



THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - March 2017

CALENDAR - 2017

- March 6: Board Meeting
- 20: General Meeting
- 25: Multi-media Workshop
- April 3: Board Meeting
- 17: General Meeting
- 18: Confetti landscape Workshop



EDITORS EPISTLE

I'm enjoying the beginnings of spring. Spring is my favorite time of the year. The flowers, fresh strawberries, warmer weather and longer days

Karen Cumberland



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We all know what talented quilters we have in our guild. But ,did we know how many other talents our guild members have? It was interesting and great fun to see the many clothing and craft items that our members shared at the February guild meeting.

Bonnie Marshall-Creel gave a great overview of the March workshop which she will be conducting on Saturday, March 25. It is not very often that we are able to play with such a variety of TOOLS and CRAFTS PAINTS before we decide what we want to purchase. She will be showing different techniques and ways to use the items. I encourage all to attend. It never fails that whenever I attend a workshop I learn at least 1 new thing, or a different way to do something that I already know about.

Bonnie Snell,
President

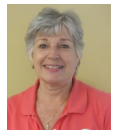


Dinner before the Meeting



The dinner before the meeting for March 20th at 4pm will be at the Laguna Grill. It is located in the building that used to be the SW Gas Co. Just east of Pine Knot on the north side of Big Bear Blvd. If you haven't been here before, they will prepare guacamole at your table! Bring your husband's it's a good opportunity for them to meet!

See you there!
Laurie Nahay 909 754 0186



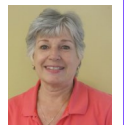
M E M B E R S H I P

MEMBERSHIP 58 paid members.. Pick up your 2017 roster and Opportunity tickets at the March meeting.

Fran Martin



Laurie Nahay



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

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the General Members of Busy Bears Quilt Guild, was held at The Community Church Recreation Building 40946 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA on February 20, 2017. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. President, Bonnie Snell presiding, and Belinda Evans secretary. Bonnie Snell thanked everyone who volunteered to help Heidi Llanes set up for tonight's meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Lillian Hart, and seconded by Karen Cumberland to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

Officers Report:

Treasure Report: Karen Cumberland motioned to accept the January Treasury report that was posted in the February 2017 newsletter and seconded by Beverly Bennett. Motion Carried.

Programs: Tonight's program is the Fashion Show. Bonnie Marshall Creel spoke about her March program (water based crayons, acrylic painting on fabric techniques) the workshop will be held on Saturday, March 25th 9:30 a.m. bring your sack lunch.

Membership: Fran Martin reported that we currently have 55 paid members for 2017. She stated that 2 new members joined tonight: Sue Boylin and Bobbie Egelund, as well as 2 guests Katt Khristian and Karen Bell. Welcome Ladies!

New Business:

Hospitality: Heidi Llanes thanked those who came early and helped set up. She is looking for a committee. Please contact Heidi if they would like to be on the committee. Set-Up time is 4:30 p.m.

New Chair Position: Bonnie Snell stated that we discussed the elimination of 1st V.P. from the Board Position last month at the general meeting and proposed adding an Events Chairperson. It was discussed but a motion was not made. Loretta Castelluccio motioned that we create an events chairperson, and seconded by Jeannie Mazzacane. Motion Carried.

Sunshine & Shadows: Happy Birthday to our February members. Beverly Bennett stated that Jacque Holmes continues to recover at her daughters home the desert. Our sympathy to Kay McCain in the loss of her sister.

Challenge Quilt: Jan Chapman was not able to attend tonight, but if you are still interested in picking up a kit, please contact her. Kit costs this year is \$5.00.

Opportunity Quilt 2017: Elaine Dobiesz has volunteered to Market the Opportunity Quilt. She shared some of her ideas and will be putting out a program schedule and have sign-up sheets as events approach. A big Thank You to Lorraine Taylor for showing the quilts at several guilds down the hill, and collected \$250.00 "Way to Go Lorraine"

Bargain Table: *A little twist....* Bonnie Snell stated we might have duplicated items for quilting... like rulers, cutting mats or quilt kits that we really don't want anymore. The twist is you bring it to the bargain table with your price tag on it. If it sells the proceeds go to the guild and you have one less thing taking up space in your sewing room. If the item does not sell... well you get to take it back to your sewing room and save it for another month. We have new quilters in the guild that are just starting out and it's a great way to help them out with their new habit.

