

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 - April, 2017



Susan Keller, Editor

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

We have an exciting program for April. Chico's will do a fashion show for us for the woman over fifty. I am planning to have the round tables set up to have a more elegant setting for the show and have tea sandwiches and cookies with iced tea on each table.

Our own members will model the clothes and show off the casual elegance of the Chico's line. The clothes from Chico's fit all sizes and are comfortable - just what we like. Please bring your friends and neighbors as guests to enjoy this show. Guests are welcome for a donation fee of \$5 (same as any regular meeting).

Flying Geese Quilters Guild will show their Opportunity Quilt at our April 12 meeting. This quilt is beautiful. We hope you will support the efforts of Flying Geese as they support us.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Vanda Bresnan

Once again I must comment on the talent that we have in our Guild. In fact, it was our speaker Phyllis Holland. Her truck show was unbelievable for she has taken many classes from world-class quilters. She created the quilts partly by the way the teacher instructed and THEN off she went adding her creativity. What a wonderful presentation she did! Thanks, Phyllis!



Now for next month, our fashion show by Chico's will be a wonderful break from the norm BUT remember your show and tell, so we can stay on the quilt theme.

I am pleased to announce that one of our new members, Ann Ainsworth, VOLUNTEERED to be our secretary (YEAH). Naturally I accepted her request to be secretary, but she will need to be approved by the Board at our Board meeting on April 5th. Happy Spring to ALL!

MEMBERSHIP - By Pat Clark - Vice President

Total members: 86

New member: Rita Vettrano, 1 Via Castilla, Unit T, 319-427-3373 BD 5/26
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Facebook: 196 likes. General Meeting pictures are posted to:
https://www.facebook.com/pg/CrazyQuiltersLagunaWoods/likes/?ref=page_internal

Special pictures of the quilt recipient of Deb Stewart's quilt. Deb made this quilt for her friend currently going through treatment for breast cancer. Let's all say a prayer for Deb's friend that she will enter the ranks of breast cancer survivors.



April Birthdays

KIRKPATRICK, Angelina	4/7
GRAY, Gertrude	4/16
JEFFRIES, Dorothy	4/17
KRISTIANSEN, Mary	4/21
AMEMIYA, Michiko	4/22
MINNEHAN, Paula	4/24
PAAR, Diane	4/30
POSTON, Elaine	4/30

Happy Birthday!

Door Prize winner: Mary Castillo



ANN'S CUT UPS - By Helen Bazuin

One of "Ann's Cut Ups" has truly lived up to our name. Pat Lange, who is noted for her

fabulous long arm quilting and generosity with it, decided to do something she had on her bucket list.

Now this was not your everyday, run of the mill wish. It seems she wanted to go skydiving so she actually did it a few weeks ago. We saw the video of it - Wow! She looked like a pro. Now she's talking about zip lining. Can you tell she's the youngest member of our friendship group?

BASKETS FOR THE FALL EXPO OF QUILTS - By Jeanne Stone

The baskets that Crazy Quilters made for our fund raising events have become well known throughout the Village. The baskets are filled with really good items related to the basket theme and attendees can purchase tickets (\$1 each or six for \$5) for a chance to win one. We always make money and the winners are so pleased. This year, we will be showing off our work at the Expo and I hope the baskets will again be outstanding.

I have called on members to be captains to gather goodies for the baskets. This is done by asking friends for things, going to merchants for donations and being creative. After the captains get all the things for the baskets, they will call me and bring the things to my house for gift wrapping. After wrapping and pretty bows, they will take them home until September 2nd (date of Expo).

The friendship groups and one individual came forward to make baskets for our Expo. They picked the following themes for the baskets they are making. If you have anything to contribute to their baskets, please give to the contact persons below:

Chocolate by the Cut Ups - Betty Khzouz
Spa by Quilt Therapy - Harriet Schmitt
Kitchen - Mary Castillo

I will need some additional help. One or two people to help me decorate the table and several people to sell tickets (believe me they sell themselves when they see the baskets).

One of the baskets is the money tree. I am asking members to put a dollar on the money tree and that will be a basket. Our money tree will be the basket centerpiece. There is over \$60 on the tree already. I will bring the tree to our April meeting for those who may have missed it. Hope many will participate.

