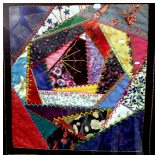




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CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD

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SUSAN KELLER, EDITOR

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

By Marily Stone-Benjamin - Vice President, Programs

We will be starting our new year with a program of demonstrations on tricks that will help with your quilting. I have the following people showing you how to do the different things we quilters need to do to make a good quilt and to make the work easier.

Moore's Sewing Center will send their people to demonstrate the important things that should be done to your machine. They will have a machine to demonstrate how to clean it, oil it (if necessary) and keep it in good running condition. They will show the use of different needles and threads and have some for sale. These are the important steps we should all learn if we want our machines to work properly. Come with questions.

Mickey Charleston has taught quilting for many years and will demonstrate the various uses of the basic rulers. She doesn't need all the new rulers when one or two will accomplish her needs.

Nancy Allen is our expert in the quilt room at Clubhouse 4 on making and applying a binding. Nancy will show how to piece the strips, fold, iron and put the binding on the quilt.

Vicki Nardone will give a demonstration on how to free motion a quilt on your home machine.

Mary Lee Turner doesn't like pins, but she can show you how to baste a quilt with ease.

This should be an interesting program to start our year with a clean machine, proper needles and threads, know the use of our rulers, bind our quilts, perhaps take on free motion and put the pins aside and baste our quilts. See you September 14 at Clubhouse 7. Meeting starts at 1 pm.

We will also have a special presentation of the quilts for our firefighters. We wanted 13 quilts for the first shift of firefighters--we have them, all 13 and we will show and present them to the firefighters. Now we have to work on the second shift. Wonderful work ladies and thanks to Lynda Guthrie.

The 15th birthday party for our Guild was a wonderful success! 52 members gathered at the '19' Restaurant for good food, company and prizes. Tony and company did an outstanding job of making sure our group was taken care of and that we had enough food, drink and, of course, cake.

The donated prizes were: Long arm quilting from Cosmic and Vicki Nardone; a fat quarter birthday cake from the Loose Threads friendship group; a \$50 gift card with fat quarters from Moore's Sewing Center were just a few of the prizes.

We had an opportunity drawing for a stunning 'cathedral window' quilt made by Carol Charlton and friends. This was won by Candy McLaughlin. Our centerpieces were from the Material Girls friendship group, hats from the Quilt Therapy friendship group, candy cups from Road Trip Buddies and fabric cake from Loose Threads. Thank you ladies, you did a wonderful job and I understand you had fun doing it. We even had a wonderful President's prize--thanks Vanda. I must thank Lynda Guthrie for arranging to show the quilts made by so many of you for the veterans. They are outstanding. Thank you Pat Clark for giving out the food tickets.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Vanda Bresnan - President

What a wonderful Birthday Luncheon that was planned and executed by Marily and her fabulous team. Food was good, decorations were great and getting together with so many of our "sister" quilters most enjoyable. Oh did I mention, the venue was perfect!

The quilt made and donated to the Guild by the Road Trip Buddies (pictured left to right, Pat Clark, Candy McLaughlin, Nancy Allen, and Betty Khzouz,) was awesome and will be displayed behind the Membership Table each month!! Thanks!!



I understand the ball is rolling for the Bonanza Boutique and Holiday Luncheon. It is wonderful to have committee chairs who are so on the ball. BUT they cannot do it by themselves so contact them and give the Guild your time and expertise!

For general information we try to set up enough tables and chairs for our members, but since we do not require reservations, it is a crap shoot. So if you see we may need more, just see me or one of your officers. Additionally, remember your purse is not a member and does not deserve a chair.

Looking forward to another wonderful year of great quilting and fellowship!

