



THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - January 2017

CALENDAR - 2017

January 9: Board Meeting
 16: General Meeting
 17: Comfort Workshop
 19-22: Road to California

February 6: Board Meeting
 20: General Meeting
 21: Scrappy Quilt Workshop



EDITORS EPISTLE

Happy New Year. Hope you all had a great Christmas. I for one enjoyed our very white Christmas, even it meant changing plans and staying home by the fire. Looking forward to what 2017 has in store.

Karen Cumberland



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Big Bear Valley is such a beautiful place to be on a white Christmas. In the 13 years we have lived here, I can't think of one more beautiful than this past Christmas. I am trusting that our year ahead will also be beautiful.

Jeannie Mazzacane, our VP in charge of programs has a wonderful lineup of programs for 2017. I'm sure there will be something of interest for everyone. In my experience, even when I think there isn't anything new in quilting - there is. Every workshop I attend I learn at least one new thing. It maybe a tweak on a technique I already know, or it maybe something entirely new. I encourage you to participate in the workshops. Getting out of your comfort zone can be liberating. Try It! You just may be surprised.

One of the wonderful things about our guild is the *willingness of our members to help each other*. Whether it's a guild issue or a personal need, we are all here to help in anyway that we can. But we can't help if we don't know there is a need.

Recently I have heard that some of our newer members aren't sure who to contact. My suggestion is if you have a guild question - call any Executive Board member (they are listed on the first page of the Directory). They can help give suggestions. If you have a personal need, especially if it's urgent, again - a Board member may be able to help, or if a member lives nearby, you maybe able to get help from them.

Please give a call if you have a question or need some assistance.

Happy Quilting - B~



Dinner before the Meeting

Happy New Year Busy Bears Quilters!

The dinner before the meeting this month will be at 4:00 pm at Maggio's! No need to ponder over what to cook just have your hubby or family members join us for great food and conversation and maybe a little antifreeze aka wine!

Stay Healthy!
Laurie Nahay



BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD MINUTES - November 2016

November 21, 2016

Busy Bears Quilt Guild Meeting

Our President Jeannie Mazzacane brought the meeting to order at 6:05 pm..

We had the Pledge of allegiance by Madeline Frey.

We welcomed the Philanthropic Donation Recipients...

Sheri Smith introduced:

Doves, Lutheran Social Services, Historical Society, Mom and Dads, Discovery Center, Community Church.

Fran Martin Introduced a guest Barbara

Beverly Bennett announced all the Birthdays for the month also talked about the Sunshine and Shadows.

Minutes from the October Meeting was approved by First motion; Karen Cumberland, Second the motion by Belinda Evans.

Arrangements for Christmas Party were made by Belinda Evans.

Comfort Quilts: Cheri Smith.. Notation: we need more quilts for Doves.

Carol Henderson announced all New Board Members for 2017.. All in favor..

2017 Retreat: Laurie Nahay...a reminder for Deposits for the Retreat..

Jeannie Mazzacane discussed Workshops and Programs for 2017.

15 minute break...

The Evening Program was presented by Belinda Evans on the Houston Market Report..

We had Show and Tell and Bonus Birthday exchange

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Recording Secretary for the year 2016 ... A Loving Farewell from:
Madeline Frey



**Busy Bears Quilt Guild
TREASURERS REPORT 2016**

December 2016		
Balance 11/30/2016		\$ 15,288.12
Income		\$ 1,810.25
Expenses		\$ - 5,137.52
Balance 12/31/2016		\$ 11,960.85

INCOME

Bargain Table	\$	28.25
Birthday Exchange	\$	35.00
Christmas Party Income	\$	527.00
Membership Fees 2017	\$	600.00
Opp Quilt Tickets 2017	\$	480.00
Workshop Income	\$	140.00
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	\$	1,810.25

EXPENSES

Bank Fees	(\$	9.00)
Christmas Party	(\$	1,085.00)
Christmas Party Gifts	(\$	300.00)
Philanthropy Donations	(\$	3,000.00)
Miscellaneous	(\$	20.51)
Presidents Expense	(\$	81.94)
Rent Church	(\$	25.00)
SCCQG Membership & Ins	(\$	254.50)
Quilt Show Advertising	(\$	103.57)
Boutique	(\$	233.00)
Janitorial Gift	(\$	25.00)
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	(\$	5,137.52)

YEAR TO DATE

Total 2016 Income	\$21,812.46
Total 2016 Expenses	\$14,387.70
2016 Net Income	\$ 7,424.76

Carol Henderson - Treasurer



FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

CUT-UPS

Our meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, and we will bring our own lunch (as we used to do). Desert, beverages and/or munchies will be provided by our hostess. Next meeting will be at Jeannie Mazzacane's on January 11th.

Fran Martin

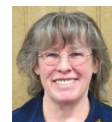


STITCHY FINGERS

We had a cheery-y Christmas get-together at Sue Merrit's, with yummy soup, and a fun sock exchange game.

We haven't made plans for our next meeting, so there will be some emails to figure it out.

