

## **PATCHES THE COACHELLA VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER**

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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](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 Christina Smithberg**

Happy New Year, Everyone!

Thank you, Kathleen, for being our President for 2 years. Your many hours of work and planning have made our guild such a success.

What an exciting year ahead in 2017! There will be lots of new classes, the quilt display at the Date Festival, retreats, the studio tour in June, and so much more. I was thrilled to be asked to be President of the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild. Thank you for the challenge! Holding our meetings and classes at the University of California, Riverside, Palm Desert campus is a privilege we need to maintain. Our Friendship groups work tirelessly all year long, creating, making, and sharing talents throughout the community and within the guild. Pene reported that the guild has shared 555 quilts to various community organizations!! Thank you! Our budget is healthy, but needs to be watched closely...making every dollar count.

The Holiday Brunch at Bellatrix was so much fun. The food was wonderful. Annie's delightful hats for the new officers added laughs; and created cohesiveness for the new board. Thank you, Janna, for collecting and coordinating all the beautiful hand-made items for the Silent Auction. Everyone who made needle cases, gloves and hats, tote bags, project carrier, wall hangings...the collection of hand crafted goodies was huge. Thank you to Candy for coordinating the delightful gift baskets from Monica's Quilt and Bead Shop, Quilter's Faire, Primitive Gatherings, and the Friendship Groups. (Who would have thought of making a basket out of a hose?) We will let you know the total income from the Silent Auction, and the Gift Baskets, and the Opportunity Quilt as soon as we "balance the books."

Challenge for the you, the guild: Enter one of your quilts in the Riverside County Date Festival February 17-26. Go to their website—[www.datefest.org](http://www.datefest.org)—for more information and the entry form. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. Perhaps you would like to demonstrate a quilt technique while you are there....hand applique, designing, post cards, free motion..??

#### **Congratulations are in order!**

Kim Glossip has a quilt in the upcoming show at the Ontario Museum of History and Art. The show begins December 1, and goes through January. It is called "Modern Quilts: Redesigning Traditions".

Take a class this Spring from Candy Glendening or Sandy Klop. Share your love of quilting with our local community. The newsletter and the website, [cvquiltguild.org](http://cvquiltguild.org), are great resources. Most of all, keep on sewing!

### **Opportunity Quilt - Vice President Report Leslie Gardiner**

I was duly installed as Vice President of the Opportunity Quilt on December 10 at the Holiday luncheon. Think raffle

tickets! Money! Opportunities to sell raffle tickets and make money for the guild and other worthy causes!



Thank you all for purchasing and selling tickets this past year, and kudos to past VP Terri Kirshner on a job well done. The Opportunity Quilt netted over \$1300.00 for the guild in 2016. The Date Festival is coming up February 17-26, 2017 and many of you have already signed up to sell tickets at the fair. If you haven't, you have another "opportunity" at the January meeting. The 2017 quilt will be unveiled there.

The winner of the 2016 Opportunity Quilt was Sandee Cameron from British Columbia. She bought her ticket at the Date Festival and fortunately winters in La Quinta, so she received her quilt in person. Who will be the lucky winner in 2017?

I am pleased to serve the guild in this capacity for 2017. I have been a quilter for 12 years and have made close to 100 quilts. I do like to finish my quilts and I don't like UFOs, which I realize is a bit unusual for a quilter! I started out as a snowbird from the Pacific Northwest and decided about three years ago that the desert would be my full-time home. I am looking forward to meeting more of my fellow quilters in 2017.

**Programs - Vice President Report  
Christina Smithberg/Calvin Trimpey**

Winter is a wonderful time to make gifts for others, a time for reflection on your personal goals, and a time to check out your passion quilting, fabrics, and threads. What are your goals this year? Try something new, challenge yourself to finish UFO's, or perfect a sewing skills?

Now is the time to sign up for a class with national quilters.

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*January 13 Candy Glendening will capture your attention with her fascinating lecture, "From Traditional to Art Quilting". Candy has several DVD's on Thread Sketching. She has written articles for Quilting Arts Magazine, and taped shows for Quilting Arts. She teaches online, AND in her studio in Redlands. For the CVQ workshop (Jan. 14, 9-3), make several quilt sandwiches, so you will be already to learn how to perfect your free motion sketching to include plants, and birds...She will take you from basic free motion design into unique, and very special images. You may make a motif perfect for a pillow, or you might make a small booklet to create memories through new design. Class is \$35. (Booklet kit available)*

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February 11-12 Sadly Frieda Anderson has cancelled on us. Those who have signed up for her class will be refunded and we will let you know as soon as we have a new program.

March 11-12 is a weekend with Sandy Klop. "The American Jane Story in Fabric"! You will learn about designing fabrics, the business of creating patterns for quilts and her part in the fascinating work of the fabric industry.

