



# THE BEAR FACTS

## BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

### NOVEMBER 2023

General Meeting  
Monday, November  
**20th**  
**5:30 PM**  
Johnson Center  
Community Church  
40940 Big Bear Blvd.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lines by... *Lindy*

Our Big Bear Valley is seeing beautiful fall colors, but the frigid temperatures are telling us fall is coming to an end. With winter upon us, our guild will begin our newly voted on schedule in January 2024. If you were not able to make our last meeting when we reported the results of the survey, the majority of members favored the split schedule (that was #3 on the survey). We had 63/83 members vote. A GREAT response! So.....

**Our winter schedule** (colder months) begins in January 2024 through May 2024. Our meetings begin at 11 am, and the social is at 10:30 am. Lunch will follow our meetings! Please note that our winter schedule does include November but not until 2024.

**Our summer schedule** (warmer months) will begin in June 2024 through October 2024. We will move to night-time meetings: meetings begin at 6 pm, the social at 5:30 pm. Dinner will precede our meeting at 4 pm.

Thank you to all those that participated in this important vote.

Our general membership meeting dates will continue to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month followed by our Tuesday workshops on the third Tuesday of the month. However, our January 2024 meeting and workshop will be a week later due to Road to California which is January 17-20, 2024. Many of our members attend classes at Road to California beginning that week on January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to attend, go to **road2calif.com** for more information.

**To clarify, our January general membership meeting is on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and our January workshop is on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Happiest of holidays and Happy New Year to you and your families!**

*Lindy*



**Lindy Edmond, President**

# BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

## General Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023

### I. Call to order

President Lindy Edmond called to order the regular meeting of the Busy Bears Quilt Guild at 6:00 p.m. on October 16, 2023, at Youth Center of Community Church, 40946 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, Ca.

### II. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the September 25, 2023, General Meeting as published in the October newsletter were approved on a motion by Belinda Evans, second by Debra Lanning. The motion was carried and approved.

### III. Open Issues

- a) **Treasurer Report** - Michele Rustigan reported the September ending balance as \$23,174.08. Motion to approve the Guild's September treasurer's report will take place at the November general meeting. Michele Rustigan will continue to be treasurer in 2024.
- b) **Memberships** – Laurie Nahay was absent. Gladys Panameno reported 83 members. And can begin turning in one's 2024 membership in November. Lindy Edmond reported there no new submittals in the Idea Box.  
  
Survey Monkey - vote resulted in the following: 1. All daytime meetings - meetings to begin at 11 a.m., lunch to follow received **26 votes**. 2. All nighttime meetings - meetings to begin at 6 p.m., pre-dinner at 4 p.m. received **4 votes**. 3. Split daytime and nighttime meetings (times above). Daytime meeting months during winter and spring November to May. Nighttime meeting months during summer months June to October, received **33 votes**. BBQG will begin our new meeting schedule in January 2024
- c) **Sunshine and Shadows** - Theresa Georgi announced the birthdays for October and invited the members to sing "Happy Birthday". Recovering members mentioned.  
  
Lindy Edmond and Debra Lanning will sew into rows of a get-well heart quilt.
- d) **Philanthropy** - Discussion to create a letter to charities that we will not be giving cash donations. Lindy Edmond will present letter at November board meeting.
- e) **Publicity and Marketing** - Helen Pangelinan was absent.
- f) **2024 Opportunity Quilt** - Belinda Evans reports the quilt top is finished and she complete the quilting on it.
- g) **Fall Block Swap** - Blocks were given out in October 2023 and participants have until spring 2024 to complete a project.
- h) **UFO Challenge** - Susan Solomonson says it runs October 2023 - September 2024. To enter it's \$10 and completed projects can't be a philanthropy nor Challenge Quilt.
- i) **Challenge Quilt** - Robin Davis and Wendy Stephens report the kits are available, due in July. Specific directions and sizes are in each kit,
- j) **Stitchy Fingers** - Sue Bost says October 27 will be at Sue Bost's home hosting a costume Halloween Party. Please R.S.V.P.
- k) **Tea Party** - Elaine Dobiesz reports June 8, 2024, 12 noon is the date and time. There are 7 tables with hosts. Cost is \$25 and nine guests to a table. Sign up begins in January. See Newsletter.
- l) **Christmas Party** – Elaine Dobiesz reminded the guild the Christmas Party is at Santana and Mavericks on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Happy hour prices will apply the first hour. Bring a handmade ornament for an exchange game. Sign up for a meal by the November meeting deadline.

