



# THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - February 2016

## CALENDAR - 2016

February 8: Sewcial  
 15: Guild Meeting  
 16: Workshop  
 23: Board Meeting

March 14: Sewcial  
 21: Guild Meeting  
 22: Workshop  
 29: Board Meeting



## EDITORS EPISTLE

I really enjoyed seeing and hearing about all the memory quilts. You can learn so much about people through their quilts. And it's such a great way to preserve our memories and pass them down to our families.

Happy Valentines day every one!

Karen Cumberland



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Quilters,

I've been compiling "possible" quilt projects and looking at a few old ones. What to do next? Play with Kaffe fabrics? Go scrappy and use up some of my stash? Cut-up some old practice blocks & see what happens if I introduce a new fabric? Use a lot of half-square triangles...what about more applique incorporated into my quilts???

This year Jeanne Arneri has put together a wide variety of programs and workshops to get our creative juices flowing. In addition, she has brought back "Quilting Connections", with the idea that we can learn & be inspired by one another...if we make the time to participate. In fact, that is what Busy Bears is all about...encouraging one another to step out of our comfort zone, refresh old skills and learn new ones.

We have many talented quilters in our guild...let them inspire you to try something new and see where it takes you.

The point is...we have to be willing to work, practice, fail and try again. Progress happens because we want it to.

Take a workshop, take a chance, and talk with the person sitting next to you at our meetings and find out what common interests you share. Step up and volunteer to fill one of our vacant board or committee chair positions...become an active member...and help us in planning of our 28th annual "Mountain Treasures" quilt show. Participate.

Our opportunity quilt, "Pioneer Spirit" is one to be proud of...join us in making our 2016 quilt show one to be proud of too!

Keep Smiling, Jeannie Mazzacane



## Dinner before the Meeting

Dinner this month is going to be at Maggios at 4:00. They have a nice variety on their menu. Salads, Pizza and Pasta dishes "Oh My" and wine too! Reservation is not needed so there is no reason to RSVP me with your attendance. Join other members and get acquainted with new friends before heading to our general meeting.

See ya there, Belina Evans



## **BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD MINUTES - January, 2016**

Busy Bears Quilt Guild for January 18, 2016

President Jeannie Mazzacane called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Madeline Frey led the pledge of Allegiance.

Jeannie Mazzacane Welcomed everyone and introduced the new Member Bonnie Smets. Bonnie Smets, Who was Karen Cumberland's Guest.

We need a volunteer to organize the Quilt Show for 2016.

Beverly Bennett for Sunshine and Shadows announced the Birthday Ladies for the month of January.

Jacque moved to approve the minutes of the November 2015 meeting, Wendy Green second the motion. Motion passed.

There are 49 Members in the Busy Bears Quilt Guild.

Lori Felder excepted the position for Librarian. Carol Henderson will help.

Jeanne Arnieri: The program for the year is "Making Memories". Jeanne has many Program Techniques for this year.

Bonnie Snell will be giving the workshop on Scrappy Quilts for February.. Sign up now to fill the class .. we don't want any class cancelations.

Madeline Frey will be giving a class on free form Appliqué Fabric Faces. Just for Fun !! (with Boobs).. Class is filling up so sign up now.

Jill Gilham will be giving a class on "Promise Quilts" in April.

Carol Henderson is encouraging everyone to finish your UFO Quilts. Make a list of ten UFO Quilts that you need to finish. She will have more information the News Letter.

Cat Harris: Retreat entry forms are ready for sign ups.

We are gathering up 6 1/2" Blocks for the Heart Quilt to give to Janet Schultz. Janet Waltz offered some of her favorite Kaffe Facette Fabrics for the Border and Binding.

A little Sunshine anyone!! Well Lys Axelson has been excepted for the National Quilt Museum Exhibit... Good Show Lys...

Sue Bost: Hospitality

Colleen and Cheri are having fun with the Comfort Quilts.

Belinda will continue to have the Dinner before meetings at the Sizzler.

Lorraine is taking care of the Opportunity Quilt.. They will be making a cover to protect the Quilt when showing it to prevent any damage.

The Memory Quilts that were shared were absolutely Breath taking.

President Jeannie Mazzacane Adjourned the Meeting at 8:25 pm.

