



THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - January 2018

CALENDAR - 2018

Jan
8: Board Meeting
15: General Meeting
16: Workshop
18-21: RoadTo Calif

Feb..
5: Board Meeting
19: General Meeting
20: Workshop



EDITORS EPISTLE

Happy New Year! I have made my new year resolutions. I have some unfinished projects I have on my list to finish. I know I will find new projects along the way to complete. Jan Chapman will be your new Editor for The Bear Facts. I know she will be an excellent job.



Shirley Hartwick
Editor



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year! ... 2018 ... Hard to believe..

My hope is for everyone to have a healthy and creative 2018.

Backing up a bit...We are dark in December except for our Christmas Party, and it was great fun. The food was delicious too. Thank you Laurie Nahay for a job well done. The needle caddies are going to be very handy. The voodoo??? dolls should help us with our sewing frustrations lol. Thanks again, Laurie.

Seems like 2018 came upon us very quickly. Our guild meeting will be here soon. It appears that we won't have to contend with the weather. That's a mixed blessing.

Welcome committee chairpersons. Some of you are in a new position. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to the previous chairperson and/or to someone on the Board. We have an excellent group of volunteers this year and I know that our 2018 year is going to be great.

A very special THANK YOU to all of our wonderful 2017 volunteers (Board members, Chairpersons, members who stepped up to assist when needed). We have a very special group of members and I'm looking forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

***Remember — bring any 'Perkiomen Valley Blocks' that you have made for the Thomas Fire Victims to our next meeting. It would be wonderful to be able to assist them and show our love and support with many blocks.

Happy Quilting ~Bonnie~

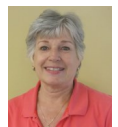
Bonnie Snell,
President



January Dinner before the Meeting

Our dinner before the meeting this month will be at Sonora Cantina, which is located at 41144 Big Bear Blvd. at 4 pm. If you're really hungry, try the " Big Juan Burrito". It weighs 4 lbs. and if you can eat it in 45 minutes you get a free T shirt! Not to worry they also have "small plates"!

See you there!
Laurie Nahay



Busy Bears Quilt Guild ~ General Meeting Minutes ~November 20, 2017

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the General Members of Busy Bears Quilt Guild, was held at The Community Church Mary Johnson Center, 40946 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA on November 20, 2017. The meeting convened at 6:02 p.m. Bonnie Snell presiding, and Belinda Evans secretary.

Bonnie Snell welcomed our guests this evening.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Jacque Holmes and seconded by Loretta Casteiluccio to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

Treasure Report: Dawn Clark motioned to accept the October 2017 treasury report that was posted in the November 2017 newsletter and seconded by Sue Bost. Motion Carried.

Officers Report:

Bonnie Snell thanked Jeannie Mazzacane for covering for her last month at the General Meeting.

Philanthropy: Cheri Smith welcomed this year's recipients for our Philanthropy checks. Community Church Food Bank received a check for \$1500.00, Lutheran Services received \$500.00, and Discovery Center received \$1,000.00. Both Lutheran Services and Discovery Center spoke on behalf of their organizations where the money will be used and thanked us for our support.

Christmas Party: Our annual Christmas Party will be at Sweet Basil on Wednesday, December 6th. Please make note it is on a Wednesday this year. Sign-up sheet is available tonight, please mark your entrée selection along with your payment of \$17.00. We also have our hand-made ornament exchange that you will wrap in a fat quarter for our game. Instead of our Christmas hat contest we are switching things up and wearing our Christmas Sweaters! HO HO HO.

2018 Proposed Budget: Carol Henderson presented the 2018 proposed budget and opened it up for questions. Motion was made to accept the 2018 Budget by Lillian Hart and seconded by Jeannie Mazzacane. Motion Carried.

Nomination Committee: The Nomination Committee presented the slate of Officers for 2018 Board Members. Bonnie Snell, President, Jeannie Mazzacane, 1st VP Programs, Belinda Evans, Secretary, Fran Martin, Membership, Carol Henderson, Treasurer. The Chair asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No motions were made from the floor. Dawn Clark motion to accept the Slate of Officers from the Nomination Committee, seconded by Bonnie Marshall Creel. Motion Carried. The new Board Members position will take effect January.

Programs: Tonight's program will be Belinda Evans as she highlights the Houston Quilt Market, as well as a slide show of some of the quilts that were being displayed. Mark your calendar for another Jelly Roll race for November 28th at 10:00 a.m. at Bear Country Quilts. This will help with our donation quilts for next years Dove's program. We will take a break around 1:00 p.m. to go to Azteca for their \$1.00 tacos. Come join in on the fun.

