

**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](http://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.

## **President's Report** **Kathleen Herring**

Hello Everyone!

It seems too late to wish everyone Happy Autumn and too early for Happy Holidays — although that is just around the corner. That being said, I hope you are getting ready for our Holiday Brunch on December 12 at Desert Willow Golf Resort. There is so much happening on that day — the installation of our 2016 officers, the raffle drawing for our early membership drive, AND the drawing of the winner of the Opportunity Quilts. Then there is the silent auction and the raffle baskets. We need everyone's help to make this a successful end of the year fund raiser. I have heard about and seen some of the items being donated to the silent auction and they are fantastic. As for the baskets, I know they will be as spectacular as last year. Please help by donating items to the auction and getting a group together to create a basket AND by doing some Christmas or personal shopping at the Holiday Party.

Remember there are limited spaces available at our Holiday Brunch so get your reservation in early by mailing it in or paying for it at our November meeting.

At our October meeting, one of our members, Robert Tucker, took pictures of all the members who came in hats. Thanks for doing that, Robert. You can see those photos on the guild's Facebook page. So be sure to check them out.

I got a chance to visit QuiltFest Oasis last month. They had some wonderful quilts from around the world there. Attendance probably wasn't as great as the show organizers would have liked but hopefully it is growing. It is such a great opportunity to have this show in our own backyard, so hopefully you were able to go as well.

I know some of our members got the chance to hear Laura Wasilowski speak for free at the La Quinta Art Foundations reception during American Craft Week. She is such a fun speaker and talented quilter. The foundation put on a very nice event. If you haven't seen the display of our members' quilts at the La Quinta Civic Center, you might want to drop by before November 20.

The end of the year is fast approaching and we are gearing up for 2016 and all the excitement of having the snowbirds back and another year of exciting programs and classes. Check in the newsletter and on the website for information on what is happening.

There are also two great opportunities for sharing your wonderful quilts, wall hangings and other projects. Watch for the sign-ups for the Date Festival beginning in December. The Festival and the guild need your help to make this a wonderful display and an opportunity to share quilting with the general public. Also, pick up a form to enter your quilt in the Desert Guilds Quilt Show in March. Our guild has grown to be the largest of the three guilds and we need to enter a good representation of all the wonderful work our members do. You may enter one general quilt and/or one challenge entry and as many miniature quilts as you like. I am looking forward to seeing what everyone turns in.

I look forward to seeing you at the last two meetings of 2015 — What's New at Market and the Holiday Brunch.

## **1st Vice President Report**

**Pat Siegel**

In November, Monica will be at the meeting to tell us about all the new stuff she saw at the Quilt Show and to provide a little “retail therapy” for those of us addicted to anything related to quilting.

December is our Holiday Brunch. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

2016 is full of new and exciting programs and classes. The classes will be offered at a reduced rate of \$25. In January, Marcia Stein is offering “Picture This” where you will learn machine appliqué to create a small quilt based on one of your own photos.

Claudia Gomez is offering “The French Door” in February — something with a modern twist. Her lecture on Saturday will be a lot of fun. It is titled “Motion is Lotion”.

In March we will be trying a workshop on Saturday afternoon after the meeting rather than a class on Sunday. We will be weaving a unique background for a small appliqued quilt. The cost will be \$20 and there will be a sample available at the meeting. Jennifer Rapacki will be teaching.

In April, Sharon Schamber will be giving a trunk show at the meeting and an all day class on Sunday.

In May, Cindy Needham will work to de-mystify all those threads you are just dying to use but aren't sure about. There will be a lecture at the meeting and a full day class the following day.

A complete list of speakers and classes can always be found on our web site: [www.cvquiltguild.org](http://www.cvquiltguild.org)

## **2nd Vice President Report**

**Terri Kirshner**

The Date Fest is coming up in February. I will be looking for volunteers to sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. If you didn't sign up in October please block out some time to work. The dates are February 12 through the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be awarding the prize for most Opportunity tickets sold at the Holiday Brunch, so be sure you get all of your tickets sold and turned in. Time is running out!

## **Membership Report**

**Claire Victor**

Hello! As I near the end of my tenure, I thought you might be interested to see how the Guild grew over the year. I also must give very special thanks to the team of helpers. I have been lucky to have you all and I hope you have had fun volunteering at the Membership table.

