. Tables and seating areas were decorated nicely.

There was an excellent array of appetizers along with punch and a 'punched up' punch! Dinner was catered by Cecilia's Tortilla Grill of Laguna Hills. Marily's neighbor made 'Christmacy Cupcakes' (middle picture) for dessert. All attending received a gift of fabric selections and Betty Koskinen (left picture) won the door prize, a lovely fabric-filled hat box.. Alex's daughter Ashely was assisting party attendees by filling glasses and passing out gifts to winning bingo players. All in all it was a party that will be long remembered.

If you were not able to attend, here are a few pictures of the event.



Speaking of parties, or simply a nice Christmas lunch, it was held at the Olive Garden by members of the Quilt Therapy Friendship Group. Those attending L-R: Linda Nelson, Susan Keller, Pat Clark, Laurie Tate and Ann Ainsworth.



MEMBERSHIP - By Linda Nelson - Vice President

If you wish to mail your 2018 dues, my address is:

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Since I am so new to the guild, at our meeting please stop by the membership table and introduce yourself.

January Birthdays

Fran Nuelle	1/9
Audrey Bowman	1/11
Mary Bushnell	1/19

Pam Williams	1/20
Betty Khzouz	1/31



BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM)- By Ann Ainsworth

January's BOM will be a disappearing nine-patch floral that is super cheerful to stave off any January blues, plus it's very quick to complete. Kits will be available at the January meeting.

We're announcing February's BOM early so you can all search your stash, and ours, for any fabrics you may want to use. We would like you to make any 10-inch square size block in a house theme (it will be 9-½ inches square when sewn to the other blocks). It can be any design you want – applique, pieced, embroidered or even a 10-inch square of house print fabric would be fun if your machine is down or your schedule is full. The only stipulation is that it has to be able to be washed, so applique has to be stitched down well as it is going into a quilt, not a wall hanging, so only use a very light weight bonding agent to keep it soft.

Go to <https://www.pinterest.com/explore/house-quilts/?lp=true> and be inspired! You have lots of time. This block does not have to be completed until we collect it at the March meeting.

CLUBHOUSE 4 - By Nancy Allen (Supervisor)

On Dec. 14th Ann Ainsworth and I delivered 48 quilts to the Orangewood Foundation in Santa Ana. Twenty of the quilts were donated by the Orange County Modern Quilt Guild of which Ann is a member. Several of the quilts were twin size. Others were throw size.

One of the OCMQG quilts was spectacular! It's made of all blue and white. Across the top was appliqued the word BRAVE and a pieced tiger's head. Then on the back was a large shadow appliqued tiger's face. The lady who made it said "she couldn't imagine any little boy without a quilt at Christmas time." This was a full size quilt!

We were privileged to a tour of the small facilities at the Foundation; kitchen and day room and met several young people either working or availing themselves of the assistance the Foundation provides. One large room was filled with toys and gifts being sorted and wrapped by a half dozen Santa-hatted volunteers, to be distributed to those less fortunate. We obtained a "wish list" that we may think of including a few items from with our future quilt deliveries (underwear, socks, hygiene items and reusable shopping bags, to name a few).

There's an amazing quilt taking shape on Tuesday nights and Thursdays at the quilt room. Judy Kapelnic started it and got Ann Ainsworth hooked and last Thursday (the 14th), they were

joined by more sewers: Betty Khzouz, Michi Amemiya, Audry Bowman and Karen Sweet all adding their stripped creations. It's mostly from scraps that were discarded. The top is nearly complete. You residents who don't come on Thursdays are missing out on a lot of fun and often also goodies to eat.

CLUBHOUSE 4 - By Ann Ainsworth (Supervisor)

The Clubhouse 4 Quilt Room Hours and Operations for 2018:

With rare exception, for 2018, the Crazy Quilters will have supervisors available in the Clubhouse 4 Quilt Room on Tuesdays from 4 to 8pm and Thursdays from 1 to 8pm.

We have confirmed with the Clubhouse 4 Manager that the Quilt room is not exclusively for the Crazy Quilters' use at these times as we do not rent out this space. The Quilt room is available for use by **any** Laguna Woods resident at any time there is not an Emeritus Class in session, so please make any "not-yet Guild Members" feel welcome when they are sharing the room with us. Of course, only Guild members may use our supplies and tools so the supervisors on duty will see that this is tactfully explained to non-members and enforced.

During most Thursdays, we will have philanthropy projects and activities available for you to work on in the room or to take home and return at another time, but philanthropy is never a requirement to use the room. Come join us on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for fun and friendship, to work on your quilts or help us with a Guild project, whatever suits you.

Wishing you all a wonderful New Year!

EDITOR'S COMMENTS - By Susan Keller

If you want to submit an input to the newsletter, please send it to me by the **20th** of the month.

Upcoming Events



See flyer for details.

The following info was submitted by Ann Ainsworth:

Quilts From the Ashes: Quilts for those displaced by the Thomas Fire

The Ventura Modern Quilt guild will be constructing quilts for those victims of the Thomas Fire. Their Guild volunteered to assemble Thomas Fire Blocks (aka Perkiomen Valley Blocks) into bed size quilts: twin, queen & king. The Ventura Modern Quilt Guild hopes to begin to

collect these blocks in January and to begin to distribute them as early as February. For updates on this project and instructions for making these blocks please refer to the internet addresses below: (**Note: The instructions are included with this newsletter.**)

https://siterepository.s3.amazonaws.com/5738/ventura_modern_quilt_guild_perkiomen_valley_block.docx

Or

www.venturamodernquiltguild.com Or www.superbuzzy.com

Finished Blocks can be shipped to: Superbuzzy Quilt Shop at 1794 East Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001 or given to Ann Ainsworth.

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