

PATCHES THE COACHELLA VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Meetings are held at 10:00 a.m., the second Saturday each of 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 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.

President's Report **Kathleen Herring**

Hello Everyone!

The snowbirds are leaving or will be going soon. We will miss seeing you all at the meetings but look forward to the fall when you come back. When you are planning your trip back to the desert, don't forget that the QuiltFest Oasis Palm Springs will be here October 8 - 10. They haven't put anything on their website about it but it should be coming up soon. So do check it out.

We still have two very full months of meetings before our summer break with Ann Turley in May speaking on what makes a challenge challenging and how to get started and then our FIRST Studio Tour in June. I am really looking forward to finding out how much members enjoy this tour. Since I was on the committee to help organize this, I have had a chance to view the studios you are visiting and it is amazing what people do to organize their tools and stash. I've already used one idea I saw in my own sewing area. Hope you can make it. Thank you to the committee that is helping Pat Siegel organize this event: Cheryl Jensen, Natalie Shonerd, and Andrea Dooley. Thank you to all the members who volunteered to show their studios. Unfortunately time did not allow us to accept everyone on the tour which means we have potential for another tour in the future. See the 1st VP report for more details.

The two quilts for Pat Claytor's family have come together beautifully thanks to the efforts of Kathy Klein and Kim Carlson. We will be presenting these quilts to Pat's husband and daughter, Reg and Suzanne, at our May meeting. Thank you to everyone who did a block. Unfortunately it was not possible to use all the blocks in these quilts so other uses are being considered. Thank you to Linda Shea, Laura Peterson and Pene Owens for donating material for sashing and borders. Thank you also to Annie Houston and Sharon Rooker for quilting them.

It is less than a year away — The Desert Guilds Quilt Show — and you are all eligible to enter one quilt in the show. We have so many wonderful quilters in our guild and I hope you can find one of your recent creations that can be entered in the show. It might even be one you would like to sell at the show!! That is a possibility. There is also the Challenge Quilt category with the theme Desert Birds. Remember for that you need the packet (\$6) and to include birds in a block (flying geese, dove in the window, etc.), in the quilting or appliquéd on. And finally there is the Miniature Quilts where you can enter more than one quilt either under Small Quilts and/or Small Art Quilts. For more information talk to Laura Peterson or Joanne Hunt about the Challenge

Quilts or Jackie Mason about the Miniature Quilts. We look forward to having a wonderful show filled with your quilts.

Our Parliamentarian, Lucy Jewkes, is putting together the Nominating Committee for our elections in November. While all offices are open for election, some of our officers have finished their two year commitment and cannot run again for that office. We also have the new office of 3rd Vice President to fill. If you would like to serve on the Guild's Board or know someone you think would be a great addition to the Board please contact Lucy Jewkes to let her know. The positions that we are looking to fill are 1st Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Membership and Philanthropy.

Please look over the reports from the Board members. If you have any questions, thoughts, comments and/or suggestions, please let me or a Board member know.

1st Vice President Report

Pat Siegel

On May 9th, we have Ann Turley speaking at our meeting about getting started on your challenge quilt. Did you pick up your Challenge packet at the meeting?

In June we are well under way to have our Studio Tour. We already have about 50 people signed up to attend. If you want to go, be sure you sign up at the May meeting or contact me by email.

The tour will be held in place of our regular meeting on June 13th. There is no charge for members, and guests can attend for the usual guest fee of \$10.00.

We have a wonderful basket that will be awarded to one of the lucky attendees. Just leave your ticket stub at one of the houses on the tour. The winning ticket will be drawn Monday, June 15th and the winner will be contacted. The contents of the basket have been supplied by the guild and both of our great quilt shops - Monica's and Quilter's Faire. In addition if you stop at every house on the tour and get your ticket stamped, you can get a 10% discount for the week following the tour at both Monica's and Quilter's Faire.

Please see Andrea Dooley's great article about the people on the tour. We will be providing a map and basic directions prior to the tour.

