



THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

AUGUST 2024

General Meeting
Monday,
August 19th
6:00 PM
Johnson Center
Community Church
40940 Big Bear Blvd.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lines by... *Lindy*

July has come and gone! Hot, humid weather mixed with a lot of much needed rain. We had a fabulous picnic where we enjoyed great food, games, and our quilting friends. Fifteen fun-loving guild members attended. A big thank you goes to the picnic chairs, Debbie and Susie! If you didn't attend...you missed out!

Important! We are moving but not far. Our meetings and workshops will be in the Historical Chapel beginning in September! Same location but a different building! We will have a note on the door at the Youth Center directing you to our new room (in case you forget).

Well... our quilt show is almost here. This is what we are all about. Please plan on attending our August General Meeting. Our hubby's, as well as any other volunteers, are encouraged to attend. The fun begins at 6 pm with quilt show details being discussed and questions answered! Then we will enjoy our annual potluck dinner. Guild members are asked to bring their favorite dish (to feed 6-8) to share. We will begin our General Meeting, following our potluck, at 7pm, allowing our quilt show guests/volunteers to leave.

We will also, be voting on the Fall Block Swap entries...see the article in this Newsletter explaining this year's long and much anticipated completed projects.

Make, Learn, Inspire, and Share!

Hugs,

Lindy



Lindy Edmond, President

FAT QUARTER GIVE AWAY

Please remember to wear your name tags! If you do, not only are you entered in the Christmas drawing BUT you can win a fat quarter at our meetings. Remember to get your ticket after signing in. If you have any scrap material that is 18" x 22', you can donate them!

Give them to me to add to our fat quarter box!



Lindy Edmond, President

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

General Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2024

I. Call to order

President Lindy Edmond called to order the regular meeting of the Busy Bears Quilt Guild at 6:00 p.m. on July 15, 2024 at Youth Center of Community Church, 40946 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, Ca. Pledge of Allegiance led by Michele Parris.

II. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the June 17, 2023 General Meeting as published in the July 2024 newsletter were approved on a motion by Flo Snyder, second by Karen Early. The motion was carried and approved.

III. Open Issues

- a) **Treasurer Report** - Michele Rustigan reported the Savings account balance as \$10,003.75; June checking account ending balance as \$16,223.35. Lindy Edmond requested a motion to approve the Guild's treasurer's report as published and reported. Janice Stillwell motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Pam Boyd seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- b) **Membership** - Heidi Llanes reported 69 members for 2024. Lindy Edmond reported the Idea Box had no new ideas. The Guild welcomed 1 guest.
- c) **Sunshine and Shadows** - Theresa Georgi announced the birthdays for July. Members sang Happy Birthday.
- d) **Philanthropy** - Robin Davis shared that bears and quilts are needed through the end of the year. List of organizations our Guild contributes to are in the newsletter. Received various size quilts today and 20 stuffed bears.
- e) **Publicity and Marketing** - Susie Oberneder had nothing to report.
- f) **2024 Opportunity Quilt** - Kelley Smythe has the calendar for members to sign up to show the quilt. Calendar will be at the front table at all general meetings. Kelley explained that she will have all you need to show the quilt at events, church, down-the-hill, Lodge Podge, etc.
- g) **2025 Opportunity Quilt** - Lys Axelson reported the quilt is done. Will show it at the next general meeting. Members will be invited to name and vote on the name for the quilt.
- h) **Fall Block Swap** - Sharon Picciolo was absent. Lindy Edmond said completed projects are due at the August general meeting.
- i) **UFO Challenge** - Janice Stillwell reports that it is \$10 required to participate and due by October. Can enter as many items as you like for the one-time \$10. Winner takes all the money. Sign ups are at the front table.
- j) **Challenge Quilt** - Wendy Stephens and Robin Davis received and hung the 9 quilts today. Members were able to view and vote on first, second, and third places. Quilts may be entered in the Quilt Show. First, Second, and Third places will be hung with their ribbons at the Quilt Show. Winners won ribbons and cash prizes.
- k) **Stitchy Fingers** - Sue Bost says next Stitchy Fingers is Friday, July 26, 10 a.m., at Gladys Panameno's home.

