

THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEAR QUILT GUILD-DEC-JAN 2012



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2012! I don't know how time can move so fast, but here we are, the start of another New Year. This has caused me to look back over the past year in the guild and feel very proud of what a great time we had at the different workshops and programs, thanks to Lorraine Taylor for coordinating them. Also, how wonderful it was to be able to give out so many contributions in November to many different groups here in the Big Bear Valley, along with our many quilts throughout the year.

When I joined the guild I thought it was just a quilting group, I soon realized that the true purpose of the guild is to be a philanthropic group, to raise funds and awareness of the many needs throughout the Valley and to try to help ease these needs through our quilting activities. I quickly realized I was proud to be involved with a group that wanted to make the Bear Valley a better community in which to live. We did great this past year, primarily raising money through out Opportunity ticket sales, thanks to Mary Price for your efforts, also our monthly bargain table sales, thanks Janet, Joanne and Victoria and the many birthday exchange tickets, thanks go out to Penny and Marilyn. It all adds up. All the hard work by you volunteering, I can't name everyone, it has been the season for our success. We received many letters of thanks from our donations recipients last month and if you have a chance, read some of these notes at the next meeting. I know it will fill you with a wonderful feeling of accomplishment and reinforce the value of our hard work. It takes all of us, working together, to succeed in our guild's mission. It is an effort to sell the opportunity tickets, make the comfort and the Wounded Warriors quilts but is so worthwhile.

So while we are learning new skills, having trunk shows, socializing, laughing, giggling and generally having a great quilting time, keep in mine our true purpose and that we need all of you to pitch in so that the Busy Bears Quilt Guild continues to by the best guild around.

Happy New Year to you all,

Carol Henderson



CALENDAR

Jan 16: Guild Meeting Jan 17: Workshop

Feb 01: Board Meeting, 9am at

Wendy Green's

Feb 20: Guild Meeting-Program:

Stations w/projects

Feb 21: Workshop

Mar 07: Board Meeting, 9am at

Wendy's

Mar 19: Guild Meeting Mar 20: Workshop

DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING

I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to join us at the Hacienda Grill on BB Blvd at 4pm for taco Night before the quild meeting on Jan 16th.

It's hard to beat two delicious tacos and a drink for \$6.00..and the fun company of one another. Give me a call @ 547-0070 if you plan to come & I can pass the numbers along to the staff and give them a chance to set-up before we get there. Thanks.

Jeannie Mazzacane

EDITOR'S EPISTLE

Sorry to be so late this month, but "things" just got in the way......will be good to get back to normal.......(no, we don't have our decorations down yet) Hope to see you all at the meeting all bright and shiny ready to take on 2012. We have some wonderful

new chair persons and can always use a few more. <u>Jacqué Holmes</u>

& Kay Higdon



BUSY BEARS QUILTING GUILD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 21,2011

<u>Carol Henderson</u> called the meeting to order and thanked the ladies that brought the delicious refreshments and gifts for the mini raffle and reminded them to get an extra ticket. She verified that everyone got their extra tickets for ringing guest and for wearing a name badge. Guests get one ticket and if you brought a new member, you get two. They are all for the mini raffle. <u>Carol</u> also thanked the ladies that setup and the ladies who stay after to help clean up.

MINUTES—<u>Carol</u> asked if there were any corrections to the October minutes. A motion from <u>Lori Felber</u> to approve and <u>Ann McNicholl</u> seconded the motion. Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT—<u>Carol</u> asked if there were any corrections to the October report. A motion from Marion Lama to approve and Laurie Nahay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP—We have a new member, <u>Christine Meleg</u>. If you would like to be in the directory next year, please send in your check and application by January 16th for \$45.00.

PHILANTHROPY—<u>Jeanne Wallace</u> let us know that our philanthropy donation has been raised from \$2000 to \$5000.

<u>Meals on Wheels—Kathy Henderson</u> is always looking for volunteer drivers. You drive your own car and you can volunteer Monday through Friday. We are giving \$1000 to them.

