

# THE BEAR FACTS

## BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD

### MARCH 2021

#### PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Good Morning to all my quilting friends.

So looking forward to our meeting on the 15th. As stated before, we will have the bargain table and the birthday table available. I am sure we have all been dipping into our stashes these last several months. I'm predicting the table will be pretty busy.

Colleen Olsen came up with an idea for the birthday table. As you all know, those who have a birthday in the month of the meeting brings a gift to be raffled off. This is the third month of the year. If you would like, those who have had a birthday in January, or February could bring a gift as well. Please know, this is only a suggestion. Completely up to you.

The Board met this month on March 1st. The quilt show was discussed. Seems the biggest obstacle is finding a venue. More on that at our meeting.

A cute rhyme was sent to be recently.

*My friend writes songs about Sewing machines.*

*He is a Singer songwriter.*

*Or Sew it Seams.*

See you soon.

**Sue Boylin, Guild President**



#### *An Irish Blessing*

*May love and laughter  
light your days  
and warm your heart  
and home,  
may good and faithful  
friends be yours  
wherever you may roam,  
May peace and plenty  
bless your world  
with joy that long endures,  
May all life's  
passing seasons  
bring the best  
to you and yours.*



Dear Quilters,

Being new to quilting, I am always extremely grateful to hear Tips, Tricks or Helpful Hints from fellow quilters. If you have something that has been particularly helpful to you and would like to share in the newsletter, please forward to: [busybearnewsletter@aol.com](mailto:busybearnewsletter@aol.com).

**Janice Stillwell, Editor**

Greetings,

Well, it looks like we are going to meet this month. As you have probably already heard, we will gather with distancing and masks. It will allow us to at least to visit with those we have not been able to see for so long. Bring some of those projects you have finished during the pandemic. It will be a fun time of sharing. Hope you will be able to join us. I also wanted to let you know that if things keep improving, we will be having our speakers and workshops in the coming months. Of course, we want to make sure we follow all safety guidelines. I will keep you posted. Hope everyone is well and safe. Looking forward to seeing you, whenever that might be.

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



**BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 16, 2020**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the General Members of Busy Bears Quilt Guild, was held at The Community Church Recreation Building 40946 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA on November 16,2020. The meeting convened at 6:02 p.m. President, Belinda Evans.

**Approval of Minutes:** February 2020 General Meeting Minutes were motioned by Sue Bost and seconded by Laurie Nahay to approve the minutes. Motion Carried. Due to Covid there were no General Meetings for March, April, May, June. July. August, September and October 2020 to approve.

Belinda Evans welcomed our guest Susan Solomonson.

**Officers Report:**

**Treasure Report:** Janice Stillwell motioned to accept the March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November 2020 Treasury report that were posted in the appropriate months Newsletters. Seconded by Lorraine Taylor. Motion Carried.

**Membership:** The 2020 membership is currently at 55 members. 2021 Membership applications are in the newsletter and several members joined this evening.

**New Business:**

**Philanthropy:** Please continue to turn in your comfort quilts into Sue Hart. If you need batting please give her a call she will arrange for a covid free pick-up.

**Sunshine & Shadows:** Louise Malenofski, has stepped in for the remaining year due to Bonnie Smets health condition. Please send prayers to Bonnie, Lorraine Castelluccio who is going to have a knee replacement, and a past member Beverly Bennett who have been diagnosed with cancer.

**Programs:** Lorraine Taylor stated she will work at moving our 2020 programs that we were not able to have into our 2021 programs.

**Proposed Budget 2021:** The 2021 proposed budget was presented to the general members as well as all the members in the November newsletter. Louise Malenofskil, motioned to accept the Budget for 2021 and seconded by Janice Stillwell. Motioned Carried

**2021 Board Members:** As posted in November's newsletter the individuals listed were interested in being on the Board for 2021. Bue Boylin, President, Lorraine Taylor, Vice President, Michele Rustigan, Treasurer, Jeanne Wallace, Secretary, and Laurie Nahay, membership. There was no one from the meeting that was interested in adding their name to be concerted for a board position. Sue Bost motioned to accept the 2021 Board Members that were listed in the November newsletter, and seconded by Nicki Nootenboom. Motion Carried.

Past Board Members and Co-Chair members were encouraged to meet and pass along their folders with their new job duties and responsibilities.

