

# THE BEAR FACTS

## BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

### JANUARY 2025

General Meeting  
Monday,  
January 27  
**11:00 AM**  
Historical Chapel  
Community Church  
40940 Big Bear Blvd.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lines by... *Lindy*

*Happy New Year!* However, where's the snow? Busy Bear's new board has been hard at work since our last meeting in November. For the first time in several years our year is totally planned out and committee positions full! It is imperative that members read our newsletter this year as we are going to have a new meeting format. Committee chairs will only be sharing needed information for upcoming monthly events at our general meetings. Detailed information and important dates can always be found in our fabulous newsletter each month or at our board meetings that will now follow our general meetings. Members are always welcome to attend our board meetings, however, committee chairs are expected to attend board meetings.

We have a new exciting addition to our yearly schedule this year, **Coffee Chats for new members.** Please see the information regarding this endeavor in this newsletter.

***IT TAKES A VILLAGE!!!*** Thanks to our entire membership for stepping up and volunteering for 2025. Please see the list of committees included in this newsletter. There are only a few vacancies! Let us know if you'd like to volunteer for one!

Big Bear Lake Quilt Guild made a final donation to Busy Bears Quilt Guild at our November general meeting. Since we began the merging of our two guilds two years ago, BBLQG has donated over \$12,000 to Busy Bears. The final installment given to BBQG completes the merger and has brought many quilters together, making new friends and great memories. My gratitude and huge thanks goes to Michele Parris who has supported and helped me through the LONG process of the legal dissolution Big Bear Lake Quilters Guild!

Please renew your membership TODAY and don't miss out on all the fun and friendship!

Learn, Create, Inspire, and Share!

Hugs,

*Lindy*



***Lindy Edmond, President***

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS - 2025**

President .....	Lindy Edmond*, Laurie Hancock (2027)
Co-Vice President/Programs (Board).....	Elaine Dobiesz, Lorraine Taylor
Recording Secretary (Board).....	Michele Parris*
Co-Treasurers (Board).....	Kat Gomez, Tammy Laubach*, Michele Rustigan (Consultant)
Membership (Board).....	Heidi Llanes*, Jeannie Mazzacane

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Bargain Table .....	Sue Bost*
Birthday Exchange.....	Flo Snyder, Deanna Melzian*
Buck-A-Brag.....	Jeannie Mazzacane*, Deanna Melzian, Kelley Smythe
Budget Committee.....	Tammy Laubach*, Kat Gomez, Lindy Edmond
Challenge Quilts Co-Chairs.....	Robin Davis, Wendy Stephens
Corresponding Secretary .....	Janice Stillwell*
Directory .....	Janice Stillwell*
Facebook.....	Karen Early*
Guild Ambassadors .....	Manny and Cindy Caldera*
Hospitality .....	Kat Gomez, Susie Oberneder
Newsletter Editor.....	Janice Stillwell*
Nomination Committee .....	Linda Salka*, Lindy Edmond
Opportunity Quilt (2025) .....	Lorraine Taylor*
Parliamentarian.....	Linda Salka*
Past President (Attends Board Meetings).....	Laurie Nahay, Bonnie Snell, Jill Gilham, Jeannie Mazzacane*
Philanthropy.....	Cathy Frasier*, Belinda Evans*, Linda Salka
Phone Chain .....	Trisha Savage*
Publicity.....	Michele Rustigan*
Retreats.....	Laurie Nahay* (June)
.....	Kelley Smythe (Fall) Kat Gomez, Lindy Edmond
SCCQG Representative.....	Deanna Melzian*, Debbie Pence, Susie Oberneder
Special Events/Before Meeting Dinners/Picnic .....	Co-Chairs: Susie Oberneder, Debbie Pence, Violet Fisk
Stitchy Fingers.....	Laurie Hancock*, Sue Bost
Sunshine and Shadows .....	Teresa Georgi*, Marilynda Moore
Swap Block .....	Lys Axelson*
UFO Challenge.....	Susan Solomonson*, Janice Stillwell
Ways & Means .....	Elaine Dobiesz*, Lorraine Taylor (need one more member)
Webmaster (Can Be Done Remotely) .....	Mary Harper*
50/50.....	Gladys Panameno*, Flo Snyder, Kat Gomez (Summer)

