



THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - May 2016

CALENDAR - 2016

May	9: Sewcial
	16: Guild Meeting
	17: Workshop
	24: Board Meeting
June	13: Sewcial
	20: Guild Meeting
	21: Workshop
	28: Board Meeting

EDITORS EPISTLE

Happy Mother's Day to all you mother's. Well we are getting our annual Mother's Day snow - it's snowing as I write this article. Our poor flowers that are trying to make an appearance only to get more snow dumped on them. Rain or snow we are so grateful for what we get and pray for more to put water back in our lake and community.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Quilters,

Did you know that May is National Smile Month?

Recently I read an article on happiness... "What Makes People Happy?" And it focused on three basic ideas: Belonging, Mastery and Autonomy.

Belonging...Having meaningful social relationships.

Mastery...Being good at whatever it is one spends one's day doing.

Autonomy...Has the freedom to make decisions independently.

Our quilt guild has given me opportunities in the first two; Belonging and Mastery. Thank you Busy Bears for adding so much to my happiness.

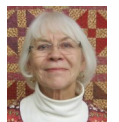
Needless to say, I'm not a master quilter, but I do get lost in my quilting efforts...and that equates to more joy and happiness in my life.

Part of our next guild meeting's program is the "Parade of Presidents" mini trunk show. I expect it to be both interesting and fun to see what directions these quilting sister of ours have taken. We all started by learning the basics, and eventually found the aspect of quilting that we most enjoy exploring.

Our quilt show meeting on April 28th went very well. Check out Jeanne Arnieri's update in this newsletter.

I want to Thank Laurie Nahay and Bonnie Snell for heading up our marketing team for this year's opportunity quilt. They have some dates open where they need members to commit a few hours of their time sitting with "Pioneer Spirit" selling tickets. As you know, this quilt and our Mountain Treasures Quilt Show bring in most of the money that we, in turn, donate to Big Bear's local Charities. Thank You!!

Do Keep Smiling,
Jeannie Mazzacane



Dinner before the Meeting

Dinner this month is going to be at Sizzler at 4:00. They have a nice variety on their menu. Salad Bar, Pasta dishes, and Steak "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 meeting.

See ya there, Belinda Evans



BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD MINUTES - April, 2016

April 18, 2016

Busy Bears Quilt Guild Meeting:

Everyone was in good spirits as our President Jeannie Mazzacane called the meeting to order at 6:15.

Madeline Frey:

Managed to do the Pledge of Allegiance with Grace and Respect..

New Member: Carolyn McGuire

Belinda Evans invited two guest: Ariel,Jan...

Carolyn McGuire announced all the Birthdays and we sang Happy Birthday.

Minutes were approved by Carol Henderson and Second the Motion by Wendy Green.
Carol Henderson did correct the Treasure Amount..

Bonnie Snell : The Opportunity Quilt 2016 will be at Wendy Greens Shop on May 29th.

Opportunity 2017 Quilt .. All pieces are almost done.. then the next step is to assemble all pieces..

The Guild needs volunteers for the Quilt Show : Jacque Holms will have a meeting in September..

Board meeting will be held on May 3rd.. (a change in schedule).

We need Helper Meals Donations for Doves...

Jeanne Arnieri will have more details on workshops..

Wendy Green is teaching the needle turn Appliqué Workshop.(Bring Wine)..

Wendy Green's Challenge Quilt Deadline is in August.

Jen Chapman's Piecing Triangles Workshop is in June the Tuesday after the Guild Meeting..

Carol Henderson:

UFO's Challenge...finish all your quilts..Enter at least five UFO's but put at least put 10 on the list..
The amount for UFO Challenge is \$10.00...

Sue Merritt : For the Retreat, there is a \$100.00 Down.. for what I'm told is GREAT FUN..don't be shy step up.

Jeanne Arnieri has volunteered to organize the Quilt Show and of course is looking for volunteers.
I just might go for Assistant to Jeanne Arnieri...?

Sunshine and Shadows was discussed..

Carol Buttler The Guild shared Memories... Carol passed away very Quietly...

We had a demonstration for next June Workshop.

Our President Jeannie Mazzacane Adjourned the meeting at 8:15..

