PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

It has been both a learning experience and pleasure to have been your guild president for these past two years. As my term comes to an end, I have so many of you to thank for your support during this time. I shall be ever grateful to my board members and committee chairs for their willingness to work on behalf of our guild, both in front and behind the scenes, insuring that the goals that we set forth were accomplished.

I'm very happy about the outcome of our 28th Mountain Treasures Quilt Show, and if you didn't get thanked personally for participating, please know that your contributions to making it a success were very much appreciated. We had fun didn't we?

Our November meeting is the final one of 2016, and you can expect it to be a full one:

* Cheri Smith will be awarding our annual philanthropic donations to local Big Bear Valley charities.
* We will vote on next year's five executive officers.
* We'll have our homemade Christmas cookie exchange.
* Belinda Evans will give us a slide presentation of the quilts hung and vendors attending the Houston Market and tell us of her experience there and what's new for the quilting world in 2017.

We have our Christmas Party on Dec. 5th to look forward to as well. Be sure to make your reservations with Belinda, if you haven't done so already. Hope to see you at both the meeting and our dinner.

Keep Smiling,

Jeannie Mazzacane

EDITORS EPISTLE

The holidays are fast approaching. What a wonderful time of the year. Celebrating the things that we are thankful for and spending time with family and friends.

Karen Cumberland

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, Belinda Evans
BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD MINUTES – October 2016

Busy Bears Quilt Guild Meeting
October 17, 2016

Our President Jeannie Mazzacane brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Madeline Frey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fran Martin advised us that she has 2017 Membership Forms available tonight.

Beverly Bennett gave us the Sunshine & Shadows news & we sang Happy Birthday to all the October Birthday Ladies.

Minutes from our last meeting were corrected and approved.

Belinda Evans gave us more information about our upcoming Christmas Party. (See her article in this month’s newsletter for more details).

Cheri Smith put out a call for more Doves Comfort Quilts; kits are available at her table. She thanked everyone for the Mom and Dad Quilts that have been coming in.

Jeannie Mazzacane announced programs ~ A Silent Auction for tonight and next month Cheri Smith will host our annual donation recipients, Belinda Evans will give us her Houston Market Report and we will have our homemade cookie exchange.

Carol Henderson reminded us that we will vote for next year’s Board at the November Meeting. Carol introduced: Bonnie Snell for President, Jeannie Mazzacane for Vice President/Programs, Belinda Evans for Recording Secretary, Carol Henderson (herself) for Treasurer and Fran Martin & Laurie Nahay for Membership.

Laurie Nahay gave us more information about her Crayon Tinted/Embroidery workshop on Tuesday.

We had an extended break for our Silent Auction; followed by Show & Tell and our Birthday Exchange.

Jeannie Mazzacane adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Madeline Frey

Announcement

At our November meeting we will have an election to confirm next year’s Executive Board members:

President ~ Bonnie Snell
Programs ~ Jeannie Mazzacane
Recording Secretary ~ Belinda Evans
Treasurer ~ Carol Henderson
Membership ~ Fran Martin
**CUT-UPS**

Soup was on at our October meeting at Bonnie Snell’s. We talked about calendar for next few meetings. Subject to change - January 5 - ?; February 1 - Jeannie Mazzacane; March 1 - Janet Beaty; April 5 - Karen Cumberland; May 3 - Fran Martin; June 7 - Bonnie Snell.

**STITCHY FINGERS**

October was a busy month! On the 6th, we took a fun road trip to Palm Springs quilt show, finding inspiration from the fabulous quilts there. Then on the 14th, Sue Bost treated us with cute Halloween cookies at her home, along with our usual sewing. The 28th, more lively chatter and sewing at Sue Merritt’s, where former and good friend, Jan Powell joined us.

In November, we will try to get back on our 1st and 3rd Friday schedule, starting with a fun road trip to Apple Valley. We’ll be shopping at Tops and Bobbins and Haven, before enjoying lunch at Laurie Nahay’s.

**FRIENDSHIP GROUPS**

2017 Retreat at Vina de Lestonnac

I know it’s still early, however we need to know how many rooms we will need for our retreat next year! The dates are July 10, 11, 12 & 13 (4 days & 3 nights). All meals included. The cost is $315 for a shared room. There will be activities and prizes! We have to send in a deposit, so please plan on joining us for our 3rd Annual Retreat by bringing your $100 deposit to the November general meeting.

**TREASURERS REPORT 2016**

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SHOW AND TELL

Laurie Nahay
October Workshop

Mary Baughman

Donated pillowcases

Belinda Evans

Lorraine Taylor

Jacque Holmes
SHOW AND TELL

Sue Bost

Laurie Nahay

Wendy Sterphens

Loretta Castelluccio

Ina Naday

Karen Cumberland
SHOW AND TELL

Loretta Castalluccio

Sandi Cannarella

Carol Henderson

Dawn Clark-Dorris, Jacque Holmes, Wendy Green, Jeannie Mazzacane, Barbara Olsen, Lorraine Taylor
Tis’ The Season

Busy Bears Annual Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 5th
5:00 p.m.
Evergreen Steak & Seafood
40771 Big Bear Blvd     Big Bear Lake, CA

Caesar Salad
(select one of the following)

Champagne Mushroom Chicken
Butternut Squash Ravioli
Prime Rib
Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce
Cream Brule’
Coffee, Tea, Soda

Remember to bring a handmade ornament wrapped in a Christmas fat quarter for our
‘Night Before Christmas’ gift exchange.