### **2025 QUILT SHOW**

Chair .....	Heidi Llanes*, Jeannie Mazzacane, Belinda Evans
Boutique Chair .....	Tammy Laubach*, Lindy Edmond
Curtains .....	Sue Bost*
Food .....	Kelley Smythe*
Layout.....	Jeannie Mazzacane*
Labels .....	Kat Gomez*
Publicity.....	Michelle Rustigan
Raffle Baskets.....	Janice Stillwell
Signage.....	Marilynda Moore*
Vendors.....	Laurie Nahay, Bonnie Marshall*

**\* = Committee Chair**

**BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

November 18, 2024

**I. Call to order**

President Lindy Edmond called to order the regular meeting of the Busy Bears Quilt Guild at 11:02 a.m. on November 18, 2024 at the Historical Chapel 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 October 21, 2024 General Meeting as published in the November 2024 newsletter were approved on a motion by Kelley Smythe, second by Flo Snyder. The motion was carried and approved.

**III. Open Issues**

- a) **Treasurer Report** - Michele Rustigan was absent. Tammy Laubach reported that the Quilt Show receipts and expenses were all listed in the August report, none in the September report. August's balance as reported was \$15,696.53. September's balance as reported was \$15,654.24. October's balance as reported was \$16,234.24. Savings account was not reported. There was an error with the Quilt Show financial report which was reviewed and resolved. A motion to approve the August, September, and October treasurer's reports was made by Bonnie Marshall and seconded by Heidi Llanes. The motion was carried and approved.
- b) **Membership** - Heidi Llanes reported 67 members for 2024. Heidi shared that 3 members have submitted their dues for 2025. Heidi welcomed members to submit their membership dues by mail or at the January general meeting. The Guild welcomed 1 guest, Lea and a longtime member, Fran was present.
- c) **Sunshine and Shadows** - Theresa Georgi was absent and Janice Stillwell announced the birthdays for November and December. Members sang Happy Birthday to the members present. Condolences were also made.
- d) **Philanthropy** - Linda Salka reported the Guild has 27 bears and 20 bunnies but they are going fast. Linda has bear patterns to share and will receive the bunny pattern soon. Bears, bunnies can be created and sewn at the Charity Sew workshops in early 2025.
- e) **Publicity and Marketing** - Nothing to report.
- f) **2025 Opportunity Quilt** - Kelley Smythe reported that the calendar is open from November through December for showing the quilts at events. The quilt will be displayed at the December Holiday Boutique.
- g) **2026 Opportunity Quilt** - Lys Axelson reports it is done already.
- h) **2025 Fall Block Swap** - Lys Axelson reported the theme is Celebrating 35 years of the Guild. Must use 1/2 yard of the coral fabric provided by the Guild. Use off white not white. Any pattern, any size, quilt-pillow-whatever you want. Trade the blocks in March, 2025. Due August 18, 2025. Sign up no later than December 1, 2024 and pick up a packet.

- i) **UFO Challenge** - Janice Stillwell reports that the new UFO Challenge has begun and ends October 2025. \$10 to enter and can submit as many projects as you like. Each submittal receives a ticket to the drawing in October.
- j) **2025 Challenge Quilt** - Wendy Stephens reported that projects will be voted on at the July 2025 general meeting. Theme is "These boots are made for . . . ." and each participant will add the last word in this title for their individual project. Wendy said don't adjust the size of the boot. 60% must be a collage. Kits are available now. Quilts will be displayed at the Quilt Show and possibly entered for judging.
- k) **Stitchy Fingers** - Sue Bost says the next Stitchy Fingers is this Friday, November 22, 10 a.m. at Lorraine Taylor's house. Contact Laurie Hancock to get on the mailing list. R.S.V.P.  
  