- l) **Middle School Sewing Camp** - Lindy Edmond reports that the committee members are gathering patterns and examples. Next committee meeting will be in September 26, 11a.m. at Denny's restaurant. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- m) **Special Events** - Suzie Oberneder reports:
 Picnic - July 16, 2024, 11 a.m. at Sugarloaf Park in Big Bear City. Half apron for exchange. Games and a Potluck. Bring a chair, drinks, hat.
 Christmas Party - December 2, Santana Mavericks, \$25 - Guild pays remainder. 3 choices for dinner - beef, chicken, veggie.
- n) **Ways and Means** - Elaine Dobiesz was absent.
- o) **Retreats** - Kelley Smythe, chairs the fall retreat, September 16 - 19, 2024. Sign-up information is in the newsletter and clipboard up front. \$530 double, \$680 single room.
- p) **Website** - open position. busybearsquiltguild.com
- q) **Facebook** - Belinda Evans says there is nothing new to report.
- r) **Newsletter and Directory** - Janice Stillwell nothing to report.
- s) **Hospitality** - Colleen Olson was absent. Subcommittee Kat and Susie.
- t) **Nomination Committee** - Lindy Edmond says all Board and chair positions are open. Please see the handouts that were passed out. Notebook describing the positions. Members please step up and participate. Speak with those you are sitting next to. Nominations in October. Vote in November.
- u) **Quilt Show** - Belinda Evans reports the next meeting will be Thursday, July 25, 2024, 11 a.m. at Denny's restaurant. Need the input from members and all are welcome to attend. Deanna Melzian reports the Wine Table, \$15 red or white with receipt. Made \$300 last year. Judging is August 27, 9:00 a.m., Historical Chapel - Community Church. Members must complete their philanthropy by August 1 in order to submit quilts to the show and/or participate in the marketplace. Tammy Laubach will head up the marketplace. Tammy needs marketplace items Friday, 10 a.m. in order to set up the marketplace. She needs volunteers. Janice Stillwell asks for donations for baskets today. Envelope was passed around. Aprons are \$13. No potluck on Friday.
- v) **Programs** - Lorraine Taylor reports \$25 sign-up for August t-shirt quilt workshop. \$10 sign-up for September workshop. Potluck for August general meeting, no sign-up sheet-- bring what you want. No show & tell nor bargain table for August meeting.
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| July Challenge Quilt Judging/Show prep | Picnic |
| August Prepare for the Quilt Show/Potluck | T-shirt Quilt |
| September Viewers Choice Awards | Robin Davis Workshop |
| October Beginner's Experience | Picket Fence |
| November Charity/Donation Night, cookie exchange | No Workshop |
- w) **Parliamentarian** - Lindy Edmond reported the By-laws and Standing Rules were emailed to all members. Please read and print for yourself.
- x) **Budget Committee** - Michele Rustigan had nothing to report.

IV. Old business - None

V. New business - None

VI. Sew and Tell

a) Heidi Llanes directed.

IV. Birthday Table

a) Susan Boylin directed the birthday table drawings.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, August 5, 11 a.m., at Denny's restaurant. Open to all members.

NIGHT TIME MEETINGS:

BBQG General Meeting: Monday, August 19, Youth Center, Community Church

5:30 p.m. Social

6:00 p.m. General Meeting

4:00 p.m. Dinner - Potluck

Workshop: Tuesday, August 20, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. T-shirt Quilt

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by President Lindy Edmond.

Minutes submitted by: Michele Parris

Minutes approved by: Minutes submitted by: Michele Parris

PROGRAMS

Hope you are all doing ok with the heat we have been experiencing. One thing about quilting, you don't have to move much

and can sit with a fan blowing cool air. We are heading into our busy quilt show prep in the next few weeks. Please see details in show article and hope all of you can participate. It's a lot of work but also fun and a way to get to know other members.

Here's information for upcoming meetings and workshops:

- August Meeting will be final Prep and info for the quilt show.
6pm-Show set-up information-please invite husbands and other volunteers.
Pot Luck right after(bring a dish to share for 8-10)-then those that don't want to stay for the meeting can leave
Break
Regular meeting starts after break.
- August workshop (9:30am) will be learning to make a T-shirt Quilt. There is still space, so if you are interested in joining, please contact me so I can let the teacher know and we can make arrangements to get class info to you. You can also sign up at the meeting.
Cost for workshop is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers.
- September is our Viewer's Choice awards and a Charity presentation by Robin
September Workshop: Another fun workshop by Robin Davis. Robin will give more info at the August meeting.
- October we're looking at some basic beginner quilting ideas presented by Belinda Evans.
Work shop will be creating a "Picket Fence" Quilt.
- November is our annual "Give Away" to our charities and Cookie exchange.
No workshop.
- December - no meeting or workshop. Christmas party-December 2.

