



THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - August 2015

CALENDAR - 2015

August 10: SEWcial at MJ Center
 12: Quilt Show Mtg
 17: Guild Mtg - Challenge Quilts
 18: Workshop - Boutique
 28: Lynch Mob Dinner

September 1: Quilt Show Judging
 4: Quilt Show Setup
 5-6: Quilt Show
 14: Sewcial
 21: Guild Mtg
 22: Comfort quilts



My Dear Friends,

It seems I am always thanking you all for so many things. This time...for the beautiful basket of African Violets and flowers. I love it...how did you know the violets are my favorites? Thank You for all the cards, emails and kind words.

The "Celebration" of Kay's Life was all that I hoped for...uplifting and caring!

Fondly, Jacque, Dawn and Family



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

This is a busy time of year for us. Not only are we trying to finish up our quilts for our show on Labor Day Weekend...but, we are having more company, and trying to take part in the many fun activities happening in our valley. It sounds like a case of too much to do, in so little time...but, I'm here to tell you that quilters MAKE time to finish their quilts.

The quilt show entries have started coming in and I've begun the numbering process and the organizing of my notebook. You have until Aug. 17th to get your entry form in. Remember, your quilt need not be completed when you take a photo of it for the form. Aug. 30th is the final day to deliver your quilt to Karen, Bonnie or myself. Of course, you are welcome to turn them in at the Aug.17th meeting as well.

I mentioned it being a busy time of year, at our last board meeting we started talking about the possible programs for next year and the idea of starting out the winter months with daytime meetings instead of our usual nighttime meetings. We will have some open discussions at future guild meetings, in order to get a consensus. Many have spoken favorably to me on this matter already, sighting bad weather as the main consideration.

We also discussed the likely board and committee chair positions that will become open for 2016. Philanthropy/Comfort Quilts and the Quilt Show are two that we know for sure and most likely there will be more, as we believe it is important to change things up, in order to keep our ideas and energies fresh. What would you like to do???

As a final thought, I will remind you to keep our Dear Janet Schultz in your thoughts and prayers. We are so happy that she is back home!

May you smile as you sew,

Jeannie Mazzacane

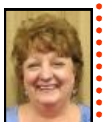


DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING

Hello Ladies,

We Will be meeting at Maggio's at 4:00 pm for our monthly pre meeting dinner get together.

Do plan to join us. Please RSVP to me, Lorraine Taylor



BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD MINUTES - July 20, 2015

President Jeannie Mazzacane called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and welcomed everyone. Jeanne Arneri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our guests tonight are Cheryl Gangloff, Elaine Dobiesz, Vanda Shattuck, Jeannie Killeen, and Nancy Bailey.

Cat Harris led the audience in expressing warm wishes to our members who are celebrating their birthdays in July and December.

MINUTES - Lori Felber made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2015 meeting. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Shirley Hartwick made a motion that the June 2015 Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion passed.

PROGRAMS - Lorraine Taylor invited everyone to attend our annual picnic tomorrow at 11:30 at Sugarloaf Park. Please bring a potluck dish and a fat quarter.

Janet Schultz described our upcoming programs and workshops. Tonight we will hear a presentation by Juli Shulem. The workshop with Shelley Swanland scheduled for this Saturday has been cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

PHILANTHROPY - Sue Hart thanked everyone for bringing items for the food pantry tonight. The collection theme for August will be Breakfast of Champions. We are presently working toward fulfilling our 2015 commitment for Doves quilts.

QUILT SHOW - Karen Cumberland announced that the next quilt show meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 12 at 1:00 p.m. at her home. She will have all the show volunteer sign-up lists available during break tonight, and requests everyone's participation. She discussed the various activities that will be taking place this coming month as we prepare for the quilt show. Cat Harris invited members to participate in this year's Boutique. Bonnie Snell will be taking orders for prepaid lunches for show workers. Barbara Olsen encouraged everyone to participate in the Friday Potluck Dinner.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS - Cat Harris brought us up to date on Sunshine and Shadows news.

