



THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - September 2015

CALENDAR - 2015

September 14: Sewcial
 21: Guild Meeting
 22: Comfort quilts
 29: Board Meeting

October 12: Sewcial
 19: Guild Meeting
 20: Pumpkin Wallhanging
 Workshop
 21: Board Meeting



EDITORS EPISTLE

Looking forward to the awarding of the viewer's choice ribbons at September's meeting. I believe that it was better this year by not trying to get the ribbons awarded at the end of the show. The votes are all counted. Plus received a lot of good comments.

Congratulations to everyone who entered a quilt - every single quilt in the show received votes by our viewer's. You are all winners!!!

Karen Cumberland



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

We did it! Mountain Treasures XXVII was a huge success because you cared and stepped up to participate and be there when a job needed to be done. Thank You!

Seeing our quilts on display, with a variety of quilting techniques & use of pattern and color, was very inspiring. I came home with new fabric and pattern ideas... I'm sure that some of you are much faster sewers than I am...and will have something completed for our next Show and Tell. My hat is off to you!

Our September meeting should be fun. Our very capable quilt show chair, Karen Cumberland, will be awarding the Viewer's Choice Ribbons for each quilt category.

Carol Henderson, Wendy Green and Cat Harris are on this year's nominating committee and they will be talking with members, both individually and as a whole, on filling next year's open positions for our chairperson and board members. Think of it as your opportunity to become more active in our guild and the direction it takes.

We will talk again about the possibility of having daytime meetings, January thru March or April, of 2016. Personally, I believe the idea is a practical one.

Meanwhile, enjoy our beautiful fall weather and find yourself a new project to sew.

Keep smiling,

Jeannie Mazzacane



DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING

Wow! The show is over and we are heading into fall. As I write this, it is pouring outside. So nice. Dinner this month, as usual, is at Maggio's in the Von's Shopping Center, September 21. We meet at 4:00. Do plan to join the group. It is always a good time to visit and maybe get to know more about your quilting sisters.

Lorraine Taylor

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BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD MINUTES - August 17, 2015

President Jeannie Mazzacane called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., and welcomed everyone. Jeanne Arneri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our guests tonight are Diana Bogart, Gavin Langhurst, Linda Stangl, Gaby Gordon, Carol Marie Smith, Suzy Czarnecki, and John Wallis. We are also pleased to have three new members join our guild this evening: Sally Ericson, Elaine Dobiesz, and Marilyn Birdwell.

Cat Harris led the audience in expressing warm wishes to our members who are celebrating their birthdays this month.

MINUTES -

Sandi Cannarella made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2015 meeting. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT -

Bonnie Snell made a motion that the July 2015 Treasurer's Report be accepted with the following amendments: *Picnic - \$38.14, Rent \$50.00*. Motion passed.

1VP -

Lorraine Taylor is making arrangements for our annual Christmas Dinner at Evergreen Restaurant on Monday December 7.

PROGRAMS -

Jeannie Mazzacane introduced the following program planning proposals on behalf of Janet Schultz, who is ill and unable to be with us this month:

1. Consider the possibility of scheduling our meetings during the day for winter months, to improve travel conditions for our members.
2. Explore the options for cutting back on paid speakers and workshops, since enrollment hasn't been meeting the cost of hiring guest teachers.

Both proposals will be discussed further in the coming months. Lorraine Taylor suggested putting out an interest survey to our members to see what other changes or topics we might want to look into.

Tomorrow's Boutique Sewing Day will be cancelled due to lack of participation.

Karen Cumberland shared information about a free-motion quilting workshop being offered by Big Bear Lake Quilters Guild. This workshop is scheduled for September 19, and Busy Bears Guild members are invited to enroll.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS -

Cat Harris brought us up to date on Sunshine and Shadows news.

QUILT SHOW -

Jeannie Mazzacane announced that Quilt Show entry forms are being collected tonight. She invited everyone to attend the judging on September 1. Karen Cumberland reviewed the procedures and schedules for all upcoming Quilt Show activities. Many volunteer are still needed in order to make the show a success. Bonnie Snell discussed take-down procedures, and shared details about ordering lunches on show days. Barbara Olsen went over the plans for the Friday Potluck. Fran Martin is seeking more volunteers to help with hanging quilts. Laurie Nahay shared the vendor list.

