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CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER – March 2022



Next Meeting: Wednesday March 9
Clubhouse 5 - Multipurpose Room
Road to Laguna Woods



From the President

Hello C Q members.

Hi everyone, time marches on, I have been busy completing some UFO, see you all at the meeting.

If you have any questions or even complains, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Program - Road to Laguna Woods

Members are to bring a favorite quilt to participate in a display of our very own “Road” Quilt Show.



March Birthdays

Mickey Mellevald	11	Corrine Cesvet	20
Kay Nelson	13	Kathy Welander	26
Gail Roy	15	Donna Karbach	30

PHILANTHROPY NOTES - Donna Karbach **FABRIC DONATION**



On February 11th, Brenda and I walked across the parking lot from the quilting room to pick up Phyllis Gray's fabrics and batting stash which she had beautifully displayed and sorted by color.

We loaded up my red wagon and brought everything to the quilting room where Gigi and Betty helped us sort and select fabric that would be usable for quilting and stored large pieces in the cabinet.

In exchange for the donation, we agreed to have a beautiful hand-quilted wedding ring quilt Phyllis made bound and returned to her. Betty Khzouz agreed to do the binding and we returned the bound quilt to Phyllis on March 2nd. As you can see, Phyllis was thrilled to finally be able to use this quilt!

PLACEMATS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS



On February 10th, Frances Nuelle told us about a request from Meals on Wheels Orange County for 180 placemats for their clients to be delivered with Easter Dinners. Of course, we Said Yes to the Project!

From the fabric and batting donated by Phyllis, we made placemat kits. Our quilters, in collaboration with the Sewing Supers and residents who use the sewing room at Clubhouse 4, met that goal and completed all 180 placemats!

CHEMO QUILTS FOR MEMORIAL CARE

Julia Lieberman, Director, Volunteer Services, reported that the quilts were "very well received, and the infusion center would be happy to take some more. Also, the Blood Donor Center would be happy to have some to give to their donors. Many, many thanks to your group."

CHEMO QUILTS FOR CITY OF HOPE

Gigi suggested I inquire about donating chemo quilts to the new cancer treatment center in Irvine called City of Hope. I contacted them and received the following response:

"Your offer to donate the chemo quilts has been approved! Our Patient and Family Resource Center would like to receive up to 130 chemo quilts."

There is no due date for this project and they don't all have to be completed at once. But, judging by the enthusiasm and speed with which the placemats were made, I don't think we will have any problem fulfilling this request. Also, I have two suggestions to facilitate this project: Use inexpensive fleece instead of backing and batting and make this our project for Newbie Quilting Days.

NEWBIE QUILTING DAYS

March is National Quilting Month, the perfect time to have our first Newbie Quilting Bee on Monday, March 28th!

Each person who agreed to be a tutor should let me know they are planning to participate so I can create a sign-up sheet, then choose fabric and make a kit for a super simple quilt. For the kits, I suggest alternating blocks of large print fabric with four-patches or Disappearing Nine-Patch kits. Any pattern with alternating solid blocks and blocks with only 2- to 4-part blocks will be easy and quick to complete.

Per the chart below, using 10-inch blocks, only 35 blocks are needed for a Chemo Quilt, fewer if borders are added. This will be a perfect project for Newbies. Then, rather than using backing and batting, we will use fleece, sew around edges, turn inside out and quilt something like a simple “X” like we did for the place mats. These quilts will be warm and comforting for the patients.

If this event is successful, we will advertise the next Newbie Quilting Bee in the Globe and the Village Recreation Department will publicize this event and invite our neighbors.

Number of blocks needed for Chemo/Dialysis Quilt 48”x72”																						
Approx		10" blocks			9" blocks			8" blocks			7" blocks			6" blocks			5" blocks			4" blocks		
W	L	W	L	Tot	W	L	Tot	W	L	Tot	W	L	Tot	W	L	Tot	W	L	Tot	W	L	Tot
48”	72”	5	7	35	5	8	40	6	9	54	7	10	70	8	12	96	10	14	140	12	18	216

W=Width; L=Length; Tot=Total blocks needed

QUILTS OF VALOR



Dennis Powell, Commander of Laguna Woods American Legion, called to say he hasn’t forgotten about our offer to present Quilts of Valor to members nominated by the organization. I referred him to Quilts of Valor on Facebook to see that the presentations are simple and do not require much planning or time during meetings. He is going to discuss with his members and get back to us.

In the meantime, we should continue to make patriotic quilts so we’re ready when duty calls! Here is a picture of a simple but striking Quilt of Valor recently presented to a veteran posted on QOV’s Facebook page.



HUMAN RIGHTS FOCUSED QUILTS EXHIBIT IN LAGUNA

Artist Allyson Allen and the Community Art Project have installed 46 quilts inside the Bridge Hall at the Neighborhood Congregational Church’s sanctuary, 340 St Ann’s Drive, Laguna Beach.

Laguna Art Museum is simultaneously displaying two of Allen’s quilts, which will be up for the same duration as the church exhibit. The exhibit will be open Thursdays through Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. until April 24.

March Educational Tidbits
Mona Bonbright
A FREE SHAMROCK PATTERN



March is here, but did it come in like a lion or a lamb, hmmm? Growing up in the Mojave Desert in California, I never could understand the idea of a month coming in like a lion or a lamb. Our weather was hot or it was cold. It never seemed to fluctuate that much, unless the wind decided to blow, and then it howled, more like a wolf than a lion or a lamb.

To me, March means St. Patrick's Day is on its way. This year I want to make a St. Patrick's Day inspired quilted runner for my buffet. A search for a shamrock themed quilt pattern yielded a free shamrock pattern online from Stitchin' Heaven. I am including that pattern in this tidbit.

Normally, I would be sewing something and taking pictures as I stitch, however, this time I am using the images from Stitchin' Heaven. My St. Paddy's Day fabric did not arrive in time to write up in this tidbit. However, I will give you a peak at what I am doing with my runner at the end of the tidbit.

See complete instructions for this Educational TidBit and many other great Tidbits on the [Crazy Quilters Guild](http://CrazyQuiltersGuild.com) website.



Crazy Quilters Guild Website (crazyquiltersguild.org):

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