



THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

SEPTEMBER 2023

General Meeting
Monday, September
25th
5:30 PM
Johnson Center
Community Church

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lines by... *Lindy*

Congratulations...to our guild on a job well done. Our quilt show was a huge success! Thank you to Belinda (27,000 steps in 3 days) and her committee for all the work they did in putting on a fabulous show. Thank you to all volunteers and their families that put in countless hours. Our boutique was the best ever thanks to Elaine and Janice's wonderful displays and organization. Finally, congratulations to our talented winners. Your work was admired by all that attended.

Over the last 6 months we have had many requests to change our meetings times. Initially, back in January I called all guild members just to chat and get to know you all better. There were many comments regarding this issue during my phone chats, also. Based on the above information the board has come up with 3 recommendations. All current guild members will have a chance to vote on days vs nights. **Our workshops are to remain the same on Tuesdays** following our Monday General meetings.

1. **All daytime meetings**- meetings to begin at 11 am...lunch to follow
2. **All nighttime meetings** – meetings to begin at 6pm...pre-dinner at 4pm
3. **Split daytime and nighttime meetings** (times above to remain the same). This is similar to how we met this year.
 - Daytime meeting months during winter and spring November to May
 - Nighttime meeting months during summer months June to October

Voting will be done anonymously via an email survey out by the end of the month. We are encouraging every member to vote. We will have the results of your vote at our October meeting.

Lindy



Lindy Edmond, President



BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

General Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2023

I. Call to order

President Lindy Edmond called to order the regular meeting of the Busy Bears Quilt Guild at 6:55 p.m. on August 21, 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 July 17, 2023 General Meeting as published in the August newsletter were approved on a motion by Lorraine Taylor, second by Flo Snyder. The motion was carried and approved.

III. Open Issues

- a) **Treasurer Report** - Michele Rustigan was absent. Lindy Edmond reported the July ending balance as \$20,571.64. Motion to approve the Guild's July treasurer's report as published in the August newsletter by Janice Stillwell and seconded by Jeanne Wallace. All in favor and 0 opposed.
- b) **Membership** - Laurie Nahay reported 83 members. Pick up your new membership packet & name badge. Lindy reported the Idea Box is on the table by the front door.
- c) **Sunshine and Shadows** - Teresa Georgi announced the birthdays for August and invited the members to sing "Happy Birthday".
- d) **Philanthropy** - Robin Davis reported kits coming out next month for next year's philanthropy. Pet beds/pillows kits available today - easy to make, instructions attached. Church is impressed by the food donations and says thank you.
- e) **Publicity and Marketing** - Helen Pangelinan was absent. Lindy Edmond invited members to pick up yard signs and magnet car signs located near the front door.
- f) **2023 Opportunity Quilt** - Bonnie Marshall says we are selling tickets.
- g) **2024 Opportunity Quilt** - Belinda Evans indicates the quilt will go to Carol Albert soon.
- h) **Fall Block Swap** - Swap the blocks next month.
- i) **UFO Challenge** - Next month the new UFO Challenge will be announced for next year. Belinda Evans won the grand prize for the year.
- j) **Challenge Quilt** - Wendy Stephens announced the winners of tonight's challenge vote. There were nine entrants. Robin Davis took first place. Gladys Panameno took second place. Heidi Llanes took third place.
- k) **Stitchy Fingers** - Sue Bost says we're a fun group. Next gathering is this Friday, August 25 at Laurie Hancock's house. Get to know members better.
- l) **Tea Party** - Elaine Dobiesz reports June 8, 2024 is booked with the Church already, historical building. Has four tables assigned to hosts. Janice Stillwell will host if 2 more tables aren't booked.
- m) **Retreats** - Kelley Smythe reports the Fall Retreat balance is due tonight. She asked members to tell her of any dietary restrictions. She handed out the registration forms. Next year's retreat is June 24 - 27. Deanna Melzian shared the wine contest of bringing two identical bottles and will be judged on taste and label.
- n) **Website** - No report.

General Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2023 (Continued)

- o) **Newsletter** - Janice Stillwell asks everyone to read the newsletter.
- p) **Hospitality** - Lindy Edmond thanked the 3 members, Colleen, Kat, and Susie for their hard work. Thank you everyone for bringing potluck food to share today.
- q) **Nomination Committee** - Belinda Evans reported the positions to consider. Please ask the present board and committee chairs about all they do in the position. Tammy Laubach has volunteered to chair next year's Quilt Show Boutique. Elaine Dobiesz chairs the Tea Party for next year. Announcements will be in the October newsletter and voting is in November.
- r) **Quilt Show** - Belinda Evans says judging is next Tuesday, August 29, 9 a.m., historical building at the Church. Come 10 minutes early. Lindy Edmond says Keenan will make hamburgers with all the fixings, please bring side dishes. Belinda spoke about the quilts in bags, names, not released Sunday at the end of the show without all quilts being accounted for. If someone is to pick up a quilt for another member, permission must be in writing. A demonstration of hanging the quilts was done prior to this general meeting. Rotary Interact students will assist in set-up and tear-down of the show. We may enter the school from the side entrance at 4 p.m. Elaine Dobiesz has a crew for marketplace set-up. Must leave the school by 9 p.m. Deanna Melzian is receiving wine tonight for the wine table and will accept wine Friday at set-up or even Saturday at the show--just let her know. Asking members for 1 - 2 bottles of wine with a receipt of \$15 or more attached.
- s) **Programs** - Lorraine Taylor reports that tomorrow is the easy table runner taught by Lindy Edmond. Binding in September. October is the Trunk Show by Robin Davis and class on embellishments.

IV. Old business - None

V. New business - None

VI. Show and Tell

- a) Laurie Nahay directed.

VII. Birthday Table

- a) Sue Bost directed.

2024 Budget Meeting: Thursday, August 24, 11:00 a.m., Bear Country Quilts shop. Closed meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 11 a.m., at Bear Country Quilts shop. Open to all members.

BBQG General Meeting: Monday, **September 25 due to retreat**, Youth Center, Community Church

4:00 p.m. Dinner at The Social 5:30 p.m. Social 6:00 p.m. General Meeting

Workshop: Tuesday, **September 26**, 9:30 a.m., Youth Center, Community Church

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by President Lindy Edmond.

Minutes submitted by: Michele Parris _____

Minutes approved by: _____

NOMINATIONS FOR 2024 OFFICERS AND CHAIR POSITIONS

We are still in need of a Treasurer (with Quick Books experience) and a VP Programs for next year's board.

We are planning on doing the Committee Chair Positions a little different this year. At the September general meeting the Nomination Committee will have sheets of paper where you can fill your name in on a committee chair position that you would be interested in holding for next year. Some people are shy about speaking up and volunteering. The Board will then review the individuals and go thru the applicants. The Board Members want everyone to feel that they can be considered for a position. The committee positions are as follows:

COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS

- Bargain Table
- Birthday Exchange
- Budget Committee (3)
- Challenge Quilts
- Comfort Quilts
- Corresponding
- Secretary
- Directory
- Facebook
- Hospitality
- Marketing (Advertising)
- Newsletter Editor
- Nomination (3)
- Parliamentarian
- Past President
- Publicity
- Retreat Summer
- Retreat Fall
- SCCQG Representative
- Special Events/Picnic, Christmas
- Sunshine & Shadows
- Ways & Means
- Webmaster
- 2024 Opportunity Quilt

2023 QUILT SHOW

- Chair
- Basket
- Boutique
- Curtains
- Decorations
- Food
- Labels
- Layout
- Publicity
- Signage
- Vendors

Please call me if you have any questions regarding positions and responsibilities.

Thank You,



Belinda Evans, Nomination Committee Chair



PROGRAMS

Greetings!