Stitchy Fingers is the second and fourth Friday of every month.
- l) **Middle School Sewing Camp** - Lindy Edmond reports the next committee meeting will be in January. Spring camp is March 24 - 27 and open to boys too. Hoping for an Autumn Camp as well.
- m) **Special Events** - Debbie Pence reports the Christmas Party is December 2, 5 p.m. cocktails, dinner 6p.m., Santana Mavericks restaurant, \$25 - Guild pays remainder. Steak, chicken fettuccine, or veggie (spinach ravioli). Ornament exchange wrapped in a fat quarter. Sign-ups today with meal selection. Picnic will be July 2025 - to be announced.
- n) **Ways and Means** - Elaine Dobiesz reported that the Tea Party is June 7, 2025 and will be a no-host tea party. Elaine has the 6 centerpieces needed. Location: Historical Chapel.
- o) **Retreats** - Laurie Nahay and Kelley Smythe host the Spring and Fall Retreats. Checks to be made out to Busy Bears Quilt Guild.
- p) **Website** - open position. [busybearsquiltguild.com](http://busybearsquiltguild.com)
- q) **Facebook** - Nothing new to report.
- r) **Newsletter and Directory** - Janice Stillwell has nothing to report.
- s) **Hospitality** - Lindy Edmond asked Belinda Evans and Heidi Llanes to make a cabinet plan to submit to the Pastor of the Church for approval. Construction to begin soon after.  
  
Everyone helps with tables and chairs. Read and abide by the guidelines on your tables.
- t) **Nomination Committee** - Linda Salka invited the 2025 board member nominees to the front of the room.

President: Lindy Edmond

Co-Vice President: Elaine Dobiesz and Lorraine Taylor

Secretary: Michele Parris

Co-Treasurers: Tammy Laubach (winter), Kat Gomez (summer), Michele Rustigan

Membership: Heidi Llanes

There were no comments from the members. No further nominations. The general members voted their approval and none were opposed. Lindy Edmond reviewed the names of the committee chairs and members. Members stood and were recognized for their willingness to step up for the Guild.

- u) **Quilt Show** - Lindy Edmond shared that a deposit has been placed for next year's venue.

This was possible since a Quilt Chair was named, Heidi Llanes. Belinda Evans will assist Heidi with the position.

- v) **Programs** - Lorraine Taylor welcomed the Charity Recipient guests. Lorraine invited the five agencies each to come up and tell the Guild about what their organization does. Quilts and money were presented to each of these guests:

Doves - Sharon received quilts and spoke on Lori's House housing families, pets since 1985

Mom & Dad Project - Nicole, Megan received quilts and bears

Bear Valley Hospice - Reign, Rosie received quilts

Lutheran Services - Cheri, Lynette received a check for \$250

Community Church - Donna received food and a check for \$250

No workshop for tomorrow, Tuesday.

December Christmas Party, December 2, Santana Mavericks, 5 p.m.

- w) **Parliamentarian** - Lindy Edmond says there is nothing to report.
- x) **Budget Committee** - Lindy Edmond reported that the 2025 Budget was in the November Newsletter for the members to review. Lindy asked for a motion to approve the budget. Cathy Frasier made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget. Janice Stillwell seconded. All were in favor and no one opposed. Motion carried and approved.
- y) **Bargain Table** - Sue Bost had notion to report.
- z) **50/50 Drawing** - Flo Snyder reported and drew a winner.
- aa) **Buck A Brag** - Lindy Edmond explained and led the members to brag.

**IV. Old business** - Nothing to report.

**V. New business** - Lindy Edmond shared the new meeting format for 2025 which included the Fun Program first, followed by the Business of the General Meeting to be combined with the Board Meeting. Lindy instructed the committee chairs to attend the Business portion of the new format. Lindy Edmond invited Michele Parris to present the donation check of \$7,629.54 from Big Bear Lake Quilters Guild dissolution. Also, submitted, was \$100 in petty cash from Big Bear Lake Quilters Guild. Lindy shared the long journey to merge the two guilds together.

**VI. Sew and Tell**

a) Heidi Llanes led this activity.

**VII. Birthday Table**

a) Susan Boylin directed the birthday table drawings.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 6, 11 a.m., at Lindy Edmond's home. See the roster for the address. Open to all members.

**DAY TIME MEETINGS:**

BBQG General Meeting: Monday, January 27 CHANGE DUE TO QUORUM OF BOARD MEMBERS  
Historical Chapel, Community Church 10:30 a.m. Social 11:00 a.m. General Meeting  
Lunch immediately following the General Meeting -- location to be announced

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m. by President Lindy Edmond.

