

Board Meetings:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
1:00 pm, Clubhouse 4 (knitting room)

General Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month (Dark in July)  
1:00 pm, Clubhouse 7  
-- Check-in starts at 12:30 --



**CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD**

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CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER - March, 2018



Susan Keller, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Pat Clark

Happy March you Crazy Quilters! March, already! But before we move on, here's a little time-appropriate humor for you:



Let me express my delight at the February general meeting honoring our 2017 new members with a return of the 'New Member Recognition Luncheon.' When I started this luncheon in 2014, it was my desire to make new members feel welcome and help the current membership learn a bit more about them. These new members shared some of their creative works with us and we all enjoyed a delicious lunch. So, again, it has proven to be a successful endeavor. VP Membership, Linda Nelson, did a great job in presenting our new members to us. I hope that we will again hold this event in 2019.

Of course, we had our usual 'Door Prize' drawing (winner Anke Roennau), but we also got to "Take A Chance" at a special door prize, but it would cost you! It appears this twist on the door prize was well received and our winner, Audrey Bowman will tell you she got her money's worth! Hopefully our Door Prize Chairman, Ann Davis will try this again in the future.



According to our Fundraiser Chairman, Jeanne Stone, we have some interesting things coming up. Jeanne will keep us informed of these upcoming events in this and upcoming newsletters.

It looks like we have a lot to look forward to as our VP Programs, Vicki Nardone has lined up some wonderful speakers for us in the coming months. I can attest to the fact that you all will enjoy Nancy Ota. I attended our guild's workshop with Nancy in 2015. We all had a great time making a GREAT tote bag with her.

During the February board meeting we had lots to discuss. We formed a 'Website' committee (chaired by Linda Nelson, Ann Ainsworth & Ann Davis) to determine whether or not we should use the 'free' internal website platform offered by Laguna Woods or setting up a website on our own. A committee was also formed (including Candy McLaughlin, Vicki Nardone & Ann Ainsworth) to set up budget guidelines for guild events and chairman expenditures.

Also at the February board meeting, Vicki Nardone stepped up to chair the August Birthday Bash. Mary Castillo will be her co-chair and Vicki will also be selecting an additional co-chair.



I still need a Chairman and two co-chairs for the Holiday Party. No one volunteered at the general meeting. If there is not a Chairman in place by the June board meeting, this event for December will be canceled.

Of course, we like knowing if there is a chance that we can make a little money for our guild treasury, so Linda Easley, CQ Secretary, suggested the Amazon 'SMILE' platform. Linda briefly covered this at the general meeting, but will detail this in the newsletter so that those of us who use Amazon or Amazon Prime, can help supplement our guild's funds. Hopefully she'll have this laid out soon as I have Amazon shopping to do!

Lastly, we decided that the guild definitely needs more quilt racks. Craftgard (providers of quilt racks) had a February special on racks and due to the savings, the CQ Board members approved of the purchase of four (4) racks. This will bring the total of guild quilt racks to six!

Please remember that all guild members are welcome at a board meeting. This is important, as the more guild members that are present will mean more thoughts and ideas for us to consider. Bottom line . . . you have a GR8 idea, we want to hear about it! So, join us on the 1st Wednesdays in CH4 Sewing Conference Room. Sorry, but this does only mean 'resident, village-guild members only' (I have no control over this). If you live outside of the village and have an idea that would benefit our guild, by all means, contact me or any other board member and let us know your thoughts. See ya'all at the general meeting March 14th!

Show & Tell items shared by Judy Karabelnik.



Pat Clark shared quilt & 'Dream Pillows' made for gr8-granddaughter's 9th Valentine's Day birthday.



**BLOCK OF THE MONTH - By Ann Ainsworth**

Our February Block is a “free” block that fits the theme HOUSE. There is no kit to pick up. You have access to the Clubhouse 4 fabrics (free of charge) or use fabric from your own stash. Please return your 10” square block at the March meeting. It can be any design you want – applique, pieced, embroidered or even a 10-inch square of house print fabric would be fun.

Our March Block is a Crumb Quilt block kit. You will be able to pick up this block kit at the March meeting and the 12” square block is due back at the April meeting.

Our April Block is another “free” block that fits the theme BLOOM. There is no kit to pick up. You have access to the Clubhouse 4 fabrics (free of charge) or use fabric from your own stash. Please return your 12” square block at the May meeting. It can be any design you want – applique, pieced, embroidered or even a 12-inch square of print fabric that says BLOOM to you.

**BONANZA - By Candy McLaughlin**

I want to explain about the Bonanza that will be held at Clubhouse 4 **the first weekend in November**. It is a showcase of the work that is done at the clubhouse. This is an opportunity for the members and the Guild to make money.