Class: "Stars at Play" piecing techniques...you could make a pillow, table runner, or perhaps the whole quilt from her class?? You will need to purchase the pattern. There is some fabric preparation prior to class. Class is Sunday, March 12, from 9 to 3.

April 8, 2017 is the big day for Phyllis Binkley, Art Quilter, from Hemet. She has a show at the San Jose Textile Museum this spring. Phyllis' strength is wool felting. She will teach us about the types of felting, and how to incorporate felted work onto your quilts. Her workshop is Saturday afternoon after the meeting from 1 to 3.

If you would like more information about the classes, supplies, etc., please contact Christina Smithberg, [Christina.smithberg@yahoo.com](mailto:Christina.smithberg@yahoo.com)

**Membership Report**  
**Darlene Estrella/Kim Glossip**

Hello Members!

We had 103 attendees at Holiday Luncheon, of which 7 were Guests (95 Members). Thank you for the support in my year of Membership Chair.

Laurie Wilcox was the winner for Drawing Basket

Thank you to our volunteers and Greeters. Every member is welcome to volunteer, it's a way to meet our members one on one.

**Philanthropy Report**  
**Pene Owens**

Well what a year 2016 has been.

Thanks to everyone who contributed Charity quilts for the grand number of 555. Just after I took the last batch of over 85 quilts 7 quilts are already in for 2017 with 19 quilt tops ready to be quilted and binding attached.

Now for 2017

I have decided to combine my efforts with the Sew What table along with Kim Carlson who will take over the books and notions. How this will work? I will have a station for Charity Quilts to be dropped off ( same location). Then at the Sew What table I will have an area for Quilt kits to be checked out. I am hoping most of the Members will purchase fabric bundles to make a Charity kit. If that isn't your wish then you can come to the kit section of the Sew What table and we can help you pick out fabric or check out your selection of fabrics ( only enough to make one quilt) per kit. Remember the dollars spent at the Sew What table adds to the general fund which helps to have the wonderful Facility and the Great Speakers and Teachers.

Please remember to wash all quilts being turned in and place a label on the quilts.

Remember for the Treasurer's sake all fabric, books and notions that are purchased are dollars only. We would like to avoid all loose change. Checks are fine. I have a great selection of fabric for January and each month I will be adding more.

I also will have an incentive drawing each month for a gift certificate. Each quilt finished that is turned in will get a ticket in the bucket for the drawing. The more quilts the more chances. The drawing will take place during the meeting.

And, again, thanks to all my wonderful helpers in 2016. This couldn't have been done without you.

Jo Anne Hunt was the winner of this years Charity Quilt basket.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the New Year. Safe travels and warm memories.

Pene Owens

**Sew What Table**  
**Pene Owens/Kim Carlson**

Donations for the Sew What Table will be co-ordinated by Pene Owens and Kim Carlson. Please get in touch with them before leaving items at Monica's. (See Pene's comments above)

**New Member Lunch**  
**Annie Houston**

The lunch Group will be meeting at Applebee's Restaurant. All newcomers, not so newcomers and friends of Annie are welcome to join us. Annie Houston will be at the newcomers table so if you want to join them please check in with her. The luncheons will continue in Jan, Feb, March and April.

Annie Houston, hahaannie@aol.com

**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

Thanks to all those members who made (or are going to make) me a flower block for my President's quilt. I am truly amazed every time I see what a gifted group of quilters we have in our guild. I love all the blocks and can hardly wait until I can organize them into the quilt. Thank you again for doing such a wonderful job.

Kathleen Herring

**MODERN QUILTS: REDSIGNING TRADITIONS EXHIBIT**

Thursday, December 1, 2016 through Sunday, January 22, 2017

Inspired by modern design, explore a juried selection of 40 + modern quilters from the U.S.A. and abroad as they consider traditional patterns in new and exciting ways. Modern Quilts is organized by Guest Curator and Modern Quilter Georganna Hawley. Free Admission.

The curator for this exhibit, Georganna Hawley, is a member of the Ventura Modern Quilt Guild.

The exhibit will run through closing day of Road to California. The museum is located at 225 S. Euclid Avenue, Ontario, CA. Before you visit, please call to confirm when the museum is open. (909) 395-2510. Sonia Das, President Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds

**WANTED: Quilts of Valor**

In September 2018, our speaker, Suzanne Wade, will be speaking on the Quilts of Valor program. She is donating her time to share information on this nationwide program. As a thank you for this donation, it has been suggested that we present her with one or two quilts (or more) which can be used in the program and given to veterans.

The guild is looking for individuals or friendship groups which would be willing to make a Quilt of Valor following the programs guidelines. One stipulations is that the quilt "is to be large enough to cover an average-sized adult, with an ideal size approximately 60" x 80." Finished size can be no smaller than 55" x 65" and no larger than 72" x 90"." Please talk to Kathleen Herring or Christina Smithberg if you are interested in this project.