Madeline Frey: Recording Secretary



**Busy Bears Quilt Guild
TREASURERS REPORT 2016**

April 2016		
Balance	3/31/2016	\$ 4,566.92
Income		\$ 2,221.00
Expenses		\$ - 704.20
Balance	3/31/2016	\$ 6,083.71

INCOME

Advertising Income	\$	25.00
Bargain Table	\$	30.75
Birthday Exchange	\$	42.00
Membership 2016	\$	50.00
Opp Quilt Tickets 2016	\$	277.00
Retreat Deposits	\$	1,496.25
Vendor Booths	\$	300.00
	\$	2,221.00

EXPENSES

Retreat Deposit Paid	(\$	583.00)
Rent	(\$	75.00)
Quilt Show Expenses - Postage	(\$	19.60)
Sunshine and Shadows	(\$	26.60)
	(\$	704.20)

Carol Henderson - Treasurer



SCCQG

I attended the SCCQG Meeting this past April 9th in Carson. It was MEET THE TEACHER as the day's subject. There must have been at least 30 teachers who each displayed their quilting expertise. Each of the teachers, also gave a 3 minute talk describing what they do. The 3 minute talks gave you a good idea as to the teacher's personality and enthusiasm describing her subject and then their displays showed their actual quilting. I will be giving Jeanne Arnieri, our Program Chairman the literature I collected and my recommendations on my favorites.



Janet Walz

Sunshine and Shadows

Congratulations Jill Gilham has some Big Sunshine: She has a new Great Granddaughter. Her name is Cheyenne. She was born April 26th. That's a lovey name.

Janet Beatty is recovering from a knee replacement. Sheri Smith is recovering from back surgery. Laurie Nahay is expecting a great grandbaby in December.

Lorretta Castelluccio has shingles. Janet Schultz has listed her home for sale, so that she can move off the mountain to be closer to medical care. Elaine Hudson sold her home and will be moving off the mountain.

Beverly Bennett



Coming Next Month!

In June our Nominating Committee will begin seeking volunteers to fill 2017 Board and Committee positions. Start thinking now about how you will support Busy Bears Quilt Guild in the coming year and watch for the article in next month's newsletter

April's Program



Ariel Kuepper and Sue Bost
Crayon and hand embroidery



Jill Gilham
Promise Quilts



Ladies of the Lake Quilt Workshop



Jeannie Mazzacane, Bonnie Snell, Carolyn McGuire, Madeline Frey, Janet Walz, Karen Cumberland, Wendy Stephens

SHOW AND TELL



Wendy Green



Mary Price



Mary Baughman



Belinda Evans



Jeanne Arneri



Sue Bost



Karen Cumberland



Madeline Frey



Carol Henderson



"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 Baskets

Hi Everyone!

Well I hope we are on our last few days of snow for the season. It's time for Spring and Summer to get her so we can enjoy Big Bear in all her Majesty! I know it's a little early to be thinking of the show and our fabulous Raffle Baskets but it really will be here before we know it. I will be coordinating the baskets again this year and I just want to put a bug in everyone's ear to start thinking of what you and your mini group would like to donate towards a basket. One year we had a Bar B Q Basket instead of the Emergency Basket and that went over well too. I'm open to ANY ideas. Our Baskets are always a huge hit and they are a good source of income for our Guild. Please let me know if there's something you would like to see in our baskets and I'll do my best to make it happen. Also if anyone out there has any large baskets they would like to donate, please let me know, I'm your gal! We can also look outside the box and use something that fits in with the theme of the basket. Example, one year Stitchy Fingers mini group used a collapsible garden cart to hold all the goodies. Anything fun and appealing is great. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Happy Stitching, **Mary Price**, 909-584-0050 or 562-413-7869



Busy Bear Quilt Guild's 3rd Annual Picnic!

Our picnic this year will be held on July 19 at 11:00 am at Sugarloaf Park under the roof in case we get rain! This will be on our regular workshop Tuesday, but we won't be working! We will be making friends and having fun! We will be playing games and eating!

We will be playing a game that involves bringing a homemade mug rug! It's simply an oversized coaster. Minimum size should be 6"x8" but no bigger than 8"x10". It can be made by any quilt style (applique, pieced or embroidered). It should have a heat resistant batting inside. Just have fun with it!

This will be a potluck! Put this on your calendars!

Laurie Nahay



MEMBERSHIP

Total Paid Members - 63 and 27 members and 2 guests attended April's meeting

Guests - Ariel Kuepper and Jan Andrade (brought by Belinda Evans)

New Member: Carolyn McGuire

Her email is mrmccool.58@yahoo.com. I had it incorrect in April's newsletter.

