



# THE BEAR FACTS

## BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

### OCTOBER 2023

General Meeting  
Monday, October  
**16th**

**5:30 PM**

Johnson Center  
Community Church  
40940 Big Bear Blvd.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lines by... *Lindy*

Life in the mountains is definitely beautiful this time of year. Big Bear is in full fall bloom! Hopefully, you can get out and enjoy the calm weather before the cold sets in!

As you know our guild is in the midst of making a very important decision deciding if our meetings will be day meetings, night meetings, or split having both day and night meetings depending on the time of year. As of the publication of this newsletter, you have until October 14<sup>th</sup> to vote. Please look for the email from Janice for a full explanation of the process! She has sent it out several times, with reminders, and IT'S EASY! We will announce the results of that vote at our October 16 General Meeting. **Please be sure YOU vote!**

*Lindy*



***Lindy Edmond, President***

#### PRE-MEETING DINNER

The pre-meeting dinner for October will be held at Maggio's Pizza, 42160 Big Bear Blvd., (Von's Shopping Center) at 4:00 pm. Please plan to join and share time with your fellow guild members.

***Elaine Dobiez & Janice Stillwell***

#### FAT QUARTER RAFFLE

This is October---Halloween is just around the corner. Fabric for fat quarters this month could have a Halloween theme, or simply Halloween colors. Nothing too scary, lol!

See you at the meeting.



***Sue Boylin, Birthday Table***

**BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

September 25, 2023

**I. Call to order**

President Lindy Edmond called to order the regular meeting of the Busy Bears Quilt Guild at 6:01 p.m. on September 25, 2023 at Youth Center of Community Church, 40946 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, Ca.

**II. Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the August 21, 2023 General Meeting as published in the September newsletter were approved on a motion by Susan Solomonson, second by Janice Stillwell. The motion was carried and approved.

**III. Open Issues**

- a) **Treasurer Report** - Michele Rustigan was absent. Lindy Edmond reported the August ending balance as \$20,421.94. Motion to approve the Guild's August treasurer's report as published in the September newsletter by Belinda Evans and seconded by Jeannie Mazzacane. All in favor and 0 opposed.
- b) **Membership** - Laurie Nahay reported 83 members. 2024 membership will be in the October newsletter and can begin turning in one's membership in November. Lindy Edmond reported there no new submittals in the Idea Box but a previous submittal was addressed by the board. Previous submittal was a suggestion to have all daytime general meetings. Survey Monkey will go out in October to vote on three options for day & time for general meetings. 1. All daytime meetings - meetings to begin at 11 a.m., lunch to follow. 2. All nighttime meetings - meetings to begin at 6 p.m., pre-dinner at 4 p.m. 3. Split daytime and nighttime meetings (times above). Daytime meeting months during winter and spring November to May. Nighttime meeting months during summer months June to October. Members can respond & vote on the easy-to-use Survey Monkey otherwise contact Janice Stillwell by text or personal email.
- c) **Sunshine and Shadows** - Lorraine Taylor announced the birthdays for September and invited the members to sing "Happy Birthday".
- d) **Philanthropy** - Robin Davis reported kits are available for next year's philanthropy. Lorraine Taylor reported Pet beds/pillows kits available today. Alice has been making the kits and 20 are ready to be delivered tomorrow.
- e) **Publicity and Marketing** - Helen Pangelinan was absent.
- f) **2024 Opportunity Quilt** - Belinda Evans indicates the quilt is finished and Carol Albert is unable to do the quilting and is asking for anyone with longarm experience to come forward.
- g) **Fall Block Swap** - Sharon Picciolo says the squares are on the table to pick up - grab one of each.
- h) **UFO Challenge** - Susan Solomonson says it runs October 2023 - 2024, \$10 each, can't be for philanthropy nor Challenge Quilt.
- i) **Challenge Quilt** - To be announced after the chair positions for 2024 are finalized.
- j) **Stitchy Fingers** - Sue Bost says you're missing out. The group had lunch on a pontoon boat. They did the Monday on Moonridge. They bought tie dye shirts and made medallions. October 27 will be at Sue Bost's home hosting a costume Halloween Party. Email Lori Hancock in order to be placed on the contact email list for information.
- k) **Tea Party** - Elaine Dobiesz reports June 8, 2024, 12 noon is the date and time. There are 7 tables with hosts. Cost is \$25 and nine guests to a table. Contact hosts to sign up.
- l) **Retreats** - Laurie Nahay reports that the summer retreat is June 24 - 27, 2024. Kelley Smythe says the fall retreat is September 16 - 19, 2024. This year's fall retreat was a great success and all 17 attended want to go again. Contact Kelley if you want to attend next year as we need to give the venue notice of the number attending.