A complete list of speakers and classes can always be found on our web site:
www.cvquiltguild.org

2nd Vice President Report

Terri Kirshner

The activity with our Opportunity Quilts is slowing down as the summer approaches and many of us leave the Valley for cooler spots! We have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets for our Quilts at the Busy Bear Quilt Guild in September. If anyone is interested please let me know.

Our next big opportunity to sell raffle tickets will be at the Palm Springs Quilt show in October and I am hoping that some of you will be able to help out with this activity. We do not have any information about the show at this time.

I inadvertently left out of the February newsletter some talented quilters who won ribbons at the Date Festival: Sharon Lubetsky won second place in the small quilt category and Cheryl Taylor won 2nd place in the Sewing-Other category for a pillow.

Congratulations ladies and sorry for the omission.

Philanthropy Report

Cheryl Taylor

April's quilt donations brought the Guild's total to 125. Thank you to all the members who have picked up kits and returned them, and to those making quilts from their own "stash".

The Philanthropy Committee has been extremely busy this month. Over the course of several days, we prepared 74 kits!! There will be a lot to choose from at the May General Meeting. So be prepared to check out what's available. We have kits where the quilt is pinned and only needs to be quilted and the binding added. We have kits with pre-cut fabric and a specific pattern to complete. There are also kits available to challenge your imagination and design prowess...also known as "Quilter's Choice". Surprise us with an amazing and new design. Please consider taking one or more quilt kits in May. Remember, you have until the November Guild meeting to return them. For those staying in the valley, there is no better way to spend those HOT days than making a charity quilt indoors.

Even with the June General meeting being replaced with the "Studio Tour" event, donation quilts can still be dropped off. Mary Sue Simpson will accept all donated quilts, including those from kits. If you are returning a "kit" quilt, please be sure to return the kit bag with the quilt so that your return can be recorded properly. If you are not able to get to Mary Sue's studio, please contact me directly so we can make arrangements for me to pick up the quilt(s).

We are currently reaching out to other Coachella Valley charities to inquire whether they can use/need quilts for their clients. If you, or your Friendship Group, know of charitable organizations that serve our children, seniors, those in crisis situations and/or local (i.e. in the Coachella Valley) military groups, please send me their contact information. The Board will consider other organizations to support at their next Board meeting.

Please remember to pick up your kit (or MULTIPLE KITS) at the May meeting. You have until the end of November to return the finished quilt.

That's it from the Philanthropy Committee for this issue. Have a fabulous and relaxing summer! Keep on Quilting!!!

Annual Retreats

The guild has 2 quilting retreats each year. The retreats are held at the beautiful Vina de Lestonac Retreat Center in Temecula, CA. Temecula is about 1.5 hours from the Valley and is located in the wine country. Due to the popularity of the retreat center, we have a limit to the number of rooms available, which limits the number of quilters we can accommodate.

This year, the summer retreat is scheduled for Thursday, June 18-21. The cost for the 4 day, 3 night retreat is \$340.00, based on double occupancy, and all meals are included.

Our winter retreat is scheduled for Thursday, November 19-22. This is a change from the original date. We discovered that the original date fell on our guild meeting. Our tradition is to have the retreat annually on the 3rd weekend in November. The retreat worked hard and was able to confirm us on our usual 3rd weekend. The cost of this retreat is a little higher than the summer retreat. Although most of the weekend you have lots of time to work on whatever projects you bring, the Retreat Committee provides several projects for you to participate in, if you wish. The Committee's goal is to provide some small projects that offer you a chance to learn something new. So the cost of the kits for the projects, is included in the retreat cost. The cost for the winter retreat is \$355.00, based on double occupancy, and all meals are included.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please give Karon Patterson a call or drop her an email.

Note:

Several members at last month's meeting inquired about a pattern for a large quilted bag that a guild member showed during January Show and Share. The GREAT BIG bag pattern is now available at Quilter's Faire for \$10.00.

Help Wanted!

