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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 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,

Life has been busy since I wrote my last President's Message. There was Road to California — which is always a wonderful and exciting show to attend. Four of our members were accepted to the show and three came away with ribbons! It is always exciting to know people who have entered in a show and see how they have done.

After that I was scrambling to complete my entries for the Date Festival and our March Show. I am one of those procrastinators who seems to be forever finishing things at the last minute. I did get both my entries into the Date Festival and the quilt display there was wonderful. This year Jim, the gentleman in charge of the Crafts and Hobbies building, gave the quilts a whole wall for the display and let us hang a few on the other wall as well. Thanks to all our members who entered their quilts. Look through the newsletter for who won prizes at the fair. Congratulations to all the winners.

The show challenge quilts, Desert Birds, were displayed at our last guild meeting and what a wonderful, imaginative display it was. All the members at the meeting got to vote for their favorite. I am sorry to say mine didn't place but the competition was stiff. Thanks to all those who entered and congratulations to Annie Houston (1st Place), Kathy Dunham and Hilda Koning-Bastiaan (tied for 2nd Place). If you missed them at the meeting, make sure you look for them at our quilt show where they will be hanging with the challenge quilts from Pass Patchers and Cactus Sewables.

I just got back from the Modern Guild Quilt Show in Pasadena — QuiltCon. It was an amazing show and exhibit. At other shows you might see a few modern quilts but this was nothing but modern quilts! The entries were from all over the United States and international as well. They also had special exhibits honoring Gwen Marston and Molly Upton. I found it well worth the trip to Pasadena. QuiltCon will come back to Pasadena in 2018 so you might want to watch for that.

Now to get ready for our show. The challenge quilts and miniatures have been collected and are ready to be taken over to the Pavilions. If you have entered a quilt don't forget to drop it off on Thursday, March 3 between 10am and 12pm or make arrangements for someone to take it over to the Pavilions. I am looking forward to seeing what quilts have been entered. As for my entry — I just have a little more embellishing to do to finish it up. But of course, a little more can always turn into a lot more very quickly. I'll have to see how it goes.

I look forward to seeing you at the quilt show and then the March meeting the next

week. Look for the list of our upcoming programs in the newsletter and on our website — cvquiltguild.org — which Laura Fiedler will be sharing at our March meeting.

Kathleen Herring

Apology

When I was recognizing winners at the Road to California at the February Guild meeting, I missed mentioning Pat McDaniel who won a 2nd Place ribbon in TraditionalWall, Pieced with her quilt, "The Glitz". Congratulations, Pat!

2nd Vice President Report **Terri Kirshner**

Thank you to everyone who sold tickets at the Date Festival. Our Opportunity Quilt was very well received by attendees of the Fair. The Fair is still going on as I am writing this but we have done well in raising money for our many projects. Thank you Star Friendship Group and Debra Pugh for the lovely work. Our next event for the Opportunity Quilt will be the our Quilt Show in Palm Springs the first weekend in March.

Fair Ribbons handed out to our Guild Members are the following:

Category 225 Quilts over 48"x 60"

Debra Pugh - 1st place

Roberta Peterson - 2nd place

Betty Hochhalter - 2nd place

Olivia Christian - 3rd place

Vickie Dinkin – 3rd place

Kathleen Herring – Honorable Mention

Category 226 – Quilts Not Over 48" x60"

Shannon Bucionis – 1st place

Laura Fiedler -1st place

Sharon Lubetsky – 1st place

Andrea Dooley – Honorable Mention

Category 227 – Miniatures

Pat McDaniel – 1st place

Vickie Dinkin – 1st place

Category 228 – Quilted Articles

Nora Flynn – 2 1st places

Sharon Lubetsky – 2nd place

Andrea Dooley 1st and 2nd places

Professional

Treese Pflum – 1st and 2nd places

Congratulations on your outstanding work!

3rd Vice President Report **Christina Smithberg**

The Coachella Valley Quilt Guild is off to a great start for 2016!
Our lectures are ready... classes and workshops are filling up. Don't wait too long to sign up for a

class. Waiting lists are building just in case someone has to cancel at the last minute.

*You *requested* Saturday afternoon workshops...so here it is: **Jennifer Rapacki!!** Her lecture Saturday morning, March 12 is entitled "Creativity Unleashed: Modern Technology for Quilters." The workshop is from 1:00pm to 4:00pm **that** afternoon. The cost for the workshop is \$20, plus a \$5 supply fee paid to the instructor. Spaces available...sign up now.

***Sharon Schamber** will be giving a trunk show at the General Meeting on April 9. The class will be held on Sunday, April 10 from 9:00-3:00pm. The class is called "Fire Flower-Piece-leque". The class is \$35, plus a supply fee of \$15 paid to the instructor. **SOLD OUT**...Be sure to sign up on the Wait List...you never know when a space might become available.

***Cindy Needham** from Superior Threads will be visiting on May 14 and 15. Her lecture is called "Thread Facts and Fiction". Her full-day class (9:00-3:00) on Sunday, May 15, is an Open Thread Bar—YOU get to try her threads on your machine. The cost for the class is \$25.