We did it! What a fun show we had this year. So many beautiful quilts. I was so pleased that we had so many helpers for set up and the whole show. It always makes it so much easier. And of course, a BIG thank you to Belinda!

Following is the schedule for the rest of the year:

September 25 Meeting - Viewer's Choice Awards

September 26 Workshop - Binding-Sue Merritt - Sign-up sheet will be at the meeting-supply list below:

Binding Workshop - Sue Merritt

Bring your completed table runner project from the August workshop or a small quilt that needs binding. Do not trim, we'll do that in class. You will also need the following:

1. Enough 3" binding strips to bind your table runner/quilt, do not sew your binding strip together.
2. Thread that matches your binding.
3. A small clear ruler – 6" is a good size.
4. 6" to 9" square up ruler.
5. An iron and ironing mat. We do have irons and ironing boards but it will be easier if you have your own.
6. General sewing supplies and sewing machine.
7. Your lunch!!!!

October 16 Meeting - Trunk Show by one of our own, Robin Davis

October 17 Workshop - Embellishing Ideas-Robin Davis

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 you do need to sign up to get the supply list for class and to let us know how many there will be.

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

Lorraine Taylor, Vice President & Program Chair

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FAT QUARTER RAFFLE

Hello everyone. Fat quarters----once again, no theme. Please select any fabric you wish.



Sue Boylin, Birthday Table



BARGAIN TABLE

The bargain table will be back after missing last meeting. There will be some new (old) fabric and some Aida cloth for cross stitchers. See you there!



Sue Bost, Bargain Table Chair

COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

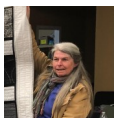
Please keep the "P" foods...Proteins coming. Powdered milk, peanut butter, protein bars, canned meats with a side dish, cereals and canned pastas. All food items are needed. Please drop off at Philanthropy table.



Robin Davis, Philanthropy Chair

COMFORT QUILTS

This year guild members have contributed 284 comfort quilts and over 300 teddy bears. We've truly earned our "Busy Bears" name!



Robin Davis and Jan Nissen, Comfort Quilt Co-Chairs

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Happy September birthdays! The September flowers are the aster and the morning glory. September's gemstone is the sapphire.

SEPTEMBER:

Lorraine Taylor	September 3rd
Marilynda Moore	September 15th
Mary Harper	September 20th
Diana Bidwell	September 23rd
Heather Thomas	September 25th



Teresa Georgi, Sunshine and Shadows



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

Sign up sheet will be at the September Guild Meeting. Bring cash or a check made out to Busy Bears Quilt Guild.



Elaine Dobiesz, Christmas Party Coordinator



2023 UFO QUILT SWEEPSTAKES

I wish to Thank and Congratulate all that entered the 2023 UFO Challenge Sweepstakes.

Namely; Elaine Dobiesz, Carol Albert, Lindy Edmond, Laurie Nahay, Bonnie Marshal-Creel, Cheri Johson, Belinda Evans, Susie Oberneder, Susan Solomonson, Cathy Frazier & myself. Together we finished twenty-eight quilting projects. Bravo!

This year's Sweepstakes winner of \$120, was Ms. Belinda, herself.

Next year Susan Solomonson will be your contact person for the UFO Sweepstakes. I encourage you to look in your closet and figure out which UFOs you plan to finish by August of 2024.

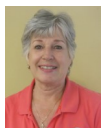
Have fun,

Jeannie Mazzacane



MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is still at 83. The membership form for 2024 will be in the October Bear Facts Newsletter so make sure you look for it and print it out. We would like to get them turned in at the November meeting as there is no meeting in December and we would like to start on the Directory in January!