Minutes submitted by: Michele Parris

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Minutes approved by:

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Busy Bear Quilt Guild Treasurer's Report  
November 2024

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$16,234.24
Income	\$681
Expenses	\$1375
Ending Balance	\$15,540.24

Income

Bargain Table	\$40
Buck a Brag	\$9
50/50 Drawing	\$34
Birthday Table	\$43
Crafters Corner	\$5
Christmas Party	\$550

Total \$681

Expenses

Destination Big Bear	\$500
Community Church Donation	\$250
Big Bear Lutheran Services Donation	\$250
SCCOG	\$375

Total \$1375

Savings Account

Beginning Balance	\$10,007.13
Income	\$7730.49
Expenses	\$0
Ending Balance	\$17,737.62

Income

Big Bear Lake Quilt Guild Merge	\$7629.54
BBLQG Petty Cash Merge	\$100
Interest	\$0.95

Busy Bear Quilt Guild Treasurer's Report  
December 2024

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$15,540.24
Income	\$1,556.20
Expenses	\$2,646.03
Ending Balance	\$14,450.41

Income

Membership	\$214.87
Christmas Party	\$150
Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales	\$93
Holiday Boutique	\$1,098.33
Total	\$1,556.20

Expenses

Santana & Mavericks	\$1367.10
Lorraine Taylor	\$143.38
3 Christmas Party Drawings	\$300
Susan Schwebel	\$130.05
Tammy Laubach	\$284.75
Michele Parris	\$82.45
Lindy Edmond	\$117.30
Heidi Llanes	\$174.25
Elaine Dobiesz	\$46.75
Total	\$2,646.03



## **PROGRAMS**

Can you believe it?

Happy 2025. Wishing you a year of learning, creating and lots of sewing. Let's get all of our projects finished.

Lorraine and I will be working together to present programs and workshops that you will enjoy and learn new things.

January Program is our annual discussion of what we liked and didn't like in the past year. But mainly what we would like to see in this coming year-activities, programs and workshops. Please give some thought to what you would like to learn and participate in. Our hope is that we will come up with some new ideas.

January Workshop is charity work. We will work on donated fabrics that will be used for charity quilts. We will be sorting, ironing and cutting fabrics. There is no charge.

February Program will be the guild's board members and past presidents showcasing their favorite quilt.

February Workshop we will be working on heart blocks for quilts that may be needed in the future. There is no charge and fabrics will be provided.

March Program we will be playing "strip poker" not the kind that you need to layer up your clothing lol. It will be played similar to "Left, Center, Right" using 2 1/2" strips of fabric- bring your own or the guild will provide them.

March Workshop we will have a strip race making quilts for charity using strips from the Strip Poker. More 2 1/2 strips will be provided. There will be a prize for the first person to finish sewing their strips together. It's a lot of fun and I've even heard it gets competitive at times. There is no charge.

April Program we will have the pleasure of Laurie Hancock sharing her beautiful quilts in a trunk show. She will also show quilts with raw edge appliqué and turned under appliqué leading into the workshop the next day.

April Workshop features Belinda Evans teaching the techniques for raw edge appliqué and turned under appliqué. You will choose which technique you would like to use to create the project she has selected. The cost is \$10.

May Program Robin Davis will join us to show examples of Crazy Quilting creations in a trunk show. I'm sure she will have some amazing examples.

May Workshop Robin Davis will return to teach techniques of crazy quilting. We all know how talented she is so I'm sure you will learn a lot of tips and tricks in her class. The cost is \$25

June Program will be our Annual Silent Auction so start thinking what you would like to clear out of your sewing space. All proceeds go to the guild.

June Workshop- to be determined

July Program- Those participating in the challenge quilt will bring them to the meeting and members will vote on their favorite.

There will also be discussion about the upcoming quilt show.

The annual picnic will take the place of our workshop.

## **PROGRAMS (Continued)**

August program we will start the evening with a potluck dinner and have a discussion about the quilt show.

August workshop- To be determined

September program- Winners of the quilt show will be presented with their ribbons and viewers's choice will be announced

October program- To be determined

October workshop-To be determined

November program we will be presenting donations to our chosen charity groups plus we will have our annual cookie exchange

There will be no Workshop in November

December is the guild's annual Christmas party. There is no meeting and no workshop the month of December.

The workshops are on Tuesday after our **Monday** guild meeting. The workshop begins at 9:30am in the Historical Chapel. Bring your own lunch.

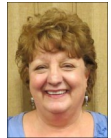
Contact me or Lorraine with any questions you may have.