***June 11 is CVQ Day!!**... Guild celebration! Bring your dollars to buy fabric, supplies, books, and gadgets all from the SEW WHAT TABLE!! (Clean out your cupboards in the next three months.) In addition, the PHILANTHROPY GROUP has planned a great workshop! You will see all kinds of fabric, thread and needles flying as they create all kinds of wonderful gifts of comfort for those in need in our community. Details to follow under separate cover. Watch for details. In September, the guild is thrilled to host a visit from **Patt Blair** from Big Bear, CA. She creates marvelous art quilts by painting on the fabric. What could be more fun than to listen and learn from this very talented artist? She will start our Fall meetings with a lecture, and trunk show.

October...(I can hardly wait)...**Nancy Ota** is coming from San Clemente. Her lecture is called "Japanese Textiles." Her Sunday class is all about Sashiko. The class list has begun...don't wait until September to sign up for this one. Her class will fill up in a hurry! \$25 for the Sunday, October 8 class.

A complete list of speakers and classes/workshops can always be found on our website: www.cvquiltguild.org. You will find the class/workshop fee, supply list, a copy of the teacher' samples.

Membership Report

Darlene Estrella

Hello Members!

We had 12 guests, 7 new members, 113 members signed in Feb guild meeting. Total of 132 attended. Thank you to our volunteers and Greeters.

Philanthropy Report

Pene Owens

Thank you to all who that took part in last months Survey. I received a great response to all the questions asked. There was a high percentage of those that quilt for charity and it shows. Our numbers every month prove your love for quilting and giving. THANK YOU!

We will be having a work shop at the June meeting please consider participating. We will have stations set up for cutting, piecing, ironing and finishing I hope. If not maybe some will take them home for the summer months when we go dark and turn them in when the lights come back on for

the first meeting in September.

I do see the numbers low on the survey for finishing the quilts and binding. Please let me know if that is something you enjoy doing and I will have the tops,,batting and backing , binding so you can complete them in the months ahead.

I am still in the process of gathering some new Charities to work with. So far we have Healing Horses, St. Margarets Church and a Dental clinic in April for those who have no Dental coverage and have dental needs that they can't afford. More on that later.

Our Friendship groups in the Valley are an incredible support to me. Along with supporting their own charities of choice.

Blessings to all who support the cause.

Pene Owens
Philanthropy Chair

Parliamentarian Lucy Jewkes

As Parliamentarian for our guild, my biggest job is to find people who are willing to serve on the board. We are going to need a President, a Secretary, a 2nd Vice-President (that job is taking care of the Opportunity quilt), and a Parliamentarian. None of this transition happens until December, but I will assemble a committee and we will begin looking for a few good people. These jobs are very rewarding and a good way to help pass on our beloved art and craft of quilting. Our boards in the past have taken the guild to a new level of programs and teachers and without these positions being filled for the next round, the guild simply cannot continue. Please consider your support. You may contact me by email at Lucypjewkes@gmail.com. thanks everyone.
Lucy Jewkes, Parliamentarian.

Sew What Table Margaret Copus

Lots of great items will be available this spring with a big grand finale at our June meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

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

FOUND: A debit/rebate card was found among items donated to the Sew What Table at the February meeting. To claim this card, contact Kathleen Herring.

Desert Guilds Quilt Show

Quilt entries are due Thursday, March 3 from 10am-12pm at the Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262. You may bring entries from several different people but the entries may only be picked up by the person who delivered them. If you have 3 or more the entries, they will be put into a bag when returned to the person who brought them to the show. Bags will need to be returned to the guild for use at the next show. Quilt pick-up is on Saturday, March 5 from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

All members who volunteered to work at the show will be notified by an email blast as to their job and time period. Watch for that email blast (if it hasn't already reached you.) Any questions please contact Joanne Hunt

What a quilt analyzed and/or appraised? Kathleen Lee-Smith will be doing appraisals on Saturday, March 5th only. \$50 for a written appraisal or \$25 for an verbal one.

New Member Lunch

Come and join a few of the guild members for lunch after the guild meetings in January, February and March. Immediately after the meeting each month, those who would like are getting together at Applebee's just up the street at Cook and Frank Sinatra Drive for a no-host lunch. Our purpose for these luncheons is for our members to get to know each other better, especially new members and snowbirds. I will be at the newcomers table as you check in each meeting if you have questions or would like to say hi. All guild members, new and not so new and guests would be welcome. Annie Houston

Sad News

Barbara Butkus, a member of our Guild and the Sun City quilters, recently passed away. Our deepest sympathies to her family and friends. There will be a Memorial Tribute to her Sunday, March 20 from 1 to 4pm in the Oasis Canyon Room at the Sunset View Club House. Light appetizers and refreshments will be served.

Directory

Please take a minute to make a few corrections in your Directory.

- One the very first page, please change the zip code at the bottom to 92270.
- Go to Andrea Dooley and correct her street name to Obregon.