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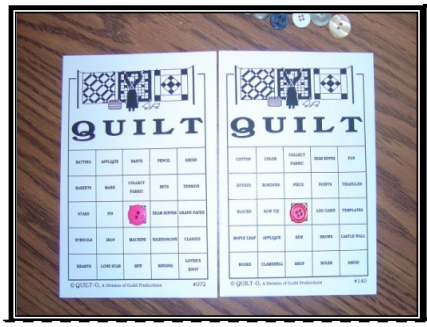
The purpose of our organization is:

- 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.

News from November 3rd General Meeting



November's meeting was an exciting one…between the voting for our Board members (the incumbent board members will stay in their postions for 2016!) and playing high stakes Quilto! Many beautiful fat quarters went to new homes by the last round. There were also lovely quilts to see, including a beautifully completed Block of the Month quilt! All the different dishes brought for our "International" Thanksgiving potluck were delicious! Looking forward to next month's meeting and Christmas party!

Desert Winds Quilt Guild's General Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Percy Bakker Community Center located at 9333 E. Avenue in Hesperia. Doors open at 9:00 am and the meeting starts at 9:30 am. Our next Meeting and annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 1st, 2015.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

DATE & START TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues., December 1, 9:30 AM (Doors open 9 AM)	General Meeting, Christmas Party & Potluck!	Percy Bakker Community Center
Tues., December 8, 9 AM	Sewation	Barbb Baumgardner's House (See pg. 3 for more info)
Tues., December 15, 9 AM	Sewation	Barbb Baumgardner's House (See pg. 3 for more info)
Tues., December 22, 9 AM	Sewation	Barbb Baumgardner's House (See pg. 3 for more info)
Fri., December 25	M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S !	
Tues., December 29, 9 AM	Sewation	Barbb Baumgardner's House (See pg. 3 for more info)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Well the holidays are almost upon us, I wish you all the best Thanksgiving!

I also want to thank all the officers and committee chairs and their helpers for a wonderful and eventful year! Without your participation, I don't think we would have had such a good year! All of you had such good ideas and have executed them with such confidence! I'm looking forward to another year just as good as this one.

I am also, just as excited and looking forward to our Christmas party this year. I wasn't privy to all the details, but what little I know -which is same as you- I'm intrigued and I'm sure it will be lots of fun. This may be our best turn out, or I hope it's so.

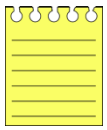
Just a reminder, even though Thanksgiving and Christmas may be a happy time, there are a lot of people who may not show how unhappy they are, so please have a kind word for all, no matter how they treat you. A kind word can make a person's day, you might make them smile. This also should be done within the guild. If you have a problem with how one of the chairs running their program, talk to me, my chair heads are volunteers. They give of their valuable time and effort to do their job to the best of their ability. I will back them, because I trust them. I am in constant contact with them. They run any changes they have to make through me, we discuss it and since they are running the program, they come up with the decision, and I'm well aware of it. I think they are doing an excellent job.

May your Thanksgiving be full of family, friends and good foods!

Your president

Sara

NOTES FROM PROGRAMS



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December will be a busy and fun month with everything planned for our annual Christmas Party. Programs for next year are coming together very well.

Meri

Happy Birthday wishes to:

12/05	*Taria Wilson*
12/13	*Vivian Heaberlin*
12/19	*Sharon Hall*
12/19	*Dawn Sharp*
12/24	*Gladys Cubit*
12/26	*Nicky Kindel*
12/31	*Peggy Withers*

Sample of one of the gift baskets for the Christmas Party. This one is a sewing theme.

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

SEWATION NEWS

Have you heard of a Sewation? That is a composite word for 'sew' and 'action'. It is a friendship group open to all members of DWQG. Sewation is held at my home on the second, fourth, and fifth (if there are five) Tuesdays of the month . It is pot luck for lunch. Time is 9ish in the morning to whenever everyone is tired in the afternoon.

December already! Where did 2015 go? Just a short number of days to finish up those presents and if you didn't finish them this year...let's try to get started for Christmas 2016. Smile!!

Sewation Days for December are 8, 15 (if there's no sit n sew), 22, and 29. We plan to be home for the holidays. So join us for Sewation. Happy Birthday, Jesus!

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WEST WINDS NEWS

West Winds is a friendship group, lovingly referred to as the "Yack and Snack" group, that meets in the west end of the valley (West of the I 15 freeway) on the fourth Thursday of each month, 9 am – 11 am.

We meet in different members' homes each month. We generally have a project to make and do a show and tell at the meeting. Bring a snack to share!

The November date for West Winds lands on Thanksgiving and December's lands on Christmas Eve! So, our next meeting will be in January, we will let you know where in our December newsletter! Enjoy the holidays!

