

Board Meetings:

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

General Meetings:

2nd 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 - September, 2017



Susan Keller, Editor

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM - By Marily Stone-Benjamin - Vice President, Programs

Vacation is over and we are all anxious to get back to Crazy Quilter activities. September will be a busy month starting out with the Expo on September 2nd. I hope everyone is ready for the display of quilts, the baskets and a good lunch that Mary Castillo is arranging for the Expo.

Then, we start up with Blockheads that Vicki Nardone will present on the first Thursday at Club House 4.

With all this activity, I thought we would be more relaxed at our first fall meeting. I would like each member to bring in a quilt. Every quilt has a story and this quilt should have a story that you can share with us. Perhaps it was your first quilt or has a special memory, or maybe there is a hidden error. Whatever the story, we would like for you to share it. Please participate in this fun afternoon.

The wonderful firefighters will attend (unless they have an emergency) to pick up the quilts we made for the second shift firefighters. Last September, they picked up quilts for the first shift and we now have one shift to go to complete our commitment to make quilts for each one. I heard that we have three quilts already for next year. Keep up the good work ladies.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Vanda Bresnan

Well our summer break is almost over--where did it go? In reality many of the Guild members have been VERY busy working on things for the Guild. First, the 16th birthday celebration on the 11th, which required extreme effort by Marily Stone-Benjamin and Ann Ainsworth with usual ones, Nancy Allen, Pat Clark, Candy McLaughlin, Betty Khzouz, Material Girls and many more in the background. Thanks for the wonderful job that everyone did to make the celebration most enjoyable. Of course Lynda Guthrie's Parade of Hero Quilts was a highlight.

Next BIG project for the Guild is the Quilt Expo on September 2nd at Clubhouse 2 which found Linda Easley and Ann Ainsworth (how does she do it and work?) working to pull this off. Since it is a new event for us, we as members, must do everything to support it. This includes not only display one of our quilts, but providing items to be sold at the Guild table. Naturally you can rent a table to sell your own items. Bring your antique quilts to be appraised with written results for a nominal cost. There will be food for purchase and chances for baskets!!

I trust all of you had a wonderful July and August and are ready to make things happen for you and the Guild.

MEMBERSHIP - By Pat Clark - Vice President

Current Membership: 87

REMINDER: When asked to address the group at the June 14th meeting, I advised that we had 37 members in attendance; However, five members came in after the start of the meeting and, as I've asked before, did not come and tell me they were there. I have to submit an attendance form to CH7 following our meeting. It is important that I have an accurate count of attendees as that determines whether or not we get to keep this great clubhouse for our meetings. So please cooperate and let me know if you come in late. Thank you all for your attention to this.

New member: Claire Kirchen, 3415 Punta Alta, Unit B, B/D 7/2, [702-343-4855](tel:702-343-4855), kirchen9@gmail.com

Directory updates: new email address for Carol Charlton, carolccharlton5581@gmail.com

Marcia Brechtel email update: webrecht1@icloud.com

July, August, and September Birthdays

Helen Bazuin, 7-1	Mae Burton, 8-2	Liz Isom, 9-2
Frances Guzek, 7-2	Vicki Nardone, 8-2	Mary-Lee Turner, 9-11
Claire Kirchen, 7-2	Sandy George, 8-8	Linda Effertz, 9/26
Linda McNamar, 7-7	Marcia Petroni, 8-10	Babe Davies, 9-27
Ann Ainsworth, 7-8	Candyce Cottier, 8-11	Marily Stone-Bejamin, 9-30
Mary McAdara, 7-8	Jean Frisone, 8-14	Laurie Tate, 9-30
Nancy Allen, 7-12	Eleanor Barber, 8-20	
Jeanne Stone, 7-14	Anke Ronnau, 8-31	
Sharon Christensen, 7-17		
Phyllis Holland, 7-22		
Jean Selner, 7-24		
Ruth Bailey, 7-28		



Regarding membership for year 2018: Dues will again be \$30. Beginning in October, you may pay your dues for the upcoming year either at the October (10/11) or November (11/8) general meetings. Final date (to be included in the 2018 Membership Directory) is January 11. Directories and membership cards will be distributed at the February 8th general meeting. You may mail your check for 2018, payable to Crazy Quilter's Guild, to: (to be announced in the December newsletter). Remember, you must be a paid guild member to attend special events like the annual birthday celebration and holiday party.

There may be a new option regarding the directory if interested-- a PDF file. This would save

printing costs and would include quarterly updates sent directly to you.

Facebook: As I mentioned at the June 14 general meeting, it appeared that our page had not been taken down and as the manager of the page, I was going to continue to post photos to the page. However, IT HAS been taken down and there (at this time) is no intention of starting it up again.

BLOCK HEADS- By Jeanne Stone

Summer has come to an end and it is time to get back into the swing of things - including the Guild. For those who are not aware of what Blockheads is and does, it is a group quilting session.

A few years ago we had some members who joined our Guild thinking we would teach quilting. I tried to explain that we were struggling to quilt ourselves and we shared patterns and techniques with each other to improve our craft.

Finally, I thought a group quilting experience where I could demonstrate each step might work for those who were beginners. I spoke to Nancy Allen and between us, we started the Blockheads with Nancy giving the group the name. We alternated demos each month and came up with enough blocks for a military quilt and sometimes enough for an additional small quilt for Orangewood.

