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President's Message

Pat Ruiz

The CPQ Board has received calls regarding the start-up of in-person General Meetings since the process of COVID vaccines is in full force and the drop in COVID cases. As of this date, Kern County is in the Orange Tier, which still has restrictions that affect CPQ General Meetings. The main effect is many churches and other venues needed for CPQ to have an in-person General Meeting are still not allowing for gatherings in their venues.

Venues/churches that have been contacted by the CPQ Board are 1st Presbyterian, Valley Baptist, Grace Baptist, Mill Creek Christian, St. Paul's Episcopal, Riverlakes Community Center and a few more. There have been other places visited by CPQ Board members, such as Fraternal Order of Eagles, Bakersfield Racquet Club and Superintendent of Schools, but parking would have been an issue.

PLEASE NOTE. If you are a member of a church that has a room capable of having a CPQ General Meeting, please contact the church for availability and cost, then pass on the information to any Board member for further processing. Churches prefer to work with members than non-members.

I want to assure CPQ members the Board is actively working in the startup of in-person General Meetings. The in-person contact, sharing friendships, quilt projects and face-to-face conversations has been missed and hopefully will be possible soon!



NOMINATIONS FOR 2021/2022 CPQ BOARD

The time is near for the start of a new CPQ 2021/2022 Board. The nominations for the CPQ Executive Board positions are:

- **President - Open**
- **1st Vice President – Penne Sherer (incumbent)**
- **2nd Vice President – Sharon Mettler - nomination**
- **Treasurer – Karin Fitzsimons (incumbent)**
- **Secretary – Karen Blount - nomination**
- **Parliamentarian - Open**
- **Member at Large – Carla Talley (incumbent)**
- **Director of Membership – Gail Clark (incumbent)**
- **Director of Communications - Denise Henson - nomination**
- **Director of Philanthropic – Sandra Ferguson (incumbent)**
- **Director of Quilt Show – This position is not up for nomination, as it is a 2-year position.**

MAY AT A GLANCE

- **May 13** CPQ Zoom Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.
- **May 20** CPQ General Meeting 1:30 p.m.
(Social/Check-in time 1:00 p.m.)
Guest Speaker /Fiber Artist “Mary Tobar”
- **May 20** 6:15 p.m. CPQ at Night with Darla Hall
(Social/Check-in time 6:00 p.m.)
“Traveling Quilts with CPQ Members”
- **May 21 (Fri)** Zoom Workshop with Mary Tabar
“Star Spangled Snip and Flip Holiday Star”
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
\$35.00 Members (includes pattern)
\$45.00 Non-Members (includes pattern)
Register at www.cottonpatchquiltguild.org

Responsibilities for each position are in the Bylaws which are posted on the website and in the Membership Directory. If you are interested in one of the two positions still open or have any questions, please contact Pat Ruiz at 661-203-3035 or email at pattee31@gmail.com.

The CPQ Board listed above will be presented at the **May Zoom General Meeting for voting** by the general membership in attendance.

Remember, CPQ is only as strong as its members, so please consider volunteering for a 2021/2022 Board position!!

CPQ QUILTING TOGETHER

COMING IN JULY!!!

Countdown to Christmas with Janice Biggs

Every Saturday beginning July 3

Est. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

If you're interested, please call or text

Janice 661-699-0157

"Bonnie's Group"

This Friday group will remain open all day and through the evening for open sewing!

Fridays 9:00 a.m. May 7, 14, 21, 28

Leader: Sandra Ferguson

(661) 588-7598 or Cell (209) 275-8242

This group loves anything scrappy! Bonnie Hunter is a guild favorite, and she just posted this year's fabric color choices! So come enjoy sewing along with other scrappy quilters. You may work on Bonnie's latest, or whatever you choose on your own!. Come join the fun! Meeting will be open as late as anyone continues to stay logged on!

"Keep on Stitchin' " (Philanthropic projects)

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. May 4, 11, 18, 25

Leader: Janice Biggs

(661) 699-0157

This group works on our philanthropic projects, as they choose. The Chairs of each group offer free kits of fabric etc, so all you need is to offer your time and talent to this group!.

Wool Group

Canceled

"EPP" (English Paper Piecing) Group

Canceled

2021 Boutique Group

1st Wednesday of every month 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 5

Leader: Karin Fitzsimons

(702) 219-1478

3rd Wednesday of every month 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 19

Leader: Janice Biggs

(661) 699-0157

This group works on items to be sold at our 2021 fall CPQ Boutique to be held October 23, 2021.