**Other Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date of Approval

Minutes taken by Belinda Evans, President in the absence of Jeannie Wallace.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Our current amount of paid members is at 32. I know there are many of you who are waiting to renew at our first meeting on March 15 and that is great but it is also the deadline to be in our 2021 Busy Bear's Quilt Guild Directory. I don't want anyone to be left out so be prepared to renew then. There will be forms available if you can't access one!

Looking forward to seeing you,

***Laurie Nahay, Membership Chair***



## **SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS**



Hello Happy Quilters,

Welcome to March! March the month of aquamarines, daffodils, St. Paddy Day celebrations, the first day of Spring ( March 20) and best of all, March 15th, is our first meeting of the year. How exciting! It seems we've been waiting for this for a long time.

Let's celebrate our March birthdays.

Sue Hart - 3/19 - National Poultry Day.

Kathy Hallaway, Denise Schlavone, Bonnie Smets - 3/21 - World Poetry Day.

Laurie Hancock - 3/22 - National Goof Off Day.

Manny Caldera - 3/27 - National "Joe" Day.

Happy Birthday to one and all. Hope your special day is wonderful.

Another note of great joy is our favorite BB quality quilt shop has Belinda back and leading the charge. Welcome back Belinda. You were missed. A huge thank you to Nicki and Wayne for holding down the fort.

Remember to send any news you want to pass along in this newsletter to [bigbearlouise@hotmail.com](mailto:bigbearlouise@hotmail.com).

I hope to see many of you at our March meeting.

***Louise Malenofski, Sunshine and Shadows***

## HEART QUILT - BONNIE SMETS

During the November 2020 Meeting, guild members were asked to make heart blocks to be used to create a special Heart Quilt for Bonnie Smets. On behalf of the Busy Bears Quilt Guild Members, Monday, March 1st, Sue Boylin, Belinda Evans, Colleen Olson, Bonnie Snell, Janice Stillwell and Lorraine Taylor paid a visit to Bonnie and her husband Claude. Bonnie was presented with a lovely heart quilt constructed using the heart blocks so lovingly crafted by guild members. Please see the "Special Message" below from Bonnie.



March 2, 2021

A "SPECIAL MESSAGE" to the Ladies of the Quilt Guild

Today should really be noted in the Newsletter defining the "Girls of the Guild". After a devastating notice from City of Hope, that I had Stage Four Cancer, and not knowing if I was going to live through their attempt to save my life, many of the Guild members showed up at my home with a beautiful handmade quilt that they created for me as a gift. Every square reflected their name with their personal design, and thus created the most beautiful quilt I have ever seen.

How can I ever show my appreciation, to these wonderful ladies, along with Belinda Evans doing her masterful quilting to complete the gift. Unable to hug all of them personally, I wanted them to know how they **have impacted** my life. Their kindness, their love, their awareness, will change my life forever.

"Thank you" doesn't seem near enough, but my heart will be changed forever. I will treasure the beautiful quilt and all the wonderful ladies for the rest of my life.

Thank you again, my friends.

Bonnie Smets, your fellow quilter.



## QUILTING TIPS, TRICKS & HELPFUL HINTS

### Quilt Backing Reference Chart

We recommend cutting your backing fabric at least 10" larger than the quilt top width and height to accommodate longarm quilting. Your personal longarm quilter might recommend a different measurement.

|       | Mattress Size | Example Quilt Size | Backing Yardage* | Piecing Diagram |
|-------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Crib  | 27" x 52"     | 36" x 36"          | 2 1/4 yards      |                 |
| Lap   | N/A           | 48" x 62"          | 3 1/4 yards      |                 |
| Twin  | 39" x 75"     | 63" x 87"          | 5 1/4 yards      |                 |
| Full  | 54" x 75"     | 78" x 87"          | 7 1/2 yards      |                 |
| Queen | 60" x 80"     | 84" x 92"          | 7 3/4 yards      |                 |
| King  | 76" x 80"     | 102" x 102"        | 9 1/2 yards      |                 |

\*Yardage is calculated for 42" wide fabric. If you wish to use 108" wide fabric, you will need to recalculate backing amounts.

#### Basic Backing Instructions:

1. Remove selvages.
2. Starch, iron, cut and piece your backing fabric.
3. Use a 1/2" seam allowance when sewing the fabric pieces together.
4. Press the seam open.
5. Your backing is ready to get quilted!

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Thank you, Laurie Nahay, for providing this helpful Quilt Backing Reference Chart.