

Newsletter



“Change is inevitable, growth is intentional”

VALLEY QUILTERS – MEMBER AQS

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President's Message



So, what can be improved?

I believe our most important guild asset is its tradition of attracting exceptional women, and men, who have extraordinary talents. It is our members, past and present, who have shaped our organization.

In my March article, I stated “We are a great guild that is aging, and we are not taking advantage of the experience, talent and potential of our members because we do not want to change what we do.” I would like to expand that idea and provide some personal insights that may or may not sound familiar to you.

Case in point is the process by which members are selected for guild positions. When I first joined the guild, I had no clue how these positions were filled. There were no signups or elections so how did it work? Well, I gradually realized that there was no opportunity to volunteer for a particular job because that decision was at the discretion of the incoming president. I’m not sure why this system was instituted but I have a guess. It was, and still is used to control who is and isn’t acceptable. This kind of nepotism has become a very efficient and effective means of minimalizing access to guild positions.

So, what are the results of this antiquated attitude? If you recall, I included a “Volunteer Questionnaire” with your renewal forms in order to provide members with an opportunity to sign up for positions they would like to do, and my hope was that this form would serve as a pool of potential workers for the next president. However, the outcome was disappointing. 58% of members did not respond. Why? Was this simply laziness? Or indifference, burnout, or something else. I don’t have the answer, but this I do know; this lack of commitment is rampant. In the past, a core group of members operated a very efficient guild while a much larger group enjoyed the benefits of these labors. Unfortunately, times have changed and the core is aging. Members must start taking responsibility for operating this guild or we will not be able to continue.

I welcome your comments. I don’t need your name; send me an email or letter. I’m in the book.

Quilters Calendar

April 18 Needle Yakkers

April 22-23 Quilting by the Sea

April 25 Needle Yakkers

April 26 Valley Quilters Scholarship Brunch, 7 Hills Clubhouse 9:00 am

CLOSED MEETING

May 2 Needle Yakkers

May 9 Board Meeting and Needle Yakkers

May 12-14 Quilt, Craft & Sewing Show

May 16 Needle Yakkers

May 21 Antelope Valley Quilt Show

May 23 Needle Yakkers

May 25 Analei Belden workshop

Membership

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Hi Valley Quilters!

I have had a busy month ordering the T-Shirts, Hoodies and Bags! It was fun, brought back all those years of working as a purchasing manager. The order should be picked up and ready for all of you by the guild meeting. Those few of you that order a 2XL or above will have to pay a little more for your order, \$2.00 to \$8.00, depending on how many X's are in your order.

As of the month we have 100 members in our guild. Please remember this is a closed meeting, so bring your friends next month ok! See you at guild.

Programs

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Calling all quilters who want to learn a fun way to make beautiful Dresden quilts. Analei Belden will be joining us at our May 24 meeting for a lecture, and then you can try her exciting technique in the workshop on Wed., May 25. Cost is only \$25 if we can get at least 13 people. We are more than half full now, so don't miss your chance to get your spot before it's too late! No kit is needed, but class fee must be paid at the meeting. We have lots of exciting presenters coming later in the year, with the next workshop scheduled on July 27. Make time in your busy schedules for the workshops; they are a great opportunity to expand your quilting skills. Please see me at our meeting for more information.



Sunshine & Shadows

Madelyn Flynn
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Please send any sunshine or shadows information to my email:
madelyneflynn@gmail.com or call.

Condolences to:
Veronica Batiz - passing of mother
Marie Lawrence - family
Brenda Naragon - passing of husband
Shirley Mykris - passing of husband

Thinking of you:
Evelyn Eilers - illness of companion

Show & Tell

Elsie Bratcher 951-929-5610

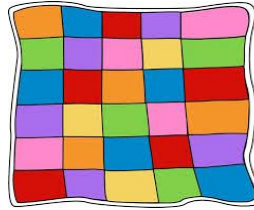
Please bring your quilts, we want to see what you are doing!

March show & tell:

Suzanne Wade	My Easter Quilt
Phyllis Binkley	Church Banner Quilt
Lu Majerus	French Soup
Barbara Ragan	Tumbler (2)
Diane Best	Kaffe Fassett Quilt
Joan Torbett	Grandpa George's Cabin

Philanthropic

Kathleen Jones 909-238-8553
Linda Oles 951-330-8849



Security Quilt Report for March/April 2016

The March 28th Sew In was a big success and we would like to thank the 15 ladies to came to help. We worked on over 20 quilts. We still have quite a few that needs to be tied, so please join us on Monday mornings at Valley Wide from 9 am to 11 am. The next Sew In is tentative planned for June 20th which is the 3rd Monday of June.

The March 28th "sew in" enabled us to give 7 quilts to the San Jacinto police department and 6 quilts to the French Valley Police Department. French Valley called to thank us and let us know that they put the quilts into their officer's vehicles.

Two quilts will be given for two little boys who are going to make a six hour but trip to visit their Mother in prison just in time for Mother's day.