MONTH	GUESTS	NEW MEMBERS	MEMBERS	TOTAL	Total Paid Membership	Door Prize	HELPERS
JAN	8	5	119	132	174	Barbara Fosse	Linda Crowe, Mary Ann Toomey, Laura Peterson, Janna Calkins, Cher Gellman, Lydia McCowin, Libby Coulter
FEB	15	10	117	142	191	Vickie Dinkin, Darlene Estrella	Barbara Lind, Libby Coulter, Janna Calkins, Cara Stansberry, Kim Carlson, Kathy Klein, Cher Gellman
MAR	3	4	107	114	195	Steveanna Collins	Barbara Lind, Edith Megarry, Janna Calkins, Cara Stansberry, Kim Carlson, Kathy Klein, Cher Gellman, Lydia McCowin, Mary Ann Toomey
APR	16 (includes 4H Club non-paid)	5	108	129	200	Laura Fieldler, Geri Vander Dussen, Cheryl Beckndorf	Barbara Lind, Janna Calkins, Cara Stansberry, Libby Coulter, Cher Gellman, Kim Carlson, Kathy Klein
MAY	2	2	83	87	202	Vickie Dinkin	Lydia McCowin, Mary Ann Toomey, Kathy Klein, Cher Gellman, Janna Calkins
JUN	Studio Tour			71		Terri Kershner	Too Many to List!
JUL	No Mtg	No Mtg	No Mtg	0			
AUG	No Mtg	No Mtg	No Mtg	0			
SEPT	6	2	60	68	204	Debbie McWilliams (guest)	Mary Ann Toomey, Lydia McCowin, Linda Crowe, Peggy Lee, Darlene Estrella
OCT	13		67	80	204	Barbara Webster & Celeste Taylor	Mary Ann Toomey, Lydia McCowin, Peggy Lee, Darlene Estrella, Kathy Klein, Cher Gellman

Our 2016

Membership Drive is coming along. **Dues remain at \$25 for the year, the best bargain in town!** To date we have 56 members all paid up. If you are a current member we have **pre-printed forms for you at the meeting, or you can download one from the website.**

**Join or renew your membership for 2016 by December 1<sup>st</sup>** (at a meeting or by mail) and your name will be entered into a special raffle. The winner will receive the treasure trove of goodies below!



- **Blue Enamel Sectioned Carry-all**

- **3 Fabulous Books**

**Visual Coloring** – A foolproof approach to color-rich quilts by Joen Wolfrom,  
**Blendable Curves** - Stack, slice, & sew unique quilts in a weekend by Peggy J. Barkle,  
**Scrap Republic** – 8 quilt projects for those who love color by Emily Crier

- **1 Free Class or Workshop in 2016**

- **3 yards Jewel Toned Robert Kaufman Fabric**  
Lumina design by Peggy Toole, made in Japan

- **7 Coordinating Fabrics in ½ Yard Cuts**  
Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Black, Purple, Orange

- **7 Spools Cotton Essential Thread, 1200 yards, 50 Weight**  
Marigold, Amazon, Persian Blue, Red, Black, Grape Juice, Orange

- **Recycled Silk Yarn**

- **Mary Ellen's Best Press**

- **Magnetic Pin Pick-up**

- **Flat Flower Pins**

- **Clover Binder Clips**

- **Bling Lariat**

- **Embroidery Scissors**

- **Post-it Notes**

- **Raincoat!**

**Form to be postmarked by December 1, 2015.**

Drawing will take place at December Holiday Luncheon.

## Philanthropy Report Cheryl Taylor

The Committee welcomes the “snow/rain birds” back. We hope that you had a wonderful summer and were able to create one or more quilts for the charities we support. While this past Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, quilt donations topped the 2015 goal of 310 quilts, these charities still need quilt donations. The Riverside County Office of Aging needs quilts for their senior citizen clients. There is still time to create a beautiful quilt that will find a wonderful and grateful home.

To date, our Guild has delivered 178 quilts to Shelter from the Storm, 102 to Barbara Sinatra Children's Center and 20 to the Riverside County Office of Aging, for a total of 300 quilts.

The Philanthropy table continues to have lots of kits available. The kit options to choose from include those that just need to be quilted and a binding added, some with fabric cut and ready to sew per the pattern included, and others that allow you to be creative with the fabric inside the kit. Stop by the table and pick out your next charity quilt...or maybe pick up two kits! You have until December 1<sup>st</sup> to drop off your quilt in order for it to have a new home for Christmas. If you can't finish it by then, bring it to the January meeting. The Guild's new Philanthropy Chairperson will be happy to take it then.

Speaking of the “Guild's new Philanthropy Chairperson”, this is my last article for the newsletter in my current capacity. I want to express my gratitude to all of our members who made quilts over the past two years. You have taught me so much through the different designs you used/created. You showed me how color combinations can make a quilt go from pretty to stunning just through the use of different fabrics. Creating the kits challenged my fabric coordination skills and honed my cutting skills. You schooled me in so many different aspects of quilting...and for that I will always be grateful. Yet, the most important aspect to this “job” has been the friends I have made during this journey. Thank you for all you've given me. I ask that you continue your wonderful work for my successor.

See you in November. Till then...keep on quilting!!

## Sew What Table Margaret Copus

November, our month to be thankful. We are thankful that so many of you are making donations to our Sew What Table to raise money to fund our great monthly meetings and speakers. We have so many wonderful items that we are having a “Buy Two, Get a Third One Free” sale of like items, i.e., 3 books or 3 magazines or 3 pattern packets. You buy two and get a third priced the same or lesser value for free. This is the last month the kimonos donated by Cher Gellman will be for sale at ½ price so don't miss this opportunity to own one of these lovely genuine Japanese kimonos.

