



# THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - March 2016

## CALENDAR - 2016

- March 14: Sewcial & New Member Meeting
- 21: Guild Meeting
- 22: Workshop
- 29: Board Meeting
- April 11: Sewcial
- 18: Guild Meeting
- 19: Workshop
- 26: Board Meeting



## EDITORS EPISTLE

Here we are marching into spring. This is my favorite time of the year. Springtime with it's warming weather, flowers, longer days, and Easter.



**Karen Cumberland**

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Quilters,

It's almost springtime and I've started cleaning & airing out the house.

Of course, my sewing room is taking priority. This 12X11' room also serves as a guest bedroom, my office, library, and display area for my collection of character dolls, a giant world map, photos, and a variety of rocks, shells, fossils and houseplants.

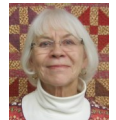
My 30X32" sewing machine table is now setting in the center of the room to take advantage of both natural & overhead lighting.

I enjoy having my sewing projects in plain sight, and so my futon serves as my design wall & staging area for my next projects. My closet has shelves for the multiple 16 qt. crates, as well as some larger ones.

From time to time, we all adjust our surroundings to fit our needs. Do you have any tips; especially on storing your "fabric stash" that you would be willing to share with us at our March guild meeting??? I will open the floor to your comments before we have our Break. Do plan on telling us what works and satisfies your needs.

We've had our first quilt show meeting and feel as though things are falling into place. Jacque Holmes and Dawn Clark-Dorris are excited and working on possibilities for this year's boutique. Jeanne Amieri has agreed to chair the quilt show, and Belinda Evans will be her support person. Now, all we need is for one of you to become our Publicity chair. Barbara Olsen updated the chair's notebook which has timetables and contact info...and she is there to answer any questions you might have. New blood keeps an organization healthy...be the one who says yes.

Keep Smiling, **Jeannie Mazzacane**



## Dinner before the Meeting



We had such a wonderful response last month at Maggios, we're going again. Let's meet at 4:00 and why not bring your husband along! I did and he enjoyed meeting all my quilting ladies. They have a nice variety on their menu. Salads, Pizza and Pasta dishes "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 - February, 2016**

February 15, 2016

Jeannie Mazzacane President

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Madeline Frey led the Pledge of Allegiance with great grace and confidence.

Announcements were made and Thanking the Hospitality, Bonnie Snell and Sue Bost for the set up and kitchen/coffee...etc.

Fran Martin, introduced new members: Janet Beaty, Susan Wade, Bonnie Smets, Michelle Minor, Kathy Holloway and Julie Zurek.

Beverly Bennett of Sunshine and Flowers: Announced all the Birthday Ladies for the Month of February and all together we Sang Happy Birthday.

Old Business: A Correction was made on last months minutes and Belinda Evans made a motion and Jeannie Arneri Second the motion.

Carol Henderson: Budget, Copies are available..

Karen Cumberland: Everyone has renewed their Membership and Will put New Members in Booklet..

Bonnie Snell and Lauri Nahay: are Organizing the 2016 Opportunity Quilt Marketing.. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH EXTRA EVENT.

Jeannie Arneri: Has the schedule for all the classes, Workshops;

Madeline Frey for March .. Fun Faces..

Wendy Green for May: Needle turn Appliqué ...

Bonnie Snell demonstrates Subject of her class...All who attend will be rewarded with a delicious Lunch, Pizza, Cherrie Pie...

Jacque Holmes: Had the Quilt Show meeting 10:00 at her Home.

Wendy Green: Is in charge of the Quilt Challenge which is "Wild Things" (like Animals, Forests, Flowers etc)...

Carol Henderson: for UFO Quilts make a list of projects ... You will need a list of 10 and use 5 to enter. \$10.00

Cat Harris : Do to some physical complications will not be able to continue with this year's retreat. Further instructions will be noted. Please contact Jeannie Mazzacane for more details.

Jeannie Mazzacane for Presidents Day Gave a Gift of Red Roses that will last a long time without water to all past Presidents. Lovely gift .. no muss, no fuss..

Jeannie Arneri has a beautiful Grandson.. Lorenzo.

Beverly Bennett has a beautiful Great Grandson .. Conner..

Wendy Stephen has a Brand New Sewing Machine..( Pfaff) spelling?

And a very Happy Cindy Young is Engaged.

Belinda Evans Gave a very informative Lecture " If Quilts Could Talk" Everything Hidden in Plain View... Many Displayed Quilts donated for her Lecture by Members of Guild. Many Symbols were explained.

We had Show and Tell, Beverly Bennett, Fran Martin, Bonnie Snell, Colleen Olson.

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:50...