## **BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD**

### **General Meeting Minutes - September 25, 2023 (Continued)**

**m) Website** - No report.

**n) Newsletter** - Janice Stillwell thanks everyone for their timely submittals. There were many pictures this time to share.

**o) Hospitality** - Colleen Olson says it is all set up.

**p) Nomination Committee** - Belinda Evans reported all positions are open. Forms for your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices were left on your chairs. Please turn them in to Belinda. Committee chairs are selected by the Board. Announcements will be in the October newsletter and voting is in November.

**q) Quilt Show** - Belinda Evans reports the wrap up meeting is Tuesday, October 3, 11 a.m. at Bear Country Quilt Shop. It was the fastest set-up and tear-down ever and well organized. After the break, Belinda handed out the Viewer's Choice ribbons and thanked everyone and their husbands for the help.

**r) Programs** - Lorraine Taylor reports that tomorrow is the binding workshop at 9:30 a.m. Twenty-one people signed up. October is the Trunk Show by Robin Davis and class on embellishments. If you need to cancel, please let Robin know as she will be bringing the supplies. November program is the cookie exchange - 2 dozen and an extra dozen for refreshments. No workshop in November. Christmas Party is our meeting and there will be no program. Cruise to Alaska is May 24 - see Belinda Evans.

**IV. Old business** - None

**V. New business** - Elaine Dobiesz announced the Christmas Party is December 4, 5:30 p.m., Happy Hour prices will apply in the first hour. Santana Mavericks is the venue. Bring a handmade ornament for exchange. Sign up for a meal - deadline is the November general meeting. Price is \$25 payable in cash or check to Busy Bears. Coffee is extra (price). The Guild will bring in desserts.

**VI. Show and Tell**

a) Laurie Nahay directed.

**VII. Birthday Table**

a) Susan Boylin directed.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 2, 11 a.m., at Bear Country Quilts shop. Open to all members.

BBQG General Meeting: Monday, October 16, Youth Center, Community Church  
4:00 p.m. Dinner at Maggio's      5:30 p.m. Social      6:00 p.m. General Meeting

Workshop: Tuesday, October 17, 9:30 a.m., Youth Center, Community Church, Embellishing Robin Davis

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. by President Lindy Edmond.

Minutes submitted by: Michele Parris

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Minutes approved by:

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## **SEPTEMBER 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The September 2023 Treasurer's Report will be published in the November 2023 Newsletter. Michelle Franzese-Rustigan, Treasurer, has been on a well deserved vacation to New York to visit family.

## **PROGRAMS**

Fall Greetings! What a fun time seeing all the winners of the Viewer's Choice awards. Congrats to everyone!

Our **October 16th** Meeting Program will be a Trunk Show by one of our own, Robin Davis. She will be sharing some of her embellishing creations. Hope you might get inspired and want to join us for her workshop the next day, **October 17th** at 9:30am. Robin will be supplying a kit for the embellishing project, so if you think you would like to join, and haven't signed up, let me know so she can have an idea of how many are joining her.

**November Meeting** - Donation give away - Cookie Exchange No Workshop

**December** - Christmas Party (December 4th)

There is no cost for the workshops for the rest of the year, but please let me know if you would like to join this month and haven't signed up yet.

Here's our first of the year Programs and workshops.

### **January 2024:**

Meeting Program: Where have we been and what do we want to see our guild do this year "Discussion"

Workshop: Charity Sew

### **February 2024:**

Meeting Program: Strip Poker Fun!

Workshop: Strip Race

### **March 2024:**

Meeting Program: Quilt University

Workshop: Charity Sew and Charity Quilt packet assembly

If you have any questions, just give me a call or email.