**Madeline Frey: Recording Secretary.**



**Busy Bears Quilt Guild  
TREASURERS REPORT 2016**

December 2016		
Balance 12/31/2015	\$	4,547.35
Income	\$	621.30
Expenses	\$	-409.39
Balance 1/31/2016	\$	4,759.26

**INCOME**

Advertising Income	\$	0.00
Bargain Table	\$	14.30
Birthday Exchange	\$	52.00
Christmas Party	\$	15.00
Membership 2016	\$	300.00
Opp Quilt Tickets 2016	\$	240.00
UFO Challenge	\$	0.00
	\$	621.30

**EXPENSES**

Comfort Quilts	(\$	0.00)
Newsletter Directory	(\$	0.00)
Newsletter Postage	(\$	0.00)
Opportunity Quilt	(\$	359.39)
Philanthropy	(\$	0.00)
Rent	(\$	50.00)
Supplies: General	(\$	0.00)
Quilt Show Facility	(\$	0.00)
Teacher Meal	(\$	0.00)
	(\$	409.39)

**Carol Henderson - Treasurer**



**SCCQG**

The next SCCQG meeting will be in Carson on April 9th. The topic of the meeting is "Meet the Teachers". If you are interested in attending and/or need more information, contact me at 619-823-7393.

**Janet Walz**



**MEETING PROGRAM**



Jacque Holmes



Carol Henderson

## Memory Quilts



Jacque Holmes



Lillian Hart



Karen Cumberland



Lorraine Taylor



Lys Axelson



Sue Bost



Chris Silva



Lys Axelson

# Memory Quilts



Chris Silva



Jeannie Mazzacane



Bonnie Snell



Janet Walz

## Memory Quilts



Janet Walz



## SHOW AND TELL



Belinda Evans



Laurie Nahay



Sandi Cannarella



Lori Felber



Sandi Cannarella

**SHOW AND TELL**



Sue Hart



Karen Cumberland



Lorraine Taylor

## "FINALLY FINISHED" 2016 UFO CHALLENGE

This year we are having a UFO challenge again. This is to give you a little motivation to get some of those UFO's FINALLY FINISHED!

There is a \$10 entry fee to play the game. All the entry fees will go into a jackpot and at the end, August of 2016, one lucky quilter will win the jackpot!

The game is a bit different this year. You need to do a little homework before you enter the challenge. You need to look through your UFO's and make a list of the UFO's you hope to complete, up to ten projects can be listed. I will have forms if you would like or a list from you will suffice. You need to list a basic description of each UFO project, basic size and color/pattern. Then when you complete a quilt and bring it to show, I will check it off of your list and give you an entry ticket.

They do not need to be done in any specific order and you do not need to complete them all. The minimum size to qualify is a crib/wall hanging size of 42" X 42".

Mom and Dad quilts do not qualify.

Doves quilts do not qualify.

Table runners do not qualify.

Each completed quilt earns an entry ticket and you can earn up to five entries. In August 2016 one ticket will be drawn and that quilter will win the jackpot. SO the more quilts you finish the more chances you'll have in the pot!

So look through your UFO's, make a list and let's get some quilts FINALLY FINISHED this year!

Carol Henderson



## QUILT SHOW 2016

The first quilt show meeting will be held at the home of Jacque Holmes, at 10:00 am, Thursday, February 18th.



## Sunshine and Shadows

Wishing Happy Birthday to our February Members.

Thinking of you Jerry Jamriska, also.

Congratulations to New Grandparents, Jeanne and Tony Arneri. And Beverly Bennett has a new Greatgrandson.

Beverly Bennett



(760) 739-8222

 SewingMachinesPlus .com 

**10% OFF!**

SHOP IN-STORE OR ONLINE

**USE CODE: BUSYBEAR**

713 Center Drive, San Marcos CA 92069



**M E M B E R S H I P**  
**Total Paid Members - 52**

**Membership**

We have 52 paid members for 2016. Send your membership form and check to Fran Martin 1140 Mt Shasta Rd. to be in the 2016 Roster.



**Fran Martin**

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY EXCHANGE**

Colleen Olson      Panel and spot remover  
 Road to California      Tickets  
 Cindy Young      Kitchen towel  
 Wendy Green      Robert Kaufman-fat quarter  
 Sue Bost      Book

**WINNERS**

Bonnie Snell      Road tickets  
 Karen Cumberland      Mug Rug Book  
 Cindy Young      Panel and spot remover  
 Lori Felber      Fat quarter  
 Cheri Smith      Kitchen towel

**SNACKS**

Sue Bost      Apple Pie  
 Cindy Young      Eggs  
 Wendy Green      Cookies

**Birthday Exchange**  
**and Refreshments**

**H A P P Y   B I R T H D A Y**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BIRTHDAY</u></b>	<b><u>BE/R</u></b>
Cathy Frazier	Feb 28	Feb
Anna Harriger	Feb 23	Feb
Jeanne Wallace	Feb 18	Feb
Julie Zurek	Feb 6	Feb

*If you are listed for this month BE/R, this is your month to bring a GIFT for the Birthday 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.*

**Challenge Quilt**

A reminder to all of you that want to do the CHALLENGE QUILT, don't wait!! The kits are going fast and the competition is excellent. I'm looking forward to your interpretations of **WILD** at our August meeting when the judging occurs. \$10.00 per kit. See you at the meeting in February. Make it a great day.