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Quilt Show (continued)

Cat Harris talked about Boutique procedures and guidelines. After discussion, it was decided to make credit card transactions available to Boutique shoppers. Covering the fees for this capability, in addition to the guild's share of 15%, and 8% for sales tax, will increase the percentage subtracted by the guild to 26% of the seller's ticket prices. Sellers are responsible for including this amount in their prices. Mary Price is still seeking donations for raffle baskets. Mary Baughman is looking for teddy bears and small furniture items to borrow for use as 'safety decorations' at the show.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE -

Jeannie Mazzacane reminded members that this year's Nominating Committee will begin meeting soon, and encouraged everyone to be ready to volunteer.

CHALLENGE QUILTS - Belinda Evans and Bonnie Marshall-Creel introduced the winners of this year's Crayon Challenge Quilt Competition:

Honorable Mention - Kay Higdon

3rd place - Wendy Stephens

2nd place - Sandi Cannarella

1st place - Lys Axelson

All participants in the Challenge gave brief descriptions of their entries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Jeanne Arneri, Recording Secretary



SHOW AND TELL



Jeannie Mazacane



Bonnie Marshall-Creel



Karen Cumberland

SHOW AND TELL



Loretta Castelluccio



Madeline Frey



Beverly Bennett



Bonnie Snell



Laurie Nahay



Cat Harris

CHALLENGE QUILTS



Wendy Stephens
1st Place



Sandi Cannarella
2nd Place



Lys Axelson
3rd Place



Kay Higdon
Honorable Mention



What a great showing of challenge quilts



In Memory of
Kay Higdon

M E M B E R S H I P

We had 68 members for September, 7 guests and 3 new members

New members

Marilyn Birdwell
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Sally Ericson
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Fran Martin

BIRTHDAY EXCHANGE

Bonnie Marshall-Creel
 Gale and Walt Murphy
 Lori Felber
 Jeanne Arneri
 Sharon Reeve

WON BY:

Mary Price
 Colleen Olson
 Bonnie Snell
 Jeanne Wallace
 Jacque Holmes
 Wendy Stevens
 Bev Bennett

*Birthday Exchange
 and Refreshments*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>BE/R</u>
<i>Diana Bedwell</i>	<i>Sept 23</i>	<i>Sept</i>
<i>Beverly Bennett</i>	<i>Sept 19</i>	<i>Sept</i>
<i>Theresa Bondurant</i>	<i>Sept 9</i>	<i>Sept</i>
<i>Mo Franks</i>	<i>Sept 9</i>	<i>Sept</i>
<i>Lorraine Taylor</i>	<i>Sept 3</i>	<i>Sept</i>
<i>Janet Walz</i>	<i>Apr 6</i>	<i>Sept</i>

*If you are listed for this month BE/R,
 this is your month to bring a GIFT for the Birth-
 day Exchange Table & FOOD for Refreshments
 & don't forget to sign each list.
 If you missed your assigned month, pick another
 month to bring a Gift & Food.*

AUGUST REFRESHMENTS FROM:

Jeannie Mazzacane - Cookies
 Bonnie Marshall-Creel - Licorice Chips
 Gale and Walt Murphy - Brownies
 Lori Felber - Key Lime Pie
 Jeanne Arneri
 Sharon Reeves - Vegie Plate



Comfort Quilts: This month's workshop will be comfort quilts. I have fabric ready and need help matching it up into kits. Will have enough kits to give us a good head start on next year. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to this wonderful organization!

Philanthropy: Don't forget your food items for the pantry, pull tabs and box tops.

See you then!

Sue Hart



BARGAIN TABLE

Hey everyone! New bin for September and some from the old bins too. We will be cleaning out the bargain table fabrics so get it if you like it....it may be gone forever after this meeting. Happy Fall you all.

