

THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

FEBRUARY 2022



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Quilters,

Looks like things are going well for our upcoming quilt show 2022. Raffle tickets have been ordered for the opportunity quilt. Application to rent the school auditorium has been submitted and is looking good. The Historic Chapel is reserved for the boutique portion of our show. Still looking for some positions to be filled for both the show, and regular chair positions. More on that at the meeting.

The guild is going to do something a little different this month at our meeting. It was discussed last month to have a fat quarter raffle. This was Dan's idea and sounds like fun. Simply bring a fat quarter and receive a raffle ticket. You may bring more than one fat quarter if you choose. The theme is Valentine's Day, since the raffle will be in February. Would like to see Valentine's Day colors for the fat quarters, red, pink, etc. The guild thinks it would be fun to continue with the raffle each month. Colors of the fabric would change depending on the month. March could be green, colors of the rainbow for St. Patrick's Day. May could be may flowers. Great idea, Dan! Thanks.

This is all for now. Take care.

Sue Boylin, Guild President

EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy February! Wishing you all a wonderful Valentine's Day. 2022 is off and running as we all wonder "Where Does The Time Go?" Please be sure to let me know if you have something you would like to share in the newsletter. I'd love to hear from you!

Janice Stillwell, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 21st - General Meeting

February 22nd - Workshop

February 24th - Quilt Show Meeting

March 7th - Board Meeting

March 18th - Boutique

March 19th - Boutique

March 21st - General Meeting

March 22nd - Workshop

April 3rd - Board Meeting

April 17th - General Meeting

April 18th - Workshop

May 14th - Tea Party

June 27th-30th - 8th Annual Retreat

September 3rd - Quilt Show

September 4th - Quilt Show

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

General Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2022

I. Call to order

President Sue Boylin called to order the regular meeting of the Busy Bears Quilt Guild at 6:00 pm on January 17, 2022 at Mary Johnson Center of Community Church, 40946 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, CA.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion was made by Wendy Stephens and second by Sue Bost to approve minutes of November 2021 meeting as published in January 2021 newsletter. Minutes approved.

III. Open issues

- a. Newsletter – Belinda Evans noted an error in that the Award Ribbons for the Mini Quilt Shows of 2021 were presented by President Sue Boylin not Lorraine Taylor as published. Error to be corrected.
- b. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's reports for November and December published in the January newsletter were approved upon motion by Belinda Evans, second by Dan Syverson.
- c. Membership – Laurie Nahay announced 20 paid members at this time.
- d. Programs – Lorraine Taylor received a letter for the Quilt Guild from the Doves organization thanking the Guild for our support and outlining Doves work in the community. The program in February will be a "Strip Poker" game with fall color 2 ½ in. strips; the workshop will be a strip race. March program will be Quilt University with stations manned by Guild members.
- e. 2023 Opportunity Quilt – Belinda Evans and Lys Axelson announced kits were available at tonight's meeting for those participating in making the quilt.
- f. 2022 Quilt Show – Sue Bost contacted the Middle School and is moving forward on planning the Show at that location. Tickets have been ordered for the Opportunity Drawing.
- g. President Sue Boylin presented a list of open positions in the Guild and Quilt Show Committee asking members to consider filling one of them.

IV. New business

Belinda Evans discussed the Heart Quilts the Guild makes in sympathy for members who are suffering severe illness or death in their family. We are asking for members to help build a supply of 10 inch heart blocks so we have a supply ready when needed.

President Sue Boylin nominated Belinda Evans to be Guild Parliamentarian which was unanimously approved.

Dan Syverson suggested some new Philanthropic ideas for the Guild – Collecting Fat Quarters for drawings at the Guild Boutiques and small over-the-door Quilts for First Responders Quarters.

V. Adjournment

President Sue Boylin adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jeanne Wallace

Minutes approved by: *Name*



2022 BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD EXECUTIVE BOARD OF OFFICERS: (L-R) Jeanne Wallace, Recording Secretary, Sue Boylin, President, Lorraine Taylor, Vice President, Michele Rustigan, Treasurer, Laurie Nahay, Membership Chairperson.