Elaine Dobiesz ***Co-Vice President & Programs Co-Chair***

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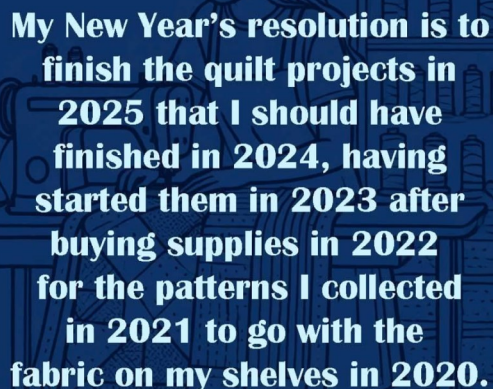
(714)349-5152 for texting



***Lorraine Taylor, Co-Vice President & Co-Program Chair***

[lorraine@inspirationsatbigbear.com](mailto:lorraine@inspirationsatbigbear.com)

(562)208-7406 for texting

A blue-toned illustration of a woman sitting at a sewing machine, surrounded by various quilting supplies like spools of thread and fabric. The text is overlaid on this illustration.

**My New Year's resolution is to finish the quilt projects in 2025 that I should have finished in 2024, having started them in 2023 after buying supplies in 2022 for the patterns I collected in 2021 to go with the fabric on my shelves in 2020.**

## **NEW MEETING ADDITIONS**

We have reformatted our general meeting agenda to include more member participation and fun. First, we still have our birthday, \*bargain, \*philanthropy, and \*craft tables.

Now we have added The Fat Quarter Give Away, \*Buck a Brag and our \*50-50 drawing. \*Buck a Brag is just what it sounds like...share something about yourself we might not know and donate a dollar (or more!), the 50-50 drawing is a fabulous way of going home with some extra cash. You buy tickets, one person wins, and the guild profits, too!

*\*All proceeds go to our general fund which enables our guild to function( especially for all the little stuff)!*



***Lindy Edmond, President***

## **FAT QUARTER GIVE AWAY**

Wearing your name badge at our general meetings qualifies you for two drawings! First, you will be entered in that meetings drawing to win a fat quarter! You will also be entered in our annual Christmas drawing to win \$\$\$\$\$. If you come to every meeting throughout the year, you'll have 11 chances to win!



***Lindy Edmond, President***

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL SEWING CAMP**

**Spring Break, March 24 - 27 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

We are set for our first class!!! We have the room, the sewing machines, our first projects... now we need our students. Flyers have been delivered to the Middle School and copies will be available at our next two general meetings. There is also a copy of it at the end of this newsletter. Feel free to give it to any middle schooler you think might be interested. We need member participation for our March class. There will be a sign-up sheet at our general meeting if you would like to help be a mentor to one student on the above dates. Please remember to return our project bags if you took one at our November meeting. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this new endeavor! We are so excited to offer this service to the teens in our community.

Upcoming meetings will be at Lorraine Taylor's home (appetizers will be available). New members are welcome:

January 30 at 1pm, February 13 at 1 pm, and March 20 at 1 pm



***Lindy Edmond, Middle School Sewing Camp Chair***



## **MEMBERSHIP**

Hello Members,

It's a new year 2025 and time to renew our memberships! Please fill out the attached membership form for new members and/or renewal members. You can turn your form and dues in at the next meeting on January 27th at the membership table or mail to our PO Box that's on the membership form. Please try to get all your membership dues in by our March meeting so we have time to update the directory which will be emailed to everyone in April or May 2025. Everyone should already have an emailed directory from 2024. Directories will be emailed for you to print out on your own.

The Membership table will be available as you walk in the door. You can initial by your name on the sign-in board that you are attending the meeting. Also, everyone is welcome to bring a show and tell (a quilt or craft) to show to all the members at the meeting. There will be a sign-in sheet at the table to put your name and the amount of quilts or crafts you're going to show. You will be called up at some point in the meeting to show your work.

Remember friends are welcome to the meeting without having to join immediately to see if they would like to join our Guild.

We also welcome any new ideas!!! There will be an idea box on the table. Please write down your idea and put it in the box with or without your name.

We will be having a coffee chat meeting for all new members on March 25, Tuesday at 6:30 PM at my house at 1039 Heritage Trail. This meeting is to discuss and let new members know what is expected of them and what are Guild is all about. Board members will be at this meeting . There is a possibility I will be out of town. So if something changes, it will be announced through email and the coffee chat will still be on the same day and time, but it will be at Lindy's house instead. We will send out an email reminder closer to the date.