RETREAT - Cat Harris invited everyone to enjoy the photo display from the retreat during break this evening. Laurie Nahay shared her Brown Bag Challenge winning quilt.

CHALLENGE QUILTS - Belinda Evans encouraged members to participate in the 2015 Challenge, which will be due at our August meeting. Your crayons must be attached to your entry.

2015 OPPORTUNITY QUILT - Carol Henderson reported on ticket sales from the previous month. We will be selling tickets at a few more summer events -- please see her during break if you can help.

LIBRARY - Sandi Cannarella gave us an update on the progress she's made with cataloging the items in our guild library. She encouraged members to visit our library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jeanne Arneri, Recording Secretary



SHOW AND TELL



Lori Felber



Belinda Evans



Lys Axelson



Karen Cumberland

SHOW AND TELL



Wendy Stephens



Laurie Nahay



Lorraine Taylor



Mary Price



SHOW AND TELL



Cat Harris



Nancy Bailey



Shirley Hartwick

SHOW AND TELL



Madeline Frey



Jeannie Kellein



MEMBERSHIP

We had 37 members for July & 5 guests
Total of 65 Members

Cindy Young - new email address
runforit9@gmail.com



Fran Martin

BIRTHDAY EXCHANGE

- Jacque Holmes - mini iron & iron board cover
- Wendy Stephens - fabric & box
- Elaine Hudson - Christmas panel, fray check, quilter fan, & memo book
- Sandi Cannarella - 6 fat quarters
- Madeline Frey - fat quarter, 6" squares & ruler
- Lillian Hart - gift certificate

WON BY:

- Carol Henderson
- Lori Felber
- Laurie Nahay
- Nancy Bailey
- Karen Cumberland
- Betty Heller
- Linda Galick



Birthday Exchange and Refreshments



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>BE/R</u>
Loretta Castelluccio	July 6	July
Madeline Frey	July 13	July
Lillian Hart	July 22	July
Elaine Hudson	July 1	Oct
Wendy Stephens	July 26	July
Sandi Cannarella	Dec 31	July
Jacque Holmes	Nov 14	July

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.

JULY REFRESHMENTS FROM:

- Sue Bost - cookies & cheery pie
- Sandi Cannarella - chips & salsa
- Jan Jamriska - pretzel caramel candy
- Jacque Holmes - chocolate fudge
- Loretta Castelluccio - pretzels, crackers, cheese
- Elaine Hudson - apple streusel bars
- Madeline Frey - cake
- Lillian Hart - fruit tray

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

CUT-UPS

Bonnie Snell served a wonderful salad lunch for the August meeting to seven members. We worked on our sewing basket for the show. Also organized the kitchen boxes for the show.

We decided on Road trips for the next two meetings. Sept., we will go to Blue Jay's Quilt Walk in Lake Arrowhead on Sat. Sept. 26th. And in October, we will go to the Palm Springs show on Thurs. Oct. 4th. Details for trips will be decided at the Sept. 21st quilt meeting.

Fran Martin



STITCHY FINGERS

Last month we got together at Laurie Nahay's, and later in the month had an evening barbeque with the hubbies at Sue Merritt's.

This month we will go to Jacque's on the seventh. And on the 21st, Sue Bost will be showing off her new kitchen.

Jill Gilham



EDITORS EPISTLE

Looking forward to the challenge quilts this month. I actually have mine done. This is only my second time to enter one. It is always so much fun seeing how creative everyone is.

Our quilt show is almost here. Looking forward to another great show.

Karen Cumberland



Comfort Quilts: The Mom and Dad project is quickly coming to an end this year. I have only 2 kits left for check-out. Those of you that already have one to complete at home try to have it completed by the October meeting. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to this wonderful organization!

Philanthropy: Our pantry theme this month is Breakfast of Champions.

I will not be at the general meeting this month so please hold on to any completed quilts until the September meeting. See you then!