Thank you all for the help you have given in the past and remember we do this to maintain a budget to keep our Guild solvent so that we can have the programs and things that we do for fun. See you at the meeting, hopefully with a dollar in hand to put on the tree.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - By Nancy Allen

Hello Block of the Monthers. A big thank you to you all.

While showing "Reverse Role" (the blue and green quilt) last month, I neglected to especially thank the two girls who put the quilt top together-- Kuniko Hosaka and Ann Ainsworth. Your work is so appreciated.

If I can manage it, you'll get to see the "Plaid" quilt from last month. Only three blocks needed adjusting. A 1/4" foot is a wonderful tool, but the person using it has the brains. If your block is shy of required size, you need to let out seams by a thread or two. If too large, the seam needs to be taken in a thread or two. Sometimes pressing the seams in the opposite direction does the trick. Accuracy is so important when 25 to 30 people are making the blocks for ONE quilt.

A tip or two for keeping fabric edges together without twisted seams. Always add the new strip on the under side, face up. Place your seamed piece face down matching edges and ends. Take a couple of stitches. With needle down it acts as your third hand. Make sure you can see a thread of the under piece all the way to the end. Hang on to the final ends with a solid pinch. If it's a long seam, stop every so often to be sure you can still see that under thread while also keeping the visible seams from twisting. You'll have beautiful seams every time!

I think we'll have stars this month with much lighter colors. It's Spring, after all. Don't forget to pick up your block packet.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS - By Susan Keller

Please submit inputs for the newsletter to me by the 20th of the month.

Thank you to Pat Clark--she provides the photos every month for the newsletter, and has been doing so since I've been the newsletter person.

MONTHLY MINI- By Corrine Cesvet

Vanda Bresnan again was the lucky winner of the Monthly Mini.



SHOW & TELL - By Mary McAdara

At our March meeting, three members and one Friendship Group who showed their quilts.

Carol Charlton presents her stained glass quilt that she made from fabrics she had been collecting for years. She thanked Vicky Nardone for doing a spectacular job on the quilting. Deb Stuart showed off her beautiful "Flowers for Linda" quilt, that she made for a friend with breast cancer. The Quilt Therapy Group presented a quilt that Laurie Tate, one of their members, found on line. She created a pattern and showed the members how to make the fast and easy quilt that will go to philanthropy for the firefighters. Nancy Allen presented the latest philanthropy quilt made from blocks contributed by our guild members.

Please remember to call me at [949-205-6561](tel:949-205-6561) to put your name on the list for Show & Tell. I will send you an information form for presenting your quilt.

WORKSHOP - By Jeanne Stone

Of our last four workshops, three were demonstrated by our members and one was by a speaker from Southern California.

I want to thank the members who so generously gave their time and talent to make the workshops interesting: Mary Castillo for doing a workshop on the thread catchers, we all need one by our machines; Linda Nelson for doing a class on hand applique and one on silk ribbon embroidery. I heard the silk ribbon class converted two members who did not like to do hand sewing to embrace the silk ribbon technique.

The next workshop will be in the fall and I am trying to work out a date with Ann Turley. We had Ann as a speaker this year and the members responded positively to her program. Recently, I went on a cruise to Hawaii and Ann taught one of the classes. She is a good teacher and came up with a new technique that was interesting and fun. The problem is getting a room in Laguna Woods that is open at a time that Ann is available. I will let you know as soon as I do.

The workshops are a fun way to learn a new technique and to get to know each other in a small setting. Fortunately, our president believes it should be a service to the members to have workshops and it is not a money maker. I would love to hear from you as to what techniques you would like. I would also like to hear from members who might have a technique or quilt that they would like to demonstrate. I do pay the teacher a small sum to cover the cost of her prep work and supplies and time teaching. Lunch is covered as it is simple and I try to make it tasty, so the \$15 fee remains unless it is an outside teacher as they have a set fee.

Until the next workshop, thank you all for your support.

Upcoming Events

The Flying Geese Quilters Guild presents its quilt show, "Quilts for All Seasons" (www.QuiltsForAllSeasons.com) on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. & Sunday, June 4th, 2017 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at SOKA University in Aliso Viejo, California.

Over 300 traditional and non-traditional style quilts will be on display. It brings together the "best of the best" in quilt making, with aisles of displays, retail exhibits, craft boutique, raffle baskets, antique quilts display and live quilt auction at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3rd. Free parking. \$10 admission.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Howe, at mhowe93@gmail.com or 949-394-5497 cell/text.

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