Start planning now what you are going to enter in these categories in the 2016 Desert Guilds Quilt Show:

- * General Entry
- * Challenge Quilt — Desert Birds
- * Miniature Quilt — Small Quilt and/or Small Art Quilt

Visit the DGQS website for more information on the challenge and how entries could be sold at the show: www.DesertGuildsQuiltShow.com

Studio Tour:

Saturday, June 13, 2015 Studio Tour

June 13, 2015 is an exciting day for our Quilt Guild. We will have our first ever tour of six quilt studios. These studios will show a variety of different ways to quilt in a variety of different spaces. I thought it would be interesting to learn a bit about the generous women who have opened these spaces for our tour. Below is a brief description of what you will see.

Kathy Dunham

Kathy is an award winning watercolor artist with quilting as an additional talent. Her studio will show you both of her talents. Her studio is enter-disbursed in her home and can be an inspiration to all of you looking for organization.

Darlene Estrella

Darlene is a fairly new quilter who has a studio in her home that shows everyone how a small space can be productive and organized.

Kendra Gow

Kendra is a prolific quilter who loves to piece. She has many quilts to display and a large studio that she and her friends utilize to do their craft.

Natalie Shonerd

Natalie utilizes her home with a neatly use of her space. She has been quilting since the 80's and was inspired by a visit to a B & B in the Gold County in California to begin quilting.

Mary Sue Simpson

Mary Sue has formed a studio in her home casita. She has a long arm quilting machine and has many ideas for organization.

Mary Ann Toomey

Mary Ann has a dedicated studio for her long arm quilting with a studio designed around efficiency and organization.

I hope you will join us!

Andrea Dooley

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Philanthropy: Cheryl Taylor

Publicity: Andrea Dooley

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Secret Pal: Annie Houston

Sew What Table: Margaret Copus

Web Site Coordinator: Laura Fiedler

Reminders:

Our new location is UCR Palm Desert is located at **75080 Frank Sinatra Drive at Cook Street**.

Meeting starts at 10:00am. The program starts at 11:00am. Doors open at 9:30am.