Hospitality

Lorie Mathis

April Scholarship Brunch List

Breakfast dish

Jan Patton	Linda Snider
Sandra Daugherty	Debbie Campbell
Brenda Naragu	Charlene Bowman
Diane Best	Barbara Bradford
Joan Dorr	

Muffins & Bagels

Helen Mitchell	Elsie Bratcher
Peggy Cordilla	Barbara Ragan
Cathy Parker	Chuck & Carol
Cleta Colston	Kathy Vitzmeyer
Nancy Smith	

Fruit

Mary Goodwin	Mary Myers
Mary Fidler	Shirley Mykris
Bev Wallace	Joan Torbett
Jenelle Pickett	Judy B
Mickie Grant	Kathy Barbay

Juice (apple, orange, cranberry)

Sue Leuschen	Madelyn Flynn
Nancy Witt	Robertta Plains
Wanda Souza	Linda Oles
Lola Beaty	Linda Card
Janie Currey	Nancy Alaksin

Devil Eggs

Veronica Batiz	Kathleen Reinders
Becky Bashaw	Marianne Crouch
Rosalie Reed	Juergen Roesle

If your name is not on the list, but you signed up and cannot remember call Lorie.



Needle Yakkers

Betty Barney 927-9739

Needle Yakkers meets every Monday morning at 9am at Valley Wide Recreation Center, to yak, quilt, tie security quilts or bring your own project. If you are a new or newer member wanting to find out more about quilting, help with a project, or want to find some new friends, come to needle yakkers. All members of the guild are welcome.

Sharon Schamber's appliqué stabilizer is available for purchase at \$2.00 a yard

"Happy Birthdays"




April 2016

April 3	Alice Ehlers
April 6	Diane Elms
April 10	Nancy Smith
April 22	Barbara Cole
April 25	Kathleen Reinders



Fat Quarter Fun
 Jeani Campbell 951-925-9966



Our fat quarter draw will be a little different this year. Just to mix it up a bit we are going to give ALL fat quarters to one lucky lady. That will give the winner the opportunity to make a whole quilt from what she gets. Please remember to use only quality fabrics (the kind you would like to get).

Since I don't think you can do quilt related things without m&m's, there will be a package in each basket along with a book or magazine. I know some of these are open for interpretation. Just have fun with it.

April	pastel yellows and pinks
May	Cinco de mayo colors (fiesta)
June	Patriotic prints
July	Christmas prints - red
August	Beachy fabrics
September	Home spuns
October	Shades of orange, of course....and or stripes
November	teals and tans
December	dark blues
January	Children's prints
February	Primitive prints

"If you're always trying to be normal, you'll never know how amazing you can be."
 Maya

**Pass Patches Quilt Guild
 "Spring Fling"**

If you signed up to attend the "Spring Fling", please arrive at 9:00 am.

Meeting Location:
 Beaumont Civic Center
 555 East Sixth Street
 Beaumont, CA 92223

SCCQG Representative

Diane Best

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Howdy to Valley Quilters

The SCCQG Meet the Teachers Day was a big success! Lots of new techniques and quilts are coming up. Lu is signing up teachers for 2018.

Here are some upcoming Shows.

Quilting By the Sea

April 22, 23 at Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Blvd. Ventura

Quilt, Craft and Sewing Show

May 12-14 at Del Mar Fairgrounds
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.
Del Mar

Antelope Valley Quilt Show and Auction

May 21 at Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 W./ Avenue H. Lancaster

Beach Cities Quilt Show

June 4 & 5 at Soka University Gym
1 University Dr., Aliso Viejo

Southern Calif. Quilters Run

June 16-19 and 23-26

Go to quiltersrun.com to find stores.
Nice listing of most of the quilt shops in SoCal.

Orange Grove Quilt Show

July 29 & 30 Garden Grove Elks Lodge
115551 Trask Ave.
Garden Grove



Mystery Quilt 2016

1. 34 members signed up for the "Mystery Quilt 2016"
2. 33 members paid the original \$1
3. 8 members paid the additional \$3.50
4. Clue number 2 will be available at our April 26 meeting for each participant who chooses to continue with challenge.
5. 26 members owe the additional money or return their initial Fabric Requirement, and the first clue... and get their \$1 back and owe nothing more.
6. Please let your local Holmes and Watson detective team know about your choice of continuing on!

Mysteriously yours,

Carol and Chuck Anderson

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**Best of Show 2016
"Fairy Waters" by
Cindy De Wall**

Cindy shared with us her inspiration for this quilt. She vacationed one year at Lake Powell and loved the beautiful colors of the earth against the blue skies.



Snack Time at March meeting



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Remember to bring to the April Meeting:

Name Badge and Show & Tell Items,
Pastel Yellow and Pink Fat Quarters, Security
Quilts, and your own mug for coffee/tea

Valley Quilters meet at 9:30 AM
On the 4th Tuesday of each month, at
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