Wendy Green

and

Cindy Young



**Busy Bears Quilt Guild
TREASURERS REPORT 2015**

August 2015	
Balance 07/31/2015	\$ 4,639.14
Income	\$ 560.50
Expenses	\$-1,611.37
Balance 09/03/2015	\$ 3,588.27

INCOME

Membership Fees	\$ 37.50
Birthday Exchange	\$ 52.00
Bargain Table	\$ 71.00
Opp Quilt 2015	\$ 400.00
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	\$ 560.50

EXPENSES

Challenge Quilt Awards	(\$ 100.00)
Education Workshop	(\$ 475.00)
Newsletter Postage	(\$ 9.80)
Rent	(\$ 100.00)
Sunshine & Shadows	(\$ 57.79)
Show Insurance	(\$ 25.00)
Show Ribbons	(\$ 319.60)
Show Equipment	(\$ 517.70)
Show supplies	(\$ 6.48)
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	(\$ 1,611.37)

Carol Henderson - Treasurer



FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

CUT-UPS

A road trip is planned for September. We will go to Blue Jay's Quilt Walk in Lake Arrowhead on Sat Sept 26, I will drive, contact me.

In October we will go to the Palm Springs Show on Thursday Oct. 4 . We will car Pool.

Fran Martin



STITCHY FINGERS

Last month we had more than a dozen of us at Jacque's, everyone finishing up their quilts for the show. And almost everyone showed up at Sue Bost's to admire her new kitchen.

This month we will get together at Sue Merritt's on the 11th, and Lori Felber's on the 25th.

Jill Gilham





Busy Bears Quilting Guild September Program Update

Janet Schultz, 949.813.1776 (call or text) or janetschultz2003@yahoo.com

September's Meeting we award the viewer's choice ribbons.

September's Workshop is all about comfort quilts. Join us in putting together kits for next years quilts. Sue will have all the fabrics cut and ready for us to match up.

Big Bear Lake Quilter's Guild has extended an invitation to all of us to join them at a Free Motion Quilting Class. The class is being offered Saturday, September the 19th at 9:30 am at Summit Christian Fellowship on Garstin Rd. The instructor is Heidi Stagno from Heidi's Longarm Quilting Center in Calimesa. The class will be using your domestic machine, but the same principles can be also translated to a longarm machine. I had the pleasure of meeting Heidi at BBLQG's Quilt show and was really impressed with her and her gorgeous samples. The cost of the class is \$25.00. Contact Barbara 818-450-7471

October's Meeting wool felting trunk show by Pamela Marshall.

October's Workshop is a felted wool Harvest Pumpkin Wall Hanging.

This will be a fun project for fall. Harvest Pumpkin is an original design by the instructor, Pamela Marshall from Stars and Scraps Quilt Store in Corona.

In this workshop you will learn:

1. All of the embroidery stitches required to complete this project.
2. How to prepare the fabric and wool for applique.
3. How to transfer your design to the fabric.
4. Helpful techniques when working with wool.

A supply list is available when you sign up. Or you have the option to buy the kit for \$10.99. The kit includes the wool, fabric for background and back, and the binding. You will also be able to purchase the frame at the workshop.

Be sure to sign up and let us know if you want the kits so we can let Pamela know.

Fee-\$20 for members-\$35 for non-members.



Christmas Party

It is a bit early to start sign-ups for the Annual Christmas Party. The fun is set for Monday, December 7 at 5pm. You will have several options for dinner which you will pick when you sign up and pay. The cost for members is \$15. More details to follow and I will have the sign-up sheet available at the October meeting. It is always a fun evening of delicious food and of course, our "The Night Before Christmas" exchange game. To join in the fun, you just need to bring a homemade Christmas Tree decoration wrapped in a fat quarter. Be sure to get the date on your calendar.

Lorraine Taylor



SCCQG

The SCCQG quarterly meeting will be held in Simi Valley on Saturday October 3 (this is a date change). The topic is **Social Media: How to Make it Work for your Guild**. If you are interested in attending, let me know. I will not be available on that date, but I'm sure that we can coordinate with members who wish to attend.



Bonnie Snell and Janet Walz



2015 Challenge Quilts

Thanks to all those who took the time to create the truly beautiful quilts for this year's challenge. They were all so creative that it was difficult to choose the winners.

Congratulations to the winners for their masterful entries. Hope you will each participate again this coming year. Regards



Bonnie Marshall-Creel

What a great turn out for our 2015 Challenge Quilt. From what we heard everyone had a great time putting their colors together. We have some very talented quilters!

Thank you for those who participated, and let's challenge those who didn't for next year.