Vicky Nardone said she would like to be a demonstrator. Wow! was I happy. Vicky is a wonderful quilter and teacher. She has helped out before but now is a permanent addition.

Please stop by Club House 4 at 1:15 pm on Thursday, September 7th for the first Blockhead Session of the fall. You will meet and work with new friends and learn a new block.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - By Nancy Allen

Hello, Block of the Monthers. I trust you all had a good summer and are ready to sew.

A very easy block to start off the fall season and not many of them. They will be put together with pieced sashing in the Quilt Room on the Thursday following the October general meeting. Be sure to return them no later than the October Meeting, or sooner if you frequent the Quilt Room. Remember: ¼ inch seams and press as you go.

FYI: It was implied at the Birthday Party that I receive compensation for quilting as the longarmers do. I do not, and never have, received payment for quilting any of the Guild's quilts.

Thank you and see you at the September Guild meeting.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS - By Susan Keller

Please send newsletter inputs to me by the 20th of the month. I would like to ask that if you are involved in functions with other guild members, please collaborate with each other and make sure the information is O.K. with each person before sending to me.

MISCELLANEOUS - By Jeanne StoneSHEETS, SHEETS, SHEETS

We have a nice stash of fabrics in the quilt room at Club House 4 and dedicated members making quilts for our approved philanthropy projects. What we need is backing fabrics. We all hate to piece the backing and hunt for fabric that will compliment the quilt. We also try to conserve the best fabrics for the quilt tops. Prices are so high and it seems a waste to put that good fabric on the back of a quilt.

Problem solved. We heard of quilters using sheets. Lynda and I are going to Target when the sales start to buy a few sheets. Meanwhile, take a look at your sheets. Is it time for new ones? Maybe a new color? If the sheets are clean and not stained and you decide to replace them, think of the philanthropy projects. We can use those top sheets. Twin size up. Call me if you have some.

GETTING YOUR QUILT READY FOR LONGARM

QUILT TOP: Square up the quilt top. You want the top and bottom width measurements to be the same, and the two side measurements to match as well. This is extremely important so that they will roll evenly on the rollers and the end result will be a square not skewed quilt. Clip loose threads on both front and back of the quilt. Give entire top a nice pressing. Make sure border seams are pressed flat. Check for and remove stray pins. Pin a note on top edge of quilt that says TOP EDGE and include measurements. Fold loosely and put in bag or box for transport or put on a hanger.

QUILT BACK: Make sure your quilt backing is larger than quilt top. Most longarmers want 6" to 8" more than the top of quilt. Square up the quilt back. Again, top and bottom edges should measure the same and two sides measure the same. Pin a note to back with measurements. Press the back and pin a note marking the top.

BATTING AND DESIGN: Discuss with longarmer.

SHOW & TELL - By Mary McAdara

No show and tell for this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT - By Candy McLaughlin

Door Prizes at Birthday Party: Linda Easley won the 'Cut n Go' prize donated by Jeanne Stone. Linda was excited! Jane Warthen won the Terrarium Planter donated by the RTB's (Road Trip Buddies) friendship group.

June/July 2017 Financial Report

General Checking	\$9,616.64
Philanthropy Checking	\$1,853.43
TOTAL	\$11,470.07
Savings Account	\$502.00
Petty Cash	\$12.75
TOTAL (all accounts)	\$11,984.82

WORKSHOP- By Jeanne Stone

If you have taken any recent classes in quilting, you will realize that there are many changes to quilting. I was told that quilting started with the garments worn under a knight's metal to protect them. Who knows, it was probably long before that. As quilts were made in this country, they were to keep people warm and made from scraps of clothing. Now we have expensive materials that are hand dyed and designed by artists.

When I started quilting about 14 years ago, there were set rules to follow. We all know about the 1/4" seam. We know what tools to use and what backing to prepare. Now I find out from recent meetings with teachers that some of these rules are changing. Like sheets. Now if it is cotton and good quality, low thread count they are acceptable.

Other changes have been made with tools of the trade. Quilting has become big business and a big hobby (expensive too). However, some of the rules remain because they work best. Many of the ladies in the quilt room have asked about a refresher course. Some of the ladies are self-taught and would like some instruction on how to do the job.

We are lucky. We have Mickey Charleston in our Guild and Mickey has been a teacher for many years. She definitely knows the old way, the new way and the best way to quilt. Mickey has agreed to do a workshop. It will be in two sessions. One is October 20 from 9 am to 12:30 pm and one is November 17 from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

The first workshop will be basics and everything needed to get started. The second will be the finishing of the quilt. Yes, Mickey will show how it should be done, but Mickey will also show how she does it. There are many ways to quilt, Mickey will tell you it is "your quilt", but you do want it to turn out to be exceptional.

These workshops will be a big help and taught by an expert. The cost is \$15 each, but you must take both classes. A \$30 check needed to register, payable to Crazy Quilters. Lunch will not be served in half day classes. There will be a 10 am break for coffee and snacks (provided). Your instructions and supply list will be given to you when you sign up. No sewing machines first session. Workshop is at Club House 2 and gate passes provided if needed.

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