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CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER – May 2023



Next Meeting: Wednesday May 10th

Remember our guild will be meeting in clubhouse 7



From the President

Hi everyone, another month just flew by! I am doing more since days are warmer. Hope everyone is keeping healthy, see you at general meeting.

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

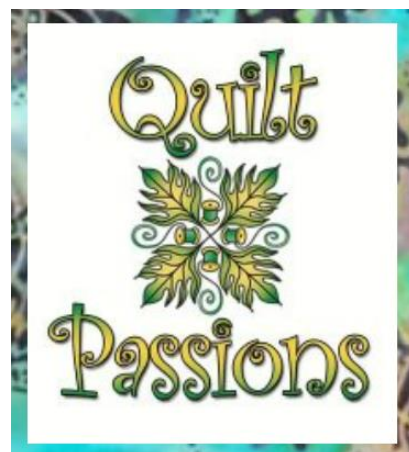
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PROGRAMS – David Cavanaugh

Karen Barry

From: Quilt Passions

Presents: The History of Hawaiian Quilts





May Birthdays	
Linda Ewing 1	Polly Biggs 5
Deb Stewart 9	Mary Lopata 11
Pat Bausman 13	Winifred Strong 16

PHILANTHROPY – Donna Karaback

Firefighters Quilts Presentation

The Firefighter Quilt presentation to Laguna Woods OCFA Station 22 on International Firefighters Day was an all-out success! Our members rolled up their sleeves and completed over 40 extra-long twin size quilts in about six months. More members came on the day to pitch in and create a beautiful exhibit space. And many members, neighbors and friends attended the event.

Happily, two fire trucks and 9, count 'em, 9 firefighters and EMTs arrived to choose their favorite quilts. Linda D., Polly and I delivered the rest of the quilts to Station 22 after the event.



There are many more picture of the event on our website under CrazyQuilters.org/SlideShows

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

Crazy Quilters article in the Orange County Register

May 6, 2023

Across the Village in Clubhouse 4, members of the Crazy Quilters Guild have been hard at work producing one quilt for each of the firefighters at local Fire Station 22 in Laguna Woods.

"These are a bit larger than usual, measuring 70 by 90 inches, so that they will fit the twin beds at the station," said Donna Karbach, philanthropy chair of the group.

The 39 firefighter quilts display a kaleidoscope of pattern, color and design, thanks to the artistic vision of each individual maker. But every one incorporates the official station patch into its design.

The quilts were presented to the firefighters on International Firefighters Day on May 4 in Clubhouse 1.

The guild, which is about 20 years old, completed a similar project years ago and wanted to repeat it, Karbach said.

Like the Needleworks Club, the Crazy Quilters accept donations of fabric for their projects along with buying the backing material and batting for quilt filler with funds they earn from selling at Bonanza, the Renaissance Faire and other Village venues. Dues of \$35 per year help as well, with the club numbering about 75 members.

While members can work on their own projects, whatever they produce from club materials goes to its charitable partners, such as the Orange County Rescue Mission, OC Family Center, CASA for children in foster care, City of Hope and several others. In 2022, the club donated 376 quilts along with pillowcases, placemats, table runners and other hand-crafted items.

Members also contributed a quilt for the Village Library's fundraiser. It's on display there along with an exhibit on the craft of quilting.

Club members recently joined forces with those sewing in the room next door to make placemats for Meals on Wheels and comfort quilts for City of Hope cancer patients.

Crazy Quilters gather Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m. They share their space at Clubhouse 4 with Saddleback Emeritus classes.

Karbach advises that those interested in coming to quilt check the group's website, crazyquiltersguild.org, for additional hours or drop in to see if a supervisor is available. Karbach can be reached for information at dkarbach2000@gmail.com.

The quilters also hold a general meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in Clubhouse 7 for snacks, a speaker, and show and tell.

"We do not currently offer ongoing classes, but quilters in Clubhouse 4 are generous with their time and expertise," Karbach said. Future classes and workshops will be posted on the website.

New to the craft is Linda Dunnigan, who had just moved to the Village and signed up for quilting classes when the pandemic shut everything down. "So I learned from YouTube videos," she said.

Even newer to quilting is Barbara Mescon, who has been making cotton strips for other quilters to use in the group project.

"I wanted to do something for the firefighters because they kept my husband alive," she said. "They are amazing."

She admitted to "doing more ripping than going forward" but also fessed up to serving as a supervisor in the sewing room, so she's not really new to sewing at all.

"Quilting is a special talent, and you have to know your math," she added.

Karbach said she doesn't love the math but does love charity and working with fabric. She enjoys using her organizational skills as philanthropy chair. She looks forward to the ability of club members to make larger quilts soon with the long-arm sewing machine the club has purchased and gifted to the Golden Rain Foundation.

Two-year club member Ruth Naomi Buck said she has loved sewing all her life, having learned from her mother when she was young. She took easily to quilting, she said.

"I love to put colors and patterns together, which keeps my hands busy," she said. "And I love helping children."

Long-time quilter Gigi Sartor said she became addicted to the hobby when she was living in Fallbrook and saw a quilt show in a barn. That was 25 years ago, and she immediately began to take classes in quilting.

With a laugh, she said, "It becomes a disease!"

Pictures training supervisors on the long-arm



EDUCATIONAL TIDBIT – Mona Bonbright May 2023

BLUE PAINTER'S TAPE IS A HANDY TOOL FOR QUICK MARKING

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This month I am touting the use of blue painter's tape. I use a variety of marking methods to keep track of blocks and pieces that I sew together to make blocks, but one of my favorite marking tools is blue painter's tape. I like using the one inch and two inch sizes. You can easily tape it down to fabric and it is easy to remove. I also use blue painter's tape as a temporary sewing guide when sewing strip sets. There are other colors available, but the blue seems to work best for me. I keep the open rolls in a metal canister by my sewing machine and I keep extras in plastic bags to keep them from drying out



See the full tidbit on the Crazy Quilters website.

Upcoming Events



QUILT FESTIVAL LONG BEACH
JULY 6th - 8th
Long Beach Convention and
Entertainment Center
300 E. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, California 90802



LONG BEACH MODERN QUILT GUILD



A modern take on the textile arts

May 3-30, 2023

This exhibit is **FREE** and open to the public.

Location:

Alpert Jewish Community Center
3801 E. Willow St., Long Beach

Antelope Valley Quilt Association's Quilt Show & Auction

Festival of Quilts

May 20 & 21, 2023

Saturday, 10:00 to 5:00 • Sunday, 10:00 to 4:00
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
Van Dam Pavilion
2551 West Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536

Featured Quilter: Lynell Rodio

Vendors, Boutique & Demonstrations

Vintage Sewing Machine Exhibit

Auction on Sunday at 12:30

For more information:

avqa.org or AVQA Festival of Quilts on Facebook
email: margaretvachon@verizon.net or call 661-998-9290

Admission: \$10.00 for the weekend

* Free admission for spouses/partners
& children under 12 *

*****FREE PARKING*****



Crazy Quilters Guild Website (crazyquiltersguild.org):

Look at our guild website for information about guild meetings, our membership roster, and other pertinent quilt information. If you have pictures or information for the website please send them to me. LindaNelson@comcast.net

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