



# *The Cool Breeze*

## *Monthly Newsletter for the Desert Winds Quilt Guild*

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### **Monthly General Meetings**

First Tuesday of every month  
Meeting starts at 9:30AM  
Percy Bakker Community Center  
9333 E Ave. in Hesperia

The purpose of our organization is:

- To contribute to the knowledge and appreciation of fine quilts.
- To sponsor and support quilting activities.
- To encourage quilt making and collecting.
- To contribute to the knowledge of quilting techniques, textiles, patterns, and history through educational meetings, workshops, travel, and friendship.
- To pursue charitable works within the community.



### **December Events**

#### **Tuesday, December 5th 2023**

- General Meeting - Christmas Party / Dinner  
Secret Sister Reveal
- ❖ Doors open at 9:00am for socializing
  - ❖ Meeting starts at 9:30am
  - ❖ Percy Bakker Center Hesperia

#### **Monday, December 25th, 2023**

Merry Christmas!!!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Audrey Fleming  
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Dear Members,

As we round the corner toward Christmas, I wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

### GENERAL MEETING

Our December meeting will be shorter than usual so that we can have our Christmas party. So that means, no bargain table, no usual raffle table, no fat quarters, and limited show and tell. There will be a thank you to the out-going board officers and committee chairs and an installation of the in-coming board officers and committee chairs.

Board members:

Out-going President: Audrey Fleming, Out-going V.P. Sandi Keayes, Out-going Membership: Donna Bolen.

Committee Chairs: Out-Going: Block of the Month- Barb Baumgardner, Rita Bemis, Out-Going- Fat Quarter: Sue Balchak and Pat Cramer, Out-Going Sit n Sew- Audrey Hinton, and Out-going Raffle Table- Julia Lantz.

### CURRENT AND IN-COMING BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

President: Donna Bolen

Vice President: Audrey Fleming

Secretary: Marlene Henry

Treasurer: Pat Fox

Membership: Julia Lantz

Newsletter: Gina Coulter

Bargain Table: Katy Mahaffy

Block of the Month: Sue Balchak, Pat Cramer

Fat Quarters: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Charity: Flo Souza, Cindy Bernier

Refreshments: Georgia May, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_

Sunshine and Secret Sisters: Jean Pederson

SCCQG, Let's Go: Rita Bemis

Sit n Sew: \_\_\_\_\_

Greeter: Heather Stogorman

As you can see we still have a couple of positions that need people to fill those jobs.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

For the Christmas party, raffle tickets will be for sale for the raffle baskets. Each table is hosting a raffle basket. The guild will provide red or white tablecloths. Each Table Hostess is in charge of her table decorations, paper plates, plastic-ware (silverware), napkins cups, etc. The hostess will be reimbursed up to \$75, when she shows receipts for her (or someone in her group's) purchases at the board meeting (this also includes the raffle basket purchases). Your table group can come in and set-up ahead of time on December 4th between 1:30-3 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY FOOD

Ham will be provided by the guild and baked by Marlene and Donna.

Please bring what is listed, by your last name:

**A-B bring dessert, C-F bring vegetables, G-M bring salads, green salad or jello salads, N-R bring potatoes and gravy, yams, S-bring a relish tray, T-Z bring rolls and butter.** Thank you for your help in advance.

**BOARD MEETING:** There will be a quick board meeting right after the general meeting. Reimbursements will be passed out at that meeting.





**QUILT CHALLENGE**

Remember the quilt challenge is due at the April meeting. The theme is using the log cabin block in any size you wish to make. The finished quilt will be judged on workmanship, following the log cabin block idea, and overall presentation. It is time to get started on that quilt for the challenge!

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH:** The block of the month pattern is in the newsletter. Make a block for yourself and bring one or two for the raffle.

**SIT N SEW,** Tuesday, December 19th, 2023

Use this time to finish up any quilts/ projects you have started. There will be people there to help if you have any questions.

**DOG BEDS:** There are dog bed bags available to fill with your scraps (no batting). Fill the bags 1/2 full and whipstitch it closed, bring it to the guild and Pat Adams will deliver them to the animal shelter.

**KEEP TRACK:** As our calendar year comes to a close, add up all your projects/ quilts, to see all that you have made through out the year. You may be surprised at how much you have accomplished!

**ROAD TO CALIFORNIA QUILT SHOW**

Rita Bemis is offering a Let's Go trip to Road to California, on Thursday, January 8th. The cost is \$32, which covers the cost of admission, parking, and gas. They are going to meet at Joann's Fabrics at 8 a.m. that day.

