



CALENDAR - 2018

Feb. 5 Board Meeting
19 General Meeting
20 Workshop

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



THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - February 2018



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our January Guild meeting program "Getting to Know You" gave us all a glimpse into each others experience as quilters. It was a fun meeting, getting to know about other quilter's backgrounds and seeing their beautiful quilts. We certainly have a diverse group of ladies, especially in the way we became quilters. Members came to quilting from never having used a sewing machine, to others who had made prom dresses and tailored garments, to many who were somewhere in between.

Glendale's Modern Quilt Guild was delighted to receive our nearly 30 quilt blocks and a quilt top. Contributions were made by Loretta Castelluccio, Jill Gilham, Laurie Nahay, Sandy Tocalino and yours truly. There is still time to turn in blocks to be made into quilts for the victims of the Thomas Fire. If you would like to donate, the address is Thomas Fire Relief, c/o superbuzzy, 1794 E. Main Street, Ventura, CA. 93001.

The Library has a new look thanks, in part, to a generous donation of bookcases from Belinda Evans and a lot of organizing by Jill Gilham. The Library is a work in progress, but it's coming along. The Bargain Table donations have been sorted and you will find some new treasures due to Sue Bost's efforts... Thank you Belinda, Jill and Sue Bost. We've been able to lessen our footprint in the Library area which will make navigating the room much easier.

I hope to see everyone hope at the February 19th guild meeting. In the meantime ... Happy Quilting ... Bonnie

EDITORS EPISTLE

Hi Everyone!

I am your new newsletter editor. I would like to thank Shirley Hartwick for her hard work on the newsletter the past several months. **Thank you, Shirley!**

Jan Chapman
Editor



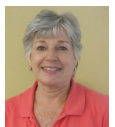
Bonnie Snell,
President



February Dinner before the Meeting

The dinner before the meeting this month will be at Maggios in the Von's Shopping Center at 4PM. Bring your sweetheart or just come and we'll all celebrate the love of friendship!

See you there!
Laurie Nahay



Busy Bear Quilt Guild—General Meeting Minutes

As you all know, Belinda is just home from the hospital, so the January minutes will either be emailed to all of you at a later date or will be available at the February meeting. Hope you are better soon, Belinda!

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.

We are sorry to report that long time member Ruth Beatty has passed away. She will be missed

Fran Martin

STITCHY FINGERS

We try to meet on the first and third Fridays each month.

In January, we gathered at my house for sewing and chatting. Then later in the month was a fun road trip to Road to California. A couple of us couldn't make it to "Road" so we had a nice visit at Jacque's.

This month we will get together at Sue Bost's and share photos and stories from the road trip. And then we'll make plans for upcoming meetings.

Jill Gillham

February Birthday Exchange and Refreshments

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>BE/R</u>
Anna Harringer	2/23	Feb
Debbie Pekarck	2/5	Feb
Jeanne Wallace	2/18	Feb
Julie Zurek	2/6	Feb
Teresa Georgi	2/1	Feb

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2018

BALANCE	12/31/2017	\$12,978.82
CASH IN		\$591.00
CASH OUT		(\$391.48)
BALANCE	01/31/2018	\$13,178.34

CASH IN	
BARGAIN TABLE	\$60.50
BIRTHDAY EXCHANGE	\$62.00
DONATIONS	\$18.50
MEMBERSHIP 2018	\$250.00
OPPORTUNITY QUITICKETS	\$200.00
	\$591.00

CASH OUT	
EDUCATION-TEACHER FEES	(\$100.00)
EQUIPMENT	(\$61.99)
RENT	(\$50.00)
WEBSITE	(\$179.49)
	(\$391.48)

Carol Henderson
Treasurer



Philanthropy

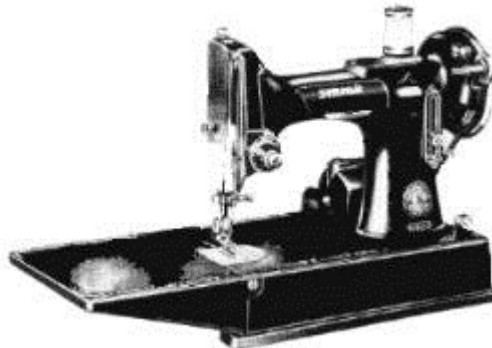
The church is requesting pasta sauce, red or white, NO PASTA please. Please remember pop tops and education box tops.

Comfort Quilts: This month try to pick up a quilt kit and cut it into 2 1/2 inch strips for the next Jelly Roll strip quilt event.

Mom's and Dad's Quilts: Remember our next due date is mid March.

Keep well and blessings to all!

Cheri Smith
Philanthropy



SHOW AND TELL



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Sunshine and Shadows



Ruth Beatty: A long time Guild member, has passed away of natural causes. We will all miss her so much. Final funeral arrangements are pending. Our hearts go out to the family.

