



The Bear Facts

Busy Bears Quilt Guild November 2019
2019

President's Message



A Quick Note From The President

Can't believe it's the last meeting of the year. Where has the time gone, and are we really ready for the Holidays?

It will be a busy meeting as we will be welcoming our recipients of our philanthropy donations to join us. We will be also electing Board Members for our 2020 and voting on the 2020 Proposed Budge. As Lorraine Taylor has mentioned in the program section it will also be out Annual Cookie Exchange YUM!

I love how we end our year with our Annual Christmas Party/Dinner. Lorraine Taylor will have the sign-up sheet available at the meeting.

So much to do... so little time. Happy Quilting!

Belinda Evans
President



CALENDAR - 2019

November 18 - General Meeting

No Board meeting in December

December 2 - Christmas Party!

EDITORS EPISTLE

I can't wait for our annual Christmas Party! It is always so much fun and it is coming up quickly. Then it will be time to update our pictorial directory. Be sure to see me at the meeting so I can get your picture!

Jan Chapman
Editor



September Dinner Before the Meeting

Hi my friends,
The pre-meeting dinner will be at Maggio's, in the Von's shopping center. See you there at 4 P.M.



Lorraine Taylor



Busy Bears Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes , October 21, 2019

Call to order

President Belinda Evans called to order the regular meeting of the Busy Bears Quilt Guild at 6:00 pm on October 21, 2019 at .Mary Johnson Center of The Community Church, 40946 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, CA.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion was made by Bonnie Smets and second by Jan Chapman to approve minutes of September meeting as published in the October Newsletter. Minutes approved.

Open issues

Membership – currently stands at 69, three guests attending this meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – Shirley Hartwick made a motion to accept the report listed in the October newsletter, second by Karen Bell. Motion carried.

Sunshine and Shadows – Happy Birthday wishes to October quilters. Susan Wade is recovering from another surgery and is doing well but needs our thoughts and prayers.

Philanthropy – Sue Hart is the new philanthropy chair person, she would like suggestions from members for future philanthropy donations.

Special Events – Lorraine Taylor has a signup sheet for the Christmas Party on December 2, please select your menu option and include payment. Signup will also be available at the November meeting but must be paid that night. There will be a workshop on November 11 at 6pm to make Christmas Party gifts, no machine needed.

Programs – Tonight’s meeting- Philanthropy recipients are here to familiarize members with the work of their organizations. Dawn from Doves said they run a 17- bed shelter for abuse victims from off the mountain and for local residents. A quilt is given to each person, adult and child upon intake to the facility and are sometimes their only possession as they had to leave with nothing. Tracy from Mom and Dad Project told us the quilts are hung in their meeting room and given to each family that completes the program, which teaches parenting and childcare classes to those who need support. Both speakers told very emotional stories of the effect of our quilt donations on their clients. A donation was taken up for Scentsy Buddies which are scented comfort toys for children in need. Tomorrow’s workshop- pillowcases for “Ryan’s Case for Smiles” which supplies 11 hospitals in San Bernardino County for kids having to stay overnight. November meeting will be our Cookie Exchange and disbursement of our 2019 Philanthropy donations. There will be no workshop due to the proximity to Thanksgiving.

2021 Opportunity Quilt – Fran Martin and Belinda Evans announced that a McKenna Ryan pattern has been purchased with fabrics and will be available for signup to complete a section at the November meeting.

Open Committee Positions – The current Board will continue into 2020. There are open positions for Committee chairs. See Belinda if you are interested to see the list.

2020 Challenge Quilt – Brenda Bumble has free kits available. Your challenge quilt should embody what the enclosed phrase means to you. Size of quilt: minimum 16” by 16”, maximum 24” by 24”. Must include 2 square inches of each of the five fabrics included in the kit plus as many others as you wish.

Adjournment

President Belinda Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jeanne Wallace - 10/29/19

Jeanne Wallace
Secretary



Philanthropy

We have come to the close of another wonderful year of quilting and dear friendships. Each member should be proud to have been part of such a productive year. We have supported many needs of our community, including the Community Church food bank, Mom and Dad Project and DOVES with our special talents. Through our hard work we have also been able to support financially some special organizations in our valley. This month we will celebrate and distribute checks to all of the chosen organizations.

Food Pantry

With winter close at hand, the food theme for this month is canned soup. Something to warm the tummy on a cold day.



Sue Hart
Philanthropy



Comfort Quilts

Kits will be available to be picked up. During these next cold months I am Sure that each of us will be quilting in our cozy workshops. This is the perfect Time to start our commitment to the Guild and complete your donation.



Looking forward to another great year!

Stitchy Fingers

In October we enjoyed the nice weather sewing and chatting on my front porch. Then later in the month we had more fun chatting and stitching at Sue Merritt's.

We will start off November at Sue Boylin's on the 1st, and a fun road Trip to Apple Valley along with the Cut Ups will be hosted by Laurie Nahay on the 14th.



Jill Gillham
Stitchy Fingers

PROGRAMS

Our November program is one of my favorites. Our guests will be the recipients of our donations. We have worked all year to be able to give back to our community and this is the time to see what we have done. Hope you plan to be there to be part of it.