***Lorraine Taylor, Vice President & Program Chair***

(909)866-8081 [lorraine@inspirationsatbigbear.com](mailto:lorraine@inspirationsatbigbear.com)



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2023**

October 16th - General Meeting

October 17th - Workshop

November 6th - Board Meeting

November 20th - General Meeting

**December 4th - Christmas Dinner**

### **COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY**

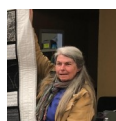
Please keep the "P" foods...Proteins coming. Powdered milk, peanut butter, protein bars, canned meats with a side dish, cereals and canned pastas. Many folks don't have access to kitchens so individual cheese and cracker, peanut butter and cracker, packaged nuts, trail mixes make a great alternative. All food items are needed. Please drop off at the Philanthropy table.



***Robin Davis, Philanthropy Chair***

### **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PULL TAB PROGRAM**

Please keep your aluminum pull tabs and bring to the Philanthropy Table for Janice Stillwell to turn in.



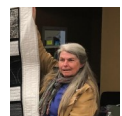
***Robin Davis, Philanthropy Chair***



### **COMFORT QUILTS**

Quilt kits will be available at the meeting for those who wish to get a head start on their 2024 donation quilts.

On Tuesday, September 17th, Jan Nissen delivered 22 greatly appreciated baby quilts to Anita Dice of Showers of Appreciation. Well Done!



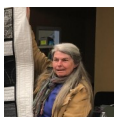
***Robin Davis and Jan Nissen,  
Comfort Quilt Co-Chairs***



### **COMFORT QUILTS & TEDDY BEARS**

- **Bear Valley Hospice and Dove's** comfort quilts suggested size: 44" - 46" by 58" - 62". 3 yard quilt packets are available. The BBQG provides batting and backing as well.
- **Moms & Dads** Project baby quilts suggested size: 36" by 36". Pre-cut kits available.
- **Seven Stars Foundation** provides quilts for children of military families, aged 5 - 17 who attend YMCA camps across the nation. Suggested size: Lap to twin. Fabric available.
- **Showers of Appreciation** provides baby quilts and showers for military families. Suggested size: 36" x 42". Fabric available.
- **Kids in Crisis** program makes teddy bears and bunnies for first responders to carry in their vehicles and hand out as needed when responding to emergencies. Patterns and fabric available.

You are always welcome to use your own fabrics and designs for these projects. Look forward to seeing your creations.



***Robin Davis and Jan Nissen, Comfort Quilt Co-Chairs***

### **STITCHY FINGERS - HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Get your costumes ready for the Stitchy Fingers Halloween party on the 27th of October. Games, treats, prizes, FUN!!!! Be sure to RSVP so I get enough treats for everyone. My house at ten.



***Sue Bost, Bargain Table Chair***

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held at Santana and Mavericks on **Monday December 4th at 5:30pm**. Your cost is \$25

A sign up sheet will be available at the October Guild Meeting. Belinda Evans will also have a sign up sheet available at Bear Country Quilts and Gifts. Please bring cash or a check made out to Busy Bears Quilt Guild.

If you are planning to attend, there will be an ornament exchange. Ornaments must be handcrafted and wrapped in a fat quarter. Always so much fun!



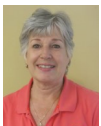
***Elaine Dobiesz, Christmas Party Coordinator***

### **MEMBERSHIP**

I hope you all are enjoying the fall colors! Our membership stands at 83. The membership form for 2024 is in this newsletter. You can either mail it in to the address on the form or turn it in at the general meeting. If we get them turned in before January we'll be able to start on the directory and we don't want anyone to be left out.

We have a wonderful year planned ahead with lots of events. I hope you'll join us!

Happy Quilting & Crafting,



***Laurie Nahay, Membership Chair***

### **MARKETING & PUBLICITY**

For those of you who participated in the Garden Club Fundraiser, please know that due to unforeseen circumstances (weather, illness) the promised lake adventure has been rescheduled to the spring of 2024. I just wanted you to know that it hasn't been forgotten.

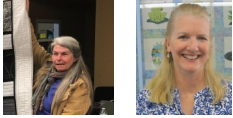


***Helen Pangelinan, Marketing (Advertising) & Publicity Chair***

## **CHALLENGE QUILTS**

The 2024 Challenge Quilt packets will be available at the October 16th general meeting. There are a limited number of packets so it's first come first served.