PROGRAMS

Hope all of you are enjoying our mild winter. It sure has been cold, but sunny. Here is the information for the next few months about the programs and workshops. As always, I hope you will be able to join both activities.

Meeting - February 21st: The program will be a fun game called Strip Poker, no not the kind you think! Everyone is invited to bring as many strips as you would like to play the game. Suggested 5 to 15 strips, depending on how much you want to play. Strips are WOF x 2½ inches. We will use a fall color scheme for the strips.

Workshop: February 22nd: Of course, following the Strip Poker we will have a Strip Race. This is a good way to make another charity quilt. Bring 40 strips (WOF x 2 ½ ") to sew together. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. We will all start at the same time and there will be a prize for the first person to finish. 9:30 am - Bring your own lunch.

March Meeting: March 21st: Quilt University-There will be stations, each a different quilting or sewing technique. You will have 15 minutes at each station. It is always a fun way to learn new ideas.

March Workshop: March 22nd: This month's workshop will be a member's get-together. It is for both new members and longtime members. We will be sharing the guild's purpose and goals. We will also be getting details on making "Heart Squares" for our Heart quilt projects. These heart squares are used to make "Love Quilts" for our members who are in need of a little bit of extra love. It will be a potluck, so bring something yummy. Please do plan to attend. It will be a great time of getting to know others and learning more about the guild.

April Meeting and Workshop will be our very own Belinda Evans. Details to follow.

If you have any questions or need more information, you can email or give me a call.

This year we are adding something fun to our workshops. Everyone that participates in a work shop will receive a ticket for our Christmas Party drawing. So, just one more reason to attend!

Lorraine Taylor, Vice President & Program Chair

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2022 CHALLENGE QUILT

This year's Challenge Quilt is on!! There are still 3 kits left if you want to join in on the fun. Why not "challenge" yourself and show us your creativity. We reveal all the beautiful works of art at the August Meeting - plenty of time to create your one-of-a-kind quilt. See you at the next meeting for all the details.

Wendy Stephens & Robin Davis, Co-chairs

2022 OPPORTUNITY QUILT



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

The famous ground hog, Punxsutawney Phil, has declared another 6 weeks of Winter. We can only hope we get some Winter this Winter! The lilacs are starting to bud. STOP!!!! It's not time yet.

It is time to celebrate our February birthdays. We have 9 birthdays this month. Seems February is a big month. So, what happened in June that gave us so many February birthdays? In doing my research for this article I found a few June holidays that might answer our questions. They seem to fit together to tell us a story.

We start with World Bicycle Day. Then comes National Picnic Day where we enjoy National Ice Tea Day. Let's skip to dessert and enjoy National Applesauce Cake Day, and to seal the deal National Cognac Day! Viola!!! The following birthday ladies prove that June is a fun month!!

Teresa Georgi: February 1st

Debbie Pekarcik: February 5th

Julie Zurek and Kaaren Nowlin: February 6th

Kelly Farnum: February 17th

Jeanne Wallace: February 18th

Nicki Nootemboom: February 21st

Alice Smith and Anna Harringer: February 23rd



A BIG Happy Birthday to all these beautiful women.

On the Shadows side, one of our member's lost her husband recently. We want to send our deepest condolences and prayers to Kelly Farnum and her family. We are here if you need anything.

Respectfully,

Louise Malenofski, Sunshine and Shadows

bigbearlouise@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Since February is symbolic for love and friendships, let's all try to bring a friend to our February guild meeting! We have 26 paid members out of the 56 that we had in December. I hope you are all doing well and maybe just not ready to brave the cold evenings we have in winter. You can always mail in your membership forms with a check for \$45, The address is on the forms in this newsletter or drop them off at Bear Country Quilt's & Gifts and while you're there check out the beautiful new fabrics! Remember, the February guild meeting is the deadline to be included in our Busy Bear's Quilt Guild Directory!!!