**Madeline Frey: Recording Secretary**



**Busy Bears Quilt Guild  
TREASURERS REPORT 2016**

February 2016		
Balance	1/31/2016	\$ 4,759.26
Income		\$ 1,473.50
Expenses		\$ -1,301.68
Balance	2/28/2016	\$ 4,931.08

**INCOME**

Advertising Income	\$	25.00
Bargain Table	\$	50.50
Birthday Exchange	\$	48.00
Membership 2016	\$	250.00
Opp Quilt Tickets 2016	\$	200.00
UFO Challenge	\$	30.00
Vendor Booth 2015	\$	450.00
Workshop Income	\$	420.00
	\$	1,473.50

**EXPENSES**

Comfort Quilts Expense	(\$	591.03)
Education Speaker	(\$	92.83)
Newsletter Printing	(\$	60.60)
PO Box Rent	(\$	130.00)
Quilt Show Printing	(\$	178.19)
Rent	(\$	75.00)
Supplies: General	(\$	34.53)
Website	(\$	139.50)
	(\$	1,301.68)

Carol Henderson - Treasurer



**SCCQG.... Topic is "MEET THE TEACHERS"**

"Meet The Teachers" is the topic of the next SCCQG Meeting . It is a great time to 'meet' teachers for our Guild meetings and workshops. It will be held at Carson Community Center in Carson, Ca on Saturday, April 9th at 10 am. I will be coming up from San Diego. You are welcome to join me.

Janet Walz



Our Hearts to You Janet Schultz  
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Busy Bear Friends



# Program - Underground Railroad



Diana Bedwell



Linda Galich

# SHOW AND TELL



Beverly Bennett



Jeannie Wallace



Sue Bost



## SHOW AND TELL



Fran Martin



Bonnie Snell

Please join us at our **SEWcial** on Monday, March 14, 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 hang out -- the tables will be set up and the coffeepot will be on!

We will be welcoming our newest guild members at the March SEWcial, so drop in and get acquainted.

*Everyone is welcome!*

MONDAY March 14, 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



## "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**

Sunshine and shadows news! Colleen Olson, is in Hilo Hawaii, having a good time visiting her daughter.

**Beverly Bennett**



### **Glendale Quilt Guild presents** **"A Visit With Alex"**

Saturday  
April 16, 2016  
10am and 1pm

First Congregational  
Church of Glendale  
2001 Canada Blvd  
Glendale, CA 91208



- **Join us for two lectures** (and lunch) with world renowned quilter, **Alex Anderson**. Tickets are on sale now and are going quickly, so purchase at Guild meetings, by contacting Kathi Coleman Wilson at [domehikr@aol.com](mailto:domehikr@aol.com), or, you can purchase tickets online at <http://www.glendalequiltguild.org/>
- **Tickets are limited** – purchase BOTH lectures and save big - the package is only \$60.
- **10:00am – 11:00am**  
"Scrap Quilts"... using stashes, charming scrap patterns, etc. A single ticket: \$35.00
- **1:00pm – 2:00pm**  
"Beautifully Quilted"... finish quilts, determine design choices including patterns, straight line & free motion choices to best fit areas of your quilt. A single ticket: \$35.00
- **11:00am – 1:00pm**  
Lunch...join us for a box lunch in the Glen between the lectures. Lunches are from The Corner Bakery Cafe. It includes a yummy sandwich (choose Roasted Chicken or Tomato Mozzarella), chips, fruit cup, cookie and water. \$15



Fran Martin

**M E M B E R S H I P**  
Total Paid Members - 60



Laurie Nahay

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY EXCHANGE**

- Linda Galich - strips & pins
- Lorraine Taylor - Quiltopoly
- Ina Naday - charm pack, wool applique
- Jeanne Wallace - Binding tool, bobbin mates, lady bug leash
- Denise Schiavone - Scissors
- Donation Stash - Batting

**WINNERS**

- Lorna Hatfield - Iris fabric
- Linda Galich - Scissors
- Karen Cumberland - Binding tool, bobbin mates, lady bug leash
- Beverly Bennett - Quiltopoly
- Sheri Smith - Strips & pins
- Jan Chapman - Batting

*Birthday Exchange and Refreshments*

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>BE/R</b>
Shirley Hartwick	March 21	March
Sue Hart	March 19	March
Kathy Holloway	March 21	Open
Denise Shrivone	March 21	Feb
Gail Murphy	March 31	March
Bonnie Snell	Dec 9	March

*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**

WILD!!! Get your challenge Quilt pack and get started! Only 5 left. Be one of the lucky ones and join the fun of the challenge quilt competition. It's sooo fun. Come on now, see me at the next meeting to get yours! Love ya.

Wendy Green



**Philanthropy**

The Pantry theme for March's meeting is "It's Pasta & Sauces" a favorite for all. Bring both if you are able. Thanks to all of you for the Education Box tops we turned in 167 to Baldwin Lane Elementary School in Sugarloaf. They gave us their many thanks for our support. Keep them coming. I found some on large soup cans. Keep the pull tabs coming!