The 2016-17 Board Members: Left to right, President, Vanda Bresnan, VP Programs, Marily Stone-Benjamin, Secretary, Jeannie Jacobson, Treasurer, Candy McLaughlin, VP Membership, Pat Clark



MEMBERSHIP

By Pat Clark - Vice President

Facebook: 185 LIKES. Birthday photos will be posted to our Face Book page in CQ 15th BD album, <https://www.facebook.com/CrazyQuiltersLagunaWoods/>

Current membership total: 75

The new 2016-17 Membership Directory and membership card will be distributed at the September general meeting at CH7. I was asked to make an addition this year, so you will see noted by a member's name, the type of quilting they like to do. I picked the most general quilting types: Traditional, Art, Modern, Applique & Paper Piecing. However, some members dabble in more the one type so I've placed a + sign as well.

We have some new members who joined during the Summer so if you see new faces, please make them feel welcome by introducing yourself (their info will be included in the new membership directory).

Updates: Angie Kirkpatrick's new e-mail: angiek2116@gmail.com

Please remember to wear your name tag to the meetings to avoid having to "feed the frog" 25¢. Also, please be sure to stop by the check-in table to ensure that your name is included in the meeting attendance. It is now very important that we have an accurate attendance count for our meetings for clubhouse reservation status.

At the 15th CQ Birthday Party, the 2016-17 Dues Promo (held during the month of June) winner was selected: Alex Martin. Alex will receive a \$30 refund of her 2016-17 dues.



The 15h Birthday Party Opportunity Quilt was won by Candy McLaughlin. The quilt garnered \$261 for our guild. Thanks to all who contributed to the making of the Cathedral Windows quilt, for Carol Charlton (pictured left) who put it all together, and of course, congratulations to Candy (pictured right)!



September Birthdays

Liz Isom	9/2
Linda Effertz	9/6
Mary-Lee Turner	9/22
Laurie Tate	9/30

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

By Nancy Allen

Hello everyone. Welcome to a new year of quilting. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Nancy Allen and I will be your "Block of the Month" person this year. I am planning for all material for our blocks to come from the club's stash.

Each month, you will pick up an envelope (or two) containing the fabric and pattern for that month's block, returning it the next month finished or unfinished (finished, I hope). I will have a display board at the general meeting showing the completed blocks. The envelopes will be available directly in front of the display board and I plan to be at the table to answer any questions.

Each envelope will be numbered. I ask you to sign your name beside the corresponding number in the notebook. That way, when number so and so doesn't come back, I know who to give a jingle to.

This past year, we concentrated so heavily on large quilts for our veterans and firemen that our on-going philanthropies of Orangewood and our own Social Services have sadly lagged. We are committed to ten lap/throw-size quilts to Social Services this month. I think we can meet that obligation, but it leaves Orangewood very scant. We used to send Orangewood 30 quilts twice a year. We've got to hustle to even achieve half that amount. Orangewood is happy for any size quilts from receiving blankets to bed-size. So you see where most of our blocks of the month will be used.

Thank you in advance for your participation. I hope you will enjoy this year's blocks and any tips I may offer. Happy sewing.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

By Susan Keller

If you have an input for the newsletter, please make sure that you send it to me by the 20th of the month. Questions/comments about the newsletter, please contact me at (714) 916-2564.

Notice the Board meeting location/time changes on the first sheet of this newsletter. Also, we are being "bumped" from our regular meeting room at Clubhouse 7 in February, March, and April 2017.

For those months, we will be meeting at Clubhouse 5 in the stage half of the room.

Thank you Candy for providing the above meeting changes.

PHILANTHROPY

By Lynda Guthrie, Nancy Allen, Vickie Nardone, Candy Mc Laughlin, Jeanne Stone

We would like to welcome everyone back to the start of our new club year. We have lots of fun in the quilt room on Thursdays from 1PM to 8PM. Those of you who attended the CQ Birthday Luncheon were able to see the 21 bed-size quilts made for the Long Beach Veterans Hospital (spinal cord injury units). Ladies, you have done a wonderful, terrific, absolutely gorgeous job with the quilts you made for our Veterans. Many of these quilts were made from Blocks of the Month, and Blockheads. Several were done individually. It always makes me so proud of the time, energy, skill, and fabric you all put into the quilts you so generously make and donate to our wounded Vets.

