

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 - November, 2017



Susan Keller, Editor

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## **NOVEMBER PROGRAM** - By Marily Stone-Benjamin - Vice President, Programs

First, I am sorry that we were disappointed last month with a no-show lecture. It was something that was understandable and we can have them come later in the year.

Our speaker for November is Allyson Allen who will lecture on traditional quilts and the modern quilt movement. Ms. Allen has received many awards and written several books. You will see quilts of her African Art and history. Her colors and fabrics are beautiful and each quilt will tell a story. Most of her quilts will tell stories of black folklore.

Expand your knowledge of quilting and enjoy the stories that Ms. Allen will be telling. This is a meeting I am sure you will enjoy.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** - By Vanda Bresnan

As most of you know, we are heading into a busy time (November and December) for all of us personally and naturally Crazy Quilters also. Bonanza is just around the corner and I trust all of you have your handmade items ready for sale. Please invite your friends to see our presentation, especially our Opportunity Quilt –this is another chance to get non-Crazy Quilters members to increase our funds.

Of course there is our election of officers, celebrating the season in December, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and finally 2018.

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> Betty Koskinen and I went to spinal cord injury ward at the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center at Long Beach. We took the quilts our members made and distributed in conjunction with Mission Viejo VFW Post and Auxiliary's semiannual BBQ. The Veterans were thrilled to receive our beautiful quilts. Thanks for all the hard work many of you put into creating those quilts. There will be another BBQ in the Spring so if create more, Betty and I will be most happy to deliver the quilts.

## **MEMBERSHIP** - By Pat Clark - Vice President

Current Membership: 91

Directory changes: Karen Sweet: BD 11/20

Message for Shirlee Bruensbach: Shirlee, I received your 2018 membership renewal check and thank you for renewing. I do, however, need to get a telephone number for you. The one I currently have is apparently not a good number. Please call me at [562-430-7115](tel:562-430-7115) so I can update my records. Thanks Shirlee.

I plan to be at the November 8<sup>th</sup> general meeting and will accept your 2018 membership renewals. You may also renew at the January 10 general meeting. Dues will again be \$30 for the year. Hope you all will be with us next year.

November Birthdays

Ann Gibson	11/2
Jarra Lynne Beckhart	11/13
Karen Sweet	11/20
Janice Dunlap	11/25
Jarry Myers	11/26



**BLOCK OF THE MONTH** - By Nancy Allen

As of this writing, I do not have the “Rusty Chunks” quilted yet. I hope to have it ready by the general meeting. Thanks to all who made those “Rusty” blocks. They went together so easy. I think you will be surprised at what a pretty quilt they made.

I’m still searching for a pattern for November. I seem to be having a block. Maybe it’s because of the Bonanza, and Christmas is just around the corner.

Those of you who picked up free fabric on the 5<sup>th</sup>, I hope you will soon show us what you’ve done with it.

Happy shopping at the Bonanza and see you at the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BONANZA** - By Nancy Allen and Candy McLaughlin

The Bonanza is just days away (November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.) Don’t forget to bring your inventory sheet along with your items for sale to Clubhouse 4 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> between 9:00 am and noon.

Nancy will be giving you a call if you are scheduled to be a cashier or floorwalker. If you missed buying tickets for the opportunity quilt at the September exhibit, you will have another chance at the Bonanza. Something new this year--we will have a silent auction quilt.

Be sure to visit all the venues at Clubhouse 4. There are so many talented people all around us. Enjoy them all. Bring your friends and relatives.

**EDITOR’S COMMENTS** - By Susan Keller

Please send newsletter inputs to me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

You will notice at the end of this newsletter, information regarding the holiday party. This is the same information that I e-mailed on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note that **there will not** be a general meeting in December--only the holiday party.

#### **CLUBHOUSE 4 - By Jeanne Stone**

##### Open House

Thanks to all of you who joined us on Thursday, October 12. We had a room full of nice smiles and ideas flowing. You all helped us by taking some of the fabric from the store for free and we enjoyed having you. We were worried that you might not come and all the snacks would be left for us to eat and put on weight.

Hope you all had some wine. We will do this again. I know I will see that fabric again in some beautiful and creative quilts.

##### Quilts to Long Beach VA Hospital and Veterans Retirement Home in LA

Our president, Vanda Bresnan and her husband Mike go to Long Beach every week to play cards with the patients. Vanda and Mike will take the quilts to the hospital for us. There is space in their car for a passenger or two if you would like to go along and visit the patients and hand out quilts. Contact Vanda Bresnan.

Instead of storing the quilts for a long period of time, we will give them to Vanda when we have about eight to 12 quilts and she will get them to the hospital. We have been giving them to the patients in spinal cord unit, but Vanda will inquire at the volunteer office to see if another unit is in need of some attention.

It is not so much the quilts, but the bit of conversation we give the patients when we deliver the quilts. Remember, many of them are far from home - some will return to a facility near their homes and some will have Long Beach as their home for some time.

##### Quilts for Our Firefighters

A year and a half ago, Marily Stone-Benjamin and Lynda Guthrie went to our firehouse to ask them if they would like some quilts. They were so excited and couldn't believe that we would make quilts for each of them.

You Crazy Quilters went to work and we completed enough for one shift (13). Now we had two shifts to go. Many of you that quilt at home, made a complete quilt for a firefighter and handed it in. We labeled them for the firefighters and stored them.

As you know, I am the temporary Philanthropy supervisor until December, and then the new president can put someone in charge. I have been a 'fill-in' supervisor for years and the only other available supervisor is Nancy Allen who handles everything for Orangewood. Nancy has so much on her plate that Lynda felt it wasn't fair to ask her to do more.

I wanted to get to know what we had in storage and that is when I found all the quilts for the firefighters. We had enough for two shifts. Vanda and Mike took 13 quilts to the station. That left us with 13 to store. I made a decision to go ahead and deliver the remaining quilts rather than put them back in storage. Marily delivered them this past weekend. They couldn't believe we had completed so many. They were each looking at them and trying to claim the one they wanted for themselves.

It is a good feeling to complete a worthwhile project like this. These are the people that come to help us when we can't breathe or have fallen. We wanted to thank them and I believe they realize this and feel good that the neighborhood wants to thank them in our special Crazy Quilters' way.

All of you who participated in this project should feel good about it and the work you did. Apparently, one of you has a quilt in progress. We can bring this to the station to use for an incoming new firefighter, or we do have a few other projects that we work on. A quilt of the size needed for the firefighters is also the size that could be used for the Orangewood foster children program – see Nancy if this is your interest. Or it might be right for our veterans.

Thanks to all of you for the work you do.

### Upcoming Events



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# CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

Let's enjoy Christmas and Hanukkah  
With Good Friends, Great Food\*, and Holiday Cheer!

Clubhouse 2

(on the patio)

December 13, 2017

4 pm to 7 pm

This is an evening to socialize and relax with friends.

Tickets are **\$16** – everything included 😊

(Members only)

\*pulled pork, chicken, dessert table, punch (with and without alcohol),  
Meats, vegetables and cheese and more.

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**Get your tickets by November 22, absolutely none after that !!**

Contact: Marily Stone-Benjamin for questions

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