Monthly Challenge

Sandra Ferguson, Director of Philanthropy
(661) 588-7598 or cell (209) 275-8242

Ladies! Don't forget about our ongoing monthly challenge! Details below. If you have any questions, give Sandra a call!

1 Pillowcase for Sweet Dreams

1 Pillowcase for Blocks for the Brave

1 Isolette for Loving Hands

1 Pet Bed for Paws for a Cause

1 Food or Toiletry/cleaning item for the RMC House

Free Fabric Bundles!

You may pick up a fabric bundle for all of these projects at Sandra's house, or use your own stash. Two ways to do that:

1. Call Sandra and make arrangements for pick up at her house, 13319 Nantucket Place, Bakersfield 93314.
or
2. Pick up a bundle at Sandra's the morning of our general meeting each month from 10-noon.

After you've completed your items, you may submit:

1. Directly to Sandra by calling to make arrangements for drop off.
2. Drop off at Sandra's the morning of the general meeting each month from 10am -noon.
3. Drop off at Cherry Berry in a bag marked CPQ. Be sure your name is on the items inside.

And please don't forget your food, toiletry or cleaning items for the Ronald McDonald House! That will complete your 5 items to be in the challenge!



1st and 2nd Vice Presidents
Penne Sherer (661) 330-5814
Denise Henson (661) 619-2643

Happy May! We hope everyone is seeing many May flowers! Summer is around the corner. The Guild has an amazing lecture and workshop scheduled for May. The project will surely shout "Patriotic" and be ready for display for Memorial Day or July 4th. Mary Tabar from San Diego will be our guest speaker at our May General Meeting and also be teaching her workshop, **"Star Spangled Snip and Flip Holiday Star"** on Friday, May 21st. Mary is a fiber artist and is the author of a line of patterns called "Snip and Flip". She is a talented quilter and speaker. Her website is www.marytabar.com

Mary's lecture **"Notan, the Light and Dark of Design"** will be presented during our May General Meeting on May 20th. This lecture will be a combination of a short PowerPoint presentation, with a trunk show that details what a Notan design represents. Quilters will gain confidence to try a new technique of machine appliqué and learn new design ideas.

Notan is a Japanese term, which literally means "light dark harmony". Artists use "Notan studies" to explore different arrangements of light and dark elements in paintings and other forms of art.

Mary's workshop **"Star Spangled Snip and Flip Holiday Star"** will be on Zoom Friday, May 21st. This workshop will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This workshop will teach quilters the design of Notan. They will cut, flip and fuse appliqué squares for machine appliqué. Freeform border curves are also taught in this class. The cost of the class is \$35.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members. The pattern is included. **Don't delay, register today!**



Darla's Evening Meeting is always a lot of fun! This month, Darla will be discussing the Traveling Quilt projects and explaining how to join in and have fun participating in this activity. Darla will organize teams for Traveling Quilts. Everyone in a team will make a center for their own quilt, and then pass the quilt along to another member of their team. The team member will add a border and pass to the next team member, and so on, until you receive your completed quilt top back. Darla will certainly explain this much better than my brief explanation. **Come join the Zoom evening meeting at 6:15 p.m. on May 20th.** The Zoom ID and Passcode is the same as our day General Meeting.

In June, CPQ usually has an end of year ice cream social. We are currently working on the possibility of an in-person event, and masks will be encouraged. The venue has yet to be decided, however, we are thrilled that our city is moving into the Yellow Tier and that so many of our members have been vaccinated. We will keep you posted on the details of our June program.

In the Fall, we have two speakers/workshops scheduled; Sandra Mollon and Dora Cory. October will be our Boutique. Poof, and this year is flying by already. CPQ is currently looking into speakers and classes for 2022 and 2023. We would like your input. If you would like to see a type of workshop or a particular teacher/speaker, please let us know. Also, any activity you think the members would like to see offered at CPQ, we are interested in hearing from you. Reach out to Penne Sherer @ (661) 330-5814 or pscherer@me.com Make it a great day and have a happy May!

Denise and Penne



MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 2 Lorna Quiggle
 May 4 Rebeca Wells
 May 5 Patricia King
 May 8 Kim Linder
 May 14 Donna Haynes
 May 14 Connie Alvarado
 May 15 Judy Colin
 May 24 Cher Ami Pannell
 May 27 Virginia Cebell
 May 28 Brenda Preston
 May 29 Cynthia Brakeman
 May 29 Karen Blount
 May 31 Lucia Haney

A Thimbleful of Wisdom

by Shazila R. Planz

“Silence is golden.
 Unless you have kids.

Then silence is
 suspicious.”



Gail Clark

Director of Membership
 (661) 398-8085

Greetings from the Membership Table. I hope that you have enjoyed the weather in the 70's because it seems like we are going to hit the 90's very shortly! For me, that is sewing under a fan and finding pieces under the table where they have blown off.