Laurie Nahay, Membership Chair

Pines to Vines 8th Annual Quilt Retreat

Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula CA

June 27-30, 2022

www.vinadelestonnac.com



- Four days and three nights of fun and friendship
- PRICE: Double room - \$415.00; Single room - \$565.00
- \$100 deposit will secure your place.
- Deposits and registration forms will be accepted at the April 2022 meeting.
Retreat details and the **registration form** are available in the April newsletter.
There are a limited number of spaces available, so sign up early! You may also mail the check and registration form to my home address, PO Box 5403 , Sugarloaf, CA 92386. Balance is due at the May guild meeting. **Please make checks out to Laurel Nahay. Enter “2022 Retreat” on the Memo line of your check.**
- Contact: Laurie Nahay retreat coordinator at: 909 754 0186 (cell) or email: camp-nahay@charter.net

Pines to Vines 2022 Quilt Retreat

Vina de Lestonnac

Temecula

June 27-30, 2022

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: _____ (\$415.00) Single: _____ (\$565.00)

\$100 deposit must accompany this registration form. Balance due by May Guild Meeting, 2022

Make checks out to: Laurel Nahay. Complete the reservation form, sign the liability release, and mail check and reservation form to: **Laurie Nahay, PO Box 5403, Sugarloaf, Ca. 92386.** For information Call Laurie Nahay: 909 754 0186 or email: campnahay@charter.net

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: _____

JANUARY MEETING SHOW & TELL



LAURIE NAHAY



BELINDA EVANS

PROGRAMS

The January meeting included an opportunity for members to share a favorite sewing tool or technique that has made quilting more fun for them. They were also invited to bring the oldest or newest quilt in their home to share and tell a little about it.



JEANNE WALLACE



LAURIE NAHAY



WENDY STEPHENS

PHILANTHROPY

Alice Smith donated this beautiful quilt that she made to DOVES (Domestic Violence Education & Services).

DOVES was one of the four recipients of the Busy Bears Quilt Guild 2021 Philanthropy Funds. A very heartfelt letter of thanks was received from DOVES outlining the many services provided due to the generosity of their donors.



Dear valued supporters of DOVES,

On behalf of everyone at DOVES, we thank you for your generous donations throughout the year. The last year continued to be an extraordinarily challenging year for our clients and our organization as we continued to navigate life during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In spite of the crisis and all of its related challenges, the generous giving of the community and beyond has been overwhelming and inspiring!

Due to the continued generosity of donors like you, DOVES was able to provide the following services which will have a lasting impact on our community:

- Answered 533 Crisis Calls
- Sheltered survivors - 27 Adults and 21 Children
- 468 Advocacy/Counseling Sessions
- 423 Therapy Sessions
- Neurofeedback therapy
- Families received transitional housing assistance, including 21 adults and 23 children.
- 57 Support Groups held
- New support of client's legal needs through partnership with a local Attorney
- Summer activities for children program at the Bowling Barn, Zoo, Snow Summit Sky Chair and a movie day.
- Virtual Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention presentations at Big Bear High School.
- Ongoing food support to DOVES clients and the whole community from our shelter with former and current clients in attendance.
- 32 Families received Thanksgiving meal assistance. A meal was served at our shelter with former and current clients in attendance.
- 31 Families and individuals received support during the Christmas holiday through being sponsored by organizations we partner with, or "shopping" for free gifts at our Santa's Workshop.

All of this was made possible because of the generous giving to DOVES by donors like you! We look ahead to the new year, with new goals and possibilities on the horizon. There is still much work to be done and we hope you will consider partnering with us in the future to keep our vision alive.

We would love to keep you in the loop with our emails and newsletter. You may sign up for those at our site, www.doves4help.org/about/newsletter/, or follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Thank you again for helping our mission become a reality.