Marian Sorci - rejoined (10/15) *OPEN-e (1991)
15270 N. 79th Lane C/623-694-2519
Peoria, AZ 85381 marian1015@cox.net



Fran Martin



Laurie Nahay

MARCH BIRTHDAY EXCHANGE

Jill Gilham - Cone thread holder
Carolyn McGuire - Fabric
Belinda Evans - Spool thread rack
Carol Howerton - 2 books
Mary Price - Pounce
Karen Cumberland - Goodie Bag
Janet Walz - Magnetic pin holder

WINNERS

Jan Andrade - Cone thread holder
Madeline Frey - Magnetic pin holder
Karen Cumberland - 2 books
Wendy Stephens - Goodie bag
Jeannie Mazzacane - Pounce
Jan Andrade - Thread holder

Refreshments

Carolyn McGuire - brownies
Jill Gilham - Cookies
Carol Howerton - Peanut butter treats
Karen Cumberland - Watermelon & nuts

Birthday Exchange and Refreshments

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>BE/R</u>
Lys Axelson	5/6	May
Ruth Beattie	5/13	May
Chris Silva	5/16	May
Nancy Bailey	5/18	Open
Janet Beaty	5/22	August
Lorna Hatfield	5/31	May
Bonnie Snell	12/9	May
Carol Henderson	12/31	May

*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

August is just around the corner!! Hope you're working on those Challenge Quilts. I can hardly wait to see the WILD interpretations. Blessings!!

Wendy



FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

CUT-UPS

Thank you to my quilting friends for bringing lunch and the Cut-Ups meeting to my house again. I WILL be at our June get together at Karen Cumberland's house, driving myself hopefully.

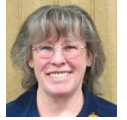
Fran Martin



STITCHY FINGERS

Last month we had some fun stitching, chatting and eating at Lorna Hatfield's and at my house. Sue Merritt's neighbor joined us, and invited us to her house for our next get together. So we will be meeting at Sue Merritt's and walking over to Barb Snyder's house on the 6th.

Jill Gilham



Philanthropy

Theme for May is HELPER MEALS IN A BOX. There are hamburger, chicken and tuna style meals.

Comfort Quilts

The Mom and Dad's parenting class ends in June. There is still time to help by making a baby quilt.

Quilts for DOVES - There will be new quilt kits to choose from at the May meeting. MORE Quilts are needed for DOVES. We are very low on them.

Thank you for the pop and beer tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and for the school box tops. KEEP THEM COMING.



Colleen Olson



Sheri Smith



A Basket Bonanza presented by

Valley of the Mist Quilt Guild
Tuesday June 14, 2016
Ticket sales begin at @ 6:15

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Community Recreation Center
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Free Admission

Remember to bring a handful of address labels to put on your tickets!!!!

For more information contact: sherrysays@verizon.net
or visit us at www.valleyofthemistquilters.com

Busy Bears Quilting Guild April Program Update

MEMORIES

At our May meeting, we will enjoy a "PARADE OF PRESIDENTS". Our guild past presidents will be sharing special memories and special quilts, and reminiscing about the earlier days of Busy Bears Guild. We'll also have our guild scrapbooks on display for your browsing enjoyment.

Then Wendy Green will share some of her turned-edge applique work, as introduction to our Tuesday workshop, CAPTURING THE DETAILS. Applique is one of the classic styles of quilt-making, and there are many methods for getting those fabric shapes created successfully. Wendy is looking forward to sharing her turned-edge expertise with us. At the workshop, we'll learn the fundamentals of this handwork technique, and will be inspired to go on to our own applique projects.

A luncheon is included in your \$20 workshop fee, and we have room for a few more participants, so please consider joining us. No sewing machines are required for this workshop, so it will be easy for you to attend.

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

Your 2016 Program Chair -

Jeanne Arnieri

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jeannearnieri@yahoo.com



Looking ahead:

At our June meeting we will enjoy a presentation and trunk show by Jan Chapman. She will discuss several methods of making pieced triangles - some better than others! At our Tuesday workshop, Jan will teach us how to use Triangulations software as we work on pieced-triangle table runners.

2016 QUILT SHOW – MAKING MEMORIES

Have you started to think about the quilts you'd like to display in our 2016 Quilt Show? The more quilts that we have hanging, the greater appeal our show will have to our guests. Remember that your membership must be paid/renewed by June 1 in order for you to participate in the show and boutique.

Our 2016 judge will be Linda Rasmussen. We have enjoyed Linda's careful analysis and thoughtful feedback several times in the past, and we look forward to having her judge for us again this year. Quilt show judging is a positive learning experience, and recognition of excellence is exciting and rewarding!

But maybe you have a quilt that you are proud of, though you prefer not to participate in the judging process? That's fine also! YOUR QUILTS DO NOT HAVE TO BE JUDGED. You can indicate your preference when you submit your quilt and entry form in August. We will be honored to share our members' quilt accomplishments in our show!

So: no excuses!! Share your quilted memories this year. Make plans NOW to get your quilts completed in time to be displayed in our 2016 show. Wouldn't it be wonderful if EVERY SINGLE GUILD MEMBER had a quilt hanging in the show this year? Wouldn't it be wonderful to have TOO MANY QUILTS for our show?!