Jill Gilham



PHILANTHROPY DONATIONS



SHOW AND TELL



Lorraine Taylor



Belinda Evans

Loretta Castelluccio

SHOW AND TELL



Barbara Snyder



Bonnie Snell



Jill Gilham



Lori Felber



Karen Cumberland



Cindy Young Kolic



Beverly Bennett



Fran Martin



Christmas Party



Christmas Party



M E M B E R S H I P

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL \$45

Renewal is due on or before January 16th meeting to be in the 2017 Roster. Bring checkbook or cash and membership form to January meeting or MAIL to

Fran Martin
1149 Mt Shasta Rd
Big Bear City, CA 92314

NEW MEMBER

Barbara Magaraci
PO Box 2606, BBC 92314
541 W Big Bear Blvd, BBC 92314
Cell phone 818 450 7474
Email bmagaraci@gmail
Birthday August 6

Fran Martin



Laurie Nahay



Lucky winners of donations from Quilter's Faire

- Wendy Stephens - fabric
- Bonnie Snell - apron pattern
- Jacque Holmes
- Carolyn McGuire - fabric & sleep time baby
- Lys Axelson - bobbin holder, etc
- Karen Cumberland - apron, bowl & Christmas pattern
- Lori Felber - yoyo maker
- Bev Bennett - 10x10
- Maddy Frey - flowers by the sea
- Jeannie Mazzacane - 2 patterns

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.

No Birthday Exchange

and Refreshments

H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>BE/R</u>
Colleen Olson	1/2	Jan
Dawn Clark-Dorris	1/4	open
Wade, Susan	1/6	Jan
Cindy Young	1/13	Jan
Sue Bost	1/17	Jan
Ina Naday	1/21	open
Linda Galich	1/25	Jan
Mary Price	1/26	Jan
Wendy Green	1/31	Jan
Jan Chapman	11/17	Jan

Sunshine and Shadows

Jacque Holmes will be leaving the rehab facility in Palm Desert tomorrow morning. She will be staying with her daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Steve, for a few weeks. Jacque is so happy. She had the cement procedure done 1 week ago. Jacque and Dawn thank you all for your support and prayers.

Beverly Bennett is finally having her knee repair on Tuesday, January 3rd, in Victorville.

Jean Strickler, who was an active member of our guild several years ago, has passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Some of you may also remember her from Wild Wings. There was a celebration of life on December 29th. The family asks that in lieu of flowers that you would consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

Beverly Bennett

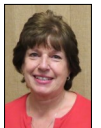


2018 OPPORTUNITY QUILT

I know this seems early, however, for all my talented volunteers that are working on this, now that the holidays are behind us and our Christmas sewing has been gifted, it's time to get busy on your block for our beautiful quilt and the weather lends us the time to be inside! Brrr! That wool applique will make you feel warm!

All blocks are to be completed and turned in by April! Contact me with any questions.

In Appreciation,
Laurie Nahy
909 754 0186

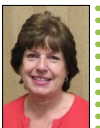


2017 PINES TO VINES RETREAT!

Our 3rd Annual Pines to Vines Retreat is taking place at the beautiful Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula, CA. This is a wonderful location for a no-stress 3 nights and four days of sewing and quilting! The meals are prepared for you by the nuns and yes you may bring wine! We will be nestled among the vineyards and there are tasting rooms close by! You need to submit your application (found in this newsletter with flyer) and deposit of \$100 to me at the January meeting or by mail prior to the meeting!

You won't be disappointed as there will be fun and prizes!

Laurie Nahay
909 754 0186



SCCQG REPORT

January 14, 2017 is the next meeting hosted by Nite Owl Quilters Guild, David Dreier Hall at James L Brittle Senior Center, 11200 Baseline Rd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701. Doors open at 9:00 am. New Reps Orientation at 9:30 am. General meeting begins at 10 am.

Topic: A Quick Walk Through the Website and Finding Speakers for Your Guild!

Please RSVP by Saturday, January 7 to Laurie Nahay: campnahay@charter.net to let me know if you are going as we have RSVP to them and we can carpool as well!

The meeting concludes at noon and we usually do lunch afterwards! We may visit local quilt shops so please join us!

Laurie Nahay
SCCQG Representative



Busy Bears Quilting Guild January Program Update

Busy Bears Quilt Guild Program News for 2017

Our January Program is going to kick off this year's theme of "Celebrations" by having you, our members, share their quilts that have been given, received or made for any one of the many possible occasions that we consider a Celebration: Weddings, Babies, Birthdays, Graduations, Anniversaries, New Homes, Vacations, Sports, Hobbies, Pets or your favorite Holiday.

Jan Chapman has joined in on the Celebrations Theme for this year's Challenge...but, she is doing it with a twist...Jan wants you to choose an obscure, weird holiday to celebrate. The Challenge was introduced at our Christmas Dinner & I've already checked out the website

www.holidayscalendar.com/holidays/weird and the possibilities are endless!