Happy Sewing,

Laurie Nahay, Membership Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2023

September 18th - 21st - Vina de Lestonnac Retreat

September 25th - General Meeting

September 26th - Workshop

October 2nd - Board Meeting

October 16th - General Meeting

October 17th - Workshop

November 6th - Board Meeting

November 20th - General Meeting

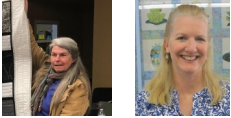
November 21st - Workshop

December 4th - Christmas Dinner



CHALLENGE QUILTS

WOW! A big hand for all of our Flower Gems Challenge Quilt participants. This year's presentation clearly showcased how creative you all are making it tough to pick a favorite. The next challenge quilt theme will be presented at the September 25th general meeting. I promise it will be another fun one yet a bit more challenging.



Robin Davis and Wendy Stephens, Co-Chairs



HEIDI LLANES



ROBIN DAVIS



GLADYS PANAMENO



WENDY STEPHENS



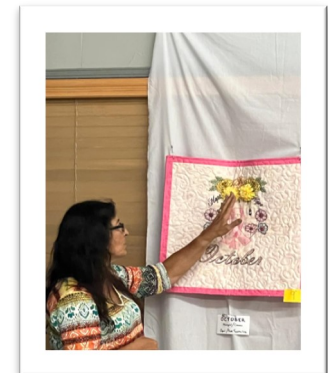
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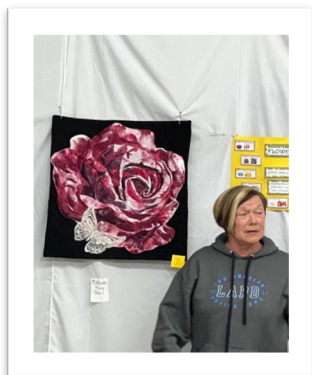
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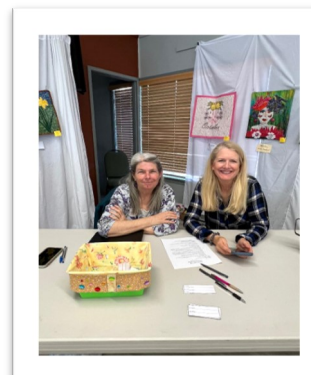
BELENDA EVANS



FLO SNYDER



BONNIE MARSHALL-CREEL



ROBIN DAVIS
WENDY STEPHENS

AUGUST MEETING SHOW & TELL



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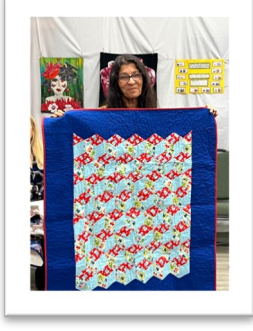
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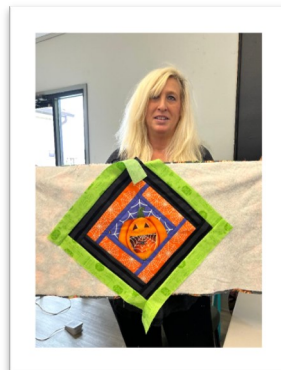
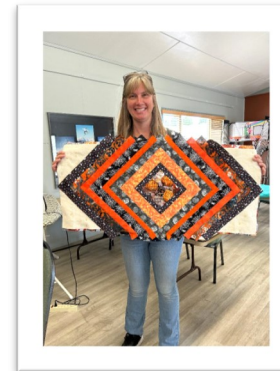
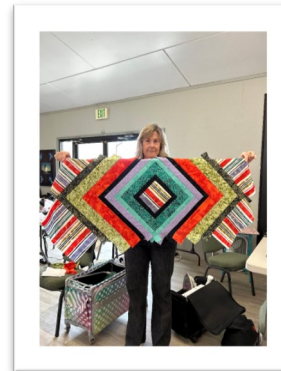
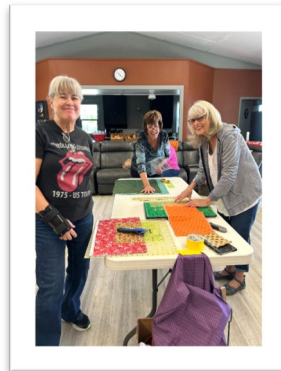
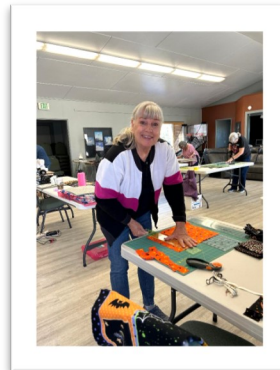
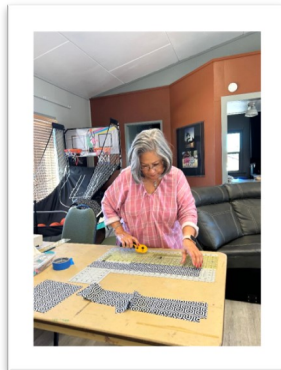
AUGUST WORKSHOP - TABLE RUNNERS