Let's work together to make this the best show ever!

Jeanne Arnieri



April Promise Stitching Workshop

Our April workshop, "Promise Stitching" was a great success! Seven guild members enjoyed a morning of gentle stitching and pleasant conversation. Jill Gilham shared the lore and legend of Promise Stitching, and got us started on small sampler pillows. Our greatest challenge was threading those tiny needles! The Promise Stitching process is slow and mindful, and we will all have time to reflect and daydream as we work on our pillows. Now that we've learned the basics, we're looking forward to using this lovely hand-stitching method for future heirloom projects.

We enjoyed a tea party luncheon, complete with lace tablecloth, finger sandwiches, and pastries. Jacques especially loved the mini cream puffs!

Thank you again Jill, for patiently teaching us this special technique.



MAY 2016 SEWCIAL

Please join us at our SEWCial on Monday, May 9, 2016

Our monthly SEWCials are the perfect opportunity for you to spend time with quilting friends in a casual setting. Bring your own project to the gathering, or just come and visit -- the tables will be set up and the coffeepot will be on! We always have tasty snacks at our SEWCials too, so plan to join us for a morning of socializing and enjoying treats.

Everyone is welcome!

MONDAY May 9, 2016

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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



April's SEWCial and New Member Meeting

Here is a picture of our industrious new members squaring up the mittens and fabrics for their DOVES quilt.

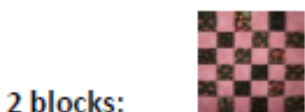
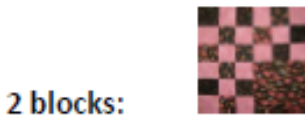
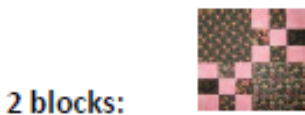
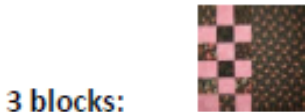
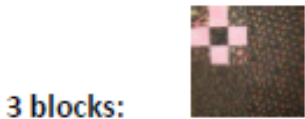


HOP * SKIP * JUMP
BUSY BEARS SEW-ALONG 2016

We are just about done with our sew-along! This month is the final step, and you'll be ready to complete your quilt top and bring it to the May meeting for oooohs and aaaahs. Hope you've enjoyed sewing with us!

STEP 5

Using the small blocks you created in Step 3 and Step 4, and also the plain background pieces you cut in Step 3, assemble larger blocks as follows:

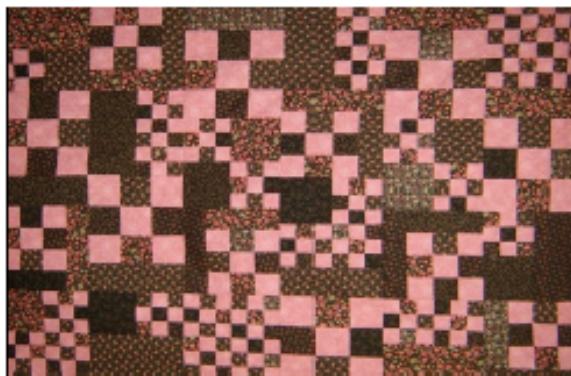


You will end up with 12 blocks, each measuring 12 1/2" at this point.

Gather all the blocks you've made for this project and sort them into six groups. Each group should include four blocks - one large block from Step 1, one medium block from Step 2, and two of the blocks you just assembled.

Working with your groups one at a time, arrange the four blocks in each group into a row. Vary the placement of the large, medium and small blocks in each row, so your rows are all different. Sew the blocks together to make six rows. Each row should measure 12 1/2" x 52 1/2".

Assemble your quilt top using the six rows you've just made. Your top should measure 52 1/2" x 72 1/2". Layer, quilt and finish your HOP*SKIP*JUMP quilt as desired.



FABRIC FRENZY

AN INVITATION TO SHOP FOR FABRIC

at Canyon Quilters' July Fundraiser

There will be over 150 baskets and wrapped bolts of fabric sorted into colors and themes to win.

You could win a basket of 4 yards of beautiful fabric for as little as

\$1.00!

Tickets will cost one for \$1, six for \$5, and 25 for \$20!

Monday, July 18
doors open at 6:30 pm

Mark your calendar!

\$5 admission to have access to the fabric deals of the year!

The Shrine Center in Kearny Mesa
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QUESTIONS: email programs@canyonquilters.com

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- Contact: Sue Merritt, retreat coordinator 909-800-1536 or ramconcrete@charter.com