At our January meeting we are also going to play a game called the "Ugly Fabric Tear & Pass." I'm asking each of you to bring one yard of what you consider to be ugly fabric. The yard is passed around while music is played...and when the music stops everyone must rip that yard in half & when the music starts again... you keep half & send the other half on its way. The game continues until the last piece is 4" X 4". By this time you will have a yard of material again...only in a lot of different sizes. The challenge is to make something out of it by the next meeting! An apron? pillow cover? tote bag?...the creative choice is yours. Rules? There are none! You are allowed to trade fabrics with other members & add a few of your own. The idea is to have fun!

Tuesday's Comfort Quilt Workshop will be led by Cheri Smith. This will be an opportunity to work together in teams, cutting, pressing & sewing. We'll meet at 9:30 AM. Snacks will be on hand & the coffee will be on. Please plan on bringing a sack lunch...there is no fee for this workshop. Hope to see you there!

Jeannie Mazzacane ~ Program Chair
909-547-0070



Philanthropy

It's cold outside. It's soup month. Cans, cup of soup, your choice.

Comfort Quilts

Thank all of you for your hard work in 2016. Here are our numbers:

Comfort Quilts - 26 & Mom & Dad's - 32. Thank all of you who picked up kits.

Pop Tops & Education Box Tops - Our local school really appreciated our donations. We had a large amount of Pop Tops over 13 pounds that went to Ronald McDonald House. Please continue to turn them in at the meetings.

Sheri Smith



~ Program and Workshop Line-Up for 2017~
Our Theme for this year is "Celebrations"

Jan. 17th ~ Member's share "Celebration Quilts" & we play "Ugly Fabric Tear & Pass"
Jan. 18th ~ Cheri Smith ~ Comfort Quilt Workshop

Feb. 20th ~ Member's Fashion Show
Feb. 21st ~ Bonnie Snell ~ Scrappy Quilt Workshop

Mar. 20th ~ Bonnie Marshall-Creel ~ Creative Adventure & Trunk Show
Mar. 25th ~ Bonnie Marshall-Creel ~ Fabric Painting with pencils
(Sat. Workshop)

Apr. 17th ~ Belinda Evans ~ Confetti Nature Scapes Lecture And Book Sale
Apr. 18th ~ Belinda Evans ~ Confetti NS Workshop

May 15th ~ Sue Bouchard ~ Modern Quilt Lecture & Trunk Show
May 16th ~ Sue Bouchard ~ (3 possible patterns)

June 19th ~ Nancy Ota ~ Quilter's Journey & Trunk Show
June 20th ~ Nancy Ota ~ Sashiko (kit available for \$5.00)

July 17th ~ Sylvia Davis ~ A Quirky Quilter's Alphabet
July 18th ~ Sylvia Davis ~ Stained Glass Wallhanging

Aug. 21st ~ Jan Chapman ~ Challenge Reveal
Aug. 22nd ~ Laurie Nahay ~ Picnic in the Park
Aug. 25th ~ Lynch Mob Dinner

Sept. 2nd & 3rd ~ Mountain Treasures XXIX Quilt Show
Sept. 18th ~ Viewer's Choice Ribbons
Sept. 23rd ~ Saturday Studio Tour & Lunch

Oct. 16th ~ Susan Wade ~ Trunk Show & Lecture
Oct. 17th ~ Susan Wade ~ Fabric Collage Workshop

Nov. 20th ~ Monica /Belinda ~ Houston Market Report
Nov. 21st ~ No Workshop

Dec.4th ~ Laurie Nahay ~ Annual Christmas Party

Busy Bears 3rd Annual Quilting Retreat

Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula CA

July 10-11-12 & 13, 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 January 2017 meeting and at meetings thereafter.
Retreat details and the **registration form** are available in the January 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 " 2017 Retreat" on the Memo line of your check.**
- Contact: Laurie Nahay retreat coordinator at: 909 754 0186 (cell) or email: campnahay@charter.net

Busy Bears 2017 Quilt Retreat

Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula

July 10-13

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Price includes 3 nights lodging (Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday), 10 meals (lunch Monday thru Lunch on Thursday).

Roommate _____

Special needs 1st floor _____ Handicapped room _____

Double Room _____ (\$315.00) Single _____ (\$415.00)

\$100 deposit must accompany this registration form. Balance due by June 1, 2017.

Make checks out to: Laurel Nahay. Complete the reservation form, sign the liability release, and

Mail check and reservation form to: Laurie Nahay, PO Box 5403, Sugarloaf, Ca. 92386. For info

Call Laurie Nahay: 909 754 0186 or email: campnahay@charter.net

Full Release of All Claims

In consideration of my participation in the Busy Bears Quilt Retreat, I _____ intending to be Legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, do hereby fully and finally waive, release and hold harmless the Busy Bears Quilt Guild, their officers, members, representatives, agents and assignee from any and all responsibility, liability, claims, causes of action, injuries, judgments or other damages of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to any personal injuries I might suffer, directly or indirectly resulting from my participation in the aforesaid activity.

I acknowledge that I am engaging in the aforesaid activity, and knowingly executing the Release at my insistence and request and that I voluntarily do so without any coercion whatsoever.

Signature _____ Date _____

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: _____

Return this form to a meeting or Mail to Fran Martin 1149 Mt. Shasta Rd Big Bear City 92314

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*

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 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

Paid Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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