



Fallbrook Quilt Guild Newsletter January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!



January President's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !. Wishing you safe travels and memorable get-togethers with friends and family, making memories that will last a lifetime. I hope you all make great New Year's Resolutions....something other than losing weight. How about one like becoming a Board member or Committee Chair for the 2018-2019 year? This year is flying by so fast, the time to start nominations for the next year really is just around the corner. It would be great to see new faces joining in to contribute new ideas and ways to help make our Guild more appealing to our Community and prospective new members.

I am so thankful you all survived the horrific Lilac Fire. I know many were evacuated from their homes for a few days and are fortunate to still have their homes while those around us suffered great loss. My prayers were out there for all of you and our Fallbrook Community.

Our next Board meeting is on Friday, 12 January at the Cottage from 10:00 to 12:00.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our next Guild meeting on 4 January, 2018.

Happy New Year!

Barbara Vajda

The Ventura Modern Quilt Guild has launched an effort in support of the Thomas Fire Victims. Scott Griffin, VP of Ventura Modern Quilt Guild has designed a beautiful [Perkiomen Valley Block](#) to make as relief for Thomas Fires victims.

Click on the block name to view the size and fabric suggestions. Choose any solids or prints you wish to use, lights and darks as indicated. All blocks go to superbuzzy (address is included on the block information file). There is no deadline on block submission, but we would like to get quilts assembled and out to the needy folks in January and February as they begin to rebuild.

The guild will assemble them into quilts for those in need after this devastating fire. VMQG will be arranging sewing and quilt finishing soon. If your guild is interested in participating in this project, please contact them at communications@venturamodernquiltguild.com.

Address: superbuzzy
Ventura Modern Quilt Guild
1794 E. Main St.
Ventura, CA 93001



The Boutique is closing down!

The Boutique has had a great run since its debut at the 2013 quilt show, but the 2017 Quilt Show was its final appearance. Linda Flynn and I announced last March that we would be stepping down after the show this Fall.

It is unfortunate that we were unable to hold the December meeting and offer great discounts to guild members for last minute Christmas gifts but, at this point, we will no longer be selling anything. The plan is to offer anyone who made items to take them back if they want. Remaining items will be stored in the guild storage unit and sold at the Country Store in 2019.

If you made items and want them back, email me at:

louise.cobb@yahoo.com by

January 2 itemizing what you want back. I will let you know if we still have your items and if so, we will bring them to the January 4th meeting. I am not able to haul everything to the meeting, so please let me know if you want me to bring your items. Items not claimed will be stored promptly in the guild storage unit.

Linda and I want to thank everyone who so generously donated their time and materials in making items for the boutique. You all did a great job! Your efforts resulted in bringing in about \$14,000 over the 4 years the Boutique existed. A nice bonus to the guild treasury.

Lou Cobb

November 2017 Treasurer's Report

Income:	
Quilt Show	\$22,798.71
Ways and Means	\$ 404.00
Total Income	\$23,202.71

Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$ 16.16
Quilt Show	\$ 5,618.76
Total Expenses	\$ 5,634.92

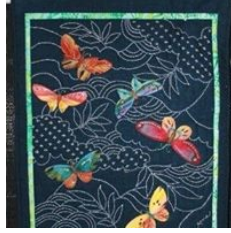
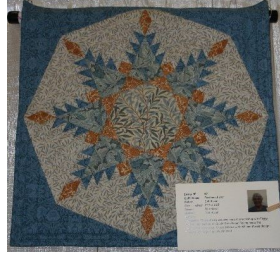
Please be aware that all the quilt show expenses are not in this report.

Betsy Shirkey, Treasurer

NOTE:

I put a collage of quilt pictures from the quilt show on the next page.

I put as many as I could so please forgive me if your quilt isn't listed. I only had so much room and one page to use..and I just copied some....thanks.



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: An Executive Board meeting of the FQG was held at the Quilter's Cottage in Fallbrook, CA on 15 Dec. 2017. The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. by presiding President Barbara Vajda. Members present were Sylvia Williams, Betsy Shirkey, Tina Rainey, and Jan Conklin.