## General Meeting Minutes (Continued)

October 16, 2023

- m) **Retreats** - Save the date: Lindy reported the summer retreat is June 24 - 27, 2024. Kelley Smythe says the fall retreat is September 16 - 19, 2024.
- n) **Website** - No report. busybears.com
- o) **Newsletter** - Janice Stillwell thanks everyone for their timely submittals. Need submittals by Monday, November 6 before the meeting.
- p) **Hospitality** - Colleen Olson/Subcommittee Kat(downhill for winter)and Susie.
- q) **Nomination Committee** - Belinda Evans reported voting is in November. Nominations are Lindy Edmond, president; Lorraine Taylor, vice-president; Michele Parris, secretary; Michele Rustigan, treasurer; Heidi Llanes, membership.
- r) **Quilt Show** - Belinda Evans reports the wrap up meeting was Tuesday, October 3, 11 a.m. at Bear Country Quilt Shop.
- s) **Programs** - Lorraine Taylor reports that tomorrow is a workshop by Robin Davis and class on embellishments. If you need to cancel, please let Robin know as she will be bringing the supplies. November program is the cookie exchange - 2 dozen and an extra dozen for refreshments. No workshop in November. Christmas Party is our meeting and there will be no program. Cruise to Alaska is May 24 - see Belinda Evans.

**IV. Old business** - None

**V. New business** -

**VI. Show and Tell**

- a) Jeannie Mazzacane directed.

**IV. Birthday Table**

- a) Susan Boylin directed.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, November 6, 11 a.m., at Bear Country Quilts shop. Open to all members.

BBQG General Meeting: Monday, November 20, Youth Center, Community Church

4:00 p.m. Dinner at Maggio's    5:30 p.m. Social    6:00 p.m. General Meeting

Workshop: No workshop for November nor December.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. by President Lindy Edmond.

Minutes submitted by: Michele Parris \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PRE-MEETING DINNER**

Our November 20th Pre-Meeting Dinner will be held at Maggio's Pizza, 42160 Big Bear Blvd., (Von's Shopping Center) at 4:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

***Elaine Dobiesz & Janice Stillwell***

### **FAT QUARTER RAFFLE**

No theme this month for Fat Quarters. Any and all Fat Quarters are appreciated.



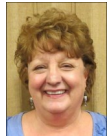
***Sue Boylin, Birthday Table***



### **PINE NEEDLES QUILT GUILD - ANNUAL HOME TOUR & BOUTIQUE**

Alice Smith, a member of our guild and also Wrightwood's Pine Needles Quilt Guild will be bringing tickets for their Annual Home Tour and Boutique. If you have not been, it is a very fun event. You get to see local homes that are decorated with the guild members quilts.

**Saturday, December 2** - Discount for advance purchase of tickets.



***Lorraine Taylor, Vice President & Program Chair***

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Be sure to sign up for our Annual Christmas Party which will be held at Santana and Mavericks on **Monday December 4th at 5:30pm**. Your cost is \$25

A sign up sheet will be available at the October Guild Meeting. Belinda Evans will also have a sign up sheet available at Bear Country Quilts and Gifts. Please bring cash or a check made out to Busy Bears Quilt Guild.

If you are planning to attend:

- There will be a handcrafted ornament exchange. Ornaments must be handcrafted and wrapped in a fat quarter.
- Be festive and wear your favorite holiday sweater!



***Elaine Dobiesz, Christmas Party Coordinator***



### **CALLING ALL UFO'S**



We will be working on completing our unfinished objects from October 2023 - September 2024. The cost is \$10.00. Bring your finished project{s} to a meeting and get a ticket to put in the drawing bucket. We will draw a ticket at the October 2024 meeting to see who is the winner of the money pool. Sign-ups began at the October 2023 meeting, but you can sign up to join at any meeting. To date, there are four members signed up to participate. It only takes one ticket to win!

***Susan Solomonson***



## **PROGRAMS**

Greetings!

Can you believe the Holiday Season is upon us? It's always a fun time of year! October's program with Robin's trunk show and workshop were amazing. She is one talented and creative gal! Hope you all enjoyed her presentation and workshop as much as I did. Thank you, Robin, for sharing all your ideas.

Here's what is going on the rest of 2023.

### **November Meeting:**

- Donation give away and speakers from the organizations.
- Cookie Exchange-bring two dozen homemade cookies. One for the exchange table and one for refreshments.