**Wendy Green**



**Philanthropy**

The Pantry theme this time is "It's Breakfast Time". Hot or cold drinks and cereals are a good way for anyone to start their day. So many children start their school days without breakfast it effects their ability to concentrate and learn. Box tops and pull tabs are always helpful.

**Comfort Quilts**

We have 95 comfort quilt kits ready for this year. Thanks to Sue Hart and all who helped. We went shopping and now have flannel kits for "Mom and Dad" quilts ready. We look forward to another fruitful year.



**Colleen Olson**



**Sheri Smith**

## FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

### CUT-UPS

We had a wonderful catered authentic Mexican lunch at Maddie's new house for February's Cut-ups get together. Also what fun seeing her other talent - painting. What beautiful art work. We will be meeting next at Bonnie's house on March 2nd.

Fran Martin



### STITCHY FINGERS

We had to reschedule our get together due to the snow. But we had a great turnout at Jacque's on the 22nd, with lots of lively chatter and quite a bit of sewing.

Sue Merritt will host our next meeting on February 5th.

Jill Gilham



February Sewcial

MONDAY February 8, 2016

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2016 SEWCIAL

Please join us at our SEWcial on Monday, February 8, 2016

Our monthly SEWcials are the perfect opportunity for you to get out of the house and spend time with quilting friends in a casual setting. Bring your own project to the gathering, or just come and hang out -- the tables will be set up and the coffeepot will be on!

Have you ever stopped to really think about why you are a quilter? That question will be our chit-chat topic for the Sewcial, so plan to drop in and share your thoughts with us.

Everyone is welcome!

Mary Johnson Center @  
Community Church by the Lake  
40946 Big Bear Boulevard  
Big Bear Lake CA



## Glendale Quilt Guild presents

### “A Visit With Alex”

Saturday  
April 16, 2016  
10am and 1pm


First Congregational  
Church of Glendale  
2001 Canada Blvd  
Glendale, CA 91208



- **Join us for two lectures** (and lunch) with world renowned quilter, **Alex Anderson**. Tickets are on sale now and are going quickly, so purchase at Guild meetings, by contacting Kathi Coleman Wilson at [domehikr@aol.com](mailto:domehikr@aol.com), or, you can purchase tickets online at <http://www.glendalequiltguild.org/>
- **Tickets are limited** – purchase BOTH lectures and save big - the package is only \$60.
- **10:00am – 11:00am**  
“Scrap Quilts”... using stashes, charming scrap patterns, etc. A single ticket: \$35.00
- **1:00pm – 2:00pm**  
“Beautifully Quilted”... finish quilts, determine design choices including patterns, straight line & free motion choices to best fit areas of your quilt. A single ticket: \$35.00
- **11:00am – 1:00pm**  
Lunch...join us for a box lunch in the Glen between the lectures. Lunches are from The Corner Bakery Cafe. It includes a yummy sandwich (choose Roasted Chicken or Tomato Mozzarella), chips, fruit cup, cookie and water. \$15



**BEAR COUNTRY**  
**Quilts & Gifts**



**Belinda Evans**  
909•567•8766

BearCountryQuilts@gmail.com  
BearCountryQuilts.com

42139 Big Bear Blvd.  
Big Bear Lake, CA. 92315

*Inspirations*  
at Big Bear Lake  
*where creativity soars*

A unique retreat facility  
designed for small groups.

Come to enjoy, create and  
refresh in the beautiful  
mountain air.

P.O. Box 4330  
425 Conklin Road  
Big Bear Lake, California 92315  
[www.inspirationsatbigbear.com](http://www.inspirationsatbigbear.com)

Lorraine Taylor, Your Hostess  
(909) 866-8081 or (562) 208-7406  
[Lorraine@inspirationsatbigbear.com](mailto:Lorraine@inspirationsatbigbear.com)

*Summer Sky Creations*

*Decorative metal art quilt hangers*

3020 W. Twin Peaks Lane  
New River, AZ 85087  
623-202-4217

Email: [info@summerskycreations.com](mailto:info@summerskycreations.com)  
[www.summerskycreations.com](http://www.summerskycreations.com)

## Busy Bears Quilting Guild January Program Update

### IF QUILTS COULD TALK . . .

Our 2016 theme "Making Memories" continues this month as we remember American history and take a look at quilts from the past.

At our February meeting, we'll be taking a trip back in time to the mid-1800s. With information gathered from several popular books, Belinda Evans will tell us how quilts might have been used to send messages to escaping slaves travelling on the Underground Railroad. Although there is no specific historic documentation that this actually happened, it is a thought-provoking possibility! We will see quilts featuring some of the blocks that might have been hidden "codes" for runaway slaves. Beautiful sampler quilts created by Diana Bedwell and Linda Galich, which use all of the "code" blocks, will inspire us to create our own talking quilts. You may want to use this idea to include a hidden message in your next quilt!