Note: Each member that attends a workshop will get a ticket that will go into the Christmas Drawing. More tickets, more chances to win \$100.

Give me a call or email if you have any questions!



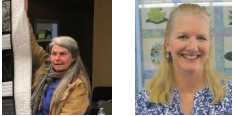
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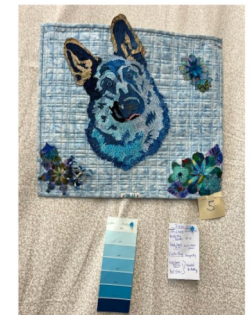


CHALLENGE QUILTS

A big thanks to everyone who participated in the Paint Chip Plus Challenge Quilt Program. There were 9 entries this year and everybody did a great job of matching their paint chip and incorporating the 6 plus items. If you missed the meeting, they will be on display at the quilt show and you can see these beautiful and creative quilts.



Robin Davis and Wendy Stephens, Co-Chairs

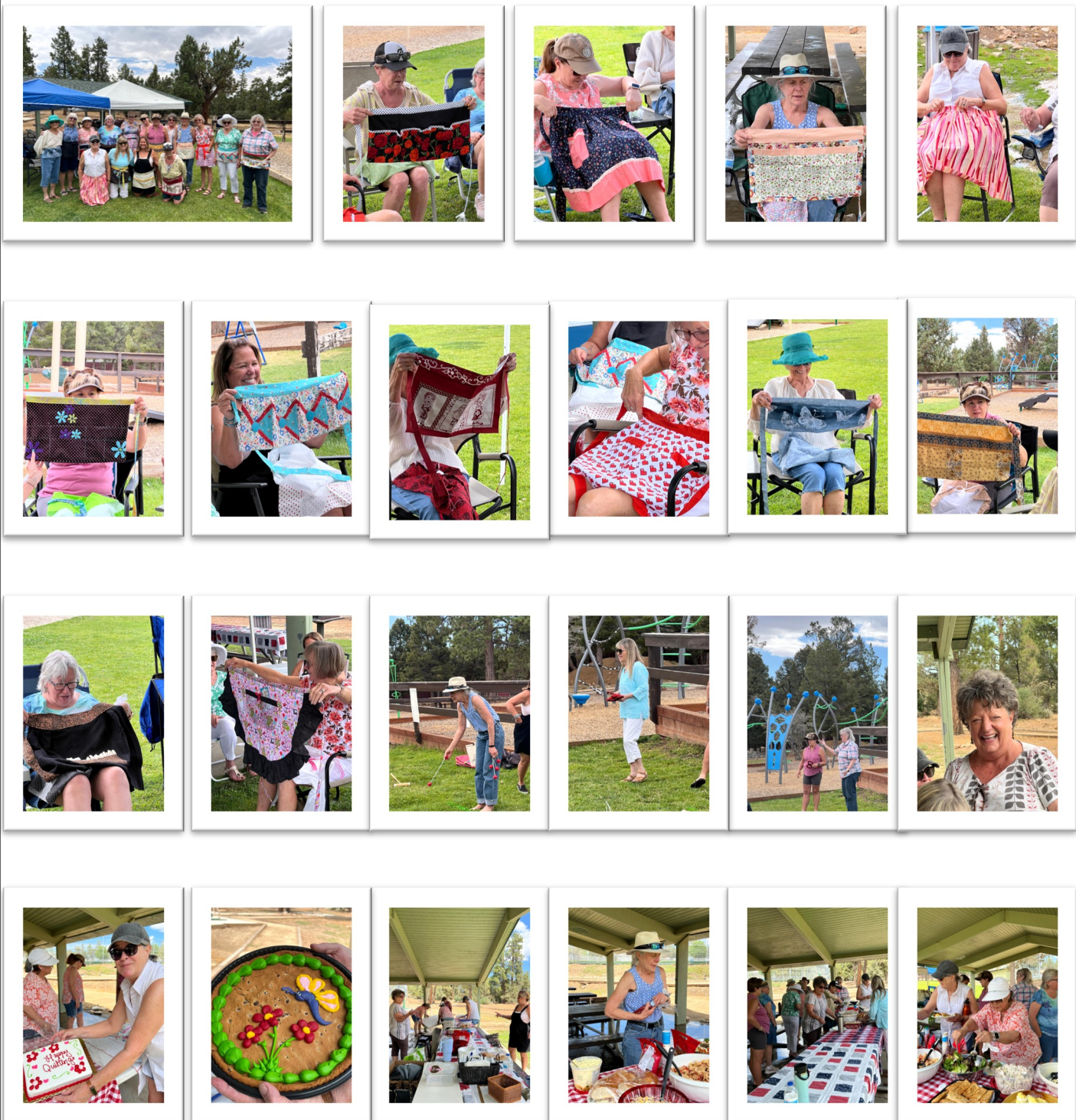


ANNUAL JULY PICNIC

Susie and I would like to thank everyone who came to the July picnic! The potluck was delicious and we appreciate all those who brought a delicious meal! The games turned out great and were a lot of fun! It was fun seeing most of you participate! The best part was the exchanging of our home made aprons and fighting over the favorites! A special thanks to those who helped set up and take down! We couldn't have done it without you!!



Debbie Pence and Susie Oberneder, Event Coordinators



FALL RETREAT

The September "Fall" Retreat is scheduled for September 16th - 19th at Vina de Lestonnac Quilt Retreat in Temecula. There is still space available. It's a great opportunity to get a head start on all of those holiday projects and just to relax and enjoy the company of fellow guild members.

The registration form is included in the newsletter. The last day to register is **Friday, August 23rd**. My contact information is on the registration form if you have questions.



Kelley Smythe, Fall Retreat Coordinator



BLOCK SWAP 2024

This was a project that began in 2023, soon after our two quilt guilds merged.

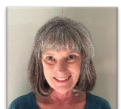
Eight members made eight 12 1/2" blocks. The background color was white and the theme was, "Springtime".

Keeping one block for themselves, they traded their other seven blocks with the other participating members.

After the swap, the challenge was to make a quilt using all of the blocks. "Anything Goes" were the directions. The quilters could add more blocks, applique, sashing, borders and embellishments.