Make plans to attend the Road to California Quilt Show January 17-20. The quilts that are on display are always fabulous! This is the time to stock up on supplies, thread, bobbins, needles, patterns, and fabric. This quilt show is basically in our backyard! It is well worth attending! Save your money to be used at this show!

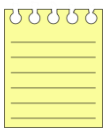
**SCISSORS SHARPENER:** I have contacted Rick Raponi and hopefully he will be here to sharpen your scissors or knives at this December meeting.

**JANUARY MEETING:** Bring any fabric you wish to donate for the raffle table.

See you, Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 for the general meeting and Tuesday, December 19th, for our Sit N Sew.

**Keep quilting!**

*Audrey*



**NOTES FROM VP - PROGRAMS**

Sandi Keays (626) 253-5219 [sandikeays@yahoo.com](mailto:sandikeays@yahoo.com)

Merry Christmas Members,

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your VP this year. For those of you that are hosting a table for our Christmas Party/ Luncheon I will be at the Percy Baker Center on Monday December 4th at 1:30 to 3pm sharp if you would like to decorate the day before. Thank you for your participation in our party. See everyone else on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am for our celebration.

Happy New Year, *Sandi*



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### Membership Report:

There were 41 members present at the November meeting and one guest. The guest was Yolanda Camba. Dolores Gunn won the membership door prize. At the December meeting we will be giving away two prizes, one is for our usual door prize and the other is for members who have attended every meeting during the past year.

*Donna*



### FAT QUARTERS

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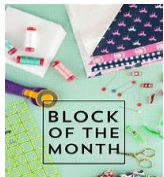
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### Fat Quarters:

No Fat Quarters for December!

*Pat & Sue*



### BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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Just a reminder that there will be no Door Prize Table and no Bargain Table at the December meeting.

### Secret Sisters:

The Secret Sisters sign up form is attached to this newsletter. If you want to participate, please print and complete 2 copies of the form and bring them to the December meeting. I need 2 completed copies – one for me to give to your Secret Sister and one for me to keep as back up. So far, I have had only one person turn in their form to me and no one has called me to get a form sent to them. We will not have SECRET SISTERS for 2024 if I don't get people to turn in completed forms to me. Thanks everyone!

*Jean*



### DOOR PRIZE TABLE

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# NEWS & EVENTS

## December Birthdays

- 12/03....Julia Lantz
- 12/03....Robin Vrsalovich
- 12/11....Beverly Kulju
- 12/13....Roberta Deshler
- 12/13....Georgia May
- 12/15....JoAnne Dutcher
- 12/17....JoAnne Tschantre
- 12/18...Jan Hughes
- 12/24....Gladys Cubit



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## Details for 'Let's Go' trip to Road to California January 18, '23

1. We will meet Thursday, Jan. 18 in the Joann's parking lot in the Target center on Main, in Hesperia. Leaving at 8:00, hoping to get to Road in time to secure parking spots in the lot right by the convention center.
2. Price will be \$32. This will include your admission and transportation and the driver's admission, parking and gas. (\$16 - your admission, \$3.50 - parking, \$5.50 - driver admission, \$7 - gas.)
3. Sign up at the December meeting. **Fee is non-refundable.** Next month will be the only remaining opportunity to sign up and pay your **non-refundable fee.** **Please have exact cash or check.**
4. Members willing to drive, please let me know. You will be paid for gas and your admission to Road to thank you for driving. If we don't get enough cars/drivers to hold all that want to go, members will be taken in the order signed up and paid.
5. Questions - call Rita (562) 760-4787 or email at [rbemis@verizon.net](mailto:rbemis@verizon.net)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SUNSHINE

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Sara Arnold fell last week and broke her left elbow. She had surgery on her elbow on November 28th. Sara called me and let me know that her surgery went well.

Sammie Bunker has her good and bad days.

Please keep both ladies in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep all our fellow guild members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all our December babies!!

Please let me know if anyone is sick, etc. You can call me at 760-948-2626 (best way) or e-mail me at [mumoftheearth@charter.com](mailto:mumoftheearth@charter.com).

*Jean*



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We turned into Family Services 16 quilts and fleece blankets plus 11 pillowcases. Also, 50 quilted Christmas stockings and several boxes of stocking stuffers for the children's Christmas. Thanks for all the work throughout the year, ladies.

*Flo & Cindy*





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