### **No Workshop**

**December** - Christmas Party (December 4th) No meeting or workshop.

Here's our first of the year Programs and workshops:

**January 2024: Meeting Program:** Where have we been and what do we want to see our guild do this year "Discussion"

Please give thought to what you would like to see our guild include in programs, projects and workshops for the coming year and beyond.

**Workshop:** Charity Sew-Pillow Cases

**February 2024:** Meeting Program: Strip Poker Fun!

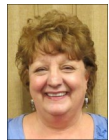
**Workshop:** Strip Race

**March 2024:** Meeting Program: Quilt University

**Workshop:** Charity Sew and Charity Quilt packet assembly

Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If you have any questions, just give me a call or email.

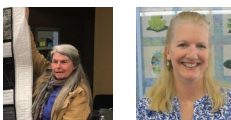


***Lorraine Taylor, Vice President & Program Chair***  
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## **CHALLENGE QUILTS**

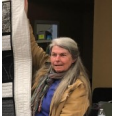
The 2024 Challenge Quilt, Paint Chip Plus, packets will be available at the November general meeting. There are a limited number of packets so it's first come first served. The 2024 Challenge Quilts will be due at the July 2024 general membership meeting for voting on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> by the membership. There's also a cash award for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. All Challenge Quilts will be entered in the Annual Quilt Show.



***Robin Davis and Wendy Stephens, Co-Chairs***

### **COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY**

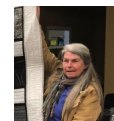
Please keep the powdered milk, peanut butter, protein bars, canned meats with a side dish, cereals and canned pastas coming. Many folks don't have access to kitchens so individual cheese and cracker, peanut butter and cracker, packaged nuts, trail mixes make a great alternative. All food items are needed. Please drop off at Philanthropy table



***Robin Davis, Philanthropy Chair***

### **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PULL TAB PROGRAM**

Please keep your aluminum pull tabs and bring to the Philanthropy Table for Janice Stillwell to turn in at the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda.

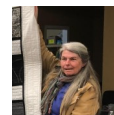


***Robin Davis, Philanthropy Chair***



### **COMFORT QUILTS**

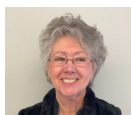
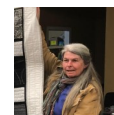
Quilt kits will be available at the meeting for those who wish to get a head start on their 2024 donation quilts.



***Robin Davis and Jan Nissen, Comfort Quilt Co-Chairs***

### **COMFORT QUILTS & TEDDY BEARS**

- **Bear Valley Hospice and Dove's** comfort quilts suggested size: 44" - 46" by 58" - 62". 3 yard quilt packets are available. The BBQG provides batting and backing as well.
- **Moms & Dads** Project baby quilts suggested size: 36" by 36". Pre-cut kits available.
- **Seven Stars Foundation** provides quilts for children of military families, aged 5 - 17 who attend YMCA camps across the nation. Suggested size: Lap to twin. Fabric available.
- **Kids in Crisis** program makes teddy bears and bunnies for first responders to carry in their vehicles and hand out as needed when responding to emergencies. Patterns and fabric available.



You are always welcome to use your own fabrics and designs for these projects. Look forward to seeing your creations.

***Robin Davis and Jan Nissen, Comfort Quilt Co-Chairs***



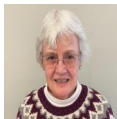
## **SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS**

Happy November birthdays! November's flower is the chrysanthemum. November's gemstones are the topaz and the citrine.

Sally Freeberg	November 2nd
Michele Paris	November 9th
Bonnie Marshall-Creel	November 21st
Heidi Llanes	November 22nd
Susan Schwebel	November 23rd
Lindy Edmond	November 28th

Happy December birthdays! There's no meeting in December, but we didn't want to forget you. If you were born in December you have several choices for your birthstone: turquoise, lapis lazuli, tanzanite, and blue topaz. Narcissus is the flower of December.

Joyce Bachelder	December 2nd
Jill Gilliam	December 2nd
Bonnie Snell	December 9th
Susan Boylin	December 11th
Christine Jacobs	December 15th
Sue Merritt	December 18th
Carol Howerton	December 26th
Jeannie Mazzacane	December 26th
Kat Gomez	December 27th
Michele Rustigan	December 27th
Kathy Klawiter	December 31st



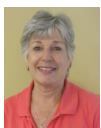
***Teresa Georgi, Sunshine and Shadows***

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We currently have 83 members. The 2024 Membership form is in this newsletter. You can either mail it in to the address on the form or turn it in at the general meeting. If we get them turned in before January we'll be able to begin working on the directory.