Quilt Show 2017: Jeannie Mazzacane & Belinda Evans held the first meeting with the chair members on February 13th at Bear Country Quilts & Gifts. It was a brief meeting to discuss their position and responsibilities. Our next quilt show meeting will be May 22 at 10:00 and open to all members who would like to come.

3rd Annual Retreat: Laurie Nahay discussed the Retreat that is scheduled July 10, 11, 12th. Please pick up your applications sheets and she does need a deposit asap. Double room is \$315.00, Private room \$415.00, a deposit of \$100.00 is due asap and your balance will be due in June. Contact Laurie for additional information.

Annual Picnic: Our annual picnic will be August 22nd 11:00 at the Sugarloaf Park in Sugarloaf. This year's exchange will be a Tea Towel and you can embellish it anyway you like. Remember to wrap it in a Fat Quarter. It's a fun way to express yourself.

Other Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Belinda Evans, Recording Secretary



**Busy Bears Quilt Guild
TREASURERS REPORT 2017**

February 2017		
Balance 01/31/2017		\$ 11,724.36
Income		\$ 922.05
Expenses		\$ - 623.07
Balance 02/28/2017		\$ 12,023.34

INCOME

Bargain Table	\$	33.05
Birthday Exchange	\$	48.00
Membership	\$	175.00
Opp Quilt Tickets 2017	\$	366.00
Vendor Booth 2017	\$	300.00
	\$	922.05

EXPENSES

PO Box Rent	(\$	132.00)
Education Speaker	(\$	50.00)
Postage-Sunshine & Shadows	(\$	9.40)
Printing-Directories	(\$	230.29)
Rent	(\$	50.00)
Sunshine & Shadows-Cards	(\$	11.88)
Website	(\$	139.50)
	(\$	623.07)

Carol Henderson - Treasurer



FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

CUT-UPS

CUT-UPS March meeting was hosted by Janet Beaty. She served the best ever carrot cake, and we made a list of upcoming meeting places.

April- Bonnie Snell, May- Fran Martin,
June- Maddie Frey, July- Beverly Bennett

Fran Martin



STITCHY FINGERS

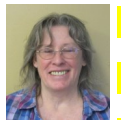
The weather finally cooperated enough for us to get together and have a fun meeting at Sue Merritt's last month.

This month, the first Friday snuck up on us. So since there are five Fridays this month anyway, we will get together on the second and fourth Fridays... weather permitting, of course.

Sue Bost will be hosting on the tenth, and then we'll figure out where we will go on the 24th.

That should put us back on track for our first and third Friday meetings in April.

Jill Gilham



Philanthropy

This month is Can Month - Fruit & Veggies.

Comfort Quilts

Doves - Thanks to all of you for the work you're doing on your kits. Remember to call, text or email me for batting.

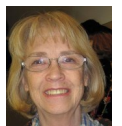
Mom & Dad's

I'll have new kits for our baby quilts. The fabric panels were donated to us.

Pop Tops and Education Box Tops

Please keep pop tops and education box tops.

Sheri Smith



Fashion Show



Lorraine Taylor



Colleen Olson



Barbara Mosley



Karen Cumberland



Bonnie Snell



Joyce DeMond



Bonnie Marshall-Creel



Fran Martin



Jeannie Mazzacane



Loretta Castelluccio

Fashion Show



Lys Axelson



UGLY FABRIC TEAR AND PASS



Jeannie Mazzacane



Karen Cumberland

SHOW AND TELL



Karen Bell

SHOW AND TELL



Sandy Tocalino



Loretta Castelluccio



Jill Gilham



Lys Axelson



Lorraine Taylor



Heidi Llanes



Wendy Stephens



Maddie Frey



Jan Andrade

January Birthday Exchange

Jeannie Wallace - Fat quarters
Anna Harriger - Scissors & thread cutter
Barbara Snyder - Fat quarter & chocolate
Belinda Evans - Scissors & thread cutter
Wendy Stephens - Book kids guide to sewing &
Nalad Bec stuff

Winners

Karen Cumberland
Heidi Lllane
Laurie Nahay
Beverly Bennett
Jeannie Mazzacane
Sue Bost
Maddie Frey
Bonnie Marshall-Creel