The 2024 Challenge Quilts will be due at the July 2024 general membership meeting for voting on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> by the membership. All Challenge Quilts will be entered in the Annual Quilt Show. I promise it will be another fun one, yet a bit more challenging.



***Robin Davis and Wendy Stephens, Co-Chairs***

## **CALLING ALL UFO'S**



We will be working on completing our unfinished objects from October 2023 - September 2024. The cost is \$10.00. Bring your finished project{s} to a meeting and get a ticket to put in the drawing bucket. We will draw a ticket at the October 2024 meeting to see who is the winner of the money pool. Sign-ups start at the October 2023 meeting, but you can sign up to join at any meeting. It only takes one ticket to win!



***Susan Solomonson***

## **SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS**

October's gemstones are the opal and the tourmaline. The flowers are the cosmos and the marigold.

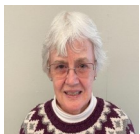
Happy birthday to our October guild members!

### **OCTOBER:**

Sandy Tocalino	October 6th
Louise Malenofski	October 8th
Constance Young	October 14th
Sharon Picciolo	October 17th
Barbara Jordan	October 18th
Flo Snyder	October 20th
Laurie Nahay	October 22nd
Janice Stillwell	October 23rd
Bro Moss	October 25th



Prayers have been requested by Wendy Stephens for her husband Bill as he recovers from serious complications following a surgical procedure. Please keep both Bill and Wendy in your prayers during this difficult time.



***Teresa Georgi, Sunshine and Shadows***



## **SEPTEMBER MEETING SHOW & TELL**



**BELINDA EVANS**



**LORRAINE TAYLOR**



**SUE HART**



**JEANNIE  
MAZZACANE**



**LAURIE NAHAY  
(FRONT)**



**LAURIE NAHAY  
(BACK)**



**JANICE STILLWELL**



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## **SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP - BINDING WITH SUE MERRITT**

Sue Merritt graciously shared her technique, tips and tricks for quilt binding. Students brought the table runners created in the August Workshop to complete.

It was a great day of learning and networking with fellow guild members. Attendees included: Elaine Dobiesz, Kat Gomez, Debra Lanning, Tammy Laubach, Heidi Llanes, Laurie Nahay, Gladys Panameno, Flo Snyder, Susan Solomonson and Janice Stillwell.

Please bring your completed table runners to the October Meeting to share your individual creativity.

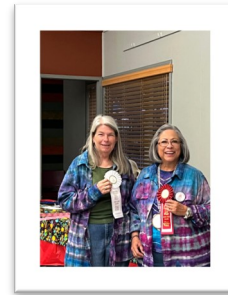


## **VIEWERS CHOICE RIBBON WINNERS**

Congratulations to all of the Viewers Choice Ribbon Winners!