<u>Friends of the Zoo—Kathy</u> said they will be breaking ground in May. They are always looking for docents. Our donation to the zoo was \$500.

<u>BB String—Marina DeMarco</u> came to us with her daughter <u>Ramona</u>, <u>who</u> performed for us on her violin. Ramona is Loretta Castelluccio's granddaughter. We donated \$1000 to them.

Mom and Dad Project-Megan Medors shared info about the car seat program. They received \$500.

<u>DOVES</u>—<u>Sandy Benson</u> reminded us that their thrift store is moving. She thanked everyone who came out for the "Walk a Mile in their Shoes" They received \$00.

Methodist Church received \$1000 for Stater Bros gift cards.

<u>SNIFF</u>—<u>Micky Plummer</u> was given \$500 for their projects.

Ronald McDonald House—Carol took 12½ lbs of pop tops to the Loma Linda Recycle center.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—the Executive Board is in place, voted on and approved. Bonnie is our Parliamentarian. SCCQG-Mary Price/Laurie Nahay/Darlene Smart. Loretta Castelluccio motioned, Jeannie Arnieri seconded it. Motion carried. Carol thanked Sally and her group for the great job they did on setup/takedown. Sue Bost will be doing it next year, and we need some volunteers to help her. We are still looking for someone to market the quilt. You are busy from march to August. All the contacts are setup Mary Price has the info all setup and ready to go. You will just have to help organize when the quilt needs to go somewhere. It's easy, so please volunteer.

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2013 OPPORTUNITY QUILT – We are looking for someone to take the reins on this to organize, get helpers, and design. Please volunteer.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Janet Walz said we are having either beef, chicken or vegetarian lasagna. Bring your on Liquor; there will be no corking fee.

COMFORT QUILTS – MOW is still in need of quilts. Wounded Warriors sent a picture and a note to the guild in appreciate of the quilts we provide

WORKSHOP – No workshop tomorrow.

LIBRARY – Does not need any more donations. We do have several new quilt books.

PROGRAM – Monica is here from Market. She asked that we all support out local stores to keep our communities going in this time of need. She had reindeer dash patterns for table runners, 3D fabric from Hoffman, everyone is doing solids now which is a hit with the younger generation. She has stonehedge fabric from Northcott which is huge with the guys. She has wonder clips, quilters Bunco, batting tape, Annie handles and Jack the Ripper clippers. Check out her website www.monicasquiltandbead.com.

CHALLENGE KITS - Laurie Nahay has kits.

2012 OPPORTUNITY QUILT - Sandy Cannarella said it is almost done.

SUNSHINE/SHADOWS – Marion Lama is having back surgery, Midge Warner has gout. Tish still has a big battle on her hands, please pray. Please keep them in your prayers. Jacque Holmes had a new grand baby, 10lbs. 6 oz. Lori Felber had a new grand baby, and Mo Franks had a new grandson. Congrats.

LUCK – Carol Henderson let us know that a new HBO series Luck will feature all her silks. If you have HBO check it out, if not, get it on Netflix.

SHOW-N-TELL

Linda Coulter – shared her Bali pop quilt she made from Sally's free motion class.

Loretta Castelluccio – shared (2) darling comfort quilts, and a table runner for her son.

Diana Bedwell – shared her awesome embroidered XMAS panels, three amazing wall hangings.

Dawn – shared her darling mitten and chickadee.

Fran- shared her BOM from last year for her son's new condo in Jackson hole. Awesome.

Jill Gilham – shared her swap a block and Xblock quilt in blues for XMAS.

Bonnie Snell – shared her darling promise stitching pillow, and her Halloween quilt, and her autumn in Big Bear.

Sandi Cannarella – shared her darling fast Friday Forest Fire Fairy quilt. She used dryer sheets in the quilt. She also shared (3) wounded warrior quilts from the bargain table. One said Thank you, Freedom isn't Free.

BOARD MEETING – January 4, at 9:30am at Wendy Greens house –open to all members.

