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Meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. the second Saturday each month at Coachella Valley History Museum
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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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello everyone. I hope you have all had a great summer. Our next meeting is Saturday, September 13 at 10:00. Come early to sign in and stop by all of the tables outside of the meeting hall. It will be good to get back together to share our love of quilting.

Check out this newsletter for all of the exciting things going on with programs and classes, Philanthropy, the Opportunity Quilt, and membership. We have such a wonderful and talented group of women who have volunteered their time to work on each of these programs. Stop by and thank each of them for all they do.

Vicky Anast has decided that she needs a break from the Sew What table. Margaret Copus will be taking over that responsibility, but needs help from members to run the table. If you would to help her out, please give her a call.

One of our members, Jerry Grenada, is currently a featured guest on The Quilt Show with Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson. If you are a member, be sure to check it out. He will also be teaching at the upcoming Road to California Quilt Show in January. Pretty exciting for one of our members.

See you all in September.

Linda Rae Shea
President

2nd Vice President Report

By Kathleen Herring

December and the Holiday Luncheon is fast approaching and so is the drawing for our stunning Opportunity Quilt. So far we have raised around \$3,900 which is absolutely wonderful but I have heard that other guilds our size raise even more with their quilts. Let's see how much we can increase this amount by December. Remember this money not only supports our philanthropic efforts but helps supports our fantastic monthly programs. Incredible speakers do cost money and this is one way to raise money to help cover the cost of those speakers.

We ask each guild member to purchase/sell at least \$10 worth of tickets. If you buy the tickets at the guild meeting, remember you can resell those to cover your cost or enter your own name in for the drawing. If you are not sure whether you have purchased your \$10+ worth of tickets for this year, please see me at the September meeting and I will check my list. There are quite a few members that have been waiting to buy their tickets until just before the drawing. So now is the time to do that.

There might be two more events where you can volunteer to sell tickets coming one. I am hoping we will be able to sell tickets the three days of QuiltFest Oasis on October 2-4, 2014 in Palm Springs. When you volunteer for QuiltFest, you would be asked to sell tickets or white glove for two hours. (To sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt, the guild has to provide 36 hours of white glove volunteers.) You would have to have admission to the show to do this. I should know whether we can do this or not by the September meeting. However, if you think you would be interested, you can contact me at kaherring@earthlink.net. The second event is the Art Affaire in Rancho Mirage in November. I will have more details as things get closer.

Finally, please plan ahead for the 2015 Date Festival — February 13-22, 2015. Think about what stunning quilts you might enter and when you might like to volunteer at the festival. Again if you have a date you really want to volunteer, just contact me and I will sign you up.

Philanthropy:

Quilt Donations Fabric & books/magazines donations

In July, Vicki Anast and I picked up the equivalent of 10 large bags (like the ones I use on our meeting days to transport the donated quilts) of fabric. The fabric was donated by Betty Rinnig, who works at the Palm Springs Art Museum. We received all ranges of colors in solids and prints. On August 2, I held a "Fabric Open House" for representatives of several 'friendship groups' for them to select fabric to be used by their group for making charity quilts. There was a good turnout and quite a bit of fabric is now in the hands of these groups. If your 'friendship group' needs fabric for charity quilts, please contact Natalie Shonerd to arrange a date/time to go "shopping". Because of the amount of fabric, I cannot bring it to the Guild meetings, nor put it into kits.

Charity Updates

Quilts delivered to date:

Barbara Sinatra Children's Center – 25

Camp Erin - 23

Desert Samaritans – 1 (prior to their dissolution)

Shelter from the Storm – 29

Pending Deliveries: to be made in late August

Riverside County Department on Aging Senior Care Program (only delivered to seniors in the Coachella Valley) 50 + quilts

Continuing Need

We still need quilters to finish a number of layered quilts. I received about 20 finished or almost finished quilt tops in May, which have been partnered with backs and batting. Most of them cannot be quilted on a long arm as the backs are too small, but there are some which will fit. Please contact me prior to the September meeting if you can help so I can bring them to the meeting for you to pick up.

I am hopeful that Guild members will continue to support our outreach efforts during the last remaining days of summer. Feel free to contact the Philanthropy Committee to find out what you can do to help.

Quilting on a Sunday Afternoon ...

Unfortunately, Needles & Pins at Sun City Shadow Hills will no longer be able to facilitate our 4th Sunday of the Month Quilting events. If you have a place that can accommodate at least 8 – 9 quilters and is available on the 4th Sunday of the month, please let me know. Those who attended our Sunday afternoons really enjoyed themselves. They met new people, shared expertise, learned something new and had a fun time. I'm hoping we can continue this throughout the fall through spring season.