Belinda Evans

Retreat

Please note: **Official dates for next year's retreat (expanded to three nights) are: July 11-14, 2016**. That will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights, and return home on Thursday. We were trying for August, but that just didn't work out. We were able to add Wednesday as an extra night. We will once again share with the Valley Needlers. Attendance is limited to 20 people. Reservations will be taken starting at the January meeting. Set aside \$25 a month starting now and it will be easy to pay it off by the June guild meeting.



Cat Harris

Sunshine and Shadows

Happy birthday to our September babies: **Lorraine Taylor, Mo Franks, Theresa Bondurant, Beverly Bennett** and **Diana Bedwell**. And a very happy retirement to **Theresa Bondurant**... her last day was Thursday, Sept. 3rd. Lots of happy crafting and artwork ahead for her! **Jill Gilham** welcomed a new great-grandson... eleven pounds, 4 ounces... a football player for sure!

Janet Shultz continues to undergo infusion treatments and wound care appointments off-hill two-three times weekly for her very serious autoimmune-related issues. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to heal. **Theresa Bondurant** is also receiving treatment for health issues and could use your healing thoughts. And remember, a phone call or an offer of assistance is always welcome during these difficult times.



Cat Harris

2015 QUILT SHOW

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make this year's show a huge success. I may have had the title as chairperson, but a head is nothing without all the parts of the body to make it whole. A very special thank you to our husbands - they were so organized that I have never seen the set up and take down go so smoothly. I'm not going to list each and everyone of you for fear that I will miss someone. Just know that I truly appreciate each and everyone of you. I'll admit I had some concern about covering all our areas with volunteers, but was blessed to have so many of you come to me and volunteer to cover whatever was needed.

Some of you may not know, but we were approached at August's meeting by the daughter of Midge Warner (a past member of the guild) with the hope of displaying her mother's quilt in our upcoming show. Midge made a quilt, but during a move it was thought to be lost for the last 15 years. She finally found it about a month ago. Her wish was to be able to display it in a quilt show this year for fear that she may not be here next year. The board agreed to display the quilt in a special category of quilts from the past. During the show, I had the pleasure of meeting Midge, she was thrilled to see her quilt hanging in the show. The quilt was voted by our vendor's to receive the vendor's choice ribbon, even though it wasn't numbered to be judged. I was present when her daughter came to pick up the quilt after the show. She was so full of gratitude and tears of joy - first for us granting her mother's wish and second that she received a ribbon.

Karen Cumberland



Vendors

I want to thank all the wonderful vendors who came to our beautiful Big Bear Valley and put in an enormous amount of work setting up and taking down their amazing booths! I hope you all shopped at the vendor booths and can't wait to see your new creations at the 2016 Mountain Treasures Quilt Show!

Laurie Nahay

Vendor Chairperson



Boutique

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the quilt show boutique. Shout out to **Mary Baughman, Ruth Beattie, Beverly Bennett** (who worked all day, both days), **Theresa Bondurant, Sandi Cannarella, Elaine Dobies, Madeline Frey, Carol Howerton, Bonnie Marshall-Creel, Laurie Nahay, Ina Niday, Sharon Reeve, Lorraine Taylor and Jeanne Wallace**. If I've missed someone, please know that ALL of your helping hands were very much appreciated.

Cat Harris



SHOW RIBBONS

Judge's Choices

<u>Category</u>	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
Challenge	Sandi Cannarella	Lys Axelson	Jeannie Mazzacane
Sm Wall Hanging 1 person	Fran Martin	Laurie Nahay	Sue Bost
Sm Wall Hanging 2 person	Jacque Holmes	Karen Cumberland	Karen Cumberland
Lg Wall Hanging 1 person	Lys Axelson	Bonnie Marshall-Creel	Sue Merritt
Lg Wall Hanging 2 person	Jan Jamriska	Jan Jamriska	Janet Schults
Twin/Lap 1 person	Sandi Cannarella	Bonnie Marshall-Creel	Jan Chapman
Twin/Lap 2 person	Gay Joyner	Jan Jamriska	Cat Harris
Large Quilt 1 person	Sandi Cannarella	Sue Merritt	Sue Merritt
Large Quilt 2 person	Gay Joyner	Jacque Holmes	Shirley Hartwick

Specialty Ribbons

Judge's Choice	Sue Merritt
Best of Show	Lys Axelson
Hand Embroidery	Sue Merritt
Best Color	Sandi Cannarella
Machine Quilting - Domestic	Laurie Nahay
Machine Quilting - Long Arm	Sandi Cannarella
Novice	Madeline Frey
Hand Quilting	Jan Chapman
Whimsical	Janet Walz
Art Quilt	Bonnie Marshall-Creel

Vendor's Choice

Midge Warner

Quilt Show Baskets

Thank you to all you donated items for our baskets. They were a huge success again this year.