Sunshine & Shadows: Happy Birthday to our November/December members. On a shadow note we are saddened to hear that Heidi Ilanes father passed away and shortly after her Mom and Dad moved to Big Bear. Heidi's husband Pete is still in the hospital.

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New Business:

Membership: Fran Martin has started receiving 2018 memberships.

2019 Opportunity Quilt: Cheri Smith stated all the blocks have been spoken for. She is encouraging those who have picked up blocks to have them completed by April 2018.

2018 Opportunity Quilt: Laurie Nahay stated the quilt top is still being quilted with January at Cherry Berry.

2018 Challenge Quilt: Jeannie Mazzacane announced the Challenge quilt for 2018. It's called "Express Yourself". It is based on your initials. One initial should represent a color, one should represent a pattern or quilt block and your 3rd initial should represent a quilting motif. Kits are available tonight for \$5.00.

Other Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Belinda Evans, Secretary

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

CUT-UPS

Our meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

The next meeting will be February 14, 2018 at Bonnie Snell's. Be thinking about when you would like to host a meeting. We will plan a 2018 Calendar.
Happy New Year!

Fran Martin



STITCHY FINGERS

In December we had a scrumptious luncheon at Bobbie's on the first. And then on the fifteenth, we had yummy soup and a fun sock exchange at Sue Merritt's.

This month we will gather at my house on the fifth, and plan a fun road trip to Road to California for our January 19th get together.

Jill Gilham



**Busy Bears Quilt Guild
TREASURERS REPORT 2017**

November and December 2017

Balance 10/31/2017 \$ 16,408.12

INCOME	
Bargain Table	\$ 75.50
Christmas Party Income	\$ 527.00
Opp Quilt Tickets 2018	\$ 360.00
Membership 2018	\$ 450.00
Workshop Fees	\$ 35.00
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	\$ 1,447.50

EXPENSES	
Christmas Party	(\$ 1,150.00)
Christmas Party Gifts	(\$ 300.00)
Rent	(\$ 25.00)
Philanthropy Donations	(\$ 3,000.00)
Comfort Quilts	(\$ 7.99)
Membership Badges	(\$ 44.95)
SCCQG Membership & Ins.	(\$ 257.75)
Quilt Show Baskets	(\$ 37.20)
Quilt Show Boutique	(\$ 4.00)
Workshops	(\$ 50.00)
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	(\$ 4,876.89)

Income \$ 1,447.50
 Expenses \$ -4,876.89
 Balance 12/31/2017 \$ 12,978.82

Year to Date 2017– Net Income \$1,017.97

INCOME	
Bargain Table	\$ 549.10
Birthday Exchange	\$ 504.50
Other Income	\$ 663.60
Membership 2018	\$ 1,737.50
Opp Quilt Tickets	\$ 3,978.00
Workshop Income	\$ 1,295.00
Quilt Show	\$ 7,266.50
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	\$ 15,994.20

EXPENSES	
Philanthropy Donations	(\$ 3,000.00)
Comfort Quilts	(\$ 716.18)
Rent Church	(\$ 1,834.00)
SCCQG Membership & Ins.	(\$ 257.75)
Quilt Show	(\$ 3,710.37)
Workshops	(\$ 3,074.61)
Other Expenses	(\$2,383.32)
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	(\$14,976.23)

Cash Balance 12/31/16	\$ 11,960.85
INCOME	\$ 15,994.20
EXPENSES	(\$14,976.23)
CASH BALANCE 12/31/2017	\$12,978.82



