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Meetings are held at 10:00 a.m., the second Saturday of each month at UCR Palm Desert,
75080 Frank Sinatra Drive at Cook Street

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.

Hello to all our quilters and a special welcome back to our returning snowbirds!!! Can you believe that this year is almost over? I just don't know where the year has gone. It has been a very different year for the Guild. But we have made it to the end of the year due to all the hard work and dedication of our Board. A special shout-out and thank you to every one of them along with all our committee chairs. We could not have done it without you.

The Board took time out in early October to have an all-day board meeting. It was a great day for all of us and an opportunity to develop the plans and direction for next year. It is going to be a great one!!! Cal, our VP of Programs has been really busy making sure that our programs will be outstanding once again, for next year. Stay tuned for more details.

But enough about next year. November, we have our annual "Round Robin" after the meeting. You will get a chance to learn 2 techniques and 2 crafts. We still have room, so send Cal an e-mail and get signed up.

Rebecca is busy finalizing all the details for our December Holiday Luncheon. Special thanks to all who have donated items for the silent auction and the raffle baskets. This is the largest money-making event of the year for our guild. Come out and support the Guild. It is the funds we raise at this event, that helps to provide the budget needed to continue having outstanding programs.

All our quilters have 2 opportunities to display their work. The Date Festival in February and the Desert Guild's Quilt Show in March are great opportunities to share the excellent and beautiful quilts and quilted items our guild members create. Enter your items. If you have questions, just see any one of our board members, committee chairs, or volunteers and we will help you get into the shows.

See you all soon,

Karon Patterson
Acting President

Opportunity Quilt - Vice President Report
Leslie Gardiner

The drawing for the Opportunity Quilt will be held at the Holiday party, December 9. There is still an opportunity to buy and sell more tickets to have a chance to win such a beautiful, vibrant quilt. We have had a good response this year, and your support of this project is much appreciated!

Leslie Gardiner

Programs - Vice President Report
Calvin Trimpey

PROGRAMS!

NOVEMBER – YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS TRUNK SHOW!

Allyson Allen teaches at quilt shows, retreats, and cruises. Her workshop venues have included the Disney Music Center, the California African American Museum, the African Market Place & Cultural Faire, and the California Craft & Folk Art Museum. Her work has been commissioned by entertainers, dignitaries, and organizations across the country, and her quilts, fiber art pieces, and handmade journals have been featured in numerous newspaper articles, exhibit catalogs, and books. Her exhibit venues include galleries, cultural centers, museums, art venues and embassies throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Europe, and Africa. She is a multiple California Arts Council grant award recipient, twice nominated for NEA National Heritage Fellowship consideration, and has been recognized for more than two decades as an award-winning Master African American Quilt and Doll Artist by the state of California. She is a Special Exhibitor, lecturer, and instructor for Mancuso National Quilt Shows.

Check out her website at:

<http://kuumba421.wixsite.com/quilts421>

JANUARY – LAURA FRAGA – THE PHENOMENON OF DEAR JANE

With beloved memories of watching her grandmother hand quilt traditional quilts, Laura discovered her own love of quilting at her first quilting class in 1990. Once she mastered the basics, she developed a passion for hand appliqué and making “Dear Jane” quilts. She soon found herself winning blue ribbons and recognition at the national level, and is now sharing her inspiration and passion for quilting through lectures and classes. You won't want to miss her presentation about Dear Jane quilts, along with her insights and tips for your own appliqué projects. For more information, her website is: www.laurafragaquilts.com

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO WORK WITH A HAND APPLQUÉ EXPERT!

Laura is known for her beautiful hand appliqué work. Sign up for this class and get instruction by this appliqué master. You will learn freezer paper and reverse appliqué as you work on beautiful 4 ½ inch blocks. Perfect curves, sharp points, bias stems, and invisible stitches will be covered.

CLASS: Sunday, January 14, 2018, 9am to 3pm

\$35 – Members

\$45 – Non-members

Skill: ALL LEVELS

AND...WIN A COPY OF THE BOOK “DEAR JANE” BY BRENDA PAPADAKIS!

At the end of the class, we'll have a drawing for a copy of the book.

Only class attendees qualify for the drawing!

WE NEED HOSTS!

The Coachella Valley is becoming a major festival destination, which is driving up the cost of hotel rooms. To keep our costs down, we'd like to have the option of accommodating guest speakers in a guild member's home. If you have a nice guest room with a private bathroom, you might be interested in volunteering to be a host. Just think... you could have a world-famous quilter, artist, teacher all to yourself! One to three nights, non-smoking required, no pets preferred, and within 15-20 minutes of the UC Riverside Campus. If you're interested, contact Calvin.

Our program schedule is always available on our website: www.cvquiltguild.org

Membership Report

Kim Glossip

May meeting attendance was 69. There were 5 guests and 3 new members. Pat McDaniel & Marie Martinez won the door prizes. We had good turnout at the June Studio Tour, with an estimated attendance of 55 members & guests. Everyone enjoyed seeing others' studios.