Thank you . Happy New Year!

Heidi and Jeannie



***Heidi Llanes, Membership Chair and  
Jeannie Mazzacane, Membership Co-Chair***



# 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**

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**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

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**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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **35 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF BBQG BLOCK SWAP**

We met our goal of 16 participants. I know quite a few of you have jumped right in cutting and sewing your blocks. Thank you for joining in the fun. I am looking forward to seeing all of your hard work. Completed blocks are due for "Swapping" at our March 17, 2025 meeting.

Help and support is always available if you need it. Feel free to email or call me.



***Lys Axelson, Block Swap Coordinator***

## **CHALLENGE QUILTS**

The 2025 Challenge Quilt packets are available. "These boots are made for..." is the theme and collage is the method.

Completed quilts are due at the July 2025 meeting.



***Robin Davis and Wendy Stephens, Co-Chairs***



## **CALLING ALL UFO'S**

We will be working on completing our unfinished objects from November 2025 - October 2025. 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 2025 meeting to see who is the winner of the money pool. Sign-ups began at the October 2024 meeting, but you can sign up to join at any meeting. To date, there are **FOUR** members signed up to participate.

**It only takes one ticket to win \$40**



***Susan Solomonson, UFO Coordinator***

## **SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS**

Happy Birthday to these quilters:

Colleen Olson	January 2nd
Debra Lanning	January 15th
Sue Bost	January 17th
Deanna Melzian	January 21st
Mary Price	January 16th



***Teresa Georgi, Sunshine and Shadows***

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

As chairperson for Ways and Means I have some exciting events for 2025.

The guild will be participating in the Memorial Weekend Yard Sale in Big Bear. This is a great opportunity for us to raise money for the guild with little money invested. We will also be selling lemonade and cookies. The lemonade is taken care of so I will be asking for home baked cookies to be donated.

Kelley Smythe has graciously offered her house for the yard sale: 1017 Eagle Mountain Drive in Big Bear City on Friday May 23rd from 9:00am-3:00pm and Saturday, May 24th from 9:00am-3:00pm.

We are asking for donations excluding furniture and large items. Anything unsold will be taken to the local thrift stores. We will also set up tables to sell guild bargain table fabrics.

Kelley will begin taking donations starting Friday, May 16th till no later than Thursday, May 22nd (the day before the sale starts). You can text her to arrange a time for drop off (310) 892-7745

There will be sign up sheets to volunteer for this event.

Save the date for the annual Busy Bears Tea Party on Saturday June 7th Noon-3:00pm. Cost is \$25 per person.

More information to come.



***Elaine Dobiesz, Ways and Means Chairperson***

## **QUILT SHOW**

Hello Quilters,

I will be chairing the quilt show this year. The quilt show will be at Destination Big Bear (same as 2024) on Labor Day Weekend 2025. Please keep in mind this is my first year, I am having help from Belinda and Jeannie who have been doing it for years. I'm on a learning curve, so be kind and helpful! If anyone has any ideas, I am willing to hear them.

Our first quilt meeting will be on February 11 Tuesday at 11 AM at my house at 1039 Heritage Trail. Anyone interested in helping please come to this meeting. This meeting will be to make sure everyone knows what they're responsible for and get ideas of what we want to do. I will be emailing or texting all committee members for a reminder. We will NOT have a quilt meeting in March. The next meeting will start on the second Tuesday in April (April 8) and be every month from that point on every second Tuesday at 11 AM at my house (subject to change).

75 quilts can be in the show... So with that said, let's start quilting, ladies and gentlemen!!! More information to follow in the upcoming months.

Thank you!!

Heidi, Belinda, Jeannie



***Heidi Llanes, Quilt Show Chair***

**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.



***Cathy Frasier and Belinda Evans, Philanthropy Co-Chairs***

**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, 2025. 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".
- **Moms & Dads** Project baby quilts suggested size: 36" by 36".
- **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.

You are always welcome to use your own fabrics and designs for these projects.

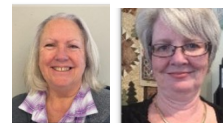
The Busy Bears Quilt Guild provides batting and backing as well.