Mo Franks/Secretary



Busy Bears Quilt Challenge 2012

I hope this warm weather is inspiring all of you to start on your challenge quilts! I can invision the colors of spring! Maybe I'm a few months early but that's how our creative minds operate!

The holidays are over and I hope all enjoyed the season and

have a healthy happy New Year! Laurie Nahay and Mary Price



TELL







Fran Martin



Barbara Brink



Dawn Clark-Dorris







Loretta Castelluccio





Bonnie Snell







Sandi Cannarella







Jeanne Arnieri







Jill Gilham



Susie & Monica

'Monica's Quilt & Bead Creations"

> Monica & Susie showed us all the new 2012 gadgets from our quilting world...



PHILANTHROPY

Jeanne Arnieri



COMFORT QUILTS

2011 was a great year for our Comfort Quilts projects! Thanks to your hard work, Busy Bears Guild donated 54 quilts to local organizations. These quilts were valued at \$1930. We are really proud that our guild was able to offer comfort to so many folks in our community who needed a special hug last year.

We will continue to support both Doves and Meals on Wheels in 2012. We still need about 6 - 8 more adult quilts for Meals on Wheels, sized at about 42 \times 58. For Doves, there is an ongoing need for "mom" quilts that are about 50 \times 70.

As we look forward to another year of giving, we need everyone's help! Our workday on January 17 will be devoted to comfort quilts, so please join us. If the weather cooperates, we'll get together at the church at about 9:30 am. Fabric kits and batting will ready for your use, and the guild's ironing and cutting tools will also be available. Just bring your sewing machine and your enthusiasm. Our workdays are casual and social -- perfect for beginning quilters! We'll help and encourage you each step of the way! In addition to beverages and snacks, a crock pot of soup will be simmering in the kitchen to keep us warm, so plan to stay through lunch.

I'm all ready for another rewarding year as the Comfort Quilts Chairperson. Please feel free to contact me if I can help you get started on your 2012 comfort quilt project!





WOUNDED WARRIORS

Three Wounded Warriors quilts were sent to Afghanistan in December, & were received just in time to comfort injured soldiers during the holiday season. Special thanks go to Sandi Cannarella, who found time in her busy schedule to finish this recent batch! We didn't begin the Wounded Warriors project until September of 2011 but by year's end already managed to spend five quilts, valued at \$300, to the field hospital in Kandahar. We hope to triple this number in 2012/

It would be wonderful to have a volunteer (or two) who would be interested, please call me & find out how you can help.

We will continue to collect 12")12 1/2" unfinished) red-white-and=blue blocks done in any pattern you like. Remember that our Block-of-the-Month activity for 2012 will feature a 12" pattern every month after you've made one BOM in your own colors, please consider making another one in patriotic fabrics for our Wounded Warriors collection.

We're using 15 blocks plus sashing & borders to make each 50" x 80" sampler-style Wounded Warrior quilt, & every block will help. Just one block from each guild member would give us a least five more quilts, so please bring your patriotic blocks to the January meeting & drop them in the red basket. Thank you for helping us honor & comfort our wounded heroes!

DONATIONS MADE FOR 2011

Busy Bears Guild is a generous group and 2011 was our best year ever!!

Thanks to your hard work and support, our 2011 fundraising was so successful that we were able to increase our annual charitable donations from \$2000 to \$5000! Recipients were invited to our November general meeting to receive their checks, and it was heartwarming to be able to "share the wealth" with them! These donations are in addition to the comfort quilts that we provide for our community – we really make a difference in Bear Valley!

Above are the representatives accepting for the organizations our Guild donated to for 2011.

(Left to Right) ... Sandy Benson/Doves (\$500) Kathy Greenwood/Meals on Wheels, (\$1000) & Friends of the Moonridge Zoo (\$500), Ramona & Mariana Dee Marco/Big Bear Strings, (\$1000) Mickey Plummer/SNP Unity Big Bear Hospital Auxiliary (\$500) & Megan Medors/Mom & Dad Projects (\$500).

We were honored to hear Ramona play the violin for us..