Sue Hart



Busy Bears Quilt Guild TREASURERS REPORT 2015

July 2015		
Balance	06/30/2015	\$10,480.26
Income		\$ 45.50
Expenses		\$-5,886.62
Balance	07/31/2015	\$ 4,639.14

INCOME

Advertising	\$ 0.00
Birthday Exchange	\$ 74.00
Bargain Table	\$125.50
Opp Quilt 2015	\$174.00
Opp Quilt Fabric	\$ 0.00
Vendor Booths	(\$328.00)
Workshop Fees	\$ 0.00
	\$45.50

EXPENSES

Annual Picnic	(\$ 538.14)
Education	(\$ 903.89)
Newsletter printing	(\$ 82.79)
Rent	(\$ 75.00)
Show equipment	(\$ 339.85)
Show supplies	(\$ 28.12)
Retreat Paid	(\$4,443.83)
UFO challenge	
	(\$5886.62)

Carol Henderson - Treasurer



BARGAIN TABLE

Hi all.

Bargain Table will be open for business! Another new bin! Woop Woop!

Wendy Green and Cindy Young





BUSY BEARS QUILTING GUILD AUGUST PROGRAM UPDATE

Janet Schultz, 949.813.1776 (call or text) or janetschultz2003@yahoo.com

August's Meeting we will be unveiling of our challenge quilts.

August's Workshop is a boutique workshop. Come together and make up items to sell at our Quilt Show Boutique.

September's Meeting we award the viewer's choice ribbons.

September's Workshop is all about comfort quilts. Join us in putting together kits for next years quilts. Sue will have all the fabrics cut and ready for us to match up.

Big Bear Lake Quilter's Guild has extended an invitation to all of us to join them at a Free Motion Quilting Class. The class is being offered Saturday, September the 19th at 9:30 am at Summit Christian Fellowship on Garstin Rd. The instructor is Heidi Stagno from Heidi's Longarm Quilting Center in Calimesa. The class will be using your domestic machine, but the same principles can be also translated to a longarm machine. I had the pleasure of meeting Heidi at BBLQG's Quilt show and was really impressed with her and her gorgeous samples. The cost of the class is \$25.00.



Our love and prayers go out to Janet for a speedy recovery.



Who is Sandi Cannarella? ...and Why did she become a Quilter?

Sandi has the unique ability to be a high achiever and still be the most down to earth person you will ever meet. She has sewn all her life, in fact, her first Girl Scout badge was for sewing.

Sandi's career choice was medicine, with a focus on transplants and immunology. How did this extraordinary field of medicine have anything to do with quilting? Sandi has always loved the many forms of art and classical music, and wherever she studied and worked, she was able to visit great museums, cathedrals & opera houses. Her last residency was in Michigan, and from there she traveled to her home town of Chicago to see several international quilt shows, and fell in love with "show quilts".

Sandi was inspired by the many quilting artists of our time and strove to learn their techniques and find her own niche in the quilting arts.

In 2009, Sandi retired to Big Bear and her husband, Bud, surprised her with a spacious studio over their garage to pursue her quilting endeavors. Sandi niche turned out to be applique with batik fabrics. She joined the Busy Bears Quilt Guild and found time to chair our quilt show for three years and teach classes locally, as well.

Sandi has always been willing to learn new things and work until she achieved her goals. She has had a longarm quilting machine for two years & has quilted her own quilts and countless comfort quilts for our guild, while becoming skilled at yet another aspect of quilting.

She encourages everyone to have their quilts judged whenever they enter shows. The evaluations are yet another learning tool, that she has personally, incorporated into her own prize winning quilts. One more bit of advice from Sandi, "practice! practice! practice!"

QUILT SHOW FOOD

Please be sure to sign up to bring something for the Friday night set up on September 4th. We feed all the helpers setting up the show and the vendors, they all appreciate it very much as we all do! There will be a sign up sheet passed around at our August meeting. Also, if you want lunch while you are at the show working, sign up with Bonnie, she makes a wonderful lunch available for only \$7.00 each day. See her at the meeting too! See you at the meeting!