We also have our Cookie Exchange. Each member brings at least two dozen cookies. One dozen to share for refreshments and one dozen (or more) to exchange. You will need to have your cookies on separate plates. One for refreshment table and one for exchange table. I will have bags to put the cookies you are taking home. You can exchange for the same amount you bring. So if you have one dozen for exchange, you take home one dozen, if you bring two dozen, you take home two dozen, etc.



The Christmas Party is just around the corner! Join us at the Lodge in the Stillwell's Restaurant - 40650 Village Dr. at 5pm on December 2. The signup sheets will be at the meeting. The cost is \$20 for members with the guild paying the balance. You will have a choice of Beef, Chicken, Salmon or Pasta. When you sign up, you must pay for your dinner at that time. We have until November 21 to get your reservation. If you cannot make it to the meeting, the sign up sheet will be at Bear Country Quilts. You can stop by there to sign up and pay.

Each member is to bring a homemade ornament wrapped in a fat quarter for our exchange game. You do not have to make the ornament but it does need to be homemade.

If you have any questions about any of the above information, give me a call or email. See you at the meeting.

Lorraine Taylor
Programs



November Sunshine and Shadows **Sunshine and Shadows**

Birthdays for November:

Susan Schwebel	11/23	Beverly Starnier	11/12
Brenda Brumble	11/20	Jacque Holmes	11/14
Jan Chapman	11/17	Gay Joyner	11/11
Debbie Halstead	11/13	Heidi Llanes	11/22
		Bonnie Marshall-Creel	11/21

A little shadow: Shirley Hartwick, and her mother Lillian Hart will be moving sooner than expected, and won't be at the next guild meeting. We will miss them so much and want to wish them only tremendous success with their new move, and also want to express our many thanks for all the wonderful things they did for our Quilt Guild. We will miss you both so much and hope your new move will be blessed with love and success.

Bonnie Smets
Sunshine and Shadows



2020 Nomination Committee Announcement

The Nomination committee has been hard at work and the good news is, we have the Board Members positions as follows: Belinda Evans, President Lorraine Taylor, 1st VP, Jeannie Wallace, Secretary Bonnie Snell, Treasurer Laurie Nahay, Membership. If you are also interested in any of the above positions please let the nomination committee aware of your interest. We still have a few Committee Chairs positions open.

2020 Board Members & Committee Chair

Board Member Positions

President	Belinda Evans
Vice President/Programs	Lorraine Taylor
Recording Secretary	Jeannie Wallace
Treasurer	Bonnie Snell
Membership	Laurie Nahay

Committee Chair Positions

Bargain Table	-Sue Bost
Birthday Exchange	-Sue Boylin
Budget Committee (3)	-Bonnie Snell
Challenge Quilts	-Brenda Brumble
Comfort Quilts	-Sue Hart
Corresponding Secretary	-Bonnie Smets
Directory	-Jan Chapman
Hospitality	-Colleen Olson
Librarian	-Jill Gilham
Marketing – 2020 Opp Quilt	-Elaine Dobiesz, Lorraine Taylor
Newsletter Editor	-Jan Chapman
Nomination Committee (3)	-
Parliamentarian	-
Past President	-Belinda Evans
Philanthropy	-Sue Hart
Publicity	-Bonnie Marshall-Creel
Quilt Show – Chair	-Sue Boylin, Sue Bost
Quilt Show – Basket	-Janice Stillwell
Quilt Show – Boutique	-Elaine Dobiesz, Janice Stillwell
Quilt Show – Decorations	-Jill Gilham
Quilt Show – Food	-Mary Baughman
Quilt Show – Layout	-Heidi Llanes
Quilt Show - Labels	-Bonnie Snell
Quilt Show – Curtains	-Fran Martin
Quilt Show – Vendors	-Laurie Nahay
Quilt Show - Signage	-
Retreat	-Laurie Nahay
SCCQG Representative	-
Special Events/Picnic, Christmas	-
Sunshine & Shadows	-Bonnie Smets
Webmaster/Facebook	-Barbara Olson/Belinda Evans
2021 Opportunity Quilt	-Fran Martin



Baked Cinnamon and Cardamom Apple Chips

This is a delicious, very easy, and healthy homemade snack.

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups water
½ cup brown sugar
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp ground cardamom
Juice from 1 lemon
2 crisp apples

DIRECTIONS:

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine water, brown sugar, cinnamon, cardamom and lemon juice. When combined, remove from heat, and let cool.

Slice apples thinly, a scant ⅛ inch, either by hand or using a mandolin or similar slicer, remove seeds as necessary (no need to peel or core apples). Add apple slices to cooled syrup and allow to brine for at least two hours, up to overnight (I do overnight).

Preheat oven to 200°. Remove apple slices from brine, and pat dry with paper towels. Arrange the apple slices in a single layer on parchment paper lined baking sheets. Bake for 60 minutes, then flip apple slices and bake for another 60-90 minutes, checking apple slices often for doneness. Allow to cool at room temperature (apple slices will crisp as they cool). ENJOY!!!



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Submitted by Bonnie Snell

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