Carol Henderson—Treasurer

PHILANTHROPY DONATIONS



Julie Goss—Discovery Center

Community Church

Unable to Attend



Lutheran Social Services

SHOW AND TELL



Beverly Bennett



Loretta Castelluccio



Bonnie Marshall-Creel



Fran Martin



Jackie Holmes

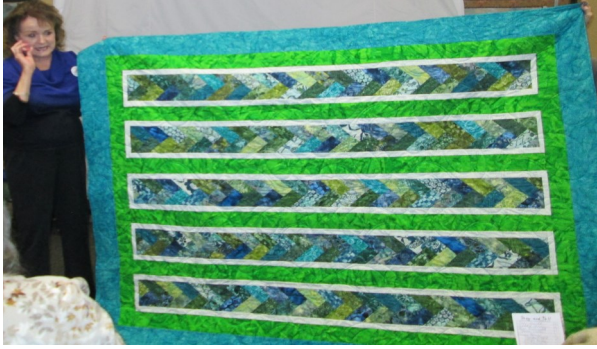


Jeanne Wallace



Cheri Smith

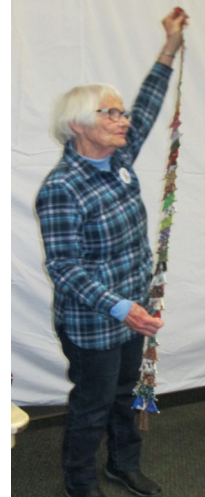
SHOW AND TELL



Bonnie Smets



Carolyn McGuire



Sandy Tocalino



Shirley Hartwick



Susan Probst



Susan Probst and Amyre Ready



Susan Wade



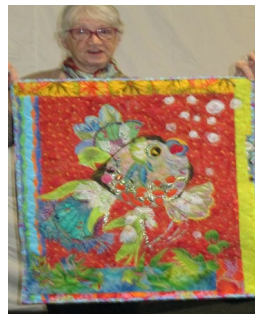
Sandy Tocalino



Lys Axelson



Lys Axelson



Madeline Frey



Lorraine Taylor

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.

**No Birthday Exchange
and Refreshments**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NAME	BIRTHDAY	BE/R
Colleen Olson	1/2	Jan
Dawn Clark-Dorris	1/4	open
Wade, Susan	1/6	Jan
Cindy Young	1/13	Jan
Sue Bost	1/17	Jan
Mary Price	1/26	Jan
Wendy Green	1/31	Jan
Devon Venti	01/18	Jan.
Jan Chapman	11/17	Jan

November Refreshments

The Cookie Exchange
Thank you for all the Wonderful Goodies!

Sunshine and Shadows

Please keep Heidi Llanes and family in your prayers. We are wishing a speedy recovery for her husband, Pete, from his last surgery. We are also sending our condolences as Heidi's father has passed away.

Please keep Cheri Smith in your thoughts and prayers also, as her brother passed away suddenly on Christmas Eve.

Beverly Bennett has pneumonia. We wish her speedy recovery.

Beverly Smets



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL \$45

Renewal is due on or before January 15th meeting to be in the 2087 Roster. Bring checkbook or cash and membership form to January meeting or MAIL to

Fran Martin
1149 Mt Shasta Rd
Big Bear City, CA 92314

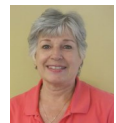
Membership: 2018 Paid Members: 38

New Member: Debbie Pekarcik P O Box 1741, Running Springs, Ca. 92382
32457 Snowshoe Lane, Running Springs, Ca. 92382 Home Phone:909-939-0030 Cell#951-203-0628
Email: dapekarcik@charter.net Birthday: February 5th

Fran Martin



Laurie Nahay



Busy Bears Program and Workshop Updates for January 2018

I am so excited about our programs and workshops this year. The lineup is designed to introduce and encourage, both beginners and accomplished quilters, to try new approaches and techniques that will increase our quilt making skills. To kick the New Year off, our first program will be "Getting to Know You". After the break, we will start moving chairs into a big circle. The plan is for each of our members to introduce themselves, briefly tell us the how and whys they started quilting, and show us a quilt (1st quilt or one of your choice) that means something to you. There will be a prize at the end of our game for the person who can remember the names of the most members.

Tuesday morning, Belinda Evans will present the "Apliquick" method of applique, which is being used by a great number of well-known quilters today. Belinda will have a kit and supplies available for our use. The fee for the workshop is \$20 for members and \$35 for guests. The kit is available for a \$5 fee. Refer to the supply list for things you will need to bring to class with you. (Don't forget to bring your sack lunch, coffee and water and snacks will be provided).

Looking ahead to February, our past guild presidents will share the quilts that they were gifted in appreciation for their service...and perhaps a story or two. Wendy Green will show us some of her wool projects and the following morning will teach us how to make one of her beautiful needle cases out of wool with colorful embroidered embellishments.

Let's get busy quilting...this is going to be a fun year!

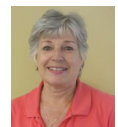
Jeannie Mazzacane



Opportunity Quilt 2018

We will be showing and selling tickets on our 2018 Opportunity Quilt at Cherry Berry Quilt Shop in Calimesa, Ca. on Thursday, February 22 during the Spring Fling Quilt Run!
There are 8 quilt shops participating! Please join us!

Laurie Nahay



**Supply List for Apliquick Class
January 16, 2018**

Apliquick Turn Under & Machine Stitching

Teacher: Belinda Evans

Guild Class Cost: \$20.00

Kit Cost \$5.00

We will be using the Apliquick Tools Set of 2 rods (are a must) I will have a few rods available for you to try out as well as the micro serrated scissors which are wonderful.