### **CHALLENGE**

- HEIDI LLANES, 1ST PLACE
- GLADYS PANAMENO, 2ND PLACE
- ROBIN DAVIS, 3RD PLACE



### **MINI QUILT**

- ROBIN DAVIS, 1ST PLACE

### **SMALL ART QUILT**

- MARY HARPER, 1ST PLACE
- ROBIN DAVIS, 2ND PLACE
- BELENDA EVANS, 3RD PLACE



### **LARGE ART QUILT**

- BONNIE MARSHALL-CREEL, 1ST PLACE
- HEIDI LLANES, 2ND PLACE



### **SMALL WALL HANGING - ONE PERSON**

- SUSAN SCHWEBEL, 1ST PLACE
- SUE BOST, 2ND PLACE
- BELINDA EVANS, 3RD PLACE

### **LARGE WALL HANGING - ONE PERSON**

- LINDY EDMOND, 1ST PLACE
- SUE MERRITT, 2ND PLACE
- CAROL ALBERT, 3RD PLACE



### **LARGE WALL HANGING - TWO PERSONS**

- MARY HARPER, 1ST PLACE
- DENISE SCHIAVONE, 2ND PLACE
- KAREN STOCKING, 3RD PLACE



## **JUDGE SELECTED RIBBON WINNERS**



### **LAP/TWIN - ONE PERSON**

- SUE MERRITT, 1ST PLACE
- BONNIE MARSHALL-CREEL, 2ND PLACE
- BELINDA EVANS, 3RD PLACE

### **LAP/TWIN - TWO PERSONS**

- SUE BOST, 1ST PLACE
- CATHY FRAZIER, 2ND PLACE
- ELAINE DOBIESZ, 3RD PLACE



### **LARGE QUILT - ONE PERSON**

- LAURIE HANCOCK, 1ST PLACE
- BELINDA EVANS, 2ND PLACE
- LINDY EDMOND, 3RD PLACE

### **LARGE QUILT - TWO PERSONS**

- DENISE SCHIAVONE, 1ST PLACE
- TERESA GEORGI, 2ND PLACE
- LINDY EDMOND, 3RD PLACE



### **CREATIVE ARTS**

- LYS AXELSON, 1ST PLACE
- LAURIE NAHAY, 2ND PLACE
- LINDY EDMOND, HEART OF MY HEARTS

### **TABLE/BED RUNNER & PLACE MATS**

- SUSAN HART, 1ST PLACE
- BONNIE MARSHALL-CREEL, 2ND PLACE
- CAROL ALBERT, 3RD PLACE



### **VENDOR'S CHOICE**

- SUE BOST



## **FALL RETREAT**

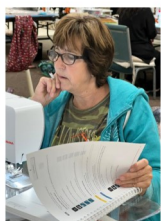
Kelley Smythe hosted 17 attendees at the Fall Busy Bears Quilt Guild Retreat held at the Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula. It was a wonderful and relaxing four days of absolutely wonderful weather, spectacular views, creativity, games and fun.

Everyone enjoyed getting to know each other, sharing stories, wonderful meals, and having dedicated time to create.

Lindy Edmond made sure to stretch our abilities with several games throughout the days that were sure to make us laugh. There were some very competitive participants in the group!

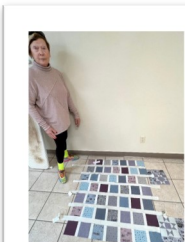
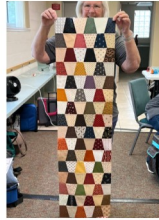
It was only fitting, since we were in Temecula Wine Country, that Deanna Melzian coordinated and hosted a wine tasting competition. There were several white and red wines to taste and participants rated their favorites from 1-10. The lucky winners took home several bottles of wine.

Thank you, Kelley Smythe, Lindy Edmond, and everyone who attended for making it a wonderful experience.





## FALL RETREAT



# Busy Bears Quilt Guild Membership form

PHOTO

\* If you want to be in the Directory you must join on or before the **January Meeting**

FOR NEW

\* To participate in our Quilt Show and Boutique you must become a member before **June 1st**

MEMBERS

**TODAY'S DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT INFO BELOW)

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPOUSE/Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTHDAY** (Mo.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year) Optional \_\_\_\_\_

**(BE&R) MONTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ This is your *Birthday Exchange & Refreshment Month* that you pick when you bring a Gift & Refreshments (Pick a month that is convenient for you-(except Nov or Dec) Nov is our Cookie Exchange, Dec is the Xmas Party.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER ADDRESS:** (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form to a meeting or Mail to: Busy Bear's Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 7015, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315**

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## **NEW MEMBERS ONLY-**

\_\_\_\_\_ How long have you lived in Big Bear

\_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been quilting

\_\_\_\_\_ What other interest do you have besides quilting - explain what technique you like best & what other interest do you have.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you need more space—continue on the back of this form

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**Membership dues are: \$45.00 - Make Check out to BBQG**

*(Opportunity Quilt Tickets are included & will be handed out ASAP)*

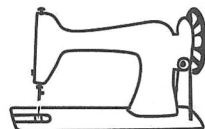
*There will be a prorated membership fee: (After July 1<sup>st</sup> includes Opportunity Tickets: \$32.50)-(After Labor day week end: \$12.50)*

\* Every member is asked to sell Opportunity Quilt Tickets & work at least (2) hours at the Quilt Show

\* Every member is also asked to bring a REFRESHMENT & a \$15.00 Minimum GIFT for the Birthday Exchange

*Regular Meeting: We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at The Mary Johnson Community Church, 40946, Big Bear Blvd, BBL*

*Paid Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_*



# Quilt Museums

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QUILTERS HALL OF FAME

QUILT STUDY CENTER

SAN JOSE QUILTS AND TEXTILES

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

AMISH QUILT MUSEUM

DENVER ART