XMAS PARTY AT THE WESTERN HOTEL 12/5/2011



XMAS DRAW- WINNERS

The following names were called out - (Gay, oh no that's - Kay - Sorry Gay)

Left to Right- WINNERS

Kay Higdon, Walt Murphy & Marilyn Birdwell























We had approx 43 Ladies show up Good Food, Good Company & Fun for all Thanks to Janet Walz & her crew for all their hard work

Busy Bears Quilt Guild SEPT TREASURERS REPORT



Balance 11/28/2011 \$17,926.66 Income 2557.00 Expenses 6954.53 **Balance** 10/3/2011 \$13,529.13

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Advertising	\$ 25.00	XmasParty dinner	(\$	908.75)
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Membership 2012	\$ 975.00	Rent	(\$	25.00)
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Tickets 2012	\$ 780.00	Advertising BigBearToday	(\$	100.00)
Challenge quilt Kits	\$ 40.00	Sunshine&Shadows	(\$	176.65)
Donation	\$ 2.00	Comfort Quilt Supplies	(\$	54.03)
		Vendor Lunches	(\$	64.48)
		Philanthropy	(\$	4,980.00)
		Newsletter Postage	(\$	225.75)
		Printing	(\$	73.86)

Wendy Green, Treasurer

COMING EVENTS

Jan 19-22: Road to California at Ontario Convention Center, Info: 909/946-0020 or info@roadtocalifornia.com website: http://www.road2ca.com

Mar 3-4: Friendship Square Quilt Guild presents A Garden of Friendship Quilts" at the La Habra Community Center, 101 W La Habra Blvd. Admission is \$6.00. The show features a large quilt display, merchant mall, silent auction, boutique& Opportunity Qlt. Info & directions: www.fsqg.org

Mar 16-18: Glendale Quilt Guild Show at Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel & Convention Ctr,2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank Info:818/843-6000 or www.info@glendalequiltguild.org



\$2,557.00



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Busy Bears Quilt Guild - Membership form 2012

Photo

NOTE: If you want to be in the Directory you must join on or before January 16, 2012

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BBQG/2012 M E M B E R S H I P

So far we have 51 members that have renew their membership. Unfortunately we have 8 members not renewing: <u>Billy Bolton</u>, <u>Jan Chapman</u>, <u>Betty Clark</u>, <u>Paul Heller</u>, <u>Heidrun Kibbey</u>, <u>Lynn Rowe</u>, <u>Dorothy Sirk</u> & <u>Darlene Smart</u>....(they will all be missed.)

** 2012 NEW MEMBER **

Meleg, Christine	(03/06) * Mar-S
P.O. Box 1534	909-585-2800
409 Marlowe Drive	No Email
BBC Ca 92314-1634	

Christine has lived in BB for 57 yrs, she's a new quilter & she likes Gardening & Horseback Riding

Barbara Espinoza-Email Cg: espinozatandb@gmail.com

** R E M I N D E R ** 2012 BBQG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

You need to get your renewal in on or before the 16th of Jan., if you want to be in the 2012 Directory.

Turn your form & check in at the Jan Meeting or send it to me - ASAP.

Kay Higdon - P.O. Box 135009, BBL, Ca., 92315-8964 Kay Higdon



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday	* <i>BE/R</i>
Blee, Kathy	07 Jan	Jan
Bost, Sue	17 Jan	Jan
Brink, Barbara	07 Jan	Jan
Dueler, Tish	18 Jan	Jan
Galish, Linda	15 Jan	Jan
Green, Wendy	31 Jan	Jan
Harris, Cat	09 Jan	Jan
Hendra, Virginia	25 Jan	Jan
Miller, Janine	15 Jan	Jan
Price, Mary	26 Jan	Jan
Young, Cindy	13 Jan	Jan
Clark-Dorris, Dawn	04 Jan	 JUN

All the names listed above: 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.

Remember - You got one free ticket from the <u>B</u>irthday <u>Exchange</u> table for the Gift drawing.





