



# THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - April 2016

## CALENDAR - 2016

- April 11: Sewcial
- 18: Guild Meeting
- 19: Workshop
- 26: Board Meeting
- May 9: Sewcial
- 16: Guild Meeting
- 17: Workshop
- 24: Board Meeting



## EDITORS EPISTLE

April showers!! I'm enjoying the rain as I sit here working on this month's newsletter. Looking forward to the May flowers.



Karen Cumberland



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Quilters,

I'm grateful for our springtime rain showers. The fresh smell of the forest is incredible, and the bright yellow daffodils all over the valley are a welcome sight. This morning two Steller's Jays were chattering in our Pin Oak...spring really is here!

Speaking of bright colors...Maddie Frey's workshop has produced a riot of colorful Liberated Ladies and Favorite Pets. Maddie supplied us with bold floral fabrics, and once she demonstrated her method of appliquéing all the pieces together... we set off "to break the rules."

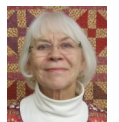
I can't wait to see the final results during show and tell at our April guild meeting.

Our workshops offer each of us an opportunity to be "Making Memories" and getting to know our fellow quilters, as well as, learning fresh approaches in the quilting arts. Many thanks to our program chair, Jeanne Arneri for putting together this series of workshops meant to inspire!

"Pioneer Spirit" has been traveling to different venues and this year's opportunity quilt has been well received. You can see it displayed locally, various times at: Bear Country Quilts or The Village Quilt Shop.

Labor Day Weekend will be here before we know it...and we will have an opportunity to share our treasured quilts with the public at our 27<sup>th</sup> annual show. To be honest, it usually takes me longer complete a quilt than I have given myself time for... and so, this year, in the spirit of "breaking the rules", my motto is... "Better done...than perfect!"

Keep Smiling, Jeannie Mazzacane



## Dinner before the Meeting

Dinner this month is going to be at Sizzler at 4:00. They have a nice variety on their menu. Salads Bar, Pasta dishes, and Steak "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 - March, 2016**

Monday March 21, 2016

Our President Jeannie Mazzacane called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm..

Madeline Frey Lead the Pledge of Allegiance..

Jeannie Mazzacane Welcomed all the New Members, Said Thank You for all who help with Programs .. Hospitality .. Sue Bost..

Guest of Belinda Evans was Hiedi L

Madeline Frey's Daughter Carolyn McGuire has joined the Guild..

Beverly Bennett: Sunshine and Shadows: announced all Birthday Ladies.. and We sang Happy Birthday. Also Sue Hart's family adopted two children, Sister and Brother ..Nice..

Janet Schultz: Would welcome your help with her move to the Desert.

Old Business, February Minutes were approved by Jeanne Arierni and Second the motion by Belinda Evans.

Opportunity Quilt Sold many ticket and did Well...

Jeannie Arnieri discussed workshops that were lined up for the rest of the year..

Comfort Quilts: Cheri Smith, Colleen Olson: For the Mom and Dad quilts. Need 8 quilts by the end of May. We need more Dove Quilts as well.

Jeanne Arnieri: Discussed Workshops for the rest of the year..

Wendy Green: Sold out of Challenge Quilts. Lets see what everyone comes up with..I have mine figured out but not sure if I can execute it..(M.Frey)

Carol Henderson: UFO's a ten dollar fee.. List 10 just finish what you can. Due in August, 45x45 up to King size. Not too late to sign in..

Laurie Nahay, Sue Merritt is on committee.. Deposit for the Retreat is \$100.00, Rooms go from \$296.25 - \$396.25 per room for Three days and four nights. Should be fun..

Jeanne Arnieri: Is in charge of Quilt show ...Some one stepped up to the Job. I almost did but I knew Jeanne was better for the Job...TeeHee.. Thursday April 21st is the first Meeting at Jaque's Holms House.

Our topic for the Meeting was sharing Ideas for Storing all our beautiful Fabrics.. We had some very good Ideas...

**BREAK TIME: 6:45**

Madeline Frey's Lecture on Gee's Bend Quilts, African American, The information was gathered up from several sources one be a book "Who da thought it" and the other was Quilts of Gee's Bend Bonnie was kind enough to run the Projector for me which was a great help because I couldn't read my notes.. all and all I think it went quite well..

We had Show and Tell and most members shared.. Bonnie Snell's class was a big hit.. All the Quilts were absolutely Beautiful...

We had Door Prizes...