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REFRESHMENTS

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Thank you to all who have been bringing such great refreshments! We are hosting an "Traditional" theme Potluck in for the Christmas Party in December. See Page 7 for a reminder of what you signed up for! Sign up to volunteer to bring finger foods to our 2016 meetings at the refreshment table next meeting.

Terri and Ann

DOOR PRIZE TABLE

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There are great items being brought in to the Door Prize Table. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and brought items for the Door Prize Table this past year! Let's keep it going next year. See one of us to sign up for 2016!

Rose and Billie

Desert Winds Quilt Guild is now on Facebook!

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Join our Facebook group at:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1589809567959652/fi

to receive additional updates and information!!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNSHINE

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Carrie Morris' husband's brother died at the end of October.

Corrinne Baker had a stroke and when released from the hospital she went to a rehabilitation place in Lancaster,CA so she will be close to her one daughter.

Please keep all of our friends in your prayers and thoughts.

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@hotmail.com.

Thank you,

Jean

CHARITY

Jan Knowlton (760) 962-0049
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Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am sorry I missed the November meeting. Thank you to Marilyn for filling in for me. 35 quilts, 24 bags, 1 toy, and 1 misc. item were turned in for the kids. Don't forget the toy drive at the Christmas meeting. The kids will enjoy having more toys to choose from. It must be horrible to be taken from your family during the Holiday season but for many, unfortunately, it is the best thing for them. I wish all a very happy and safe holiday.

Jan

HEARTS & BEARS

We have 35 hearts and 56 bears on hand. There were 5 Hearts and 1 doll toy turned in during October for Children & Family Services. I have some Bear Patterns to sew into doll toys for donation to Children & Family Services, see me if you would like some to sew. Thanks for your donations and come see me at the meeting if you need Heart & Bear patterns.

Carrie

MEMBERSHIP

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At our last meeting there were 60 members present. Marlene Henry won the membership door prize.

This month, let me introduce you to one of our own. Lyn Brown is an advanced quilter who likes to collect fabric, do piece work and art quilt. She also enjoys sewing garments and scrapbooking.

Let's continue to get to know each other better this coming year. Remember, the more information you share on the D.W.Q.G. Questionaire the more interesting our Membership introductions will be. All forms will be e-mailed out to you next month.

Katy

BARGAIN TABLE

Now is a good time to start off the New Year by organizing your stash and, of course, donating any fabric you have moved around, but not used, in the past decade. Oh come on, you know we all have plenty that qualifies under that heading! Remember, it makes space for all the new fabric you have been drooling over. Thanks bunches,

Corrine & Pat

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

FAT QUARTERS

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Thank you to all who participated in our last Fat Quarter drawing of the year! We had 39 beautiful Christmas and Jewel toned fat quarters.

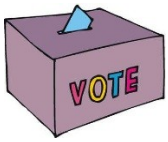
Congratulations to our two winners, Susie Wright and Vivian Heaberlin. We will not be having a drawing in December but will start up again in January.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas.

Debbie

FAT QUARTER FABRIC THEMES FOR 2015

December Holiday Party (no fat ¼ exchange)
Information for 2016 FQ will be coming soon!



NOMINATIONS

BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2016

PRESIDENT: Sara Arnold - Incumbent

VICE PRESIDENT:
Meri Walker - Incumbent

SECRETARY:
Susan Harper - Incumbent

TREASURER:
Carol Lloyd - Incumbent

I misspoke at the November 3, 2015 membership meeting by saying that "All board members can only hold office for two consecutive years" The CORRECT information is that the PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT CAN ONLY HOLD OFFICE FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS. Please accept my apology that I said the wrong information. Thank you!
Jean Pederson

SIT N SEW

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No Sit 'n' Sew in December but join us in January for the Class doing the 4-Patch Posy. Only $5 and bring your own lunch. Plan on coming to learn and, as always, having fun.

P & P

UPCOMING SIT N SEW CLASS SCHEDULE

December	No Sit N Sew
January	4-Patch Stacked Posies
	Dottie Beierwaltes

4-Patch Stacked Posies Supply List:

- ✓ Sewing machine ready for piecing!
- ✓ Thread for piecing
- ✓ Flower Head Pins
- ✓ Rotary Cutter, Mat, & Ruler
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Fabric for top, as follows (amounts listed are for a twin size quilt, larger quilts will require additional fabric):
  - ✶ Large Print FOCUS Fabric, to be used for the blocks and an 8" outer Border. Amount needed is dependent upon the measurement of the pattern repeat:
    12" pattern repeat, minimum 3.5 yards
    14" pattern repeat, minimum 3.75 yards
    16" pattern repeat, minimum 4 yards
    18" pattern repeat, minimum 4.25 yards
  - ✶ Coordinating fabric, as follows
    Narrow block border, 1" wide - 1 yard
    Sashing fabric, 1.5" wide – 1 yard
    Setting Stones fabric – ¼ yard
    Binding fabric – ½ yard
  - ✶ Additional fabric, as desired
    Inner Border fabric and Background fabric (if you decide to do "on point" setting and want solid fabric around outer edge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Block of the Month 2015 – Challenge Due Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2015