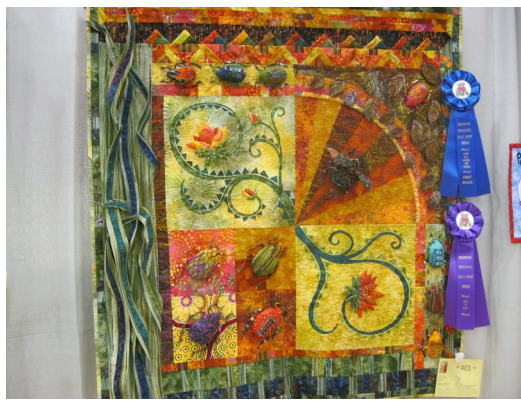
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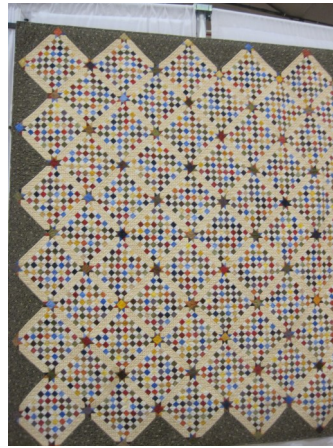
Opportunity Quilt 2015

The winner is Sharon Hall. She lives in Palmdale and has a place in Green Valley Lake. She was very excited and surprised when I contacted her after the drawing. I am going to meet her in Hesperia on the 17th to present her with the quilt.

Karen Cumberland



Midge Warner - Vendor's Choice



Quilt Show Pictures



Just a few of our wonderful selection of quilts. Sorry didn't get a chance to take pictures of all of them.

Super Volunteer ~ Lorraine Taylor



Lorraine Taylor has become a familiar presence since she joined our guild in 2009...and it is past time that we Recognize and Honor her as a "Super Volunteer", on behalf of the Busy Bears Quilt Guild.

Lorraine has always been an entrepreneur, having spent ten years traveling in a RV with her husband & family, she was a natural to work for the Long Beach World Trade Cruises. With a combined 25 yrs. of experience, Lorraine especially enjoyed coordinating group scrapbooking & quilting cruises.

We all remember 9/11...Lorraine was on a Nova Scotia cruise & was impacted, as were many others, that close to New York. When she got home...Long Beach & nearby area quilters were rallying to make a giant quilt in honor of those who had lost their lives during 9/11... and hang it on the very building that Lorraine worked out of. The connection with these marvelous quilters was very healing experience for her.

Life handed Lorraine another blow in 2007 when her husband was diagnosed with cancer & died shortly thereafter. She spent two years in recovery mode & looking for a location to start the next chapter of her life...this time "Land Cruises"...crafters & quilters would come to her welcoming environment and experience a getaway at "Inspirations" Retreat Center.

By 2010, Lorraine was working with Jan Chapman on Programs and would also plan our annual Christmas Party. She would serve as our Program Chair for 5 years; weave in a few more Christmas Parties, and be the number one volunteer for selling Opportunity Quilt tickets to other guilds, from Long Beach to Orange County.

I'm very proud and happy to have Lorraine as my 1st VP. She hosted a fun Picnic in July and I expect our Christmas party will have her magic touch too.

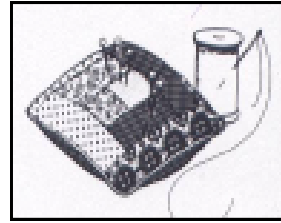
Many Thanks Lorraine!

Jeannie Mazzacane



CALENDAR OF QUILT EVENTS

Sept. 9-12 San Diego Quilt Show
19-20 Gathering Under Oaks Quilt Show
26 Quilt Walk in Blue Jay
26 North County Quilters Show
26-27 Flying Geese Quilters Guild



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is extending the **quilt show special of 15% off** to all Busy Bears Quilt Guild members until September 30th, since many of us were at the show and couldn't make it to the shop to take advantage of the special.

Thank you Belinda



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