September meeting attendance was low at 46, including 4 new members. Sharon Rooker won the door prize. Many thanks to our volunteers: Lucy Jewkes, Darlene Estrella, Natalie Shonerd, Mary French, Moree Spurlock, Deb Gonsalves, & Debra Pugh.

October meeting attendance was 80. There were 6 guests and 2 new members, and 47 member renewals. Candy Scott won the door prize. Michelle Florez of Hoffman Fabrics brought more than a dozen sample door prizes, so we drew extra ticket for those winners.

Many thanks to our October volunteers: Sherry Dickson, Linda Crowe, Anita Holden, Kathleen Herring, Mary French, Deb Gonsalves and Moree Spurlock. Mary, Deb & Moree have formed a volunteer team

to handle the Sign-In desk going forward. Please give them a special thanks when you sign in next month - it's a tremendous help.

The doors open for the General Membership meeting at 9:30 AM. It takes time to set up the lobby, and the Board and Committees get here early to do this for us. Please respect the signs on the doors and allow us time to get set-up. If it's hot, you are welcome wait in the auditorium.

We're collecting 2018 dues in the front lobby. Please remember that your check must be written for \$45 membership dues only. We cannot accept any checks combined with other fees (classes, etc.). Apologies, but no exceptions can be made.

It's helpful if you renew early. The new 2018 Directory will be issued in January. **You must pay your dues by November 30, 2017 for your name to appear in the directory.** You can mail your \$45 check to "CVQG" at

***CVQG Membership
PO Box 312
RANCHO MIRAGE, CA 92270.***

Kim Glossip
Membership Chair

Philanthropy Report Pene Owens

Philanthropy news

The next meeting will be our last chance to gather quilts for 2017. There will be no room at the Christmas luncheon to collect any quilts. If you have taken kits over the last several months or years and have not returned them please do so in October or November.

My term will be ending in December and I feel there will be a great team in 2018. They will get to put there ideas together to make it fun and exciting. I have enjoyed my term and wish to thank everyone who gave of there time and resources right down to finished quilts. I wish I could have seen the faces of those that received each and everyone of the quilts that were given out in 2016-2017. I will share the finale number in December.

I will still have strips of fabric and muslin to make the scrap quilts at the table. They are fun and easy. We will not have the Lobby for the month of October and November so please ask when checking in what direction to go.

Sew What Table

Due to space restrictions we will not have the Sew What Table set up in the lobby. But there will be a

table set up somewhere in the building with books and magazines. The next meeting we plan on selling as many as we can and then there no longer will be books or magazines available. Our storage is becoming restricted now that the school is becoming more popular. We need the space for the fabric and books take up a lot of room.

January we will have the fabric out in the lobby for sale through March. I have some amazing fabric donations so be ready to enjoy shopping after the first of the year.

Note I will not be collecting anymore scrap fabrics for dog beds. And please call if you have fabric donations I am more than happy to meet you for pick up.

Pene Owens
Philanthropy Chair
Sew What table

**New Member Lunch
Annie Houston**

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

Annie Houston

**Parliamentarian
Linda Crowe**

2018 NOMINEES CVQG BOARD:

Happy Halloween! The following is the slate of candidates for CVQG Board and will be voted into office by acclamation Saturday, November 11. Nominations can be taken from the floor with written consent of the nominee before the election. Remember this is an election of board members; committee chair people are not elected. See you at the meeting.

President:	Karon Patterson
VP Facilities:	Rebecca Blosser and Sherri Dickson
VP Programs:	Cal Trimpey
VP Opportunity Quilts:	Linda Blake
VP Philanthropy:	Fran Jones and Cathy Griffin
Secretary:	Treese Pflum
Treasurer:	Kathleen Herring
Parliamentarian:	Linda Crowe
Membership:	Anita Holden

Desert Guilds Quilt Show

Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3 from 10am to 4pm
at the Palm Springs Pavillion

Save those dates!! That is when we are having our Desert Guilds Quilt Show. Why Desert Guilds?? Because it is a joint show with Cactus Sewables, Pass Patchers and us.

Every guild member is eligible to enter a quilt in the main entry category, but because of space constraints we can only have 40 entries from our guild. This is a great opportunity if you have never entered a quilt show to show your quilt. It is not a juried show but ribbons are given out by the vendors and the show committee members and board. And of course there is Best of Show which was won in 2016 by our guild member Helen Anderson. If you are a member of more than one of the guilds involved, you need to choose a guild to do your entry through.

We had sign ups to see who might enter the show. If you did not sign up you can still enter — it will be the first 40 entries that will get in. You have between now and January 23 to get your form and photos in — 2 photos of the quilt and one of you. Only the top needs to be finished for the photo since it is just for identification purposes.

Entry forms will be available on the information table at the guild meetings or download a form from Desert Guilds Quilt Show website. Our color is red but if you download a form just put a red dot on it. You may mail those in or give it to Kathleen Herring at the January meeting.