Lorraine Bowen (760) 985-2227 tinytotteacher2002@yahoo.com

Mainly due to an extra busy November Guild Meeting which also included "QUILTO," the new 2015 BOM Challenge date (requested 10/31/15) is January 5, 2016. Our December Meeting will be brief and geared to our Christmas Party Celebration and festivities. There is also no adequate time for BOM in December; this is why we are now into January. I am truly sorry if this date change has caused any undue hardship for anyone.

Our "main focus" in January will be the BOM Challenge where we will have plenty of time for 1) Official Judging, 2) Viewers Choice Voting and time for participants to share their BOM Quilts if they so choose. As far as I know, in addition to the regular meeting, we may also have a member trunk show. The general meeting should conclude on-time followed by the Board Meeting.

I would like to thank everyone who called, sent e-mails or spoke to me in person, on how grateful they were having a bit of extra time to fine tune their projects.

One of the main goals for the 2015 BOM Program was to be "an inspiration for monthly participation." We had approximately 50-60 blocks submitted on a monthly basis which is tremendous. The optional 2nd half of the program was to make a quilt when the monthly block portion concluded. There are some of you who chose to break the 12 blocks down in different projects and not a quilt itself. All of which is totally fine....just sew and have fun. No stress.

Having the final challenge is an extra perk for members with a few gifts being awarded and is different from past years for Desert Winds. Sincerely,

Lorraine

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QUILT CHALLENGE - April 5, 2016 Lorraine Bowen, Chairman

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Sewing time remaining: November, 2015 - April, 2016…

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Theme: "Under the Sea"

Use your imagination – no right or wrong!

Smallest quilt size: no less than 42" x 42" , no one side can be less than this. No maximum size limitations.

Examples: 42" x 42" - use any combination of sizes beyond that. Maybe 42" x 60", 90" x 100" your choice - just not less than 42" x 42".

"Quilts must be finished." The quilt needs to have a top, batting and backing. It must be bound and quilted. (Quilting: hand, standard machine, longarm, or tied - whatever you prefer.)

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Refer to May or June Newsletter for complete Challenge details. Please ask if you have any questions.

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You can interpret the theme "Under the Sea" any way you wish. There is no right or wrong. Visualize what you might see if peering into the ocean. What would you find? If you close your eyes some of us may simply see color; then make your quilt with pieced blocks or applique pieces using the colors you visualize. A few ideas:
blocks/backing/fabric with a sea motif - fish, grasses, sea creatures, sunken treasures, submarine(s), mermaids, bubbles or wreckage, etc. Don't forget to check your stash. Keep it simple or challenge your creativity.
If you have any questions, please ask!

Sincerely, Lorraine Bowen

Traditional Christmas Potluck Sign Up List

MAIN COURSE	Turkeys	Dotti Beierwaltes and Meri Walker
MAIN COURSE	Hams	Marlene Henry and Maureen Wilson
SIDE DISHES	Candied Yams	Sharon Bremer
SIDE DISHES	Candied Yams	Mary Bell
SIDE DISHES	Candied Yams with Pecans	Barbara Bailey
SIDE DISHES	Corn Souffle	Sara Arnold
SIDE DISHES	Cornbread Stuffing	Janel Wisda
SIDE DISHES	Deviled Eggs	Val Goodgame
SIDE DISHES	Gravy	Evelyn Reising
SIDE DISHES	Green Ambrosia	Barbb Baumgardner
SIDE DISHES	Green Bean Casserole	Darlene Kasbeck
SIDE DISHES	Macaroni & Cheese	Corrine Bakker
SIDE DISHES	Macaroni & Cheese	Ann Endsley
SIDE DISHES	Mashed Potatoes	Debbie Meddles
SIDE DISHES	Non Dairy Mashed Potatoes	Sue Cole
SIDE DISHES	Pineapple Casserole	Peggy Withers
SIDE DISHES	Rice Dish	Dolores Westmoreland
SIDE DISHES	Soup	Gloria Vredenburg
SIDE DISHES	Stuffing	Debby Higgins
SIDE DISHES	Sweet Potatoes	Nicky Kindel
SIDE DISHES	Sweet Potatoes	Lyn Brown
SIDE DISHES	Veggi (Brussel Sprouts/Cauliflower)	Pat Cramer
SIDE DISHES	Whatever is in the cupboard	Vaudis Powell
SALADS	Broccoli/Carrot Salad	Carol Lloyd
SALADS	Cabbage Salad	Della Badger
SALADS	Cranberry Salad	Glenda Vance
SALADS	Green Salad	Carmen Alderete
SALADS	Green Salad	Penny Swift
SALADS	Fruit Salad	Mary Ellen Mathews
SALADS	Jello Cranberry Salad	Pris Beeler
SALADS	Jello Layered Salad	Barbara Toca
SALADS	Jello Salad	Jean Pederson
SALADS	Pumpkin Fluff	Linda Ledesma
SALADS	Relish Plate	Marilyn Pierson
SALADS	Salad	Mary Butler
SALADS	Surprise Salad	Flo Souza
DESSERTS	Cake	Janet Sackwar
DESSERTS	Cake	Gina Cloutier
DESSERTS	Cake	Mattie Floyd
DESSERTS	Christmas Cookies	Donna Bolen
DESSERTS	Cupcakes	Kathie Olson
DESSERTS	Fruit	Celeste Foslien
DESSERTS	Fruit	Sandy Brown
DESSERTS	Orange Cranberry Nut Load	Teresa Fletcher
DESSERTS	Pecan Pie	Carrie Morris
DESSERTS	Pumpkin Bread	Teri Pahel
DESSERTS	Pumpkin Pie	Dolores Gunn
DESSERTS	Pumpkin Pie	Jean Murdock
DESSERTS	Pumpkin Roll	Mele Bond
BREAD	Dinner Rolls	Susie Wright
BUTTER	Butter / Margarine	Susie Wright & Joyce Dimery

