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HE IS RISEN!!

Personal photo taken in March of 2018 on tour of Israel with Valley Baptist Church. Picture is of the empty tomb! Janice Biggs

President's Message

by Pat Ruiz

The spring weather is here and how beautiful the flowers and trees are blooming. How thankful are we to Mother Nature's love for color and different patterns (flowers) that are passed on to quilters everywhere!

Thank you all who participated in the Spring isolette challenge. We have so many creative quilters in our guild. How blessed is Cotton Patch Quilters of Kern County.

Don't forget to consider being a part of the Board for 2019/2020. There is still need to fill nominations for 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Director of Membership & Director of Communications. Don't be shy or "worried" about taking on these positions. You will have help with learning and handling the position from the awesome Board members who are continuing in 2019/2020.

Have a Blessed Easter!!



TIME FOR NOMINATIONS!

It's that time of the year for nominations for the 2019/2020 CPQ Board Members! Board positions are needed for the following:

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Director of Membership

Director of Communications

Responsibilities for each position are included in the Bylaws of your directories. If you are interested in one of the above positions, please contact Mary Brown at (661) 477-1876 or email her at mbrown1777@att.net

APRIL AT A GLANCE

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| Apr 11 | CPQ Board Meeting
Pat's House
10606 Alondra Drive, Bak
(661) 203-3035 |
| Apr 18 | CPQ Guild Meeting
Riverlakes Community Center
"Fun with Friends"
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Apr 18 | CPQ at Night
Riverlakes Community Center
6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Facilitator: Darla Hall |
| TBA | Quilt Show Meeting
Darla's House / 6:00 p.m.
All Members Welcome
7204 Norris Rd., Bak
(661) 709-6072 |



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR
40TH RUBY JUBILEE

CPQ Members:

Get your sewing machines tuned up and oiled, dig out your quilt patterns and start preparing NOW! Our big quilt show is on the horizon and it's definitely a BIG one!

There will be categories for Masters, Children and Art quilts!

Date: February 28-29, 2020

Place: The Iron Lily

Address: 424 24th Street, Bakersfield

The Iron Lily is a brand new venue in Bakersfield with plenty of room for not only our guild, but vendors, other community guilds AND, the quilt competition will be open to the public!

- Special Speaker, Stacey Day, Friday night (with trunk show) and class on Saturday!
- AND! Stacey promises a special 40th Ruby Jubilee quilt pattern just for this event. Patterns will be available for sale in our boutique! Isn't that exciting?!?!



By day, Stacey is an unassuming X-Ray Technologist in hot pink scrubs living in beautiful British Columbia. At night (and naptime) she transforms into an award winning quilter, pattern writer, designer, and author of "Child's Play Quilts". Stacey writes and designs quilts for fabric designers such as Tula Pink, Kaffe Fassett and Amy Butler, to name a few. Her work has appeared in numerous quilt shows and trunk shows across North America, and she has won ribbons for her quilts at AQS Lancaster, the Canadian National Juried Show, and the Hoffman Challenge. When Stacey isn't quilting she can be found in a blanket fort full of cats and small children. You can follow the quilty happenings on her website, staceyinstitches.com, or on Instagram @staceyinstitches.



See Page 6 of this newsletter for volunteer positions waiting for YOU!

CPQ APRIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Place: Riverlakes Community Center

"Fun with Friends"

Our April meeting is going to be an easy, fun, "getting acquainted/friendship" theme! Please be ready for a crazy game of left, right, center by bringing two fat quarters and a brand spankin' new spool of thread, of your choice! Hope you can all make it! I hear there will be some great goodies too!!

CPQ NIGHT MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019

Time: 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Riverlakes Community Center

Meeting Facilitator: Darla Hall

CPQ MAY MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Place: Riverlakes Community Center

Speaker: Jean Impey

"Are you Crushing your Creativity?"

CPQ NIGHT MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019

Time: 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Riverlakes Community Center

Meeting Facilitator: Darla Hall

MAY WORKSHOP WITH JEAN IMPEY

Be sure to sign up for this workshop! Jean will teach us how to create a stunning wall hanging by bringing a vintage postcard to life!

Date: Friday, May 17, 2019

Place: Thimble Towne, Bakersfield

(keep an eye on the website for updates and registration!)

Members - \$35

Non-members - \$40

Blocks for the Brave



Join us every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Thimble Towne to work on quilt tops, binding, pillow cases, cutting and pressing. Just bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies, along with your enthusiasm! All supplies are available there! We are always happy to have new volunteers join us!