Completed block swap quilts will be revealed at the August Meeting. Members in attendance will have an opportunity to vote on their favorites. The quilts will also be displayed at the quilt show.

This was a very fun and creative project!



Sharon Picciolo, Block Swap Coordinator

2024 QUILT SHOW UPDATE

Thank you all for turning in your paperwork to enter your quilt in the show. We are still desperate for volunteers to work the quilt show, the sign in sheets will be available at the general meeting. Because we are at a new location this year, I am expecting it to take a little longer to set up, so if you have signed up for set-up please arrive on time at **10:00a.m.**

We still need a coordinator for lunches for our vendors as well as some guild members who have signed up. This person would pick up sandwiches and fruit and have them available for lunch, as well as waters and ice for members.

We should have picked up signage to advertise the show last month, but they will be available this month at the meeting. We need to blast Big Bear Valley. With the new location, we need the word out to get a great attendance this year.

Just as a reminder, we have our pot luck dinner this month. We need to feed our husbands, and give them, and us, a reminder on how to hang the quilts using the our quilt stands and rods.

Thank you,



Belinda Evans, Quilt Show Chair

SEW & TELL - AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

There will be **no** Sew & Tell at the August General Meeting.

If you are putting a quilt in the quilt show, and would like to show your quilt, it must be shown at the July General Meeting.

You will be turning your quilt show quilts in at the August General Meeting.

Thank you,



Belinda Evans, Quilt Show Chair

Sew & Tell

QUILT SHOW 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 19 Turn in quilts at the general meeting.
- August 27 Judging 9:00 am at the Historical Chapel
- August 30 Set up at the Destination Big Bear.
713 Stocker Rd 10-?
- August 31 Work the Show 10-5
- September 1 Work the Show 10-4
Take-down starts after the show closes.

Let's Make this a Great Show!





QUILT SHOW MARKETPLACE

If you are planning to put items in the marketplace, I need to know by **Monday, August 19**.