Invisible Machine Applique Materials

In addition to Apliquick tools bring:

- .004 monofilament thread—If dark colors are to be used purchase smoke. For light colors use clear. Also neutral 50wt. Thread to match your background fabric.
- Sewing scissors, small scissors with a sharp point.
- Liquid fabric glue “Rosanne Glue Base”
- Glue Stick with refills (fabric glue stick..Bohin-Sewline Fons & Porter works best.
- Open-toe presser foot and 1/4 inch presser foot for your machine.
- Sewing machine that has an adjustable tension control. It will need to produce a small zigzag stitch. A cone thread holder if your machine feeds the thread from the horizontal position.
- Small machine quilting needles (size 75/1 or smaller.
- Red, Blue, Green, Gold & Brown bottom thread.

Fabric kit and pattern will be provided.

Philanthropy

Thank all of you who gave for November 2017 . The church was happy.
January 2018 is a colder month, so let's have a Soup Month.

Comfort Quilts

We turned in 21 quilts of which 9 were from Jelly Roll Events. Thank you. We will do it again this year.

Mom's and Dad's

We turned in 27 quilts to Mom's & Dad's this year. Our next due date for the next new parent class is in the middle of March.

Pop Tops and Education Box Tops

Please remember the Pop Tops. We turned in 151 School Education Box Tops. I turned to Baldwin Lane Elementary School in Sugar Loaf for a value of \$15.10.

God 's Blessings to all,

Cheri Smith



SCCQG REPORT

The Next SCCQG meeting will be January 6, 2018. The meeting location is Corona-Norco Teacher's Assoc., 1189 Mountain Ave. Ste. 100, Norco, Ca. The topic is Getting and Keeping Members. Bonnie Snell and I will be attending!

Laurie Nahay
SCCQG Representative



Busy Bears Quilt Guild Program and Workshop Line-Up for 2018

Jan. 15th ~ Guild members participation ~ Getting to Know You ~

Jan. 16th ~ Belinda Evans ~ Apliquick Workshop ~ Kit available ~

Feb. 19th ~ President's Appreciation Quilts and Member's Wool Projects

Feb. 20th ~ Wendy Green ~ Wool and Embroidery Stitched Needle Case Workshop ~

Mar. 19th ~ Lys Axelson ~ Trunk Show ~

Mar. 20th ~ Lys Axelson ~ Embellishment Workshop ~

April 16th ~ Heidi Stagno ~ How do I Quilt that Quilt Top?

April 17th ~ Heidi Stagno ~ Free Motion Stitching With Your Domestic Sewing Machine ~

May 21st ~ Jean Impey ~ Finding Your Passion and Running With It ~

May 22nd ~ Jean Impey ~ Basket Case Workshop ~

June 18th ~ Peggy Martin ~ Adventures in Color Lecture & Trunk Show

June 19th ~ Peggy Martin ~ Evening Star Mariner's Compass Workshop ~

July 16th ~ Silent Auction ~

July 17th ~ Laurie Nahay ~ Annual Picnic in the Park

Aug. 20th ~ "Express Yourself" Challenge Reveal (no workshop this month)

~ **Sept. 1st and 2nd ~ Our 30th Annual Mountain Treasures Quilt Show ~**

Sept. 17th ~ Viewer's Choice Ribbons ~

Sept. 18th ~ Comfort Quilt Workshop ~ (Jelly Roll Race #2)

Oct. 15th ~ Jacque Holmes ~ Trunk Show ~

Oct. 16th ~ Madeline Frey ~ Maddie's Ladies, Take Two ~

Nov. 19th ~ Belinda Evans ~ Houston Market Report (no workshop this month)

Dec. 3rd ~ Laurie Nahay ~ Our Annual Christmas Dinner ~

Jeanne Mazzacane



Road 2 California Quilt Show

Busy Bear's Quilt Guild is registered for the Attendance Contest so make sure you sign in as a guild member when you get there! Our guild could win \$500 for the highest percentage of members attending so let's represent Busy Bear's Quilt Guild at Road 2 California!

Laurie Nahay



CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES



Thank You Laurie Nahay for organizing a great Christmas Party!
Awesome Job!!

Busy Bears Quilt Guild Membership form

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

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

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 Fran Martin 1149 Mt. Shasta Rd Big Bear City 92314

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*

Membership dues are: \$45.00 - Make Check out to BBQ
(Opportunity Quilt Tickets are included & will be handed out ASAP)

*There will be a prorated membership fee: (After **July 1st** 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 _____

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