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

**Madeline Frey: Recording Secretary**



**Busy Bears Quilt Guild  
TREASURERS REPORT 2016**

March 2016		
Balance 2/28/2016	\$	4,931.08
Income	\$	1,623.06
Expenses	\$	-1,987.22
Balance 3/31/2016	\$	4,931.08

**INCOME**

Advertising Income	\$	25.00
Bargain Table	\$	12.06
Birthday Exchange	\$	46.00
Membership 2016	\$	25.00
Opp Quilt Tickets 2016	\$	605.00
Show Vendor in Booth Rent	\$	750.00
UFO Challenge	\$	20.00
Vendor Equipment	\$	0.00
Workshop Income	\$	140.00
	\$	1,623.06

**EXPENSES**

Education Speaker	(\$	138.48)
Directory Printing	(\$	250.89)
Quilt Show Facility	(\$	1,240.00)
Quilt Show Ribbons	(\$	282.85)
Rent	(\$	75.00)
	(\$	1,987.22)

**Carol Henderson - Treasurer**



Our guild lost a dear former member and past President. Carol Butler was a wonderful influence to many of us...she was active in so many activities, especially making comfort quilts. She was always ready to help when needed. Here is the lovely note that her daughter sent:

"It is with sadness that I send this message that my mother Carol Butler has passed away today. My mom was a past president of the guild and found great sister-ship with its members over the 20 years that she was a member. Mom was blessed with great creative talents and her craftsmanship in quilting was highly regarded. Her untold efforts for the guild-setting up the monthly night meeting, chauffeuring guild members up and down the hill at little notice, to the untold hours of kitchen work put in for the Labor Day shows, are a testament to how much the guild and quilting meant to her. Five years ago, when her oldest son died, she moved off the hill and began a new life quilting life in Prescott, Arizona for two years, the moving on to Ashland, OR for another two years of quilting life, and then last fall to Bainbridge Island, WA to her final days of quilting. We built the home in Bow Canyon in '72 and for over 30 years she lived there full time until 2012, the memories were fresh and joyful and sustaining in her final years. She died peacefully in her sleep and all I could think about is how much she loved Big B ear, her life with my father and her quilt guild.

**Jacque Holmes**



## Scrappy Quilt Workshop



Karen Cumberland



Lorraine Taylor



Mary Price



Fran Martin



Wendy Stephens



Sue Hart



Jeanne Arneri



Carol Henderson

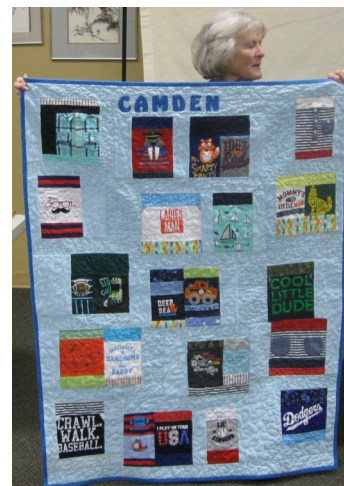
# SHOW AND TELL



Jeanne Arneri



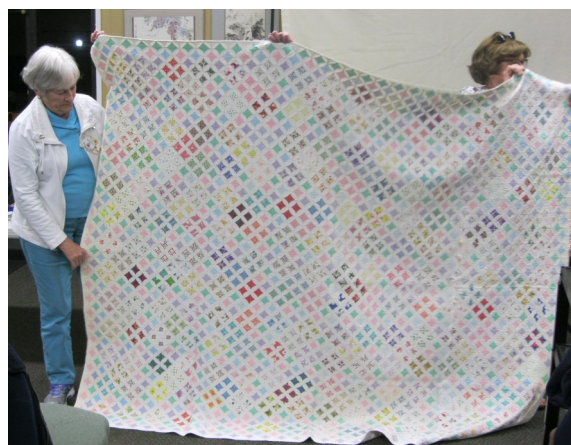
Lys Axelson



Bonnie Snell



Wendy Stephens



Carol Howerton



Belinda Evans



Jeannie Mazzacane

## "FINALLY FINISHED" 2016 UFO CHALLENGE

This year we are having a UFO challenge again. This is to give you a little motivation to get some of those UFO's FINALLY FINISHED!

There is a \$10 entry fee to play the game. All the entry fees will go into a jackpot and at the end, August of 2016, one lucky quilter will win the jackpot!

The game is a bit different this year. You need to do a little homework before you enter the challenge. You need to look through your UFO's and make a list of the UFO's you hope to complete, up to ten projects can be listed. I will have forms if you would like or a list from you will suffice. You need to list a basic description of each UFO project, basic size and color/pattern. Then when you complete a quilt and bring it to show, I will check it off of your list and give you an entry ticket.