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2nd Vice President	Lorraine Taylor	909/866-8081			
Secretary/Recording	Maureen Franks	909/585-5568			
Sunshine/Corr.Sec	Loretta Castelluccio	909/584-4799			
Treasurer	Wendy Green	909/584-4203			
Membership	Kay Higdon	909/585-5670			
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Newsletter	Jacqué J Holmes	909/585-5670			
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Philanthropy SCCQG Representative	Mary Price	909/584-9407			
SCCQG Representative	Laurie Nahay	909-585-1323			
	CHAIRPERSONS	707-303-1323			
Block of the Month	Carol Henderson	909-585-5067			
Bargain Table	Kathy Blee	909-585-8900			
	Maggie Regalado	909/584-7337			
Budget Committee	Wendy Green	909/584-4203			
	Diane Bedwell	909/584-2724			
	Carol Henderson	909/585-5067			
	Bonnie Snell	909/866-3906			
Challenge Quilt	Laurie Nahay	909/585-1323			
	Mary Price	909/584-0050			
Christmas Party 2012	Karen Sunseri	909/205-2114			
	Maggie Regalado	909/584-7337			
	Loretta Castelluccio	909/584-4799 909/585-1323			
	Laurie Nahay Sue Bost	909/866-5547			
	Jeannie Wallace	909/584-9407			
	Jeanne Arnieri	909/806-0436			
	Gail Murphy	909/240-6622			
Directory	Kay Higdon	909/585-5670			
Historian	Jill Gilham	909/585-4707			
Hospitality	Sue Bost	909/866-5547			
	Linda Coulter	909/647-2545			
	Loretta Castelluccio	909/584-4799			
	Janet Walz	909/866-0330			
	Jeanne Arnieri	909/806-0436			
Librarians	Carol Sterling	909/584-1716			
	Jeannie Wallace	909/584-9407			
Mini Raffle	Tammy Decroo	909/939-0282			
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Mini Sewing Groups	Janet Walz	909/866-0330			
Newsletter Mailing	Lori Felber	909/584-7576			
Nominating Committee	Maggie Regalado Karen Sunseri	909/584-7337 909/585-3473			
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Opportunity 2012 *	OPEN				
Quilt Show Chair	Sandy Cannarella	909/844-4545			
Baskets	Susan Meyers	909/585-5258			
Boutique	Kay Higdon	909/585-5670			
Decorations	Mary Baughman	760/902-6867			
Food	Janet Walz	909/866-0330			
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	Mary Price	909/584-0050			
Publicity	Bonnie Snell	909/585-2272			
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Quilt Layout	Jacqué J Holmes	909/585-5670			
	Kay Higdon	909/585-5670			
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SCCQG

Hi Ladies.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Holiday Season! Here we are with a brand new year before us full of new projects and adventures. I wanted to let everyone know about the SCCQG meeting. It is scheduled for Saturday January 14, 2012. The Board Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m., and the General Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. Anyone can attend. Here is the information:

Meeting Location:

Buena Park Community Center 8150 Knott Ave., Buena Park, CA 90620

This location is 2 miles from M & L Discount Fabrics. Nearby quilt shops are Quilt Cupboard and Tranquility Quilts. We are conveniently located off the 91 Freeway, west of Knott's Berry Farm. If you take the 91 West you would exit on Knott Ave and turn left. The Community Center is maybe a mile or two down on the left hand side.

Topic – What to do when there isn't a speaker

- 1) Games, Events, Community Service nights
- 2) Groups to brainstorm?

Laurie Nahay & Loretta Castelluccio will be going to this meeting. You might want to contact them to see about carpooling. If you have never been to M&L, it's a pretty fun store. You will want to allow plenty of time to go in there, they have it all! Just an FYI, for lunch there's a Hof's Hut on the corner of Knot & Orangethorpe and are several fast food places on Knot Ave.

Happy Quilting Everyone

<u>Mary Price</u>



Handy Hints: Keep a dispenser with a roll of Scotch Magic tape handy by your machine. Use little pieces to secure the ends of large spools of thread to stop them from getting tangled. It's also good for securing the ends of metallic thread. When using a thread ripper, pull off the loose threads with tape. If you get fluff or hairs on anything, wrap a piece of tape around your fingers with the sticky side out and use it as a clothes brush. Use it to help position appliqué pieces before securing them your work. If it's hard to tell the right side of your fabric, used pieces of tape marked 'right side' before cutting out. What would we do without good old scotch tape?