Barbara Olsen



Mountain Treasurers Quilt Show . . . Take-down and Pick-up Procedure

Please be patient and Remember -

All quilts must be taken down and accounted for BEFORE ANY quilts will be released.

If someone other than yourself will be picking up your quilt, the person picking it up must have a release, signed by you.

If you are selling a quilt, you are expected to pick up the quilt, then you can deliver it to the purchaser.

Bonnie Snell



Gift Baskets

Hi Everyone! I'm sure this finds everyone very busy getting ready for the show. Please keep our Raffle Baskets in mind and bring anything you would like to donate to our August Meeting. The Cut Ups mini group is doing a Sewing Basket and we have gotten some wonderful donations to add to it. Stitchy Fingers is doing their traditional Garden Basket. Sandi Cannarella is donating a beautiful Cricut Machine with accessories. If you happen to have any scrap booking supplies to add to that basket, let me know. Lorraine Taylor has donated a two night stay for two at Inspirations. Gift certificates to anywhere in town would be a great addition. Belinda Evans of Bear Country has graciously donated a gift Certificate to add to that basket. We are trying to do an Emergency Preparedness Basket. Any items you could donate towards that would be GREATLY appreciated. I have received one donation of cash and I'm more than willing to shop and fill the basket. We have several Fat Quarters for the Fat Quarter basket but we always can use more. It's always a popular basket. It's a good time to go through your stash and weed out what you thought you couldn't live without but look at it through different glasses now. Our Basket Raffle is always a very good fund raiser. Please donate what you can and I will do my best to dress up the baskets so that they are irresistible. Please give me a call or e-mail if you have any thoughts or questions on the baskets.

Mary Price



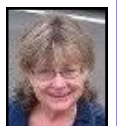
Boutique

Hope you all have several projects underway for selling at the boutique. Our next workshop will be devoted to finishing boutique and show items. Tags for items will be available at the workshop and at the next guild meeting along with boutique guidelines and the actual entry form. (The forms are also available in last month's newsletter, available online at our website.)

If you're still running short on ideas on what to make, google "ten best-selling items at craft shows". You will find some incredible ideas. Also google "free patterns for craft show items" to list sites with free patterns for items to make. Perennial best sellers: aprons, baby blankets, children's holiday pillowcases, pin cushions, dog toys, tea towels, baby bibs, microwave bowl holders, tree ornaments. Another suggestion: use cute, current fabric for better sales.

If you haven't signed up to work a shift at the boutique, please do so asap. Did you know that our boutique grossed \$3867 last year? It's one of the best boutiques around. It takes a village to keep it that way, so please volunteer and participate.

Cat Harris



2015 QUILT SHOW

The quilt show is almost here!!! Our next quilt show planning meeting this will be on August 12th at 1:00 p.m. at my house.

The Tshirts have been ordered and I should have them to hand out at our August meeting.

I will have the sign up sheets for the different areas that need to be covered as well as for setup and take down. There are still a lot of areas where no one has signed up. It really takes all of us working together to make a great quilt show.

The deadline to turn in the entry form for your quilts is at August's meeting. If your quilts are completed by then, you can also turn in your quilts that night as well. The deadline to turn in your quilts is Sunday, August 30th. Entry forms for the quilt show and boutique are in July's newsletter.

For ease of getting the quilts safely to the judging, we have had to split up the drop off points for the quilts. The challenge, small wall hangings and large wall hangings will go to my house; the twin/lap quilts will go to Bonnie Snell's house, and the large quilts will go to Jeannie Mazzacane's house. Please call to arrange drop off.

The judging of the quilts will take place on Tuesday, September 1st at 9:30 am at the Mary Johnson Center. You really should plan on attending. I attended for the first time last year and it was great. You really get good feed back from the judge. Instead of our usual potluck, we will be sending out for pizza.

The Lynch Mob night is planned for Friday, August 28th at 5:30 p.m. at Bonnie's House. It's a potluck. For those who don't know what this is... husbands and wives come together, have a chance to meet each other, learn how to hang the quilts, and the husbands organize the pick up/set up for Friday night. Really helps things go more smoothly for set up.