"It's **HERE** the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"

Christmas is less than 30 days away, which means the Desert Winds Quilt Guild Christmas Party is just a few days away on December 1st. Come celebrate with your quilting sisters and enjoy **fabulous** food, **fabulous** camaraderie, **fabulous** door prizes, and **super-fabulous** gift baskets. Wear your holiday best…**fabulous** sweaters with **fabulous** smiles.

As you know, we've needed three things from our quilting sisters -- placemat, food, and the all-important checkbook (yes, this is a fund-raiser).

1. I have all of your placemats. A HUGE thank you for the participation effort, and a SUPER HUGE thank you for those who made additional placemats. Give yourselves a round of applause on your creativity.
2. Our wonderful refreshments ladies, Ann and Terri, have been great to work with. I pulled them out of their comfort zone, and they came through with flying colors…thank you, ladies. The international Thanksgiving feast was a big hit, and I know the "Traditional" holiday potluck will be just as plentiful and yummy.
3. The seven BEYOND SUPER-DUPER gift baskets are filled, wrapped and awaiting your ticket purchases. The 12 festive centerpieces are all done and will look great on your holiday tables. Remember to bring your checkbooks…ticket prices as follows: **$1 - 1 ticket; $5 - 6 tickets; $10 - 15 tickets; $20 - 40 tickets; $40 - 100 tickets; $50 - 150 tickets**. For those of you fantastic ladies who purchased pre-sale tickets at the November meeting, remember, you will go to the front of the line and pick up your envelope of tickets.

The gift exchange, STRICTLY VOLUNTARY, rules are as follows: $8-10 item(s); wrapped however you like; can only be stolen ONE time; the very last person has her choice of any of the unwrapped gifts or the last remaining wrapped gift. Meri Walker will be our MC.

For every unwrapped toy ($8-10) you bring for Children and Family Services, you will receive two tickets to the Mrs. Claus table (ex. two toys equals four tickets, three equals six, etc), so let's stuff Jan's car with lots of toys. The ONLY way to enjoy the incredible items on the Mrs. Claus table is to come, AND bring toys. Tickets purchase not available.

Reminders: Side door will be closed; please use main door, which opens at 9:05 a.m. (assistance with your potluck available). Check in with Katy and Mele (get one Mrs. Claus table ticket); find a placemat where you want to sit; drop off your gift exchange; drop off your toy drive (get additional Mrs. Claus table tickets); purchase basket/centerpiece tickets or pick up your tickets, and stuff the ticket bags. Meeting will start at 9:45.

We're so excited our party is finally here. Come and have a **FABULOUS** time!! Teresa and Jami

DECEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 am - General Meeting at Percy Bakker Community Center	2	3	4	5 Wrightwood Annual Holiday Home Tour and Boutique
6	7 	8 9 am - Sewation at Barbb Baumgardner's House	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 9 am - Sewation at Barbb Baumgardner's House	16	17	18	19
20	21 First Day of Winter 	22 9 am - Sewation at Barbb Baumgardner's House	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26
27	28	29 9 am - Sewation at Barbb Baumgardner's House	30	31		
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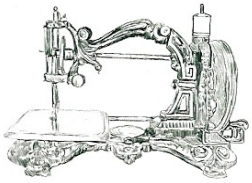
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