September we are planning and hoping to show you the wonderful quilts everyone has made for our "hunky" firemen at our local station. I know you will all be impressed. We also made our requested quota for Laguna Woods Social Services Friendly Visitor program. These are lap sized quilts for the home bound. They are lovely, too.

We are as always, requesting you to help us make more quilts for next year. Remember these sizes are approximate, with 5" or 6" variable accepted in size.

Sizes: Fire dept: 90" x 70"

LBVA: 80" x 70"

LWSS: Lap size (50" x 60")

Orangewood Children's Home: Any size as kids come in from newborn to teens.

Wheelchair quilts: 30" x 40"

We also accept gently used blankets and quilts to donate to the homeless through South County Outreach.

If you have any questions, need ideas, fabrics for our Philanthropy projects, please feel free to contact Lynda @ 949-859-4116, or Lyndaguthrie@comline.com.

Remember, we have the "store" open most Thursdays for your shopping pleasure at very reasonable prices. Most pieces are 1/2, 1/4, yard pieces, fat quarters, priced less than \$1. We need your donations to keep the store open. Pieces over one yard are kept separate for Philanthropy projects.

We look forward to seeing you and having you work with us in Clubhouse 4 on Thursdays. We have lots of fun, laugh a lot, and produce a lot.

WAYS AND MEANS

By Linda Easley

The Laguna Woods Bonanza sale is scheduled for November 12th and 13th in Clubhouse 4.

In the past, this has been a good money maker for us. In order for that to happen again, we need workers, sellers, donations, and more workers.

This is an opportunity for Guild members to sell their handmade items and quilts. The members who sell their own handmade items will give back to the guild 15% which equates to a mere \$0.15 per dollar.

We will also be selling tickets for opportunity baskets that, in the past, have been one of our most successful sale items. If you are in a friendship group or have ideas for a themed basket, or have a basket we can use please let me know.

In order for the Bonanza to be a success, we will need volunteers for the pre-event duties, the sale dates, and clean up, etc. after the event. Please contact me at [559-593-3850](tel:559-593-3850) to volunteer. I also need the names of those who want to sell their items.

WORKSHOP(S)

By Jeanne Stone

On September 30th, we will have a workshop on Thread Catchers. Mary Castillo will demonstrate the method she uses to make these gems. The workshop will be at Club House 1, Dining Room 2 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm and lunch will be served. The cost of the workshop is \$15 by check payable to Crazy Quilters Guild...US cash also accepted. You will need your sewing machine and if you don't have a lightweight machine, I have one to loan you. A supply list will be given you when you pay for your reserved space.

When making these, think of one for your sewing machine and maybe a few for the Bonanza Boutique in November and of course one or two for holiday gifts for sewing friends. I have one at my sewing machine and it is wonderful and saves sweeping up the floor when I am finished with a project.

FREE! FREE! FREE!

How else can we entice you, except to say **FREE!** At Clubhouse 4 quilt room, we received a donation of books--really nice, almost new books. The donor requested that they be given to our members. Come to Clubhouse 4 on a Thursday afternoon between 1 pm and 8 pm (yes, we are open late) and pick out whatever books you want. These are books written by well known quilt artists and some have patterns. The original price on these books is upward from \$20. Can't get a better bargain anywhere. See you on Thursdays.

Upcoming Events

The Flying Geese Quilters Guild of Irvine presents "Quilted Treasures" Quilt Auction and Luncheon/Tea

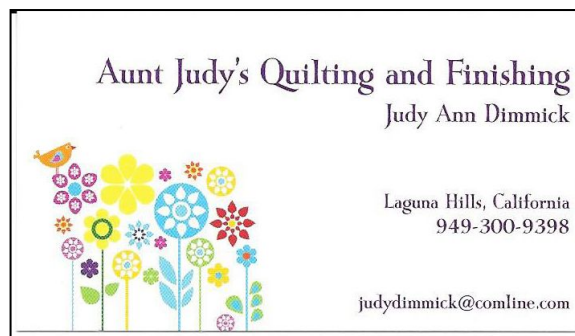
October 8, 2016, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Miller Community Center, 300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA

<http://www.flying-geese.org/activities.htm>

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