Bear Country Quilts and Gifts will be awarding a prize for the best Christmas Hat!!

Membership Cost: $17.00
Please sign up and select your entrée at the November
General Meeting, or stop in at Bear Country Quilts
MEMBERSHIP
Total Paid Members - 68

2017 Dues are due on or before our January general meeting. BRING your checkbook and membership form to the November meeting or mail to Fran Martin 1149 Mt Shasta Rd, BBC 92314 to be in the roster.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAY EXCHANGE**
Laurie Nahay - 1 1/2 yds Christmas fabric, yo-yo maker & metallic thread
Bonnie Smets - 2 gift cups
Dawn Clark-Dorris - multiple markers
Heidi Llanes - $15 gift card
Lorraine Taylor - charm packs

**WINNERS**
Wendy Stephens
Heidi Llanes
Mary Baughman
Barbara Snyder
Bonnie Smets
Jeannie Mazzacane
Bonnie Snell
Lorna Hatfield

**No Birthday Exchange and Refreshments**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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**Refresments**
Sue Bost - mini muffins
Laurie Nahay - Halloween candy
Cheri Smith - pecan cake
Dawn Clark-Dorris - witch hats
Heidi Llanes - brownies/cupcakes

**COOKIE EXCHANGE**
Bring 2 dozen homemade cookies.
1 dozen to share and 1 dozen to exchange

**Sunshine and Shadows**
Dawn Clark's husband Stephn had triple by-pass is recovering and still in the hospital at Kaiser.
Lorna Hatfield's husband had serious back surgery. He is in Loma Linda Hospital.
Mary Price's brother passed away on November 8th.
Our Thoughts and prayers are with our Members and their families.

Beverly Bennett
Busy Bears Quilting Guild November Program Update

Many Thanks to Carol Henderson, Wendy Green and Cindy (Young) Kolic for tallying our purchases at last month’s Silent Auction. Thanks go to our members, as well, for providing the merchandise sold. The monies earned have given us a running start on next year’s budget.

Thanks also go to Laurie Nahay for her fun Tuesday class on using crayons & embroidery work to embellish images that were transferred to cloth from coloring books. She gave us lots of ideas as to how to incorporate this method into our projects.

I gave you a brief look at our November program in my president’s letter...I might add that Miss Belinda is being very secretive and not showing anyone her photos before the meeting...and so, we are all going enjoy them at the same time. This will be a unique opportunity to see and hear about what goes on at the Houston Market.

Jan Chapman will also be at our meeting to introduce the 2017 Challenge. She will have kits available for those that want to get started on their quilts over the winter break.

We have no workshop scheduled this month, our meeting falls on the 21	extsuperscript{st} and Thanksgiving is the 24	extsuperscript{th}. Hope all of you are able to enjoy this special holiday season with friends and family.

Last month we enjoyed seeing Halloween quilts during Show & Tell, so how about sharing your Christmas quilts this month? You may just inspire someone to make their own holiday quilt.

Plans for next year's programs are coming together and will be announced in the January Newsletter. Our theme for next year will be Celebrations.

Jeff Mazzacane ~ Program Chair

Last Month’s Workshop

I want to show my appreciation for all of our guild members that attended my October Workshop “Come Color With Me”! I love all your creativity and I’m anxious to see your completed projects! I think coloring fabric is great therapy and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did! Kudos to Jeannie Mazzacane for the yummy Pasta e Fagiole soup!

Laurie Nahay

SILENT AUCTION

We had a great Silent Auction at our October meeting. We made a BIG $822.00!!! WooHoo!!! Thank you to everyone who donated to our auction and thank you to everyone who bid on these great items!

Carol Henderson

Philanthropy

It’s holiday helpers - stuffing mixes, cranberry, canned yams, ect. Thank you for the wonderful giving of bake goods.

Comfort Quilts

Mom and Dad’s: Thanks to all for your help. We are going to make the 14 needed for the coming class.

Doves: We are still short PLEASE work on them over our holiday break for January, turn in at our meeting. Education Box Tops and Pop Tops have been turned in for the year.

Thank all of you for your support this year. Blessings to all. Shere Smith
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: ________________________________________________________

NEWSLETTER “The Bear Facts” Do you want it sent by: E-MAIL ____ Snail Mail ____

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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

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Membership dues are: $45.00 - Make Check out to BBGQ
(Oppportunity 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
LETS SUPPORT OUR ADVERTIZERS

Bear Country Quilts & Gifts
Mimi’s Quilt Shop
Summer Sky Creations, New River, AZ
Inspirations, Big Bear Lake
Sewing Machines Plus, San Marcos
The Quilt Cupboard