Cheryl Taylor - Philanthropy Committee Chair

Featured Quilter: Cheryl Taylor

I'm Cheryl Taylor and serve as Chair of the Philanthropy Committee this year. I started crafting in college...making Christmas decorations, needlepoint and latch hook rugs from kits. I liked having something tangible to show for all my effort. My first step into "quilting" was making a log cabin design kimono. Yes, I said kimono. Don't ask me why I made that, but I had so much fun making the log cabin design. Next it was a long velvet patch vest. (If you haven't guessed yet, we're in the 1970's.) Fast forward to the 1990's... because there was no more sewing (except for pillows, curtains, cushions and the like) until I took a "Quilt in a day" class at my oldest daughter's high school. First mistake: I really thought it'd be finished that day. It was a couple years later when I was able to finish the quilt using my mom's 1950 Singer Featherweight. It sat on her guest bed until she passed away last fall.

A little over a year ago, I wandered into the Wednesday morning quilting session at Shadow Hills clubhouse. A very energetic member, Vickie Thompson, welcomed me and encouraged me to join the group. Not having made anything for so many years, I was VERY intimidated. But I missed being creative and making something that lasts. I had spent my career in executive financial positions where everything you did was basically out of date the day after you did it. So having the opportunity to make things, especially charity quilts which would be given to those who have so little, made me want to get back into doing something with fabric.

Today, I have a stash...not as big a stash as some of my friends... but a stash that will take me a long time to use up. Being part of "Needles & Pins" and the Guild has been such a wonderful gift. I have met the most wonderful people and share so much joy spending time with them... learning new skills, helping teach others what I've learned and being part of a wonderful new family.

I've ventured into making purses, tote bags as well as quilts for family members and charities. I've even turned my curiosity for understanding how things work and my innate mechanical abilities into fixing sewing machines ... so I can have a lint-free clean machine anytime I want.

My husband always asks me after returning from a quilting session: "How was therapy?" My answer is always the same: "Wonderful!" ... for it truly is therapy for the soul!

Reminders:

Philanthropy Quilters: Please wash the quilts before donating. Thanks for all the work you are doing!

Linda's term as President of the Guild is drawing to an end. Traditionally everyone who wants to express their appreciation for her hard work, makes a block to be given to her in December. She sets the theme for the blocks and makes them into a quilt. If you want to take part in this, please follow the parameters listed below and have it ready for our meeting in December. Create a 6-1/2 " block (6" finished) using a bright background fabric. Using fusible web, fuse one or more geometric shapes to the background using other contrasting bright colors. Use solids and/or prints as you like. You can use as many shapes as you like and they can go all the way to the edge if you want. You don't even need to stitch them down! What a fun easy block to make.

Hello Members!

Starting in September we will take renewals and new memberships for 2015.

If you renew or join for 2015 by December 1st (at a meeting or by mail) your name will be entered into a special raffle.

Winner to receive garden themed decorative basket filled with all these goodies:



4 yards Robert Kaufman Floral Focus Fabric
7 yards (in ½ yard cuts) of Coordinating Fabric

Light Orange	Pink
Yellow	Cerise
Dark Raspberry	Light Green
Raspberry	Medium Green
Gold	Darker Green
Light Pink	Multi Green
Medium Pink	Wine

5 Spools Cotton Essential Thread, 1200 yards, 50 weight

Baby Pink	Custard
Persimmon	Grass
Goldenrod	

Floral Note Cards

Favorite Appliqué Ideas by Lena Thorpe

Mary Ellen's Best Press

Small Conair Travel Iron

6 Multi-colored Clips

Dancing Solar Flower

Bouncing Ball

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 13, 2014

Kathy Dunham

"From Artist to Quilter"

September 14, 2014

Class with Kathy Dunham

October 11, 2014

Leora Raikin www.aflembroidery.com

"Return to Africa"



October 12

Class with Leora

"Embroidery and Embellishment the African Way"

November 8, 2014

What's New From the Houston Marketplace

December 13, 2014

Holiday Brunch

Desert Willow Golf Resort

2015

January 10

Luella Grangaard

Luella is one of our many talented guild members. She will provide a trunk show of her work.

January 11

Luella will be teaching a class on one of her fabulous fiber art pieces.

February 14

Juli Shulem www.jsdesignsunlimited.com

"Conquer Your Quilt Room"



March 14

Dragonfly Dyeworks

March 15

Dragonfly Dyeworks

Hand Dye Class

Click to see more information on programs: <http://www.cvquiltguild.org/programs-events/>

Spotlight on success!

Guild member, Jerry Granata shares his quilting successes:

- 1) I have 2 quilts that were accepted into the IQA Houston show.
- 2) I taped an episode of The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims and it aired in August.
- 3) I will be teaching at the MQX Midwest quilt show in Springfield, IL in September, and Road to California in January.

Congratulations Jerry!