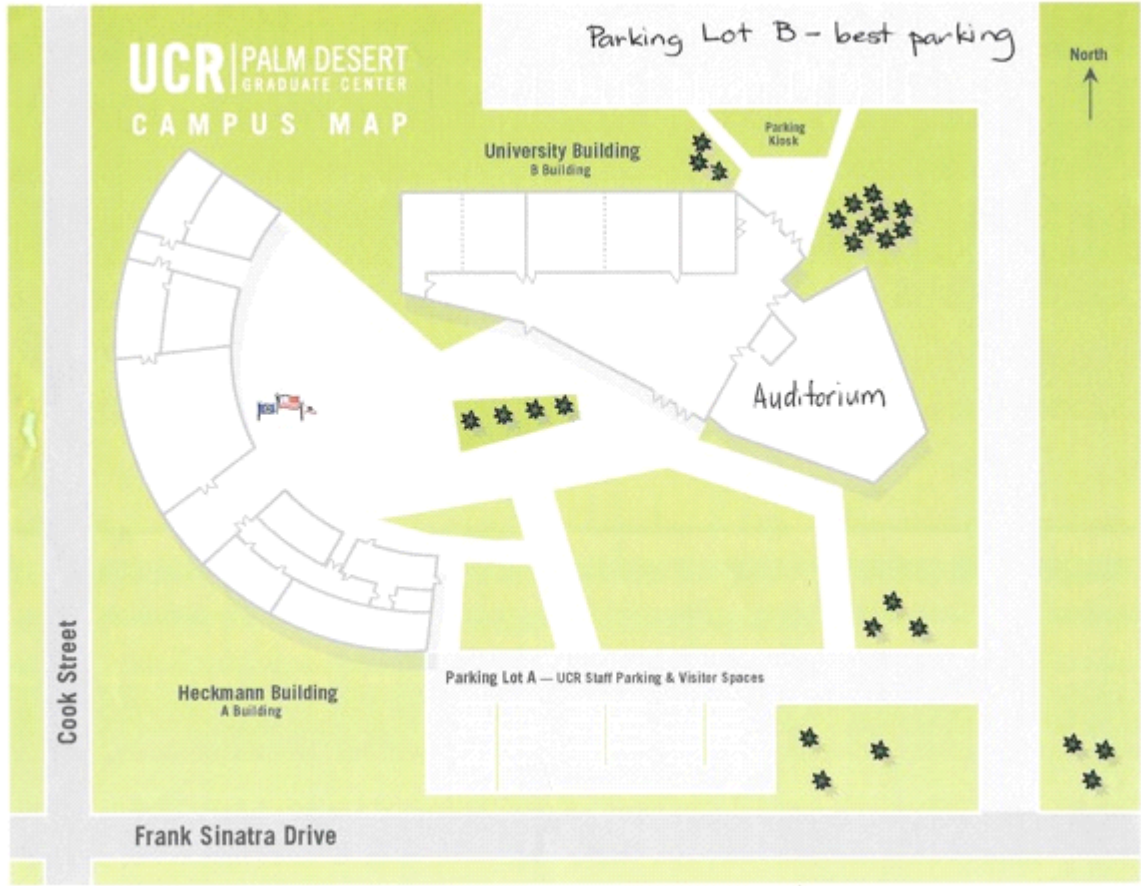
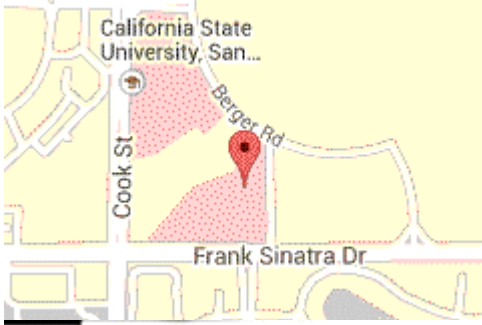
To enter at the Berger Drive Entrance:

From Interstate 10 Eastbound or Westbound

- Exit at Cook Street.
- Proceed south on Cook; turning left on Berger Drive (same entrance to CSUSB-Palm Desert Campus).
- Travel along Berger Drive past the CSUSB-Palm Desert Campus.
- Turn right at the monument sign that says "UCR Palm Desert" into Parking Lot B.

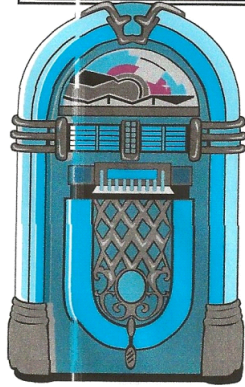
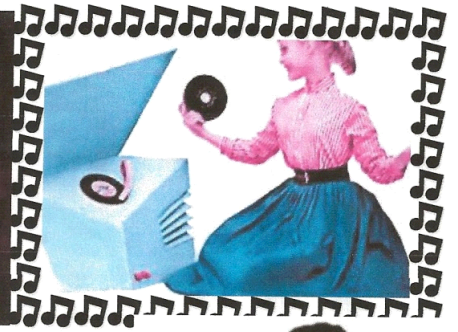
From Highway 111 or Country Club

- Proceed north on Cook Street; turning right on Frank Sinatra Drive.
- Turn left on Berger Drive.
- Turn left at the monument sign that says "UCR Palm Desert" into Parking Lot B.





BACK TO
THE 50'S



WE ARE INVITED TO THE
WORLD FAMOUS
SPRING FLING
HOSTED BY
PASS PATCHERS QUILT GUILD



Date: May 20, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m- 12:30 p.m.

Place: Beaumont Civic Center

550 E. 6th St.

Beaumont, CA

What: '50's theme party with food and entertainment

Extra: It is fun to dress up. Besides poodle skirts and rock 'n' roll, remember the 1950s also had Minnie Mouse, I Love Lucy, June Cleaver, etc! Please join the Pass Patchers as we travel down memory lane.