

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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Pat Clark



May is just about here and hopefully it will be as nice as April was . . . No May gray! We do, however, have a couple of things to look forward to: 1) an excuse to eat tacos with Cinco de Mayo on May 5th and, 2) on Sunday, May 13th we honor all our Mothers!



I'd like to welcome back Betty Worden and happy to know that she is feeling a lot better.

I hope you all enjoyed our April speaker Susan Hellier. What wonderful work she has created and in a relatively short quilting career. Susan brought along a few of her friends from the Inland Empire Quilters' Guild who displayed their opportunity quilt. The drawing for the quilt will be on May 4th.



So glad to hear that our fundraiser at CH5 on Saturday, April 7th was successful in adding 'speaker funds' to our coffers. Thank you Jeanne Stone for your coordination in this effort.

On Saturday, April 14th, our delightful VP Programs, Vicki Nardone, and I attended the 'Meet the Teachers' event sponsored by SCCQG (Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds) in Carson, CA. What a delight in seeing some of our guild's previous speakers! Vicki and I enjoyed speaking and learning what these speakers might provide in lecture and workshop experiences for us. I went back into our 'newsletter archives' and let Vicki know when some of these speakers visited us. Some of these previous speakers have updated the presentations so you may see some of them again. This will be nice for some of our newer members who have not had the chance to see these talented quilt artists.

Vicki has her work cut out for her on coming up with our future speakers and possible workshops. I'm sure we have some great stuff to look forward to.

Has everyone taken a look at our wonderful crazyquiltersguild.org web site? Our VP Membership's husband Ron is doing a GR8 job! If you haven't already checked it out, you need to do so! Lots of info. Is there something you'd like to see added to our website? Then let Linda Nelson know.

I recently sent a list of on-line fabric stores since we don't really have that many locally anymore. I've purchased from several of these and have found the online pictures of the fabrics to be very true to the actual fabric I've received. So far I've been a happy camper with purchasing quilting & sewing fabrics on-line.

OK, are you ready for another 'TAKE A CHANCE' door prize! Gonna happen this month. It will be 'Mother's Day' related. Ann Davis will be in charge of this special raffle. If you're a gambler, you won't be sorry. Also, since we are recognizing Cinco de Mayo, I'm donating the Monthly Mini drawing item. Again, you won't be sorry. I had fun coming up with this one. I like to alternate my help with the door prize and the monthly mini. However, I don't know if I'd make another 'EGG'. It was fun to do but couldn't wait to get in the shower when I was done!

Also, in regards to our next general meeting, let's all remember that we have a lovely meeting place and that we should leave it as we found it . . . in other words, don't leave your cups, papers, etc. on the tables. Our Hospitality Chairman has a big enough job cleaning up after a meeting. So, just do your fair share and pick up after yourself. Nuff said, OK?

Hey, look what I found on-line . . . a picture of our Judy Karabelnik at her Pennsylvania Quilt Guild in 2015.



Again, just a reminder that you all are welcome to attend our CQ board meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at CH4 in the knitting room. You all have a say-so in what happens in our guild. So come and share in the discussions of our guild's future events. On that note, I'll leave you with this bit of humor:



Door prize winner: Mary King. Monthly Mini winner: Vanda Bresnan.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH - By Ann Ainsworth

Thank you all for the very imaginative House blocks. It will be a very special quilt that we hope to be able to share with you at the next meeting.

The Crumb Quilt blocks are going to be sashed in a neutral and sent off to be quilted for the military.

This month you should be working on the 12" block BLOOM. There was no kit. You have unlimited options as long as your return a 12-inch square block made of cotton fabric so it can be a washable quilt. Come to CH4 and pick from any of the fabrics we have. All Crazy Quilters members are welcome in CH4 on Thursdays from 1-8pm, for scheduled workshops and on Tuesdays from 4-8pm when a supervisor is present. Please check the new website for posting of CH4 quilt room availability.

Next month will be a blue and white traditional courthouse steps block with a twist. A kit will be provided. We hope you like it!

FUNDRAISING - By Jeanne Stone

As you are all aware, we took five tables at the Village Bonanza. I asked for used but not abused clothing and household goods. You all came through with enough to fill several cars to transport the goods to Club House 5. I was amazed, but still a bit anxious. Anxious because so often when someone volunteers to do a job, others are not in favor and don't support them. You all amazed me. You gave me a vote of confidence. I asked for help and some signed up. It was the same people who sign up for everything the Guild does--not this time.

Around 11:00 am, members started coming to the tables asking what they could do. Within

an hour I did not have a job for them and said just mix in and try to sell. They sold, they danced, they laughed. Women were trying on clothing in the aisle and others telling them how to alter the item. What fun.

To my amazement many new members came, I did not know most. Two members came forward. One was Lois and she said, 'I will bring the leftover clothing to 'Laura's House.' She took the clothing home, refolded and cleaned(where necessary) and packed it off to Laura's House. Now this is a new member we want to keep. Another new member called me. Her name is Jan, and she said that she will stay to clean up. She took the items that didn't sell to Good Will. We keep her too. What about the others. They all worked, they all helped, they were all great. I can honestly say we have great members. I kept being told that I should get new members involved – I did and I want to say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. You all made me feel that what I was doing to raise money in a small way was worthwhile and that I need not feel anxious.