They do not need to be done in any specific order and you do not need to complete them all. The minimum size to qualify is a crib/wall hanging size of 42" X 42".

Mom and Dad quilts do not qualify.

Doves quilts do not qualify.

Table runners do not qualify.

Each completed quilt earns an entry ticket and you can earn up to five entries. In August 2016 one ticket will be drawn and that quilter will win the jackpot. SO the more quilts you finish the more chances you'll have in the pot!

So look through your UFO's, make a list and let's get some quilts FINALLY FINISHED this year!

**Carol Henderson**



## Sunshine and Shadows

I will open my blog with, some Spring flowers have been spotted in my yard.

Fran Martin has had an unfortunate accident on the ski slope, some broken bones, she is home and will need some help with some domestic things, maybe some food prep! Contact Bonnie Snell, for more information.

Carol Henderson's husband is having a hip replacement, Aprill 22nd.

Sue Hart's husband is having knee replacement.

One of our past presidents and longtime member's, Carol Butler, has passed away. The family requested no cards please.

Also keep, Janet Schultz, in our thoughts. She needs help with her move.

Let's hope we see more Spring Flowers!!

**Beverly Bennett**



**M E M B E R S H I P**

**Total Paid Members - 61**

**New Member:** Carolyn McGuire  
1521 Malabar Way  
Big Bear City, CA 92314  
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Sugarloaf, CA

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**Directory correction:** pg 4, 5th box down - Name should be - Beaty, Janet & Paul - the rest of the info is correct.



**Fran Martin**



**Laurie Nahay**

**MARCH BIRTHDAY EXCHANGE**

- Sue Hart - \$25.00 gift card
- Bev Bennett -
- Bonnie Snell - Mackinger glove, Sew Easy Disc, note cards
- Shirley Hartwick - pop up & table runner kit
- Janet Walz - bear pattern & sitting pretty pattern

**WINNERS**

- Shirley Hartwick - pop up & table runner kit
- Lorna Hatfield - note cards
- Bev Bennett
- Cindy Young Kolic - Cat ruler
- Chris Silva - Gift card
- Mary Price - Sitting pretty pattern

**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>
Karen Cumberland	4/4	April
Janet Walz	4/6	Sept
Carolyn McGuire	4/12	Open
Barbara Olsen	4/12	April
Fran Martin	4/18	April
Cheri Smith	4/27	Oct
Jill Gillham	12/02	April
Carol Howerton	12/26	April
Denise Schivone	3/21	April

**Refreshments**

- Sue Hart - fruit plate & chocolate cake
- Shirley Hartwick - cookies
- Janet Walz - popcorn & oranges

*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.*

**Challenge Quilt**

All the Wild Challenge Quilt Kits are out!! I'm so looking forward to seeing the quilts finished in August at our Challenge Quilt reveal. Thank you to all the girls that took the challenge this will be fun!  
Woop Woop

**Wendy Green**



## FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

### CUT-UPS

April's cutup's meeting was scheduled for Jeannie Mazzacane's, but since Fran was not traveling we took the lunch and meeting to her. Fran told us that we made her day. She's doing pretty good. She really appreciates the meals that some of her fellow quilters have brought by.

Fran Martin

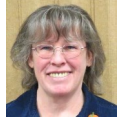


### STITCHY FINGERS

We get together a couple times a month to share friendship, ideas, and support. Oh! And food! Yummy desserts! There was all this and lots of fun chatter, and help with quilting and other things in our lives at Sue Bost's and Jacques's last month.

We will do it again at Lorna's on the 8th of this month.

Jill Gilham



### Philanthropy

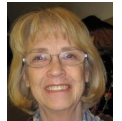
Vegie CanCan month please. Winco is a great place to buy if you are in Apple Valley. Bring your own bag and save.

### Comfort Quilts

We really need your help. No one has picked up any Dove's kits this year. Thanks to those 3 lovely ladies that took Mom and Dad kits. Total done 2 Mom & Dad quilts and 2 Dove quilts.



Colleen Olson



Sheri Smith

## APRIL 2016 SEWCIAL

Please join us at our SEWcial on Monday, April 11, 2016

Our monthly SEWcials are the perfect opportunity for you to get out of the house and spend time with quilting friends in a casual setting. Bring your own project to the gathering, or just come and visit -- the tables will be set up and the coffeepot will be on! We always have tasty snacks at our SEWcials too, so plan to join us for a morning of socializing and enjoying treats.

This month, our newest guild members will be continuing their work on a special "mittens" quilt project that will be donated to Doves. It would be nice for you to come and encourage them! Comfort quilt kits are always available also, and we are lagging behind on our comfort quilts goal for this year, so let's all pitch in and make quilts together at the SEWcial!

