



FALLBROOK QUILT GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Happy New Year Quilters,

January 2016

On his way out of Fallbrook, Santa left our guild a present of a bright and shiny New Year. So, let's untie the sparkly ribbon and paper to see what wondrous ideas and happenings are in store for the next six months of 2016!

On **January 16th**, Quilts of Love is hosting an all-day marathon at FPUD of making quilts for the precious babies born to our military personnel on Camp Pendleton. In addition to baby quilts, members have the option of making comfort quilts for birth mothers through the Adoption Center of San Diego. These birth mothers, who are seeking to provide the best life possible for their babies, have decided to give up those babies for adoption. Whatever their reasons for making this ultimate sacrifice, they are giving the most precious of all gifts to couples who will love, cherish, and provide wonderful homes. Our guild has been asked to participate so that birth mothers will not go home with empty arms. Though your Board has decided not to form a special committee for making these comfort quilts, we encourage you to open your generous hearts, and make 40"x60" lap quilts with happy colors and themes, which need not be complicated in nature.

With the fantastic success of our quilt show, our coffers have been replenished to a healthy financial status. But, we can't afford to sit on our quilter laurels and not seek other ways to keep funds rolling in. I've heard comments (down the line of quilting threads) that some members are concerned and/or worried about the "push to raise revenue." Well, folks, our guild does not run on air, and the costs of having an active guild are not paid by socializing once a month. In guild year 2016-2017, for instance, our rental fee for the community center will increase to \$240/meeting, which is an increase of \$50/month in a non-quilt show year. Unless we explore additional avenues of revenue, other than the quilt show and the opportunity quilt raffle, we could find our guild strapped financially again.

One of the ways our guild can maintain adequate funds is by continuing to support the efforts of our Boutique, which has proven to be quite the moneymaker. Your Boutique committee has plans to continue its' success in 2016 by operating a booth at the Myrtle Creek Spring Faire around Mother's Day. In addition, we have been invited to continue our association with the Fallbrook Historical Society by utilizing the Pittenger House for a Christmas Bazaar. BUT, your core group of Boutique creators should not be expected to shoulder all the work (as much fun as it is!) in making items for sale at those venues. Guild wide participation is needed in order to create the quality inventory that reflects our guild's imagination and creativity. So, since our guild has the use of our local library's community room each third Thursday of the month (1:00-3:00 p.m.), I want to see more of you there with needles, threads, rotary cutters, mats, patterns and fabric in good supply. The room is spacious, well-lighted, and provides excellent opportunities to sandwich quilts, applique, cut and piece, *or making boutique items*. You are most welcome to make whatever delights you the most, because if you enjoy the items you are making and contributing, someone else will be just as delighted to purchase them at our two venues. So, come, sit, stitch, visit, and create with us—the more, the merrier! If you have questions, please contact Linda Flynn, Lou Cobb, Irene Althaus, or Shirley Fleming.

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Paula Manning has suggested another idea for adding income during our non-show year, which is by having a guild flea market at our meetings several times a year. This has been quite the successful money raiser for other guilds, and it is a way to keep your personal quilting supplies overwhelming your quilting space. Even though many of you may think you weeded out all your extraneous stuff, look again! Besides, don't you just need some guilt-free excuses to buy new fabric, new tools, and patterns? Please check with Paula for further information.

Finally, since we have enjoyed such a wonderful influx of income, we really need to reward ourselves by doing something fun: a chartered trip to the Fashion/Garment District in Los Angeles (just think: fabric at \$2-\$3 per yard!); or the Getty Museum; or maybe a play production at the Pantages or Old Globe Theatres? Put on your thinking caps, and come up with some suggestions for a guild excursion. I am really looking forward to hearing from each of you!

So, it looks like Santa left us quite the bright and shiny New Year. Let's make the most of it by exploring our imaginations, pushing our creative boundaries, and exercising our volunteerism on behalf of the Fallbrook Quilt Guild. In the meantime, here's to a happy and creative New Year!

Shirley Fleming

**January Guild Meeting: January 7th @ 6:30
p.m.**

Members' Trunk Show!

**January Board Meeting: January 15th, Friday
@ 11:00 a.m. at the Cottage!**

**Quilts of Love Marathon: January 16th,
Saturday @ FPUD
(Bring your lunch!)**



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Call to Order: A general membership meeting of the FQG was held at the Fallbrook Community Center in Fallbrook, Ca., on Dec. 3, 2015. The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM, by our presiding President Shirley Fleming, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Announcements:

- We had a fabulous and special Quilt Show. Thanks to everyone to make it so successful. The show had lots of energy and we received many, many complements.
- Thank you Betsy for making the auction fun and successful.
- Upcoming event – historical Society on Dec. 6th, from 1-4pm. We will be there with remaining inventory from the boutique. There will also be hayrides, and carolers. Mark your calendar.
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Treasurer (Barb Vajda): Our current bank balance is \$34,900. Nov. income was \$22,942. Nov. expenses were \$4274. From Shirley – we prefer not to mention or print the exact dollars taken in at the quilt show, as we do not want this to be printed in any newspaper.