Oh! How much did we make? \$399.00. A few things like this and our budget stays solvent. Thank you.



PHILANTHROPY - By Ann Ainsworth

Crazy Quilters Supervised Clubhouse 4 Hours

Crazy Quilters' Supervisors are in the Clubhouse 4 quilt room usually Tuesdays from 4-8 and Thursdays from 1 to 8. As long as there is a supervisor, All CQ members are welcome. If you need a pass for the gate, call any CQ member to put you on the approved gate clearance list. We have the room until 8 pm but it takes 30 minutes to clean up and cool down the irons, so we ask that you plan to stop work at 7:30.

Temporary Change in Tuesday CH4 meeting times in the month of May

The Clubhouse 4 quilt workroom will not be available Tuesdays May 1st, May 8th and May 15th. There will not be a supervisor available for these three Tuesdays only. Normal hours for all Thursdays still apply. We will resume Tuesday hours May 22nd.

We are looking for volunteers to make backs for our quilts to be long-arm quilted. These are military quilts so please, no children's fabrics. The backs must be 72" by 86". Please make

seems ½ inch or larger and iron open for these backings to make it easier for the long arm quilters. There is plenty of fabric in the workroom to choose from.

If you are making tops for our military quilts, we decided on a consistent twin bed size of 64” by 80”. This will make the process to send out for quilting and binding much easier if we can have pre-made backs and bindings available to this size.

With your help, we created 92 quilts since January 2018. We donate the military quilts each month alternately to 29 Palms Marine Base or Pendleton Marine Base. We will also be donating quilts to the Long Beach VA Hospital and The Orangewood Foundation in May 2018. Be proud of yourselves.

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS - By Vicki Nardone

April is turning out to be a great month for the club! We had a wonderful program from Susan Hellier at our meeting on the 11th. Susan’s quilts and her message were an inspiration, as well as a lesson in perseverance! She said it more than once--practice, practice, practice! The many ribbons on her quilts proves it pays!



April also brings us an Attic Windows workshop being delivered by one of our members. It will be held at Clubhouse 4 in our quilt room on Saturday, April 28. We can accommodate 16 comfortably. We still have open spots, so consider joining us to learn this fun technique. Email Workshop co-leader Betty Khzouz (elizabethkhzouz@gmail.com) to register. Cost is only \$15.00 and that includes lunch.



Next month's program will be a real dazzler delivered by Wendy Mathson. Storm at Sea: From Traditional to Contemporary, an Ocean of Design Possibilities



Design explorations using the traditional "Storm at Sea" block, based on her book, "A New Light on Storm at Sea Quilts." Why do those straight seams give the feeling of curves? How can a century-year-old block pattern work with current fabrics and color combinations for a fresh new look? You'll be amazed at how this versatile block can produce such a wide variety of unique quilt designs.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our next event, whichever that might be!

Thank you for your support, and if you have program and/or workshop ideas, please let Betty, Sue or me know!

SHOW AND TELL - By Karen Sweet

Laurie Tate and Shari Riter showed their projects from the February modern/art quilt workshop by Allyson Allen. Shari also shared her quilt that consisted of strips of flying geese, bow tie, and 9-patch on a floral background, and another beautiful quilt made of ocean colors.





Linda Nelson shared a “signature” quilt that was made as a wedding gift for her son. It contained handwritten wishes from friends & family on all of the white blocks.



Jeannie Jacobson's 12-patch quilt in solid colors was simply stunning with a black & white diamond as the background.



Marily Stone-Benjamin shared her gorgeous bordered 9-patch quilt made completely from batiks.



Betty Khzouz shared her beautiful and fascinating lap size quilt made in all equilateral triangles with a rectangle border & made completely from silk ties!



And finally, many of the ladies that work on the philanthropy projects came to the stage to show just a few of the quilts that they either pieced, bordered, layered, banded, quilted or labeled. It really does take a lot of work, cooperation and dedication to complete one quilt.



TREASURER'S REPORT - By Candy McLaughlin

I want to let everyone know that we changed our bank. We now have Wells Fargo checking for the Guild.

Financial Report for March 2018:

Checking Account	\$7,787.72
Philanthropy Account	\$1,668.12
Savings Account	\$502.02
Petty Cash	<u>\$14.25</u>
TOTAL	\$9,972.11

These figures will change next month because of our new bank. We do not have a Savings Account any more--those funds will be included in our regular checking account.

The Bazaar that we participated in at Clubhouse 5 on April 7th netted a profit of \$399.00 for our club. Thanks to everyone who donated items and worked that day. Good job everyone!

Upcoming Events

Would you like to go to Quilt-in-a-Day for presentations by Eleanor Burns and bargains on patterns, equipment and fabric?

The Sassy Quilters of Mission Viejo are planning a trip in June. Since Eleanor wants a minimum number of guests, they are offering The Crazy Quilters an opportunity to join them.

There are no details yet. You have to get there under your own power by carpooling or driving.

If you think you'd like to go, please phone or email Ruth Bailey to be put on the list.

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