Isn't the patriotic pattern that will be in our May workshop with Mary Tabar just stunning? Everyone loves red, white and blue and it is just in time for Memorial Day! Hope you can join us.

Our renewal of membership time is here. The system has sent out renewal notices. Dues are \$30. Our year runs from July 1 to June 30. You may send me a check, made out to CPQ, if you do not want to pay online. My address is 616 Winchester Street, Bak 93309. Stay cool and may all your seams be straight (unless you want them crooked!)

Gail



VENUE FOR BOUTIQUE

Karin and her Boutique Committee are diligently searching for a venue to have our boutique October 23, 2021. A suggestion was recently made that one of our members might be willing to open their home for our boutique, creating more of a "homey/warmer" atmosphere. If anyone is interested in providing your home, please contact Karin at (702) 219-1478.



2021 BOUTIQUE

Chair, Karin Fitzsimons
(702) 219-1478

October will be here before we know it, ladies! We are requesting each of our members to make at least 5 items so we can have a full display of beautiful items! We have several quilt tops that have been donated that some of our ladies are generously quilting for us on their longarms. If you have a longarm and time to volunteer, there are quilts needing quilting. We also need volunteers for binding (binding fabric included).

Our Boutique sewing groups are active and fun! Such things as cute doll clothes, table runners, pot holders, microwave bowls (MUST be completely 100% cotton, including thread), and any other item you would enjoy creating for a friend would most likely sell very well at our boutique. So don't be shy or intimidated about stepping up to help make this a successful CPQ boutique!

Be sure to check out Karin's Pinterest ideas. Just log into Pinterest and search her name (Karin Fitzsimons) and search her 2021 Boutique ideas. She has so many cute ideas and fun things to make. We have our boutique Zoom groups the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Log on info as follows:

ID: 956 5619 3705
Passcode: 7022191

We are currently searching for a venue, so keep that in mind (possibly even your home?). If you have any suggestions, please call me at the above phone number. We are also asking members to price your own items. We will have tags, bags, etc available for your use as we get closer to time.

I want to thank members who have already graciously stepped up to do some of our longarm quilting. Please consider quilting one or two, if possible, if you have a longarm.

LOVING HANDS



Loving Hands Chair
Patty Ruetters
(661) 392-0558



Dear Members,

Every month I am inspired by your creativity. We received 25 isolettes and distributed 31 to the local NICUs. Thank you to those of you who donated this month. You can see pictures of the quilts on our Facebook page – check it out!

June is the last month to turn in a quilt to count toward this year's awards. Any quilts submitted to Sandy Ferguson for the philanthropic challenge will count towards your total. No matter how you turn in your isolettes, please be sure to sew on a CPQ label.

The next drop will be at my house, 2617 Deerbrook Street, on May 22 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Just leave the quilts in a bag with your name attached. As always I'll have fabric bundles for you to browse or you can use fabric from your stash. Please feel free to call me if you need batting or labels.

Have a Happy Mother's Day!

Patty



PAWS FOR A CAUSE

Sharon Godley

(661) 390-5345

GREAT JOB LADIES!

We donated 65 pet beds for April .. that's just amazing and, once again, shows the real heart of our guild members for all of the little homeless fur babies! And, just a reminder ...

FREE FABRIC BUNDLES!

You may pick up a fabric bundle at my house. Two ways to do that. 1) Call me to make arrangements to pick up at my house, 2701 Fordham St., Bak 93305, or 2) Call me and I will deliver a bundle to your house.

The Ronald McDonald House

420 34th Street

Bakersfield, CA 93301



Carla Talley

Chairperson

(661) 283-0126

I would like to thank everyone for your donations to the Ronald McDonald House! I have been making a couple of trips a month to drop off donations! They really do appreciate it. Even during quarantine, our members still come through! I think it's wonderful! Once again, thank you all.

Carla



Blocks for the Brave

Donna Haynes, Chair

(661) 345-6701

Thank you to all of our guild members for your continued support of "Blocks for the Brave". If you have quilt tops to be turned in or need anything, please let me or Dyna Hall know.



Kim Linder, Chairman

Sweet Dreams

(661) 549-4967

Thank you all for the 88 pillowcases that were turned in for the month of April. We were able to donate 45 of them to agencies. Kits are available at Sandra Ferguson's house (13319 Nantucket, Gate #3159). Call Sandra at (661) 588-7598 to make arrangements for pickup.

Every pillowcase makes a child happy. If you don't want to make one you could always donate fabric!

Thank you

Kim