**Comfort Quilts**

We are all stocked up with Mom & Dad's baby quilt kits and comfort quilts kits for Doves. If you would like a side project, come and see us at the next meeting.



Colleen Olson

Sheri Smith



## FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

### CUT-UPS

March cup-ups meeting was at Bonnie Snells. She served a great lunch of Hot Chicken Salad. April's meeting will be at Jeannie Mazzacane's and May will be at Fran Martin's.

Fran Martin



### Hot Chicken Salad

- 4 Cups cooked cubed Chicken
- 2 Cups sliced celery
- 1/2 Cup toasted blanched almonds
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 finely cut or grated onion
- 3 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Cup mayonnaise
- 1 can sliced water chestnuts

Combine ingredients, then sprinkle 1/2 Cup grated cheese and 1 Cup crushed potato chips on top. Bake 15 minutes at 425 degrees.

### STITCHY FINGERS

We enjoyed a pleasant day of sewing and chatting at Sue Merritt's in early February, but haven't gotten together since then as so many of us have been busy with other things. We'll try to get together on the 11th of this month at Sue Bost's. Some of our group went to the Palm Springs show, and I look forward to seeing pictures and hearing about all the wonderful things they saw there.

Jill Gilham



## HAPPY EASTER



### FEBRUARY SCRAPPY QUILT WORKSHOP

Nine guild members got together on Tuesday February 16 to enjoy Bonnie Snell's workshop on creating a scrappy quilt. We all enjoyed a day of companionship, got lots of sewing done, and feasted on pizza and cherry pie for lunch. Thank you, Bonnie!

Workshoppers – bring your scrappy tops to the March meeting to share!!!





## Busy Bears Quilting Guild February Program Update

### WHAT WERE THEY THINKING??

At our March meeting we'll be exploring creativity and personal expression. Madeline Frey will discuss the distinctive folk-art style of quilts created by the Gees Bend community in Alabama. She will describe the creative spirit that made each of those quilts unique, and show us the design traditions that have been shared and passed down in that small community. With Madeline's encouragement, you might be inspired to make your next quilt outside of your usual "design box"!

We always enjoy admiring each other's quilts, and this would be the perfect opportunity for you to share any bright modern quilts you've created, in addition to any other projects you've worked on recently.

At our Tuesday workshop, **BREAK THE RULES**, Madeline will guide us through the process for making our own personal portrait quilts. This project is casual and fun – no sewing machines are needed, so everyone can easily participate. We'll be playing with colors, shapes and prints to create zany expressions ... so come in a **\*WILD AND CRAZY\*** mood ready to laugh and have fun!

We'll enjoy a baked potato bar for lunch, which will include your choice of potatoes and toppings, beverage and dessert. Remember that we need at least 5 attendees paid in advance in order to hold our workshops, 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 call me or email me if you have any questions about our upcoming activities.

Your 2016 Program Chair -  
Jeanne Arnieri  
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jeannearnieri@yahoo.com



#### Looking ahead:

At our April meeting Jill Gilham will introduce us to **PROMISE STITCHING**. We'll also enjoy quilts featuring crayon tinted embroidery shared by Sue Bost and Gay Joyner. Jill Gilham will lead our workshop on Tuesday, where we will create a beginner project using the **PROMISE STITCHING** techniques.

El Camino Quilters quilt show

"Piece by Piece"

Friday and Sat. April 15-16

10am-4:30pm

QLN Conference Center

1938 Avenida del Oro, Oceanside CA

Admission \$10 but husbands are free

For more info see our website -

[www.elcaminoquilters.com](http://www.elcaminoquilters.com)



Mark Your Calendar For

The Third Saturday in March Every Year!

National Quilting Day - Celebrate!!

March 19, 2016



**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 3 blocks to the Guild meeting on Monday March 16 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 3**

**Cutting:**            Fabric A:            5 strips @ 6 1/2" x WOF

Cut into 6 rectangles 6 1/2" x 12 1/2" and 9 squares 6 1/2" x 6 1/2"  
 Set these aside for future use in Step 5

*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            3 strips @ 2 1/2" x WOF, cut into 48 squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

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

A B A  
 B A B  
 A B A

**NOTE:** *this color placement is opposite from the ones you've sewn in earlier steps*

Each unit will measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2"  
 Save all remaining fabric for the next step



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# Busy Bears 2nd Annual Quilting Retreat

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



[www.vinadelestonnac.com](http://www.vinadelestonnac.com)

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

- Four days and three nights of fun and friendship.
- Unlimited and uninterrupted sewing in spacious, bright surroundings.
- Plentiful, wholesome meals served on the premises.
- Beautiful, serene setting, close to Old Town, shopping, wineries and casinos.
- 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)