Lindy Edmond taught a Quilted Holiday Table Runner during our August Workshop. Armed with her tools of the trade, excellent step by step written instructions and polished teacher skills, Lindy provided attendees with a fun filled day of sewing.

It was a great day to learn a new technique and to enjoy the company of fellow guild members. Attendees included: Cheri Dietzen, Elaine Dobiesz, Kat Gomez, Debra Lanning, Tammy Laubach, Heidi Llanes, Laurie Nahay, Gladys Panameno, Flo Snyder and Janice Stillwell.

Sue Merritt will be teaching her binding technique during the September Workshop where the table runners will be completed.

If you haven't attended a workshop, please plan to join in the fun. Lorraine Taylor does a fabulous job coordinating our workshops and utilizing our member's talents. Thank you, Lorraine!



QUILT SHOW

27,690 steps are what it took me to help organize the Quilt Show this year! Wow no wonder why my feet were hurting that weekend.



I cannot begin to thank all the quilt show chair committee members for their help in making it a fantastic show. The guild members and their husbands did a fantastic job in helping set up and tear down in record time this year.

I would like to have a after the show meeting to discuss the improvements or changes that could be made for next year. We are always improving which is why it is a great show. If you are not able to make it to the meeting, please shoot me an e-mail with your thoughts or drop it in the suggestion box at the general meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for October 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. at Bear Country Quilts.

Thank You, again for all your hard work.



Belinda Evans, Quilt Show Chair

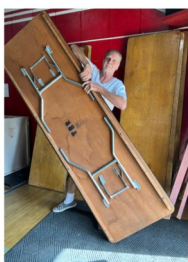
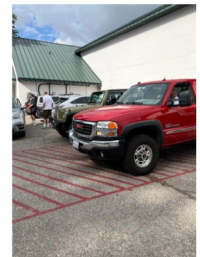


QUILT SHOW SET UP & POTLUCK

It was all hands on deck Friday, September 1st ensuring the Quilt Show was set up and ready to roll on Saturday, September 2nd. What a tremendous group of volunteers!

Following all of the hard work, everyone enjoyed a fabulous potluck dinner. Yes, there truly is a reward for hard work!

It was an outstanding way to kick off the Quilt Show.



JUDGE SELECTED RIBBON WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the Judge Selected Ribbon Winners!

CHALLENGE

- HEIDI LLANES, 1ST PLACE
- LYS AXELSON, 2ND PLACE, MIXED TECHNIQUES
- GLADYS PANAMENO, 3RD PLACE, WHIMSICAL

MINI QUILT

- ROBIN DAVIS, 1ST PLACE

SMALL ART QUILT

- ROBIN DAVIS, 1ST PLACE, HAND QUILTING
- MARY HARPER, 2ND PLACE
- BELENDIA EVANS, 3RD PLACE

LARGE ART QUILT

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

SMALL WALL HANGING - ONE PERSON

- BELINDA EVANS, 1ST PLACE, HAND APPLIQUE
- SUSAN SCHWEBEL, 2ND PLACE, MACHINE EMBROIDERY
- JEANNIE MAZZACANE, 3RD PLACE
- SUE BOST, CHILD MOTIEF