Quilts need to be delivered to the Pavilions on Thursday, March 1 between 10am and 12pm.

There are other opportunities to enter a quilt in the show. You can make a **MINIATURE QUILT!** You can have as many entries as you like in this area. There are two categories:

- Miniature quilts — blocks no bigger than 3 inches and perimeter no greater than 72 inches
- Art quilts — perimeter no larger than 72 inches.

Entry forms will be on the information table and on the website. Then finished quilts and entry forms need to be given to Jackie Mason, our Miniature Quilt representative, by the February meeting.

There is voting for Best of Show in both categories.

A third opportunity to enter and win a ribbon is the **CHALLENGE QUILT**. The theme this show is “Off the Beaten Path” and each member may enter one quilt. The quilt needs to have a perimeter between 60 and 120 inches. There is no challenge fabric for this quilt so let your imagination run wild. Just remember to include a road and a sign. Check information table or website for detailed instructions and/or entry form. These quilts need to be delivered to Robert Tucker, The Challenge Quilt Chairperson, at the February meeting in a brown paper bag. There will be a judging by members at the February meeting and ribbons given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. You could also win a best of show ribbon at the show.

Don't forget to buy a **MEMBER'S ONLY 2 day pass** to the show. Everyone going to the show needs a ticket or pass even when volunteering. These \$5 passes go on sale at the January meeting. (Otherwise it is \$7/day to get in. Remember this is a fund raise for our guild.)

We will need lots of **VOLUNTEERS** — to help take in quilts on Thursday, white glove, runners to deliver lunches to vendors, collect entrance fees, count best of show ballots, take down quilts, set up and run boutique, sell tickets to the Opportunity Quilt, etc. etc. Kim Carlson, Volunteer Coordinator, will be taking signups beginning our January meeting (as well as selling passes.)

CVQG and Pass Patchers are running **THE BOUTIQUE** at the show. Pat Siegel, Boutique Coordinator, is looking for lots of HANDMADE items to fill the boutique and help us to raise money so we can continue to have fantastic speakers and a great venue to meet in. Last November Pat and Nancy Wilhelm demonstrated a pod bag and a wallet that would make ideal boutique items. If you picked up a pattern don't forget you agreed to make a couple of those items for the boutique. In the afternoon, after this November meeting, there will be Round Robin where a really cute coin purse and a project holder will be demonstrated (along with two techniques).

Finally, please help us to **advertise** this wonderful event. Take some postcards (available at the meetings) and give them out to friends, people in your friendship groups, people at church, put in your church newsletter, give to people in your exercise class, post at your beauty salon/nail salon, post on any bulletin boards in your communities. (if you need a larger version of the postcard on paper contact Kathleen Herring.) Please help make this a wonderful and successful event.

(You might want to print this off for future reference.)

Silent auction

The silent auction is just around the corner. Do you have your items ready???? Please deliver them to Janna Calkins or Kathleen Herring at Monica's on Mondays. Contact Janna for questions. Thanks for your participation everyone.

Jana Calkins

CALLING ALL HOLIDAY BASKETS!

Gather a group, choose a theme and design a basket for our Holiday Luncheon in December. Create a basket you would love to win in our Holiday Basket drawing. Please make sure all the items are new or unused. Sign ups will begin at our September meeting or you can contact Kathleen Herring at kathleen.herring@icloud.com It will be wonderful to see what you come up with this year!

DATE FESTIVAL 2018

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Riverside County Date Festival is a wonderful opportunity for new and experienced quilters to show their work. And it doesn't have to be a quilt for the bed (although those are always wonderful to see). You can enter wall hangings, miniatures, place mats, table runners, pillows, bags of all kinds, garments or anything you have quilted. Also if you have talents in other handcrafts (knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, tatting, needlepoint, etc) please consider entering that as well.

Information about entering, categories and deadlines is available at www.datefest.org You may begin entering your items on Monday, December 4, 2017 and it goes until January 20, 2018. If you need help, please contact Kathleen Herring at kathleen.herring@icloud.com or 760 567-9011 We look forward to seeing your entry!

DAY OF THE DEAD, DIA DE LOS MUERTOS OCTOBER — NOVEMBER 2017

A colorful exhibit of quilts and cigar box altars made by local artisans (including members of our guild). Check out the guild's website or Facebook page for a preview of the quilts and altars in the show.

LA QUINTA MUSEUM
77885 Avenida Montezuma
La Quinta, CA
Tuesday through Saturday 10am-4pm
Admission is free

Guild Committee Chairs:

Block-of-the-Month/Facebook: Robert Tucker

Historian: Kathleen Herring & Kathy Klein

Newsletter: Pat Siegel

Philanthropy: Pene Owens

New Member Welcome: Annie Houston

Sew What Table: Pene Owens, Kim Carlson

Web Site Coordinator: Kathleen Herring