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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.

Summertime has arrived quilters!! I am not sure if I am ready for the hot weather, but I am ready to enjoy the pool. The Guild has some exciting and new things coming up in May and June. I love it when we sort of deviate from the usual and give some new thing a try.

As I announced at the April meeting, we will be moving the May meeting to a lecture hall on the upper level of UCR. It is the same building, just one floor up. There is an elevator to take us upstairs, and there are restrooms located on the second level also. When our attendance drops after our snowbirds leave, it seems like saving \$500.00 per meeting is a good financial decision. However, after the May meeting we will need everyone who attends to provide their feedback. If the room does not work, we will re-visit the idea. So please remember to give the board your feedback.

Our May meeting will be a longarm quilters panel. The quilters will be ready to answer your questions about what they need when you bring them your quilts for quilting, their process, and some helpful hints.

May will also be the last time the Sew What table will be available until October. So bring your money and take advantage of the great deals Pene and her crew have for you.

In June, we are trying several new things that we hope you will enjoy. Our June meeting will actually be more of a social event. We are asking all our friendship groups to come to our Friendship Fair. Each group will be given a table they can staff with members. The members will be there to show what the Friendship group is involved in and the various charities they support, along with some of the beautiful quilted project they have completed. Friendship groups are a critical element of our guild. The relationships that develop in these small groups are invaluable and a treasure to all the members. Consider joining one. You will love it I can assure you.

June 20th marks a first attempt at a bus trip sponsored by the Guild. We will be going to M&L fabric in Anaheim. It will take the entire day. The details are on our web-site along with the registration information. Seating is limited, so if you are interested, sign up as soon as possible.

The lazy days of summer are not too soon to think about making items for our Holiday Boutique. In the afternoon, when it is really too hot to be outside, I like thinking about the cool weather that will return in the fall and make holiday items. The holiday boutique and raffle baskets are some of our biggest money-making events that help us provide those exceptional classes and speakers.

The board and I wish you all a safe and wonderful summer and can't wait to see you all again in September. Have a great summer!!

Karon Patterson
President

**Opportunity Quilt - Vice President
Linda Blake**

We have 38 ladies who have not picked up their Opportunity Quilt tickets. Some of you may not be aware that your membership provided you with two packs of tickets. Please stop by the Opportunity Quilt table at the meeting to claim yours. If you are already gone for the summer, remember to pick them up in the fall.

**Programs - Vice President Report
Calvin Trimpey**

PROGRAMS!

A survey is coming!!!!

We want your input as we plan upcoming programs, so within the next few weeks, we'll be emailing a link to a survey (SurveyMonkey), where you'll be able to give us your opinions and wishes. Calvin wrote the survey, and he's made sure it will be a fun endeavor, you know him! The survey will ask for your name because we'll be giving away a gift certificate for a guild class. A drawing will be held at the Holiday Luncheon from the names of folks who filled out a survey. So, have some fun by completing the survey, and you'll have a chance to win a class for next year's amazing line up of teachers!

MAY – LONG ARM PANEL

In May, we'll have some long arm experts on stage to give us tips and pointers for quilting and "quilting by checkbook." While the panel will be taking questions from the audience, you'll also be able to submit questions in writing via 3x5 cards beforehand.

JUNE – FRIENDSHIP GROUP FAIR

In June, we won't have a regular meeting, but we'll welcome all of our Friendship Groups to introduce themselves and their projects. Come and meet the groups and discover all the ways you're able to make quilting friends here in the Coachella Valley. Refreshments will be served!

SEPTEMBER – QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans with healing and comforting Quilts of Valor. Over 180,000 quilts have been awarded to our brave veterans who have risked their lives in service to our country. The QOVF program gives us quilters an opportunity to say, "thank you," with gratitude and love stitched into quilts. It's what we can do. Suzanne Wade, from the QOVF will be

talking to us about the Foundation and its programs. More information can be found at the QOVF website: www.qovf.org

OCTOBER – LEAH ZIEBER

Watch America's quilt traditions unfold before your eyes as we travel back through 180 years of quilting history. Discover the truth about fabric color in nineteenth century quilts and see some fantastic examples of true American Beauties. Leah Zieber is a Southern California quilt historian and quilt maker who specializes in Antique Reproduction Quilts from the nineteenth century. Her reproduction quilts have been exhibited at quilt shows and historical museums across the country. You won't want to miss this extraordinary look at quilting history by one of the country's preeminent quilt history experts. See more information about Leah at www.zieberquilts.com

NOVEMBER – CATHERINE WILSON

Paper piecing has been around for a long time, but the "Judy Niemeyer" (Quiltworx) paper piecing technique has been refining the process for over 20 years, and the result is an array of patterns and designs that often feature beautiful, long points and stars. A small number of certified instructors teach the technique all around the world, and we have the rare opportunity to see a Quiltworx trunk show by one of Judy Niemeyer's top instructors. Catherine Wilson, a quilt designer and certified Judy Niemeyer instructor, started Queenie Quilts in 2010 as a means of providing quilters with world class instruction and custom-built kits to assist them in making their own Judy Niemeyer masterpiece. Visit Cat's website at www.queeniequilts.com

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

Membership Report Anita Holden

It was a busy spring with good meeting attendance, continuing to distribute Directories and Membership Cards. If you haven't picked yours up, please stop by the Membership table in the lobby before the meeting or during the break. We are now at 170 Members! That's a little lower than last year so if you haven't renewed you can still renew at the meeting or mail in your dues.