LARGE WALL HANGING - ONE PERSON

- LINDY EDMOND, 1ST PLACE
- LAURIE HANCOCK, 2ND PLACE, BEST USE OF COLOR
- CAROL ALBERT, 3RD PLACE, CELEBRATIONS 1 PERSON
- SUE MERRITT, USE OF A PANEL

LARGE WALL HANGING - TWO PERSONS

- JANICE STILLWELL, 1ST PLACE
- MARY HARPER, 2ND PLACE
- DENISE SCHIAVONE, 3RD PLACE, PRIMITIVE
- KAREN STOCKING, MODERN

LAP/TWIN - ONE PERSON

- CAROL ALBERT, 1ST PLACE
- BONNIE MARSHALL-CREEL, 2ND PLACE, DOMESTIC MACHINE
- BELINDA EVANS, 3RD PLACE
- SUE MERRITT, HAND EMBROIDERY

LAP/TWIN - TWO PERSONS

- ELAINE DOBIESZ, 1ST PLACE, LONGARM QUILTING
- MICHELE FRANZESE RUSTIGAN, 2ND PLACE
- CATHY FRAZIER, 3RD PLACE
- SUE BOST, CELEBRATIONS 2 PEOPLE
- SUSAN SOLOMONSON, NOVICE

JUDGE SELECTED RIBBON WINNERS

LARGE QUILT - ONE PERSON

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

LARGE QUILT - TWO PERSONS

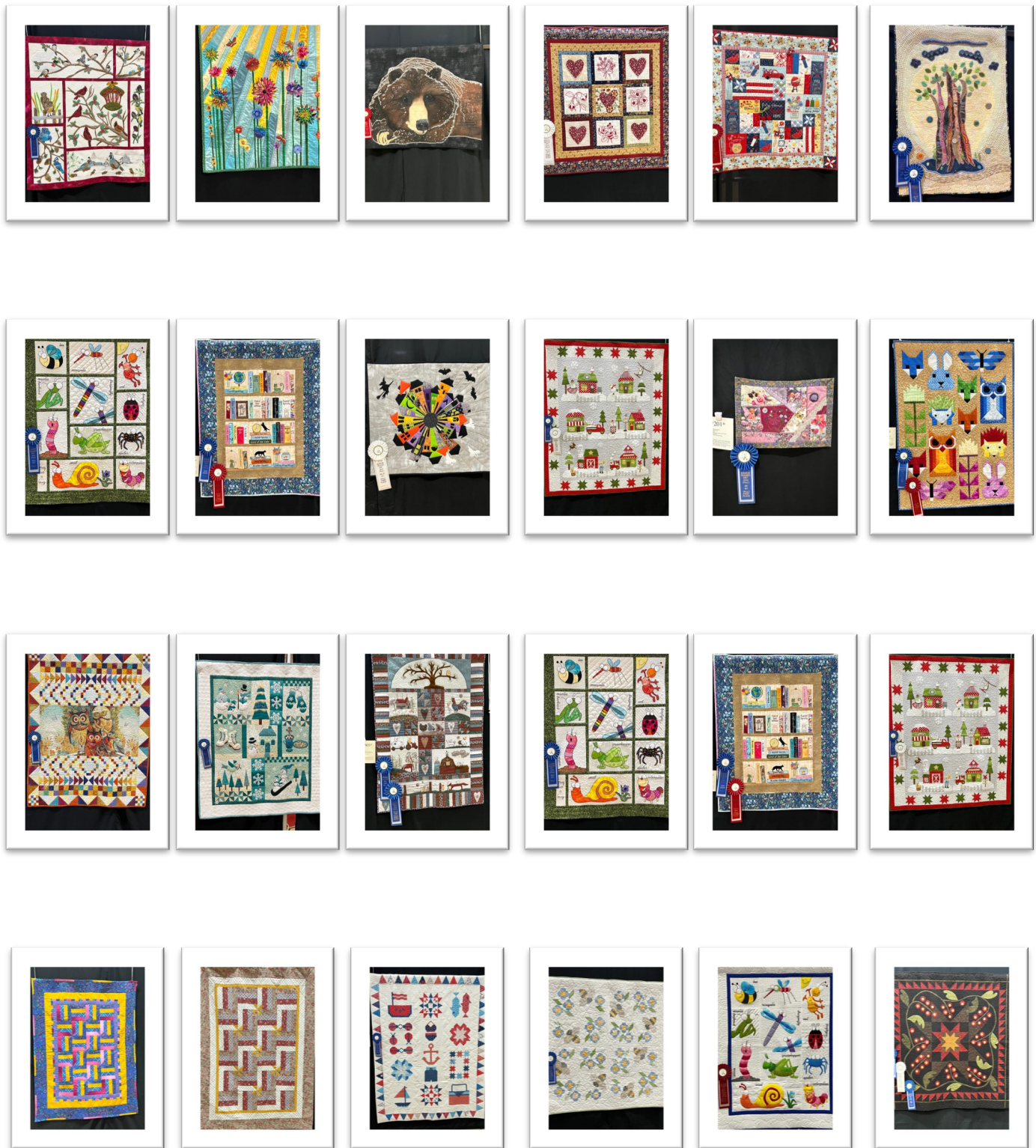
- DENISE SCHIAVONE, 1ST PLACE, JUDGE'S CHOICE
- SUSAN HART, 2ND PLACE
- LAURIE NAHAY, 3RD PLACE