Belinda Evans: Our beloved Belinda was sent by ambulance to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Monday, January 29th. She has an internal infection and the hospital is working on different ways to treat the infection. On top of the infection, her painful knee is still unresolved. She was able to come home Saturday night. Our love and prayers go out for her speedy recovery.

Jan Andrade: While being a wonderful friend and going to visit Belinda at the hospital, Jan tripped over a curb and sprained her ankle. Best wishes and prayers go out to her for fast healing on the ankle.

Jill Gillham: Jill's 23 year old grandson passed away earlier this week, leaving two sweet little girls without their father, and many heartbroken family and friends. Our love and condolences to Jill and her family.

Bonnie Smets



New Members

Total Membership: 51 paid members

Welcome New Members!

Teresa Georgi Birthday Feb 1
P.O. Box 3187 BBL 92315
740 Eureka Dr. BBL92315 cell909 973-7560
Email georgi2017@yahoo.com

Ariel Kuepper Birthday Sept.9
P.O.Box 6018 BBL 92315
42535 Falcon Ave BBL 92315 home phone 909 584-4285
Email ariel@craftsbyariel.com

Debie Brown Birthday April 19
88 Cold Springs Ave Beaumont 92223
Home phone (951)769-0240 cell (951)537-9652
Email debiekids@hotmail.com

Beverly Starnier Birthday November 12
POBox 1455 Sugarloaf 92386 cell 909 746-7068
Email bostar@charter.net

**Fran Martin
Membership**



Busy Bears Program and Workshop Updates for February 2018

"Getting to Know You" was great fun. Let's keep the momentum going by taking a few minutes each meeting and speak with someone that you would like to get to know better. As quilters, we are sure to have many things in common with one another.

Our February program will feature stories by our past guild presidents; Jacque Holmes, Jill Gilham, Bonnie Snell, Carol Henderson, Laurie Nahay and myself. We will also share the quilts that we were gifted in appreciation for our service.

As a warm up to our Wool Needle Keep workshop on Tuesday, Wendy Green will show us some of her creative wool projects. The workshop starts at 10: AM, the fee is \$20 for members and \$35 for guests. Most members bring a sack lunch; snacks, coffee and water are provided.

I encourage our members that have worked with wool, to bring some of their handiwork to share during Show and Tell. No problem if you have shown them before, not everyone has seen them, and you just might give someone the inspiration to try something new.

Looking ahead to March, Lys Axleson will give us a trunk show of her creative quilts. The following day Lys will teach you an easy way to hand sew bead embellishments to existing fabric designs. This will be an opportunity for many of us to learn a new method to add interest and color to our quilts.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at our Feb, 19th meeting,



Jeannie Mazzacane



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

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



Busy Bear's Annual Picnic in July!

It's a Potluck with Games & Prizes

Save the Date: July 17, 2018

Where: Sugarloaf Park

When: 11 AM

Laurie Nahay & Bobbie Egelund
Special Events

What to bring:

A dish to serve 10-12

Folding chair (for game)

An 18" square bread cloth (for keeping your buns warm)

Can be a Quilt Block either pieced. embroidered or appliqued without batting

January Birthday Exchange

Donations

Colleen Olson-pincushion and nut shells
Sue Bost- magnetic needle nanny, needle threader, stash bag
Wendy Green-daisy pincushion
Sue Boylin-fat quarters
Susan Wade-fat quarters
Jan Chapman-quilt tack
Devin Venti-magnetic needle nanny, fob
Jeannie Mazzacane-regency blues

Winners

Sue Probst-quilt tack
Shirley Hartwith-daisy pincushion
Lorna Hatfield-jelly roll book
Cheri Smith-magnetic needle nanny, etc.
Colleen Olson-pincushion and nut shells
Carolyn McGuire-needle nanny
Carol Henderson-regency blues
Sue Boylin-fat quarters
Maryann Deem-fat quarters

Opportunity Quilt

We will be showing and selling tickets for 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



Busy Bears Quilt Guild 2018 Quilt Challenge

“Express Yourself”

In CELEBRATION of our 30th Annual Mountain Treasures Quilt Show

We are asking you to use your *Three Initials* to EXPRESS YOURSELF.

One *initial* should represent a color

One *initial* should represent a pattern or quilt block

One initial should represent a quilting motif

Examples: Olivia Nancy Baker ~ Blue, Nine Patch, On Point

Sharon Elaine Miller ~ Electric Lime, Streak of Lighting, Meander

As you can see ~ any initial may be used for any of the three items

You many also have creative license with color and quilt motif names

Requirements: You must use at least 6 X 9” of each of the three fabrics we have given you ~ and that same amount of the fabric color you have chosen ~ on the front of your quilt top. You may use as many additional fabrics as you wish.

Your challenge quilt may be no larger than 1300 square inches and no smaller than 800 square inches. (Length X Width = sq. in)

Deadline for completion is the August guild meeting

Be sure to have a label on the right, backside of your quilt and cover your name with tape.

List the names of the three items that you have used your initials for on the enclosed card and attach it to your quilt.