Membership (Ardis Duhachek/Diana Rash): we currently have 55 members signed in, 1 guests. We now have a total of 109 guild members.

Quilt Show (Sandy Scott): APPLAUSE!! Thanked everyone for their hard work in helping to make the show “Our Best Ever”!!! They are still waiting on a few expenses to come in before we have final accurate numbers. We grossed over \$20,000 for the show and we are presently under budget on the expenses. Should have final numbers by Jan. All venues at the show did much better this yr. We doubled our credit card sales from the 2013 show. By using the wristbands this time, we were better able to track our paid attendance which was 589. Announced winners of the Viewer’s Choice awards from the show:

- 1st place: Marguerite Grotey for *My Mother’s Garden*
- 2nd place: Mary Morrison for *Toyland Tree*
- 3rd place: Nora Fusco for *Katie’s Birthday Surprise – Harry Potter Quilt of Dome.*

Quilts of Love (Connie Follstad): we will meet at FPUD on Jan. 16, 2016, from 9-3, to work on Quilts of Love projects. Everyone is invited to help.

Special announcement (Ann Turley): Ann will be 1 of 3 instructors on a Panama Canal cruise in Oct. 2016. Please see her for info regarding the cruise.

Ways and Means (Sharon Baker/Jan Conklin): Our quilt show has been the best venue to date for selling Opportunity quilt tickets. Jan had received an email from Road with her acceptance for white gloving, but has not yet received confirmation on the day that our opportunity quilt will be displayed and tickets sold. Will advise when she receives this info from Road. We are not showing the quilt tonight, and do not have tickets, please see us next month.

Hospitality (Tuesday Girls): thanks to everyone that brought salads and desserts tonight, everything looks Delicious. We have placed a basket in the center of each table for your food bank donations. We need signups to bring food for Jan.

BREAK

Entertainment: Sue Burns introduced the entertainment for this evening - the Fallbrook High School Madrigal Choir directed by Heather Smith.

15-minute break to buy raffle tickets, we will resume at 7:45 for our drawings

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- **Show and Tell:** Sandy Scott, Tina Rainey, Barb Anderson, Jan Conklin, Carol Harpin, Louise Linfoot, Rosalie Mikelson, and Sheryl Kaplan. Jan also thanked everyone for their donations of quilts to the quilt auction.
- **Cup and a Quarter:** tonight we have a wreath and 2 cups to draw for. Winners were Linda Musillami, Jan Welch, and Andrea Hard.
- **Door Prizes:** winners are Karen Granoff, Patti Kass, Kris Hamblen, Barb Anderson, Linda Huff, Sue Burns, Judy Ortega, Jessie Lee, Carol Harpin, Ursala Hohaus-Hawkins, Tina Rainey, Lois Sprague, Louise Linfoot, and Andrea Hard
- **Monthly Drawing** winner is Linda Lane
- **Block of the Month** winner is Rosalie Mikelson.
- Our next Executive Board meeting is Fri. Dec. 11th, at 11am, at the Quilter's Cottage.
- Meeting adjourned at 8pm
- Minutes submitted by Cheryl Jeter – Secretary.

QUILT SHOW 2015 VIEWER'S CHOICE WINNERS



Toyland Tree by Mary Morrison
2ND PLACE



My Mother's Garden by
Marguerite Grotey 1ST PLACE



Katie's Birthday Surprise: The Harry
Potter Quilt of Doom by Nora Fusco
THIRD PLACE

Check out the all of the quilts shown at the show on the guild web page under quilt shows.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: An Executive Board/Committee meeting of the FQG was held at the Quilter's Cottage, in Fallbrook, Ca. on Dec 11, 2015. The meeting was convened at 11:05 A.M. by presiding President Shirley Fleming. Members present were Marie Sundsboe, Cheryl Jeter, Ardis Duhachek, and Sandy Scott.