CREATIVE ARTS

- LYS AXELSON, 1ST PLACE
- KELLEY SMYTHE, 2ND PLACE
- LINDY EDMOND, HEART OF MY HEARTS

TABLE/BED RUNNER & PLACE MATS

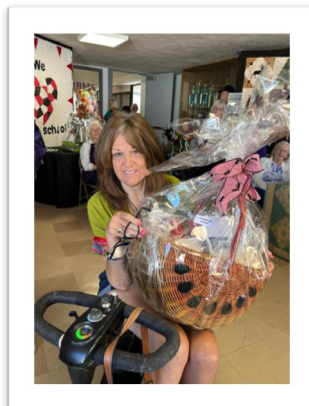
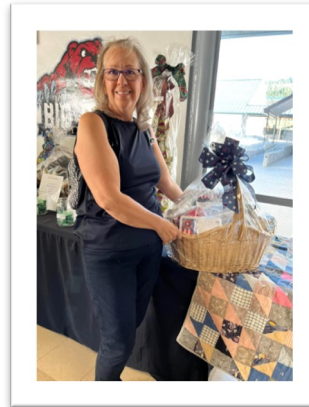
- SUSAN HART, 1ST PLACE
- CAROL ALBERT, 2ND PLACE
- BONNIE MARSHALL-CREEL, 3RD PLACE

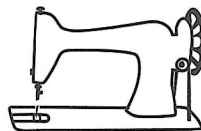


AND THE WINNER IS.....RAFFLE BASKETS AND OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Congratulations Raffle Basket Winners! Carol Albert and Marsha Meyer created an array of beautiful and creative baskets that tempted Quilt Show Attendees and Guild Members alike. Raffle Baskets were donated by guild members and were then transformed into amazing displays by Carol and Marsha. Well done ladies.

Guild Member Heidi Llanes' Mother Judy was the lucky winner of the 2023 Opportunity Quilt. Congratulations Judy!





Where to Find Quilts

R O C K I N G C H A I R S L L G L R M
S R E N I A T N O C E G A R O T S T T
A T X A C I D F R E E B O X E S K Y R
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BEDS

CEDAR CHESTS

ROLLED ON TUBES

STORAGE CONTAINERS

BOOKSHELVES

LINEN CLOSET

ACID FREE BOXES

LAUNDRY BASKETS

QUILT HANGERS

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WALLS

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