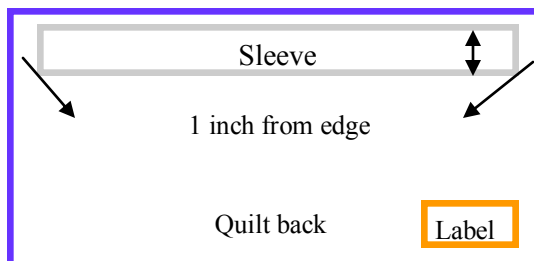
Thank you all for coming together to make a great show.

Karen Cumberland



Please prepare your show quilts for hanging in the following way:

- All quilts including the challenge and wall hangings need to have a hanging sleeve.
- All quilts 70 inches and greater, the hanging sleeve must be broken (opened) half way across to permit a supporting hanger when being displayed in the show.
- Sleeves must be 4 inches deep for the hanger and 2 inches shorter - that is, 1 inch in from the left and right sides:



4 inch sleeve on the vertical \updownarrow

2015 QUILT CHALLENGE

So we are on the countdown of days to complete your Challenge Quilt Project, and we hope you are having FUN!

Please bring your Challenge Quilt to the meeting in a plastic or brown bag with your name on the outside of it. Bonnie and I will then get them ready for the reveal. How exciting! We will be passing out your voting ballots and we will reveal the Challenge Quilts at the break for all to see, admire and then vote on your favorite.

If your not in town, but have a Challenge Quilt to show, please drop it off at Bear Country Quilts, in a bag with your name on it, and I will make sure it gets to the meeting for all to admire.

Can't wait!

Belinda Evans and Bonnie Marshall-Creel



Sunshine and Shadows

Happy birthday to our August babies: **Jeanne Arnieri, Lori Felber, Walt Murphy and Sharon Reeve.**

Lorraine Taylor has been enjoying her travels to a few missions with her grandson and enjoying the summer. I spent three days with my grandsons, hitting the Orange County Fair and the beach and squeezing in their last visit before school starts. I'm now enjoying a week with my granddaughter who finished culinary school... lots of jam making is on our agenda! **Sandi Cannarella** will be leaving us mid-August, moving to her new home in Four Seasons, Beaumont. Sandi will be greatly missed by the guild, and by me and her many other friends personally. All the luck in the world to you Sandi! And we're all hoping you continue to drop in on your Busy Bear Sisters.

Janet Shultz had a very rough patch with her autoimmune issues and was hospitalized in Pasadena for a few days. She is home now and in good hands. And Carol Howerton had back surgery to reconstruct a ruptured disk. She is still in pain and could use our best healing thoughts. to you both. ♡♡♡

Cat Harris



Retreat wrap-up

Hard to believe that retreat is over already. Everyone had a great time and we're all looking forward to next year. ... and to adding another day to the retreat. Details will be posted as soon as the date for 2016 is confirmed, but it's looking like August 11-14. We will share with the Valley Needlers again, so there'll be a limit of 20 or so. Signups will start at the January guild meeting. Cat Harris



Arrival & set up in classroom



Cheese 'n Wine Tasting





Hard at work (well, some of us, lol!)



Scavenger Hunt @ Primitive Gatherings

Drew



The Winners!



The Losers!

Show 'n Tell





Brown Bag Challenge Entries



Winner Laurie Nahay



Gift Exchange





AUGUST SEWcial!

Please join us at our monthly SEWcial on
MONDAY August 10
 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!
 Mary Johnson Center @
 Community Church by the Lake
 40946 Big Bear Blvd
 Big Bear Lake CA

CALENDAR OF QUILT EVENTS

- Aug. 15-16 Tehachapi Mountain Quilters
- Sept. 9-12 San Diego Quilt Show
- 19-20 Gathering Under Oaks Quilt Show
- 26 Quilt Walk in Blue Jay
- 26 North County Quilters Show
- 26-27 Flying Geese Quilters Guild

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