Thanks,

Donna Haynes - (661) 345-6701

Deborah Kelton - (805) 760-0490



SPECIAL REQUEST FOR APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Our April CPQ meeting is going to be a special "get acquainted/friendship" meeting. As such, special treats/desserts would be really nice. Please consider! I'll send an email reminder a few days prior to the meeting. Thank you!

April Birthdays

Apr 1	Jaye Emrys
Apr 2	Loanne Vanden Berge
Apr 3	Kathy Allen
Apr 12	Karin Fitzsimons
Apr 13	Chic Cloud
Apr 15	Rose Swan
Apr 16	Lois Regan
Apr 21	Sharon Godley
Apr 21	Mary Beth Ryman
Apr 23	Maggie Adams
Apr 24	LaNita Northway
Apr 25	Gail Clark
Apr 28	Judy Walker

2019 CHALLENGE QUILTS

The first Isolette Quilt Challenge occurred at the March day meeting. Approximately 20 adorable entries were received.



Great job Ladies!

Those present got to vote, and one 1st Placewinner (*Maggie Adams*) received \$25.00! *Woo-hoo!*



All quilters can participate in the **2019 Isolette Quilt Challenge**. Entries are open to both members and visitors alike. The more entries there are, the more fun it is. We really do love seeing all that creativity and talent! All quilt entries received are then promptly donated to our local NICU's.

Quilt Challenge questions (or other member concerns) may be directed to **Maggie Adams**, CPQ Member at Large.

Cell: (661) 912-4537

Email: margaretadamms@yahoo.com

Isolette Quilt Challenges remaining are:

4th of July Theme -- June 20th Day Meeting

**Halloween Theme -
- September 19th Day Meeting**

**Christmas Theme -
- November 21st Day Meeting**

Size is 32" x 32" cotton only, no flannel.



Membership Chairman
Mary Jo Henry

The time has come once again to renew your dues! Remember, the dues are \$30. You can renew online at www.cottonpatchquiltguild.org, or at the upcoming meeting (day or night), or mail me a check made payable to CPQ. The guild membership is now up to 173 since Cheryl Peoples and Melanie Henson joined and quite a few members have renewed already! Make sure to welcome Cheryl at the day meeting, and Melanie at the night meeting! Don't forget to stop by the membership table for quilt show flyers, our quilt show pins, your name tag (if you ordered one, or would like to order one), checking off your name on sign-in sheets, volunteering for a committee or asking a question!

Happy Sewing!

Mary Jo Henry, Director of Membership



Paws for a Cause

For March, we made and donated 37 pet beds for our local shelters. Yay! Don't forget to pick up kits at our next meeting. Any and all donations of fabric, scraps or batting are appreciated. Thanks all. Let's keep it going,

Cat Foster - (831) 682 6024



Sweet Dreams is alive and well and our members show much love and interest as they turn in pillow cases for kids who are in shelters. Chairman is needed and would be responsible to prepare fabric kits for meetings and be available at the table at the meetings. Please contact Stacey Heredia at (661) 401-4492 if you're interested.

Thimbleful of Wisdom by Sheila K. Plaz

"Pray big - worry small.
Trust God - love one another.
Laugh more - stress less.
Have faith - rejoice & be grateful."

Ronald McDonald
(RM) House
420 34th Street
Bakersfield CA (661) 327-4647



Wow! I want to give a great big thank you to everyone that donated! I had a wagon full to take to the Ronald McDonald House! We have very generous members! The staff at RMH thank us very much for everything! When I delivered the donations to RMH, I saw that the house is all framed up and it looks great! It will not be long before it is finished. Once again, thank you all!

Carla Talley

Loving Hands



60+ Isolettes were collected last month and 50 of those were sent on to the NICUs at Memorial, Adventist Health, Kern Medical and Mercy Southwest. All of the Easter challenge quilts were included in our deliveries. So many pretty quilts!!! The last month to turn in isolettes for your commitment will be at the June meeting, and those who make at least 9 quilts will be recognized at the July meeting. Remember, even though you may not have committed to make a monthly Isolette, you are invited to participate in Loving Hands by making one occasionally.

Isolette Specs: All cotton, 32" x 32", batting, no raw edges please, stitched authentic guild label, and washed. Happy Easter,

Patty Ruetters

CPQ QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Seriously! What woman doesn't love a well-stocked boutique! "Well stocked" being the key word for our CPQ Boutique within our 2020 Ruby Jubilee Quilt Show! And, with our enthusiastic and talented Chairman, Karin Fitzsimons, we can be promised only the best! Karin and her committee are anxious to invite all of our members to participate by making any and all variety of items for our show! Karin will be holding meetings off and on in the next several months as time progresses, AND there will be a boutique sew-in later this year with all items made to help stock our boutique! There will be kits and/or instructions ready to hand out, so just show up! Here are some ideas that Karin and her committee have come up with, but hey! If you already have something in mind, all ideas are encouraged! Here ya go! Be thinking about what you'd like to make!