Bring your quilt to the meeting in a brown bag.

Thank You ~ Good Luck and Have Fun!

Motif ~ A dominate element in your quilt that is repeated.

~ Some Quilting Motif Possibilities ~

A ~ Applique

C ~ Crazy Quilting, Chenilling

E ~ Embroidery, Echo Quilting, Embellishment, Edge to Edge Quilting
(ie Circle, Fans, Feathers, Flowers, etc.)

F ~ Free Motion Quilting, Fabric Collage, Foundation Quilting

H ~ Hand Quilting, Hand Dyed Fabric

M ~Machine Quilting, Meander Quilting

P ~ Paper Piecing, Photo Transfer, Prairie Points

R ~ Reverse Applique

S ~ Strip Piecing, Stack and Whack, Stipple Quilting

T~ Thread Painting

Quilt Size ~ What do you mean by Square Inches?

Your quilt may be no larger than 1300 square inches and no smaller than 800 square inches.

(Length X Width = Sq. inches)

~ Here are some possible size examples for you ~

A quilt that is: 24” X 36” = 864 square inches

30” X 36” = 1080 square inches

30” X 40” = 1200 square inches

36” X 36” = 1296 Square Inches

SCCQG - Update from the Ventura Modern Quilt Guild - Thomas Fire Relief Quilts

The booth at Road to California was an unqualified success! Thank you to all those who contributed to the project. We had over 130 visitors sign in (and many who preferred to remain anonymous). Road patrons donated hundreds of blocks, 40 tops and 75 finished quilts! Road vendors brought us bolts of fabric and yardage to make backing. We also received a full bolt of batting from one vendor and partial bolts from patrons. We had not expected monetary donations, but once again, quilters showed us their generous nature: \$1250 in cash donations. This will go toward more batting and printing labels. Vendors and patrons donated in other ways: Tin Lizzie allowed us to use their long arm machines to quilt two Thomas Fire quilts during the show. And we received numerous leads on more long arm quilters willing to help us. This stage may prove to be a big challenge: getting all these tops quilted. Are there long-arm quilters in your guild or at shops nearby? Perhaps you could reach out to them to see if they can quilt a few of the quilts for VMQG. Please have them contact Georganna Hawley at communications@venturamodernquiltguild.com. We also received the names of many individuals and families impacted by the fire and mudslide. Your help with this project has been invaluable. We've also talked about how we can help others responding to a disaster response. It's been, and continues to be, a learning experience like no other any of us have had. The guild is hosting Sew-Ins in the Ventura area on Saturdays and Sundays through February. If you can help, please contact Georganna at the email address above.

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Cost for materials, construction, & finishing for
90" x 100" Queen Size Quilt

Materials for Queen Size Quilt

Fabric for the top:

15 Yds @ \$12.95 = \$194.25

8 ½ Yds backing @ \$12.95 = \$110.08

¾ Yds for Binding @ 12.95 = \$9.71

2 ¾ Yds Batting @ 12.95 = \$35.61

Pattern @ \$10.00

TOTAL cost of Materials = \$359.65 (not including sales tax or markup.

Markup is customary in any other business!)

Construction

Labor based on \$25.00 an hour (We are NOT Minimum wage, unskilled workers, but skilled Artisans with years of experience and large investments in equipment and training)

Making a Top

(Includes shopping for fabric, prepping fabric, cutting fabric, sewing blocks, sewing blocks together adding sashing and borders)

40 hours @ \$25.00 = \$1,000.00

(What would you expect to get paid working at a skilled job per 40 hour work week?)

Finishing

Long Arm quilting (All over Edge to Edge)

9,000 Sq inches @ .02 = \$180.00

Trimming Quilt @ \$15.00

Making Binding ½ hr @ \$25.00/hr = \$12.50

Sewing binding on and hand stitching the back

380 linear inches @ .30 = \$114.00

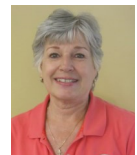
Total Finishing cost = \$321.50

TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$1,681.15

Note: A larger quilt or more intricate pattern or Custom Long Arm Quilting will increase cost

Revised by Doug Sobel 1/3/2018

Thank you Laurie Nahay for contributing this very useful information!



Busy Bears 4th Annual Quilting Retreat

Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula CA

July 9-10-11&12, 2017

www.vinadelestonnac.com



Four days and three nights of fun and friendship

PRICE: Double room - \$315.00; Single room - \$415.00

\$100 deposit will secure your place.

Deposits and registration forms will be accepted
at the February 2018 meeting and at meetings thereafter.

Retreat details and the **registration form** are available in the February newsletter.

There are only 20 spaces available, so sign up early! You may also mail the check and registration form to my home address, PO Box 5403 , Sugarloaf, CA 92386. Balance is due at the May guild meeting. **Please make checks out to Laurel Nahay. Enter the words " 2018 Retreat" on the Memo line of your check.**

Contact: Laurie Nahay retreat coordinator at: 909 754 0186 (cell)
or email: campnahay@charter.net

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