*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.*

Birthday Exchange and Refreshments

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>BE/R</u>
Shirley Hartwick	3/11	March
Kathy Holloway	3/21	Open
Denise Schiavone	3/21	Open
Gale Murphy	3/31	March
Bonnie Snell	12/9	March

February Refreshments

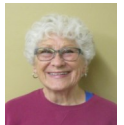
Anna Harriger - Cupcakes
Jeannie Wallace - Veggie tray, chex mix,
strudel bites
Barbara Snyder - Strawberries & chocolate

Sunshine and Shadows

Keep me (Beverly Bennett) in your prayers for healing. I'm still recovering from knee surgery and making multiple doctors visits keeps me worn out. Also prayers for continued healing for Jacque Holmes.

Maddie Frey is now the proud owner of a long arm, which will be set up the end of the month. Can't wait to see what will come out of her sewing room. Her sit down long arm is going to a very good home..... me. So very exciting.

Beverly Bennett



Busy Bears Quilt Guild Program Update for March

- Our thanks go to Bonnie Snell for her Scrappy Quilt Workshop held in February. The participants were all pleased with the process and results.
- Quilt Artist, Bonnie Marshall-Creel will be our presenter for our March meeting. She will share her creative adventure in designing quilts, along with a trunk show of her artworks.
- Please note that Bonnie's Multi-Media Workshop will be held on Saturday, instead of Tuesday. The workshop includes the use of Bonnie's art supplies: water soluble watercolor crayons, fabric paint and watercolor pencils. Attendees need to bring pieces of good quality white fabric (the size you want to work with), foam board to work on and protect the table surface, and foam brushes in which to apply paint. The fee for this workshop (as well as all our workshops this year) is \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members.



Bonnie will show us how to use various mediums and techniques create our own fabric backgrounds with sky and water, as well as how to incorporate mountains, trees and rocks. Are you interested in creating faces? Bonnie will show us how to do that as well.

This workshop will give you some skills that could be incorporated into our April workshop, Confetti Landscapes, presented by Belinda Evans.

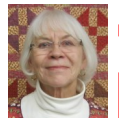
During our meeting this month, Belinda will explain preparation details needed to be done prior to the workshop in April.



Looking ahead for May ~ Sue Bouchard will bring us up to date on Modern Quilts and her workshop will be "Moon Dance", a pattern she designed for Quilt in a Day. You can make it lap quilt size (60" x 84") , or a wallhanging (27" x 38").



Jeannie Mazzacane ~ Program Chair ~ 909-547-0070



SCCQG

Meet the Teachers

April 8, 2017

9:30 am-2 pm

Carson Community Center

801 E. Carson St.

Carson, Ca. 90745

What is Meet the Teachers? It is an opportunity to meet with the teachers! A list of participating teachers along with a presentation schedule will be provided when you arrive.

-Visit each teacher's booth and see what they are offering on lectures and workshops.

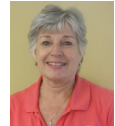
-Check out class samples.

-Hear each teacher make a short presentation about their work.

-Dine at a nearby eatery with friends.

We will be carpooling. If you would like to join us let me know! The more the merrier!

Laurie Nahay
SCCQG Representative
909 754 0186



3rd Annual Busy Bear's Quilt Retreat Vina de Lestonnac

3rd Annual Retreat at Vina de Lestonnac in Temecula!

Just an update on the retreat on July 10-13, 2017. We have 14 signed up so far and the retreat center can accommodate 20 guests so we have room for you and a friend! This retreat is not restricted to guild members only! This is sure to be a fun event in "Wine Country" and yes you may bring wine!

The registration form and flyer are in your January newsletter! For those who have mailed me your checks and not included the registration form I need those asap.

I hope you will be joining us at this beautiful retreat center!

Laurie Nahay



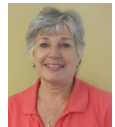
Mary Price



2018 Opportunity Quilt!

I am so excited about this quilt! The blocks that have been turned in are absolutely beautiful! This is just a reminder that the remaining blocks not turned in yet are due at our April 17th meeting! If you have questions give me a call!

Laurie Nahay
909 754 0186



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