President's Announcements (Shirley Fleming): the FQG attended the Historical Society's Old Fashioned Christmas Faire, on Sat. Dec. 6th. FQG members that helped were Linda Flynn, Irene Althaus, Andrina Lily, and Shirley Fleming and sold over \$270 in Boutique items. It is felt that we should maintain the boutique year round, as long as we have members that want to participate. It is a great way to promote public relations with the community, and hopefully, in turn, will generate new guild members and help increase our revenues. We may need to have a possible script for members when presenting The guild to the public. It was mentioned that it would be nice to have a sign indicating who we are at these types of functions. Sandy S. said that the banner used at our quilt show is available to use. Next SCCQG meeting is on Jan. 9, 2016, in Lemon Grove. The topic will be "guild procedures" and Shirley, Sandy S. and Marie will be attending.

Membership Report (Ardis Duhachek) We currently have 109 guild members.

Committee Reports:

Treasure's Report (Shirley for Barb Vajda): we currently have a \$34,900+ bank balance. The guild is recovering nicely from previous income losses due to the opportunity quilt raffle issues.

Quilt Show (Sandy Scott): still waiting for 3 quilt show binders to be returned. Sandy and Marie will be updating budgets for ea. committee for the 2017 show.

Sandy asked Marie to check on a check for Genco Printers for \$936.90, has it been processed and paid. Marie will check and follow up on this.

(Marie Sundsboe) wants to see only one line for the quilt show on the treasurer's report. Will be meeting with Barb V. to finalize expenses and quilt show budget report. We need to have a separate "quilt Show" budget report that can be attached to the year-end guild budget report. This is needed for year-end reporting to the government. Discussion on whether we should go back to keeping a separate bank acct. for the quilt show. We had separate acct. for the show several years ago, but due to bank fees it was decided to combine the acct. back into the guild acct. Marie will check with Chase and see if they will let us have two acct. under the guild umbrella. Marie is suggesting that the quilt show treasurer have the ability to deposit monies into the bank, but it was decided that the only person in the guild that will deposit any guild monies will remain under the "guild treasurer".

Need to formalize operations for end of year reporting to the government for tax purposes.

Ways and Means: need to make some necessary changes in order to specify and track raffle ticket revenues (Opportunity quilt ticket sales) to ensure accurate reporting to the government. We must apply to the state each year for our raffle. Our reporting to the government ea. year must cover only the one opportunity quilt, which includes our ticket sales and the cost of materials to make.

After the next board meeting, Shirley, Marie, Sandy and Jan Conklin will meet in order to review the Ways and Means procedure binder and determine any changes necessary in order to conform to state regulations.

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Misc. topics discussed:

- Comfort Quilts for the SD Adoption Center request for 25 quilts per year. Will propose, at the Jan. meeting, that this become a “challenge” for the friendship groups. We will provide some quilts, but not commit to 25 a year. Our main focus is our Quilts of Love and we do not want to distract from this. Will also pass along to the adoption center, the contact info to other guilds in the area for them to contact. Shirley did deliver 4 quilts to the adoption center on Dec. 9th that several members made,
- Voting on forming the office of “Non-profit Compliance Office” and appointing Marie Sundsboe as officer was put on hold. Marie feels the office needs to become effective in June, and that the position has to be made a voting board member, in order for this officer to talk to legal entities. In the meantime, she will be communicating with the lawyer to ensure everything is in compliance. Marie will have everything in place for this office to move forward for the first year, and then will look for a guild member that is interested in assuming the position, after she has served her 2 yrs. She wants to work with this member during her 2nd year so that they fully understand all procedures.
- Discussions on the proposed By Law changes for Scholarships and Sunshine were tabled, as there were not 5 voting Ex. Board members at the meeting. These will be discussed at the Jan. board meeting
- Sandy Scott – still waiting to hear back from Pastor Greg at Son Rise in regards to being able to hold our guild meetings at the church.
- It was brought to Shirley’s attention that Diane Trappen’s husband recently passed away.
- Shirley will be sending an email out to all board members to please mark their calendar’s with the dates of the board meeting and to please make an effort to attend.
- Next board meeting will be on Jan. 15th, 11 a.m., at the Cottage.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Submitted by Cheryl Jeter - Secretary



Next meeting is **January 7th**, 2016 at 6:30
PM at the Fallbrook Community Center

Don't Forget:

Name tag
Block of the month
Show and Tell Quilts
Birthday Girls door prizes

JANUARY BIRTHDAY GIRLS

Kathy McKernan	Jan. 4
Roxann Clouse	Jan. 9
Sandy Sadler	Jan. 12
Pat Roybal	Jan. 13
Nora Fusco	Jan. 21
Kris Hamblen	Jan. 23
Donna Johnson	Jan. 24
Carol Carpenter	Jan. 25
Sharon Baker	Jan. 29
Karen Boggio	Jan. 31

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