Tammy Laubach
(719) 465-7576
Tammys_sew_creations@yahoo.com



Tammy Laubach, Marketplace Chair

QUILT SHOW FUNDRAISER

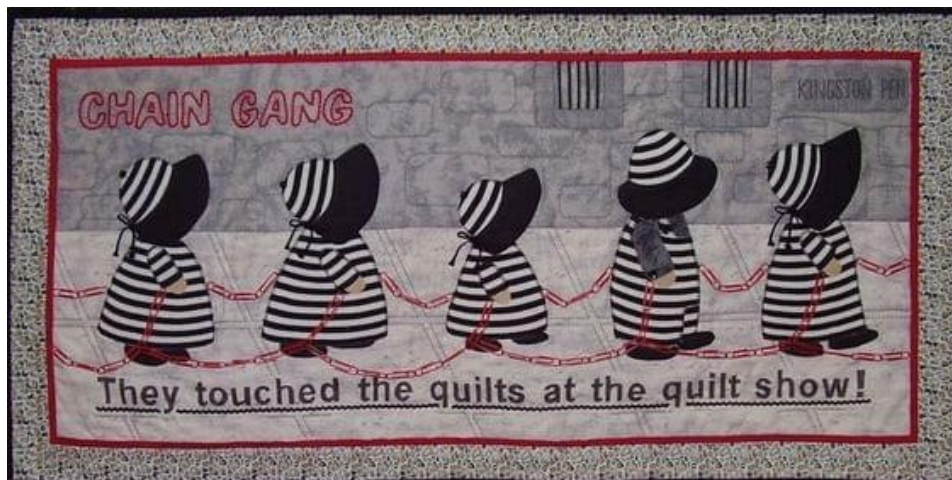
Help support our BBQG Quilt Show Fundraiser.

-WIN-A-WINE-

- ⇒ Buy one or more bottles of wine for which you pay at least \$15 a bottle. (No fair buying bottles labeled at \$15, but you pay less because you got a deal.)
- ⇒ Attach the receipt or copy to each bottle.
- ⇒ Bring the bottles to the August general meeting or to the show's set-up day.
- ⇒ Give the bottles to Deanna Melzian who will put the wine in numbered paper bags and number a matching cork.
- ⇒ Guests can buy a bottle for \$10, thereby getting a \$15+ bottle for only \$10. The guests and the guild all benefit!



Deanna Melzian



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Happy August birthday to these quilters:

Susan Solomonson	August 5
Jennifer Yanez	August 6
Sharon Reeve	August 13
Elaine Dobiez	August 24
Debbie Pence	August 28



The birthstones for August are the peridot and the spinel. The flower is the gladiolus.



Teresa Georgi, Sunshine and Shadows

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Quilters,

We have 69 members. All ideas welcome in the idea box at the meeting!



Heidi Llanes, Membership Chair and



2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 19th - General Meeting

August 20th - Workshop

August 27 - Quilt Judging

August 31st - September 1st: Quilt Show

September Board Meeting - TBD

September 16th-19th: Vina de Lestonnac Retreat

September 23rd - General Meeting

September 24th - Workshop

October 7th - Board Meeting

October 21st - General Meeting

October 22nd - Workshop

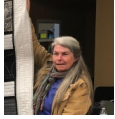
November 4th - Board Meeting

November 18th - General Meeting

December 2nd - Christmas Dinner

COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

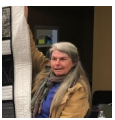
All food items are still needed. Peanut butter and crackers, canned meats and a side of rice, potatoes or pasta are always welcome. Don't forget the protein bars, cereals and powdered milk.



Robin Davis, Philanthropy Chair

COMFORT QUILTS

Year to date comfort quilts turned in totals 124. Currently I only have on hand a few for each organization. I especially need more for Dove's and Hospice. I would appreciate it if you have quilts in progress, please turn them in prior to the November meeting. We are also low on Teddy Bears! Pattern, fabric and stuffing available.



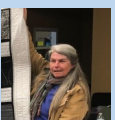
Robin Davis Comfort Quilts Chair

COMFORT QUILTS & TEDDY BEARS

Guidelines: Please use the sign in and sign out sheets when taking or returning your project. **Do** a quick housekeeping on your project (loose threads, pet hair, etc.) **Remember** no "Made by" labels on projects. **All projects** to be turned in at monthly general meetings at Philanthropy table. **Do not** just leave items at Philanthropy table, **label** your bag that the item(s) are in to ensure you get credit for them. **If you** plan to enter something in the annual show your comfort quilt or bears must be received no later than August 1, 2024. **Quilt tops** are not accepted. **Tops** must be quilted and finished.

- **Bear Valley Hospice and Dove's** comfort quilts suggested size: 44" - 46" by 58" - 62". Kits are available. The BBQG provides batting and backing as well.
- **Moms & Dads** Project baby quilts suggested size: 36" by 36". Pre-cut kits available.
- **Seven Stars Foundation** provides quilts for children of military families, aged 5 - 17 who attend YMCA camps across the nation. Suggested size: Lap to twin. Fabric available.
- **Kids in Crisis** program makes teddy bears and bunnies for first responders to carry in their vehicles and hand out as needed when responding to emergencies. Patterns and fabric available.