The silica gel packets that come in shoe boxes, camera equipment, some vitamin bottles and more can come in very handy in preventing your sewing machine from rusting. If you store your machine in a humid climate, toss a few packets in your machine case.







THE CHURCH PANTRY

It's time to help replenish the Food Pantry! Please remember to bring one item to our January general meeting. Items that are especially needed, include:

Peanut butter Powdered milk Canned meats

(tuna, Spam, chicken, ham)

Boxed macaroni and cheese

Spaghetti sauce

Pasta

Instant rice

Instant potatoes

Canned soups and stews

Ramen noodles

Canned fruit

Bottled or canned Juice

Crackers

Oatmeal

We will also continue to collect pop tops for Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you for supporting our 2012 Service projects.

Jeanne Arnieri



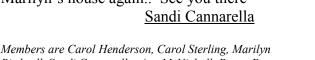
MINI GROUP REPORTS

There is always room for more members to join a mini groups --give them a call.

CUT-UPS—Our Christmas potluck was at the home of <u>Janine Miller</u>. We all enjoyed her many beautiful decorations. The food was great! Our next meeting will be at Ruth Beattie's on Jan 11th Fran Martin

Members are Fran Martin, Bonnie Snell, Susan Meyers, Janine Miller, Ruth Beattie, Janet Walz, Carol Butler, Wendy Green, Sue Hart, Roseann LaBrie, Jeannie Mazzacane (We meet on the 2nd Wed of the month-10am till 2:30 or 'whenever')

house last month for a wonderful potluck, and lots of talk & activity. So enjoyed each other's company & friendship around the holiday. We plan to meet as usual on the lat Thursday of January, at Marilyn's house again.. See you there



SEW-N-SEWS—no report at press time

Members are Betty Clark, Betty Heller, Mo Franks, Lori Felber, Marion Loma, Barbara Espinosa, Janine Wallace, Sally Klein, Diane Bedwell, JoAnn Mark, Marie McCaulley, Sharon DeSande (We meet the 2nd or 4th week (Monday or Tuesday) hostess choice.

Jeanne Wallace

at <u>Jill Gilhams's</u> and on Dec 9th, met at our house ...It was a good time to relax before the rush of the holiday festivitiesThe next gathering will be Jan 13th at <u>Sue Bost's</u> home.



Jacqué J Holmes

Members are Jeanne Arnieri, Mary Baughman, Sue Bost, Loretta Castelluccio, Tish Duesler, Jill Gilham, Lorna Hatfield, Kay Higdon, Jacqué Holmes, Mary Johnson, Gay Joyner, Laurie Nahay, Mary Price, Karen Sunseri. (We meet every 2 weeks -10am till 2:00 'whenever')

2012 PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

2012—We will start the year as usual, with programs that can be re-arranged if we have to cancel due to snow.

<u>January Meeting</u> - Presentation on 4 new specialty rulers. You will have the opportunity to get instruction and ideas at each station. Rulers will be available for purchase. Karen from Patchworks will also have a some new items available.

Workshop: Comfort Quilts-this is a great time to come sew with new and old friends and get started on your quilt for this year. We will have tools available for use for new quilters. This is a great opportunity to get some practice sewing in and create a quilt that is given to very appreciative recipients

February—a fun evening of Stations with some fun, quick projects-ideas for things to make for gifts and the Show Boutique

Workshop-Comfort and Wounded warrior quilts

March has not been confirmed but working on a fun time with one of our members.

Workshop: Working on UFO's – Wounded Warriors -Comfort Ouilts

Just think-even if you just attended these three workshops and worked on your comfort quilt-it could be about done to donate

April: Cathy Van Bruggen-Appliqué

May: Three Generations-Fabric Painting

June: Sue Rasmussen-Landscape Quilts

Details on these three Guest Speakers and Teachers will be forthcoming. They are all very different and it should be fun learning these new techniques.

