

DESERT WINDS QUILT GUILD ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: At the monthly meetings members and guests may take a ticket couplet, leave half with the membership chairperson, and take the other half with them. The holder of the number which is read out will receive a small gift. At the end of the year, all members who have attended every monthly meeting will be entered into a larger drawing.

FAT QUARTER DRAWING: Each month guild members may participate in this drawing by turning in one or more fat quarters of 100% cotton fabric which meet the pre-determined theme for that month. The theme is announced in the previous meeting and in the monthly newsletter. A fat quarter is a piece of fabric which measures 18"x22". There may be one or two drawings for the collected fabrics.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILT PROJECT AND CHALLENGE: The quilt block is announced at the previous meeting and in the monthly newsletter. Bring your completed block(s) for that month to the general meeting for display. For each block submitted your name will be entered into a five dollar gift certificate drawing: You keep your block(s). After you complete all 12 blocks for the year, assemble them all into a quilt and enter it into the Challenge in November. There will be prizes awarded for first, second and third place.

DOOR PRIZE TABLE: Members sign up to bring items for a designated month of the year. Even if you are not signed up, feel free to donate. Items that are new, up-to-date and quilting related should be placed on the table when you arrive for the meeting. All members and guests are welcome to purchase tickets for a chance to win one of the items. The items are distributed to winners until all items are won. Proceeds go into the guild treasury.

BARGAIN TABLE: Members are welcome to place donations of usable sewing related items onto the table. If you donate fabrics, 100% Cotton is preferred. Members are welcome to select items for themselves and in return make a donation to the guild treasury.

REFRESHMENTS: Members sign up to bring refreshments for a specific month: It should be something that will serve approximately 25 people. Members may also bring refreshments to any monthly meeting, even if they are not signed up. Beverages are provided. All Members are asked to bring a potluck dish whenever the guild has an outside speaker. Potlucks will be announced in the previous meeting and in the monthly newsletter.

CHARITY QUILTS: Members make lap size, or larger, quilts that are donated to “Child Family Services” and to veterans. The guild provides batting and labels for the quilts. Members are encouraged to share these quilts at the monthly meetings during Show and Tell Time.

BEARS AND HEARTS: Members are provided bear and heart patterns. The fronts and backs are cut out of 100% cotton fabric by our guild members: the front piece should be a print, the back piece should be a solid pastel color. Our guild gives the bear and heart pieces to a volunteer group that assembles them; they are then given to patients at Victor Valley Community Hospital.

SEW AND SEW: On the third Tuesday of the month guild members bring their sewing machines and equipment to the Percy Baker Community Center. Educational programs are taught and personal or charity projects are worked on.

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS: Groups of members get together in different members’ homes for quilting related activities. There is a group called “West Winds” that generally meets on the last Thursday of the month and a group called “Sewation” that meets on the second, fourth and fifth Tuesdays of the month. The details of these meetings are announced at the previous meeting and in the monthly newsletter.

AUCTION: Members donate items to be auctioned off to other guild members and guests. This is usually held at the February meeting. Proceeds go to the guild treasury.

CHALLENGE: The guild challenge is a theme related “contest” for members. The theme for the “contest” is determined each year by the winners of the previous year’s challenge. The 2014/2015 challenge theme is “Star” and is due in April. Outside judges are brought in and prizes are awarded.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: This is held each year in place of the December guild meeting. This is a signup, potluck style, party with lots of fun. There is usually a gift exchange and a quilt runner raffle. New officers are installed during this party.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT: Several members of the guild may volunteer to make an opportunity quilt that is publicly raffled off. Guild members sell tickets and proceeds go to the guild treasury and to another charity.

SCCQG (Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds): Desert Winds is a member of this umbrella organization that consists of 30+ guilds from San Diego to Los Angeles. SCCQG provides a reduced rate on insurance for the guild. SCCQG provides speakers from all over the country who speak on quilts, laws, procedures, contracts, etc. SCCQG also provides a “meet the teachers” meeting. By attending these meetings we keep abreast of what is happening and we are given a chance to select our speakers for the next year’s guild meetings.