While we are visiting the Civil War era, we'd love to see any quilts or projects you have that use 1800s-style fabrics. Please bring them for show and tell, as well as any other projects you've been working on recently - we love to be inspired by others' quilts!

At our Tuesday workshop, *CONSIDERING COLOR AND CONTRAST*, Bonnie Snell will guide us through the steps of making our very own scrappy quilts. This project is great for beginning quilt makers because we will discuss the process of planning a quilt and doing the arithmetic needed for determining fabric amounts. It will also be a good opportunity to become more confident about making color decisions as you create a unique scrappy quilt. You will be designing and creating your very own quilt with our help and encouragement!

We'll be ordering pizza for lunch, so it should be a fun day. Remember that we need at least 5 attendees paid in advance in order to hold our workshops, so be sure to sign up soon and get your supply list!

Our calendar for 2016 is available at our website <http://www.busybearsquiltguild.com> Feel free to call me or email me if you have any questions about our upcoming activities.

Your 2016 Program Chair -

**Jeanne Arneri**

909-806-0436

[jeannearneri@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannearneri@yahoo.com)



Looking ahead:

In March, we'll learn about an amazing collection of quilts done in a distinctive folk-art style by the Gees Bend community, and Madeline Frey will discuss *WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?* Madeline will also lead our workshop on Tuesday, where we will *BREAK THE RULES* and create our own zany fabric portraits.

### *LETS SUPPORT OUR ADVERTIZERS*

*Bear Country Quilts & Gifts  
Sewing Machines Plus, San Marcos*

*Inspirations, Big Bear Lake  
Summer Sky Creations, New River, AZ*

HOP \* SKIP \* JUMP  
BUSY BEARS SEW-ALONG 2016

Here's a VERY EASY lap-size quilt for you to make - perfect for yourself, for a gift, or for a Doves comfort quilt! We'll spend five months sewing along together, so pull out some awesome fabric and start creating. Be sure to bring your Step 2 blocks to the Guild meeting on Monday February 16 so we can admire them!

\*\*\*\*\*

Lap quilt - 52" x 72"  
5 steps + finishing  
Style - simple piecing  
Skill level - very easy



Fabric requirements:

Fabric A background 2 2/3 yards

Fabric B pattern 1 2/3 yards

Backing 3 1/4 yards

Binding 1/2 yard

\*\*\*\*\*

STEP 2

Before you cut new strips, take a look at the scraps you saved from last month's instructions and try to cut them down and recycle them for this step. You may not need to cut as many new strips as the instructions call for.

Cutting: Fabric A      2 strips @ 3 1/2" x WOF, cut into 24 squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"  
                              2 strips @ 3 1/2" x WOF, cut into 6 rectangles 3 1/2" x 9 1/2"  
                              2 strips @ 3 1/2" x WOF, cut into 6 rectangles 3 1/2" x 12 1/2"  
  
Fabric B                3 strips @ 3 1/2" x WOF, cut into 30 squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

Sewing: Using a 1/4" seam, sew six 9-patch blocks as follows:

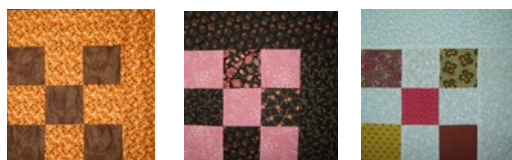
B A B  
A B A  
B A B

Sew a Fabric A 3 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangle onto one side of each 9-patch block

Sew a Fabric A 3 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangle onto one side of each 9-patch block

Each unit will measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2"

Save all remaining fabric for the next step



*Don't forget to bring your units to the Guild meeting for sharing!*

# Busy Bears 2nd Annual Quilting Retreat

*Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula CA -- July 11-12-13 & 14, 2016*



[www.vinadelestonnac.com](http://www.vinadelestonnac.com)

*Join your Busy Bears quilting sisters for a relaxing, mid-week retreat in the beautiful wine country of Temecula.*

- Four days and three nights of fun and friendship.
- Unlimited and uninterrupted sewing in spacious, bright surroundings.
- Plentiful, wholesome meals served on the premises.
- Beautiful, serene setting, close to Old Town, shopping, wineries and casinos.
- PRICE: Double room - \$296.25; Single room - \$396.25
- \$100 deposit will secure your place. Deposits and registration forms will be accepted at guild meetings OR you may download the registration form from the January newsletter and mail your deposit check and registration form to my home address: 1013 Nana Ave., Big Bear City CA 92314. Balance is due at the June guild meeting. NOTE: No refunds after May guild meeting.
- Contact: Cat Harris, retreat coordinator 909 585-1437 (home)/714 390-2601 (cell)/[chronicquilter@yahoo.com](mailto:chronicquilter@yahoo.com)