Helen Adams, Executive Director
Scott Waner, Chairman of the Board

TIPS & TRICKS

"Featherweight Repair for 2022 and going forward..."

In January of this year, I started my Featherweight Training on 221, 222, and 301a machines in order to gain extensive knowledge on how to repair these incredible works of art which provide a beautiful stitch. I have also invested in obtaining the proper tools and kits to replace those common parts that wear out over time. Please call me on my cell to schedule an appointment or bring your machine to our meetings for a consultation. I will also be attending our summer retreat in June 2022.

Enjoy, Manny Caldera, cell: (626) 695-1151

Member, Busy Bear Quilt Guild



FEBRAURY 8TH - HARI KUYŌ

Laurie Nahay shared this wonderful story of the Japanese Buddhist and Shinto Festival of Broken Needles. The day celebrates the work of seamstresses, needleworkers, sewists, and everyone else who works skillfully with needles. Below is some in-depth information on the holiday.

Hari-Kuyō is the Japanese Buddhist and Shinto Festival of Broken Needles, celebrated on February 8th. It is celebrated as a memorial to all the needles broken in their service during the past year and as an opportunity to pray for improved skills. Hari-Kuyō began four hundred years ago as a way for housekeepers and professional needle-workers to acknowledge their work over the past years and respect their tools. This is in keeping with the philosophy of "not wasting" or "paying honor to the small things" exemplified in the concept of Mottainai. On this day, the seamstresses take a holiday and bring their old needles to the temple to stick them in a piece of Tofu or Konnyaku'.

Thank you for sharing Laurie.



My Perfect Day

WAKE UP
QUILTING
BREAKFAST
QUILTING
LUNCH
QUILTING
DINNER
QUILTING
SLEEP
(DREAM OF QUILTING)

Busy Bears Quilt Guild Membership form

PHOTO

* If you want to be in the Directory you must join on or before the **January Meeting**

FOR NEW

* To participate in our Quilt Show and Boutique you must become a member before **June 1st**

MEMBERS

TODAY'S DATE: _____ (PLEASE PRINT INFO BELOW)

YOUR NAME: _____ **SPOUSE/Other** _____

BIRTHDAY (Mo.) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) Optional _____

(BE&R) MONTH: _____ This is your *Birthday Exchange & Refreshment Month* that you pick when you bring a Gift & Refreshments (Pick a month that is convenient for you-(except Nov or Dec) Nov is our Cookie Exchange, Dec is the Xmas Party.

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ / _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ / _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

OTHER ADDRESS: (Optional) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ / _____

Home Phone: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Return this form to a meeting or Mail to: Busy Bear's Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 7015, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

NEW MEMBERS ONLY-

_____ How long have you lived in Big Bear

_____ How long have you been quilting

_____ What other interest do you have besides quilting - explain what technique you like best & what other interest do you have.

_____ If you need more space—continue on the back of this form

Membership dues are: \$45.00 - Make Check out to BBQG

(Opportunity Quilt Tickets are included & will be handed out ASAP)

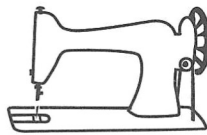
There will be a prorated membership fee: (After July 1st includes Opportunity Tickets: \$32.50)-(After Labor day week end: \$12.50)

* Every member is asked to sell Opportunity Quilt Tickets & work at least (2) hours at the Quilt Show

* Every member is also asked to bring a REFRESHMENT & a \$15.00 Minimum GIFT for the Birthday Exchange

Regular Meeting: We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at The Mary Johnson Community Church, 40946, Big Bear Blvd, BBL

Paid Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____



Quilting Friends

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SUPPORTIVE

CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS

NONJUDGMENTAL

NOT COMPETITIVE

SOUNDING BOARD

BRAINSTORMING

COMMITTED

FAITHFUL

SHARING

COMMON INTERESTS

LAUGHTER

ALWAYS FUN TO BE WITH

GREAT TRAVELING PALS