President's Announcements (Barbara Vajda): Discussion of feasibility for a pot-luck at January's meeting. Since there is a speaker, it was decided not to hold one. Everyone is welcome to bring holiday goodies if they'd like to share Christmas. Reminded Board that newsletter articles are due to Diane Trappen the 15th, so please submit as soon as you can after our meeting today. President will check with Community Center regarding possibility of funds return or use of funds for another month due to the Lilac Fire and cancellation of our December Potluck.

Treasurer's Report (Betsy Shirkey): We currently have a \$35,855.27 bank balance. A check from Abbey Party Rentals was returned to the Guild in the amount of \$18.70. Since there was no meeting in December, the \$200 check for entertainment will be voided. This means an additional \$218.70 will be added to the above balance.

Membership Report (Tina Rainey): We currently have 83 members. There was discussion as to what the Guild could do to increase our membership. It was mentioned that in previous years there was a flyer or handout that stated what the Guild does, about our meetings, etc., We can brainstorm this so we can come up with something exciting to create and give out to the Fallbrook Community to entice an interest in our Guild and possibly becoming a member. We would then present copies to the various Quilt Shops in the surrounding area to advertise our Guild to get the word out. Thinking outside the box – this is a work in progress. Anyone interested in brainstorming with the Board is greatly welcomed to help us out.

We also discussed the possibility of "Adopt a Quilter". This entails a current member "adopting" a new member to assist her by taking her under your wing and helping with how to make quilts (piecing, layering, etc.), answer a myriad of questions this new quilter has, etc. It's very possible that some of our newest members would like to have someone to go to for answers or help with something they are working on but don't want to seem clueless. **Barbara Vajda** –I was there myself when I first started in the Guild. I was very fortunate for the new friends who helped me out going from a sewer to being a quilter. I had a ton of questions.

Ways & Means (Sylvia Williams): Grace Errea is scheduled to speak on Thursday, 4 January. The topic is "The Value of VALUE". So far I only have 3 people signed up to take her workshop. As there wasn't a meeting in December, we couldn't get more people to sign up. If there aren't 10 attendees, we usually cancel the workshop. I will speak to her this week about the possibility of not doing the workshop.

Miscellaneous topics discussed:

There was discussion about increasing the guest fee at Guild meetings that have scheduled speakers. We've seen an increase in attendance for specific speakers and would like to increase the guest fees to accommodate the increased costs of providing these speakers for our members. Betsy Shirkey made a motion that the guest fee be increased to \$10 when there are speakers at our meeting. Jan Conklin seconded the motion. Motion passed by all in attendance. Guest fees will now be \$10 when there is a speaker starting on 1 January 2018.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes-continued

There was discussion about the cost of the Community Center and for our meetings in relation to the lower number of members. Do we need to use the big room with so few coming to the meetings or could we do with a smaller venue to stretch our funds further? Barbara Vajda will contact the Community Center to see what the cost of the smaller room will be compared to the room we currently use. We used the smaller room a few years ago when the School held their graduation in July. It may have been a little cramped for that meeting, but we have fewer members attending our meetings now. It might be a more viable use to us now. Sylvia Williams will check with FPUD to see if their conference room is a viable possibility, what it will cost, how many people it accommodates, etc.

There was discussion about our Facebook pages and who the administrators were. Some use these pages while others have not. It was mentioned that we start using it for posting pictures of our show and tell, announce our speakers/workshops and post pictures of our workshops on Facebook. Sylvia Williams will contact Lou Cobb and Sandy Scott regarding the ins/outs of what it all entails, such as how you get to the Facebook site, how you can post to it, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

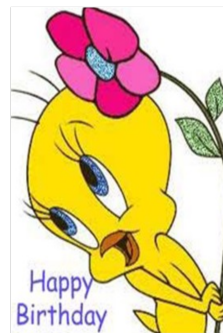
MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is asking for your help. Our Guild needs 'new' members. Let's get out there and whenever we meet a quilter, invite them to our Guild meeting. More little sewing friends make a successful Guild!

Thanks, Tina Rainey

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Kathy McKernan
- 12 Sandy Sadler
- 13 Pat Roybal
- 21 Nora Fusco
- 23 Kris Hamblen
- 25 Carol E. Carpenter
- 29 Sharon Baker



Reminders

Next meeting is **JANUARY 4** at the Fallbrook Community Center.

Don't forget;

Name tag

Show and Tell Quilts

Quilts of Love

Birthday Girls door prizes



**The Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.
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