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**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PULL TAB PROGRAM**

Remember to save your aluminum pull tabs for Janice Stillwell. You can turn them in at the Philanthropy table.



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## **NOVEMBER 2024 PHILANTHOPHY PRESENTATION**

Our November General Meeting is a genuine reflection of the amazing work we do as a guild.

Members of the Board introduced Rosie Valesquez and Rayne Ivanushka, Bear Valley Hospice; Shari Volpicelli and Lynnette Zickefoose, Lutheran Social Services of Big Bear; Sharon Knapik, Doves; Donna McClintok, Community Church Big Bear; Nicole McGivney and Megan Meaders, Mom and Dad Project.

Each community representative shared information about their charity and their interaction with our Guild. It is extremely heartwarming to listen to their stories and to observe their passion while talking about their respective charity.

As members of our guild, it is just as heartwarming and rewarding to know that our passion for quilt making and community service creates such a positive effect on the Big Bear Community we serve.



Rosie Valesquez & Rayne Ivanushka, Bear Valley Hospice

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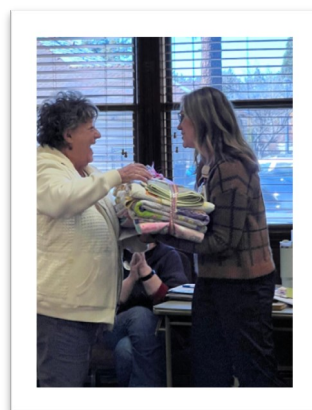
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## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

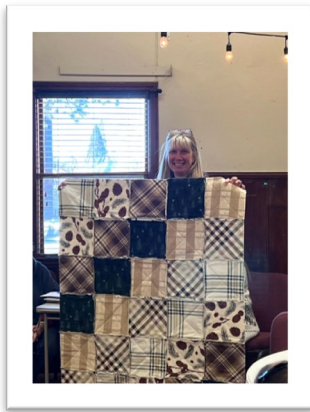
Susie Oberneider, Debbie Pence, Violet Fisk and Karen Howell coordinated and hosted the 2024 Annual Christmas Party. The team worked with the staff at Santana & Mavericks to provide a festive atmosphere, delicious food and excellent service. Each guest received a beautiful handmade quilted bear ornament which was made by a friend of Debbie Pence.

True to tradition, Sue Bost read "The Night Before Christmas" while attendees participated in the annual handmade ornament exchange.

It was a wonderful evening spent with friends and enjoying the blessings of the Christmas Season.



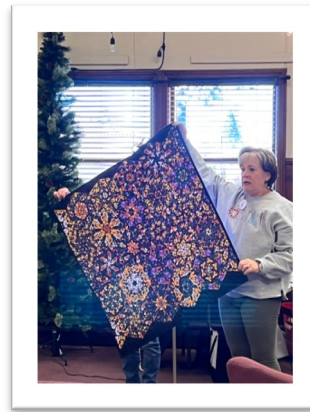
# Sew & Tell



Tammy Laubach



Gladys Panameno



Susie Oberneder for  
Violet Fisk

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## 2025 BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD MEETING CALENDAR

### **January 27<sup>th</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

January 28<sup>th</sup> Workshop

January 30<sup>th</sup> Middle School Sewing Camp Meeting

February 11<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Meeting

February 13<sup>th</sup> Middle School Sewing Camp Meeting

### **February 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

February 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop

### **March 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

March 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop

March 20<sup>th</sup> Middle School Sewing Camp Meeting

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> Middle School Sewing Camp

March 25<sup>th</sup> Coffee Chat Meeting

April 8<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Meeting

### **April 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

April 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop

May 6<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Meeting

### **May 19<sup>th</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

May 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop

May 23<sup>rd</sup> & May 24<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale

June 7<sup>th</sup> Tea Party

June 10<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Meeting

### **June 16<sup>th</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

June 17<sup>th</sup> Workshop

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup> Summer Retreat

July 8<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Meeting

### **July 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Picnic

August 12<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Meeting

### **August 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

August 19<sup>th</sup> Workshop

### **August 29<sup>th</sup> & August 30<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show**

### **September 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

September 23<sup>rd</sup> Workshop

September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Retreat

### **October 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

October 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop

### **November 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting/Board Meeting**

December 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Party

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Machine, supplies and materials provided

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