Kitchen Items:

Potato Micro Bags
Pot Holders
Jar Openers
Oven Mitt
Crochet Pot Holders
Cord Holders

Baby Items:

Burp Cloths
Bibs
Crochet Items
Pacifier Holders

Laundry Room:

Mesh Bags

Automobile:

Trash Bags
Project Bags for Kids

Seasonal Items:

Mug Rugs (pieced or machine embroidered)
Table Runners
Tissue Holders

Sewing Room:

Cord Holders
Pin Cushions
Thread Catcher
Foot Pedal Pad
Project Bags
Lanyards (scissors, name badges, etc.)
Mug Rugs (pieced or machine embroidered)
Needle Holders

Miscellaneous Items:

Tissue Holders
Key Fobs
Luggage Tags
Mug Rugs
Micro Neck Warmers w/Rice
Pillow Cases
Fat Quarters
Bags for Travel
Boxy Totes from Placemats and/or fabric
Chapstick Holders
Jewelry Travel Wallet
Fabric Baskets (pieced or machine embroidered)
Decorative Pillow (pieced or machine embroidered)
Gift Bags (pieced or machine embroidered)
Journal Covers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

With the opportunity quilt nearly finished, it is time to promote and sell tickets for this beautiful quilt, which is one of CPQ's main source of funds. Please join the Marketing Committee (duties listed below) and be a part of the success to show the awesome craftsmanship of our guild.

Opportunity Quilt Marketing Committee:

- 1) Print publicity flyers and sales tickets
- 2) Encourage members to sell tickets
- 3) Arrange for quilt to be displayed and tickets sold in quilt shops and at appropriate events.
- 4) Provide a report to the general membership at monthly guild meetings as necessary.
- 5) Raffle Basket Chairperson

If Interested, please contact Pat Ruiz at ruiz_patricia@sbcglobal.net or text at 661-203-3035.

SHOW AND TELL



Officers and Committee Chairmen


2018-2019

President	Pat Ruiz	(661) 203-3035
1 st Vice President	Krystina Steed	(661) 378-6352
2 nd Vice President	Kathy Allen	(661) 747-2403
Treasurer	Karin Fitzsimmons	(702) 219-1478
Secretary	Karen Blount	(661) 330-5838
Parliamentarian	Mary Brown	(661) 477-1876
Member-at-Large	Maggie Adams	(661) 912-4537
Director of Philanthropy	Stacey Heredia	(661) 401-4492
Director of Membership	Mary Jo Henry	(661) 809-0433
Director of Communications	Debra Clutter	(661) 706-2999
Director of Quilt Show	Darla Hall	(661) 839-5805

We are in need of Chairmen for the following committees. Please contact one of the directors listed above if you're interested in serving.

Bus Trips Responsible for making arrangements for a bus, (most likely Orange Belt) for our guild to be able to attend various quilt shows throughout the year, as a group. Also responsible for taking RSVP's from members. Chairman may ask someone within the guild to assist making arrangements for an event, as need be.

Photographer Patty Ruetters is currently serving as photographer, however she is willing to give it up if someone might be interested. She will finish this year at June 30.

 Note: Pictures are always appreciated at the various classes and events by anyone in attendance for the newsletter. Please submit photos with names, if possible, to newsletter editor at gmanbiggs@gmail.com

Sweet Dreams We need a Chairman for this important charity as soon as possible. Chairman is responsible for making kits for the meeting and chairing the table at the meeting. Please call Stacey Heredia at (661) 401-4492 for questions or to express interest. Pillow cases are for children in the area shelters.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Blocks for the Brave	Donna Haynes/Debbie Kelton	Opportunity Drawing/Day	Laura Rude
Bus Trips	?	Opportunity Drawing/Night	Sharon Casey
Challenge Quilts	Maggie Adams	Opportunity Quilt	Debra Clutter
Christmas Party	?	Paws for a Cause	Catherine Foster
Evening Mtg Facilitator	Darla Hall	Photographer	Patty Ruetters
Greeter	Jennifer Armantrout	Ronald McDonald House	Carla Talley
Hospitality	Janice Biggs	Show 'N Tell	Sharon Godley
Loving Hands/Day	Patty Ruetters	Storage Unit	Diane Chapman
Loving Hands / Night	Rebecca Wells	Sunshine	Deanie Hogan
Membership	Mary Jo Henry	Sweet Dreams	?
Newsletter	Janice Biggs	Website	Debra Clutter