*Everyone is welcome!*

MONDAY April 11, 2016  
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mary Johnson Center @  
Community Church by the Lake  
40946 Big Bear Boulevard  
Big Bear Lake, CA





## Busy Bears Quilting Guild April Program Update

### STITCHING WITH LOVE

At our April meeting, we will explore some special handwork techniques that can be used to make memorable quilts. Sue Bost and Gay Joyner will display their embroidered and crayon-tinted quilt masterpieces, and will share their hints for creating successful embellished projects.

Then Jill Gilham will introduce us to the legend of Promise Stitching, in preparation for our Tuesday workshop. This lovely relaxing handwork technique would be perfect to use on a very special memory quilt. You will be inspired to join us at the workshop!

And of course we always enjoy admiring each other's quilts, so our April meeting would be the perfect opportunity for you to share any crazy quilts or other types of hand-embellished quilts you've created, in addition to any other projects you've worked on recently.

At our Tuesday workshop, THE PROMISE, Jill will teach us the special steps involved in creating a Promise Quilt. This is strictly a hand-stitching technique, so you don't even need to bring a sewing machine – just some scraps and your hand sewing notions. The only special supply item needed is ½ yard of diaper flannel, available at Bear Country Quilts and Gifts.

A “tea party” luncheon is included in your \$20 workshop fee, and we have room for more participants, so please consider joining us. Remember that we need at least 5 attendees paid in advance in order to hold our workshops every month, so be sure to sign up soon and get your supply list!

Our calendar for 2016 is available at our website <http://www.busybearsquiltguild.com>  
Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our upcoming activities.

Your 2016 Program Chair -  
Jeanne Arnieri  
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*Looking ahead:*

*At our May meeting we will enjoy a PARADE OF PRESIDENTS, featuring memories from Busy Bears years-gone-by. We will also enjoy a mini trunk show of Wendy Green's applique work, as introduction to our Tuesday workshop when she will be teaching us turned edge-hand applique.*

### QUILT SHOW 2016 - MAKING MEMORIES

Greetings from your new 2016 Quilt Show Chair!

You are ALL on the Quilt Show Team this year!! We will need EVERYONE'S participation and support to make our 2016 show as successful as our previous shows have been.

Our annual Quilt Show is our guild's main fundraiser. Income from the show not only allows us to meet our philanthropic goals, but also finances our guild's annual operating expenses such as facility rental and insurance. And the show is an outreach opportunity for us to share our love of quilting, and to connect with other quilters and guests. Let's work together to make it happen!

Please join us on Thursday April 28 at Jacque's home for our next Quilt Show planning meeting. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. and we hope you will ALL to be there, full of suggestions and enthusiasm!

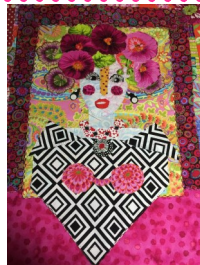
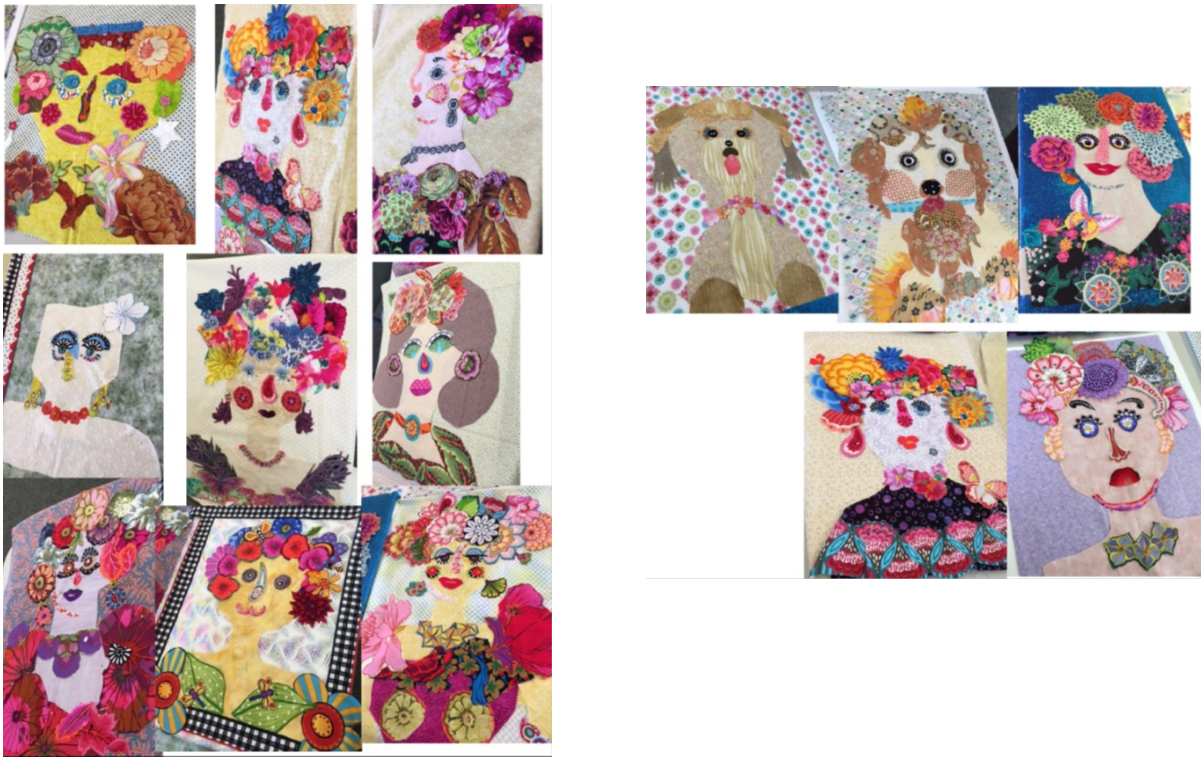
Looking forward to working with you -  
Jeanne Arnieri  
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## March "Ladies of the Lake Workshop"