You can make things, price them, and help sell or arrange items. Some members made up to or more than \$300 over the weekend. The split is that members receive 80% and the

Guild gets 20%. Smaller items seem to sell better than quilts, but it is your choice as to what to make and sell.

So please figure out what items you want to make and get busy! There is no limit to what you can enter. The only restriction - NO breakables.

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS - By Susan Keller

### Bylaws and Standing Rules

The Bylaws have been completely revised and updated. This document is ready to be voted upon for approval by the members during the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please review the Bylaws and be prepared to vote. Copies will not be provided and you do not need to bring a copy. If you have questions or comments, you can contact the committee (me, Carol Charlton, Linda Nelson) or attend the March 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The Standing Rules is a new document. It is a catch-all for things not covered in the Bylaws and also defines sections of the Bylaws in more detail. The Standing Rules only require the Board's approval. This document replaces the "Committee Chairperson Job Descriptions" and "Cost List."

On behalf of us who planned/executed the New Member Recognition Luncheon, I would like to clarify something for future events--that is, to please **RSVP** when requested. A headcount is needed to make sure that there is enough food, beverages, supplies, and that tables are set up for the required number of attendees. If the chairman in charge of a function asks for an RSVP, please respond on or before the date requested. Even if you cannot attend, a response will be greatly appreciated.



Corrine Cesvet	3/20
Lynda Guthrie	3/13

Remember, inputs for the newsletter are due to me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## FUND RAISING (Also know as Ways and Means) - By Jeanne Stone

### 1. BREAKFAST, BRUNCH OR LUNCH

The Crazy Quilters Guild is having a fund raiser at the Laguna Café (Moulton and El Toro) on **March 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm**. If you haven't been to the Laguna Café, now is your chance to have good down-home food in a very friendly atmosphere.

The café is owned by two sisters who agreed to give us a nice percentage of every meal you order to help with the philanthropic work of the Guild. They also asked if some quilts could be hung in front of the café. Yes, and yes. We will attract customers for them and give notice of our work to the community.

I will greet you at the door with a coupon to give to your server so the Guild will get credit for your order.

## 2. **PLEASE CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS**

The Guild plans to participate in the community garage sale on **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Club House 5**. This is to sell things that you no longer need. It is not for junk or damaged items. You can give clothing that is clean and not soiled. How about some of those electrical appliances in the back of the closet that you no longer use. No large items that you can't carry.

This seems like a venue that would be little work and possibly some profit for the Guild, so I'm counting on each of you to help with items to sell. I will be calling you to see how much you have so I can figure how many tables to reserve.

## **PHILANTHROPY - By Ann Ainsworth**

At Road to California, our Guild turned in 74 Thomas Fire Blocks to the Ventura Modern Quilt Guild. This count does not include the numerous blocks our Guild members mailed or personally delivered on their own.

In February, we donated six (6) quilts to the Village Social Services Department to provide the newest Friendly Visitors program graduates with a quilt to present to their clients.

February 12<sup>th</sup> we sent 10 military quilts to the 29 Palms Marine Base. In addition, we also sent 27 pounds (wow!) of beautiful Baby Shower items to 29 Palms, donated by our Guild's Loose Threads Friendship group. These items included Hair Band Blossoms to Travel Changing pads and everything in between and of course, beautiful soft and cuddly blankets and quilts. Thank you so much Loose Threads.

Later this month, we should have 25 to 30 quilts and blankets to deliver to Orangewood Foundation in Santa Ana thanks to a wonderful donation that came in on February 9th. We received some wonderful hand-pieced tops made from gorgeous fun fabric blocks that we will repurpose for twin size and crib quilts. Come to the CH4 quilt room Thursdays from 1-8 or Tuesdays from 4-8 and help us process this generous donation.

Thank you all for your hard work and generous spirit.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT - By Candy McLaughlin**

Here is the financial statement from January.

The checking account is all together but as you can see, it includes guild money and philanthropy money for quilting and supplies only.

Checking Account- Guild	\$9,495.53
Philanthropy	<u>\$2,225.37</u>
TOTAL	\$11,720.90

## Upcoming Events

The Flying Geese Quilters Guild of Irvine presents  
"Quilted Treasures" Quilt Auction and Luncheon/Tea.

April 21, 2018, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Activities include a live quilt auction of beautiful handmade quilts, silent auction, and raffle baskets.

Miller Community Center, 300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA

<http://www.flying-geese.org/activities.htm>

Cost: \$5, Parking: Free

Our sincere thanks to our sponsor, Steve Supowitz, CEO Individual Food Service, (the **SUPO FOUNDATION** in Bell, California) for his generous contributions to Crazy Quilters.