We have a wonderful year planned ahead with lots of events. I hope you'll join us!

Happy Thanksgiving!



***Laurie Nahay, Membership Chair***

### **TRUNK SHOW BY ROBIN DAVIS**

During the October General Meeting, Robin Davis, Busy Bears Quilt Guild Member, shared her passion for fabric embellishment and needlework. Robin's talent was evident in each of the handcrafted creations she displayed. Robin has a vast knowledge of needlework and history in which she enthusiastically discussed during her presentation. Thank you, Robin for sharing your talents!



### **OCTOBER WORKSHOP - EMBELLISHMENTS WITH ROBIN DAVIS**

Robin Davis taught needlework and embellishment techniques during the October Workshop. Robin shared an array of embellishment ideas using every type of media imaginable. During the workshop, she provided materials and taught the art of making Dorset Buttons.

It was a great day to learn new ideas courtesy of Robin and to enjoy the company of fellow guild members. Attendees included: Sue Bost, Debra Lanning, Bonnie Marshall-Creel, Deanna Melzian, Coleen Olson, Gladys Panameno, and Lorraine Taylor, Bonnie Snell, Janice Stillwell.





## **OCTOBER MEETING SHOW & TELL**



**LORRAINE TAYLOR**



**GLADYS PANAMEÑO**



**GLADYS PANAMEÑO**



**MARILYNDA MOORE**



**CINDY CALDERA**



**CINDY CALDERA**



**CINDY CALDERA**

## **DRAFT CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2024**

January Board Meeting - TBD  
 January 22nd - General Meeting  
 January 23rd - Workshop  
 February 5th - Board Meeting  
 February 19th - General Meeting  
 February 20th - Workshop  
 March 4th - Board Meeting  
 March 18th - General Meeting  
 March 19th - Workshop  
 April 1st - Board Meeting  
 April 15th - General Meeting  
 April 16th - Workshop  
 May 6th - Board Meeting  
 May 20th - General Meeting  
 May 21st - Workshop  
 June 3rd - Board Meeting  
**June 8th - Tea Party**  
 June 17th - General Meeting  
 June 18th - Workshop

**June 24th - 27th - Vina de Lestonnac Retreat**  
 July 1st - Board Meeting  
 July 15th - General Meeting  
**July 16th - Annual Picnic**  
 August 5th - Board Meeting  
 August 19th - General Meeting  
 August 20th - Workshop  
 August 31st - September 1st - Quilt Show  
 September Board Meeting - TBD  
**September 16th - 19th - Vina de Lestonnac Retreat**  
 September 23rd - General Meeting  
 September 24th - Workshop  
 October 7th - Board Meeting  
 October 21st - General Meeting  
 October 22nd - Workshop  
 November 4th - Board Meeting  
 November 18th - General Meeting  
**December 2nd - Christmas Dinner**

# Busy Bears Quilt Guild Membership form

PHOTO

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

FOR NEW

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

MEMBERS

**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: Busy Bear's Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 7015, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315**

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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 BBQG**  
(Opportunity Quilt Tickets are included & will be handed out ASAP)

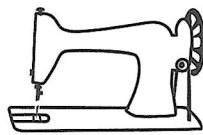
There will be a prorated membership fee: (After **July 1<sup>st</sup>** includes Opportunity Tickets: \$32.50)-(After **Labor day** week end: \$12.50)

\* 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 \_\_\_\_\_



# Time to Read

M S S S G E R E S T O R A T I O N D T R R  
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APPLIQUE

CHRISTMAS QUILTS

PAPER PIECING

HISTORICAL

RESTORATION

COLLECTING

TECHNIQUES

ART DESIGNS

HEXAGONS

SCRAP IDEAS

TWO COLOR

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MODERN QUILTMAKING

REFERENCES

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HAWAIIAN

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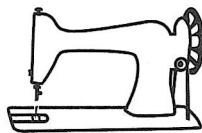
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START TO FINISH

FREE MOTION

BEGINNERS



## Quilts for a Cause

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MILITARY  
CHILDREN  
SHELTERS  
NURSING HOMES

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FOSTER CARE  
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SENIORS

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RED CROSS  
VETERANS  
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