Please drop donations off at Monica's any Monday morning or bring them to the next guild meeting.

### **Follow the Thread—A Salute to American Craft Week**

Sept. 8 – Nov. 20, 2015 at La Quinta Community Gallery

Its not too late to see the quilt display at the La Quinta Community Gallery in the La Quinta Civic Center, 78495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta. The exhibit will run from September 8<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>. The gallery will be open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm.

### **Quilts Wanted!**

We have a number of opportunities coming up for you to show off your quilting skills. Please support quilting and our guild by submitting your wonderful quilts.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY DATE FESTIVAL — Entry submission opens in December. They accept many different types of quilts: king size quilts, queen size, lap-top size, wall hangings, pieced, appliqued, art quilts and miniatures. We need entries so we can continue to sell tickets to our Opportunity Quilt and raise money for our charities and the guild.

DESERT GUILDS QUILT SHOW — The show is March 4 and 5, 2016. Entries for the general show are being accepted now until January 22, 2016. You may enter one regular sized quilt or wall hanging. There is no charge for entry this year. You may also sell the quilt you enter in the show. Just indicate that on your entry form. Other categories you can enter in: miniatures, art quilt miniatures, and the challenge quilt with the theme “Desert Birds”. We need your entries for a successful show. If you need more information, please contact the following people: Entries — Kathleen Herring; Miniatures — Jackie Mason; Challenge Quilts — Laura Peterson.

### **Desert Guilds Quilt Show Boutique**

I know the Holiday Silent Auction is coming up soon, but I hope you are also thinking about and maybe even working on items for the Boutique.

Thank you to all of you who have already told me you are making items and especially to those who have already given them to me. This is the third year I have been involved with the Boutique and I am always so excited to see what I get. There is so much talent in our Guild!

This year Kathy Klein has offered to help me and I'm very grateful. However, I would like more help. This will be my last year with the Boutique, so that I can be involved elsewhere within the show. If you think you might like to help me this year and/or if you think you might be willing to take over for 2018, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you and please keep working on your items.  
Natalie Shonerd

### **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.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in November. The retreat worked hard and was able to confirm us on our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 e-mail.

### **RAFFLE BASKETS NEEDED!!**

Our guild members have gotten together in the past and created wonderful baskets to raffle at the Holiday Luncheon. Pick a theme (sewing, relaxing, pampering, or . . . ??) and gather some friends to contribute a basket. Sign-up at the November meeting.

### **2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

- President: Kathleen Herring
- 1st Vice President: Karon Patterson and Cheryl Jensen
- 2nd Vice President: Terri Kirshner

- 3rd Vice President: Christina Smithberg
- Secretary: Linda Crowe
- Treasurer: Linda Blake
- Membership: Darlene Estrella
- Philanthropy: Pene Owens
- Parliamentarian: Lucy Jewkes

Voting at the November meeting.

### **Riverside County Date Festival Entries**

Fair Dates: February 12 — 21, 2016

Enter your quilt or project between December 1, 2015 and January 23, 2016

More information on their website

[www.datefest.org](http://www.datefest.org)

or call Kathleen Herring

### **Sun City Palm Desert Arts and Crafts Show**

The Sun City Palm Desert Arts and Crafts Show and Quilt Challenge is being held November 19-21, 9-4pm daily at SCPD, Mountain View Clubhouse.

The items offered will include paintings, photographs, ceramics, sustained glass, woodwork, knit and crocheted items, jewelry and of course, quilts.

The quilts submitted for the challenge will be made by residents of Sun City and anyone attending the event can vote for their favorite quilt.

### **The Palms of La Quinta**

A few of our members spent some time at the Palms of La Quinta to provide a “quilt show” for the residents and sell tickets for our Opportunity Quilt. They have a lovely retirement facility. We very much enjoyed visiting with them and talking about our guild and our quilts. We hung quilts all over their common areas.



**Annual Holiday Brunch Celebration**

***Saturday, December 12, 2015***

**9:00 AM to 12:00  
(Doors Open at 8:30 AM)**

The event is being held at the beautiful  
**Desert Willows Golf Resort**  
38995 Desert Willow Drive, Palm Desert, CA  
Click Here for [Directions](#)

Cost is \$25.00

Reservations can be made at the Monthly Guild Meetings or by  
Downloading the [Reservation Form](#) and mailing it  
in. **Reservations must be received by December 5, 2014**



The Day Includes:

- \*An Amazing Silent Auction**
- \*A Not-To-Be Missed Basket Raffle**
- \* *Scrumptious Brunch* \* *Drawing for Our Opportunity Quilt***
- \* *Drawing for Membership Basket* \* *Installation of Officers***

***Menu:***

*Roasted Walnut and Goat Cheese Salad*  
*Seared Salmon*  
*Quiche Florentine*