There is no cost for Comfort Quilt workshops.

The cost for workshops with a guest teacher are \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meetings a couple months in advance and fee is payable at time of registration. Class size limited.

Lorraine Taylor



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Hello and a very Happy New Year to all.

Well the Sunshine is that Marion Lama is mending well from her back surgery. I visited her today and brought a bouquet of carnations and white Alstroemerias. Unfortunately both Marion and Larry are fighting the bug that is floating around here but they are hanging in there. Shortly before Christmas I was told that Carol Butler's son passed away. A card was sent to her from the guild. I have the understanding that Carol is selling her house and moving away.....

If any of you know of Happy or Sad situations about our members, please contact me either by phone or email so I can respond in a timely manner.

Thanks again and here is my Phone & Email (909) 584-4799 C/(951) 206-0288... email: sewretta@verizon.net

Thank you.

Loretta Castelluccio

HOSPITALITY

First, I would like to thank Linda, Loretta, Janet and Jeanne for volunteering to help me. Together we hope to get the right things in the right place and make a good pot of coffee (at least hot water--I know how to cook that).

Remember, if this is your birthday month, you not only get a little older but you get to brings the snacks for the meeting,--not necessarily sweets--remember those New Year resolutions. Also, you are required to bring a sewing related item for the mini raffle. It should have an approximate value of \$10.00 I will give you a reminder call the week before the meeting. Wish us all luck and see you there Monday the sixteenth.

Sue Bost





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Participation in our block of the month program requires that you only make 1-2 blocks per month of the specific pattern for that month using any fabrics of your choice. You bring your block(s) to our monthly meeting, display your blocks and are entered in a drawing. This year the drawing prize will be tickets to our birthday exchange table of gifts. You then take your 1-2 blocks back home with you, they are yours to keep.

For 2012 we are making the Quilt In A Day block of the month series by Eleanor Burns, PIONEER SAMPLER. There are twelve 12 ½" blocks in this series. This makes blocks that are also a suitable size for our Wounded Warriors quilts. So you can participate to make a quilt of your own, the Wounded Warriors program or both! To enable members to have all twelve blocks completed in time for entry into our quilt show, we will make two blocks per month from January through May, then one block in June and July.

The blocks in this series are classic quilt block designs. Most are available free from different internet sources. I also have six copies of the Pioneer Sampler book available for all our use. The advantage of using Eleanor Burns' book is that her instructions are so easy to follow for any level of quilter.

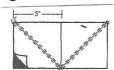
Due at our January meeting are the two blocks:

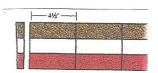
GOLDEN GATE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PUZZLE-this is a free block pattern at www.quiltinaday.com

GOLDEN GATE requires one light fabric, one dark fabric, and two mediums

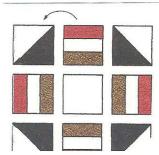
1) 5" x 10" light rectangle 5" x 10" dark rectangle





With right sides together draw lines as shown, sew \(\frac{1}{2} \) on each side of the diagonal lines, cut on the drawn lines and press open, with seams toward the dark fabric, square to 4 \(\frac{1}{2} \) . Cut 3 strips 1 7/8" x 19", one first medium fabric, one of the light and one of the second medium. Sew the three strips together with the light in the middle. Press seams toward the darker fabrics. Cut into 4-4 \(\frac{1}{2} \) sections.

- 3) Cut on square 4 ½" from the light fabric or fussy cut.
- 4) Lay out pieces and sew all blocks together as shown.



BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at the United Methodist Church on North Shore (between Division and Greenway) 5:30 pm—Social 6:00 pm—Meeting Workshops every Tuesday following the Monthly meeting unless otherwise noted

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Bring to the meeting

Name tag for extra door prize ticket
Refreshments & Door Prize
(if it's your turn—extra tickets!!!!)
Library Books

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To help save the environment and some Money for

the Guildhow about bringing your

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