You are always welcome to use your own fabrics and designs for these projects. Look forward to seeing your creations.



Robin Davis, Comfort Quilt Chair



MIDDLE SCHOOL SEWING CAMP COMMITTEE

There was an error in our July Newsletter regarding our next Middle School Sewing Camp meeting. Our September meeting will be held at Denny's on Thursday, September 26th. We will meet at Denny's at 11 am. Please bring your sample project and the directions, as discussed at our last meeting. We will begin to build a project file. Good news we found a room! Great size and fabulous lighting! We will discuss the details at our September 26th meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend! Come hungry and order breakfast or lunch (it's how we pay for the room).

Make, Learn, Inspire, and Share!

Hugs, Lindy



Lindy Edmond, Middle School Sewing Camp Chair



CALLING ALL UFO'S

We will be working on completing our unfinished objects from October 2023 - September 2024. The cost is \$10.00. Bring your finished project{s} to a meeting and get a ticket to put in the drawing bucket. We will draw a ticket at the October 2024 meeting to see who is the winner of the money pool. Sign-ups began at the October 2023 meeting, but you can sign up to join at any meeting. To date, there are **TWELVE** members signed up to participate.

It only takes one ticket to win \$120.00



Susan Solomonson



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PULL TAB PROGRAM

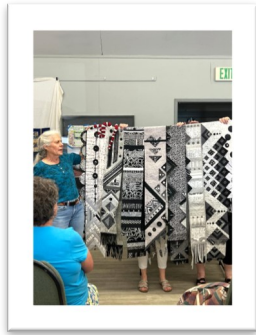
Please keep your aluminum pull tabs and bring to the Philanthropy Table for Janice Stillwell to turn in at the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda.



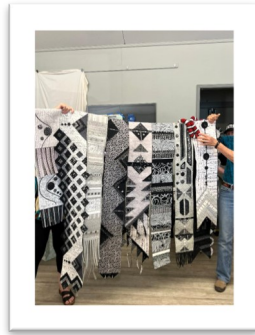
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Sew & Tell



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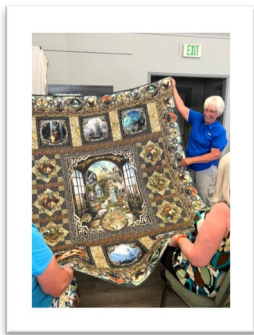
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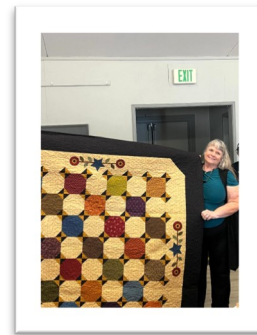
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Pines to Vines 2024 Fall Quilt Retreat

Vina de Lestonnac

Temecula

September 16th – 19th

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Price includes 3 nights lodging (Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday), 10 meals (lunch Monday thru lunch Thursday).

Roommate _____

Special needs 1st floor _____ Handicapped room _____

Double Room _____ (\$530.00) Single _____ (\$680.00)

\$100 deposit must accompany this registration form. Balance due by August Guild Meeting, 2024.

Make checks out to: Busy Bear's Quilt Guild. Complete the reservation form, and sign the liability below.

Release and mail check and reservation form to: Kelley Smythe, 1017 Eagle Mountain Dr. Big Bear City, CA 92314.

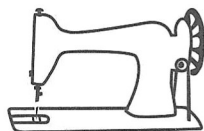
For information call Kelley Smythe at (310)892-7745 or email kelleysmythe@gmail.com

Full Release of All Claims

In consideration of my participation in the Busy Bears Quilt Retreat, I _____ intending to be Legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, do hereby fully and finally waive, release and hold harmless the Busy Bears Quilt Guild, their officers, members, representatives, agents and assignee from any and all responsibility, liability, claims, causes of action, illness, injuries, judgments or other damages of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to any personal illness or injuries I might suffer, directly or indirectly resulting from my participation in the aforesaid activity.

I acknowledge that I am engaging in the aforesaid activity, and knowingly executing the Release at my insistence and request and that I voluntarily do so without any coercion whatsoever.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Quilting Gadgets

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BASTING PINS

BOBBINS

VALUE VIEWER

PENCIL SHARPENER

PIGMA PENS

COLOR WHEEL

NEEDLE CASE

MAGNIFIER

APPLIQUE SCISSORS

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GLUE STICK