Special thanks to all the volunteers: Barbara Beatty, Anita Bohning, Janna Calkins, Mary French, Deb Gonzalves, Judy Greger, Annie Houston, Jean Kinsey, Judi Moran, Sherri Schroeder, Pat Siegel, Moree Spurlock, Nancy Wilhelm.

There is a Volunteer sign-up sheet at the Membership table; Thank you to those who have signed up to help. I know it's hard to think ahead to the fall, but we need volunteers for the Fall so if you expect to be here for those meetings please take a shift or 2. It's a good way to meet other members too.

WELCOME to all our new members. Please be sure to pick up your name badge next to member check in. New member name badges have a "NEW" sticker attached so we can recognize them and introduce ourselves. Be sure to say "Hi".

March

Meeting attendance was 139. There were 19 Guests and 2 New Members. Roberta Peterson won the door prize.

April

Meeting attendance was lower at 106. It's that time of year when the weather gets warmer and members head for cooler temperatures. There were 6 Guests and 2 New Members. Leslie Gardner won the door prize.

Philanthropy Quilts

Fran Jones

Happy Spring! The weather is most definitely turning warmer! Soon, those of us left here in the desert for the summer will be staying indoors with the AC running and the pedal to the metal! On our sewing machines, that is!

Thank you one and all, for your donations these past two months! In March, the guild received 70 quilts! You all are amazing! Cat and I were able to provide Olive Crest with 20 more quilts than they requested, for a total of 90! They were very grateful and reported that every person under their care was given a quilt of their very own!

In April, the Philanthropy received 23 quilts. Thanks, again to all of you! We would also like to thank all those folks who heard our call for volunteers to quilt some of the donated tops we've received in the past. Cat and I spent a full day matching the tops to backing and adding the batting and binding. We brought the packaged quilt tops to our April meeting and in no time, they were picked up by members to complete. Thank you all! Finally, I would like to thank Cat Griffin. Cat has decided to step down as co-chair due to family health issues but has agreed to continue working in a smaller capacity for Philanthropy. I can't tell you how much I appreciate her help and friendship! Thank you, Cat, for all that you do!

Sew What Table

Greetings

The May meeting will be the last time to get good deals at the Sew What Table for a while. I will not be at the meeting in June or September so the next opportunity will be October and November. I will be ending my Term in December.

If there is anyone who has an interest in the Sew What Table I am more than happy to talk with you and explain what goes into the position. I have had a great time working with the fabrics and notions and cannot thank all my helpers enough who have stepped up to sort and bundle all the fabric that has come in and those that have helped sell at the meetings. We have had fun and it's amazing to see what comes in.

I also want to thank all those who have contributed their items. It helps greatly with the overall budget we need to meet each year to keep us in the wonderful auditorium.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer. Keep creating!

fabric and we spend many hours sorting and bundling with quantity and quality in mind. And the money goes to support this wonderful venue.

Again thanks for shopping.

Pene Owens

Sew What Table.

New Member Lunch

Annie Houston

There will be no New Member Lunches until fall. Thanks to Annie for putting this together.

A Special Thanks

Jana Calkins and Pat Siegel would very much like to thank everyone who donated handmade items for the Holiday Party Silent Auction and the Quilt Show Boutique. Both were a huge success due to your generosity. It will be just 7 months until the next Holiday Party... It's not too soon to be thinking about items for the Silent Auction.

Quilt Show

The Quilt Show went off without a hitch thanks to all the volunteers from all three guilds. If you haven't already seen how it turned out and who won awards, you can now by clicking the link below:

<https://www.desertguildsquiltshow.com>

CVQG Nominating Committee, Linda Crowe, Chair

Hello from the lovely Coachella Valley! There are three Board positions open for 2019. Please consider offering your expertise (we know you're out there) to our wonderful Guild. **Please** help this special Guild continue the fun and informative activities during the year.

1. Vice-President of Facilities (2 members needed)
2. Vice-President of Opportunity Quilts (Can be shared)
3. Parliamentarian
4. Sew-What Table Chairman. This is not a Board position. Make it yours and have fun meeting your fellow members!

Newer members will find these positions excellent for the opportunity to meet and work with many Guild members.

Please check out the duties described in the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations published in the membership book and Guild website. Term of office is one year with a maximum of two years.

Contact Linda Crowe (twoblackwings@hotmail.com 206-719-6499) or any Board Member with questions or to communicate interest in the positions.

I will miss the September meeting, so see you in October!