Our March workshop, "Ladies of the Lake" was a great success! Fifteen guild members enjoyed a day of zany creativity, with the help and encouragement of Madeline Frey, our delightful teacher. Most of us started the morning thinking "I can't do this" and ended the day saying "Wow, how about if I try this, and this, and this!?"

The baked potato bar lunch was tasty and plentiful, and enjoyed by everyone. Our amusing "Ladies of the Lake" portraits all still need some finishing touches, but we will plan to share them at a guild meeting in the near future. And if we get enough of them completed in time to share, we're hoping to have a special "Ladies of the Lake" exhibit at the quilt show. Thank you again Madeline for a day of let-loose creativity and fun.



My special thanks to the Guild for the beautiful Card and Gift Card to Bear Mountain Quilts. I should be the one giving gifts of thanking "You All" for such a fun class and how everyone did such a great job on the Ladies of the Lake.

Madeline Frey



**HOP \* SKIP \* JUMP**  
**BUSY BEARS SEW-ALONG 2016**

Here's a VERY EASY lap-size quilt for you to make - perfect for yourself, for a gift, or for a Doves comfort quilt! We'll spend five months sewing along together, so pull out some awesome fabric and start creating. Be sure to bring your Step 4 blocks to the Guild meeting on Monday April 18 so we can admire them!

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Lap quilt – 52" x 72"  
 5 steps + finishing  
 Style - simple piecing  
 Skill level - very easy

Fabric requirements:

Fabric A background	2 2/3 yards
Fabric B pattern	1 2/3 yards
Backing	3 1/4 yards
Binding	1/2 yard



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**STEP 4**

*Before you cut any additional pieces, take a look at the scraps you saved from last month's instructions and try to recycle them to complete this step. You may not need to cut as many new strips as the instructions call for.*

**Cutting:**

Fabric A	4 strips @ 2 1/2" x WOF, cut into 60 squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
Fabric B	5 strips @ 2 1/2" x WOF, cut into 75 squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

**Sewing:** Using a 1/4" seam, sew fifteen 9-patch blocks as follows:

B A B  
 A B A  
 B A B

**NOTE:** *this color placement is opposite from the small blocks you sewed last month*

Each unit will measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2"



*We're almost done - next month will be our final step! We will assemble the sub-units we've been sewing into bigger blocks and rows, and then complete our quilt tops.*

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*Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula CA -- July 11-12-13 & 14, 2016*



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*Join your Busy Bears quilting sisters for a relaxing, mid-week retreat in the beautiful wine country of Temecula.*

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- PRICE: Double room - \$296.25; Single room - \$396.25
- \$100 deposit will secure your place. Deposits and registration forms will be accepted at guild meetings OR you may download the registration form from the January newsletter and mail your deposit check and registration form to my home address: 1013 Nana Ave., Big Bear City CA 92314. Balance is due at the June guild meeting. NOTE: No refunds after May guild meeting.
- Contact: Sue Merritt, retreat coordinator 909-800-1536 or [ramconcrete@charter.com](mailto:ramconcrete@charter.com)

