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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.

Guild News – January 6th General Meeting

We were treated to a wonderful trunk show by our own Mele Bond, 2014 Desert Winds Quilt Guild Citizen of the Year. Mele has been quilting for 24 years, sewing since she was 4 years old! Mele's quilts were unique, lovely, and had great stories, which she shared along with her quilts. Mele is multi-talented, sewing wearables in addition to quilts and she sculpts too! It was inspiring. I feel so fortunate to be surrounded by such talented quilters who share their works of art and stories.



!!ATTENTION!!

Due to planned renovations which will be in progress at our usual meeting place, the location of the February meeting is changed. Desert Winds Quilt Guild's February 3, 2015 General Meeting will be held at the Rick Novack Center located at 13558 Palm Street in Hesperia. Doors open at 9:00 am and the meeting starts at 9:30 am.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

Tuesday January 20th 9 am – Sit N Sew at Percy Bakker Community Center
Tuesday January 27th 9 am – Sewation at Barbb Baumgardner's House
Thursday January 29th 9 to 11 am – West Winds at Pris Beeler's House
Tuesday February 3rd 9 am – General Meeting/Auction
Tuesday February 10th 9 am – Sewation at Barbb Baumgardner's House
Tuesday February 17th 9 am – Sit N Sew at Percy Bakker Community Center
(Board Meeting will follow)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Dear Quilting Sisters!

Please be aware that our general meeting place for February 3rd has been changed. We will be using the Rick Novack Community Center - where we used to meet before. This is a one-time change. We have the room from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This includes set up and clean up. Doors open at 9 a.m., meeting starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. Auction will start at 10 a.m.

I'd like to address an enormous idea that comes in a six letter word: Change! We all have to deal with it, the first change I have is remembering when I write my checks is to change the year from 2014 to 2015. It usually takes me some time to remember that one.

One of the changes I foresee for the guild is growth. Growth in challenging ourselves in making our quilts...perfecting our quarter inch seams, perfecting our binding technique, and maybe thinking outside the box like using curved seams or paper piecing or even entering a quilt in the fair or a quilt show. I usually like making traditional quilt blocks, but over the past weekend I came across a big block quilt. I think I'm hooked. I think my blocks measured about 12 x 35. Large enough to finish a quilt quickly.

NOTES FROM PROGRAMS



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February is Auction month! The auction is a major fund raiser for the guild, so clean out your sewing rooms and closets of all those odds & ends that are useful but no longer needed by you. Jack will be our auctioneer again, so don't sneeze! Please attach a 3" X 5" card with a description of your item(s) and bring them to the February General Meeting/Auction!

Meri



One change I proposed to the board was to give a life membership to our last founding member, Joan Heller, and they all agreed. Her thank you message will be in this newsletter. Another change is that I wanted the chairs to think outside the box in running their programs. I think that the plans they have told me are very exciting and I hope you will be just as excited as I am as they are revealed.

Don't forget to start bundling your items for the auction also place a card listing the items, and bring them to the meeting.

I was very much impressed on how many quilters attended our general meeting in January. I hope to see everyone back at the February meeting. I'd also like to welcome our two new members Lori Davis and Maureen Wilson - welcome to Desert Winds.

Keep on stitching!

Sara



Happy Birthday wishes to:

02/03	<i>Deborah Higgins</i>
02/07	<i>Barbb Baumgardner</i>
02/15	<i>Janet Aguirree</i>
02/15	<i>Celeste Foslien</i>
02/16	<i>Susie Wright</i>
02/20	<i>Mary Ellen Mathews</i>
02/20	<i>Patricia Wells</i>
02/28	<i>Mattie Floyd</i>

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

SEWATION NEWS

January's meeting started us off to a great new year! It's exciting to be part of it all. There are friendship groups for members outside of "Guild Activities". "Sewation" is one of the fun times that members can participate in. Sewation is a word combination of "SEW" & "ACTION". At Sewation, we meet at my home where we enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship, sewing, and there's always a potluck for lunch. We start at about 9 "ish" and continue until...? We welcome all members to come and see what it's about. All levels of quilters are usually here (Beginners to Advanced). If you need help with something, bring it with you and get advice...it's free! ☺

In February we will meet on the 10th and 24th. (February 2 is Guild meeting and February 17 is our Sit N Sew at the Center). Mark your calendars and we'll see you on those Tuesdays. Call if you need directions.

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WEST WINDS NEWS

West Winds is a friendship group that meets in the west end of the valley (West of the I 15 freeway) We meet in different members' homes. We generally have a project to make and do a show and tell at the meeting. Our meeting is lovingly referred to as the "Yack and Snack" group. We meet from 9 a.m. To 11 p.m. Also bring a snack to share! I've lost my mind, I cannot remember who volunteered for the February meeting. Our last meeting was in October-no wonder I can't remember! I talked to Barbara Bailey and she graciously offered to host February West Winds. Her phone number is (760) 947-5422, call if you need directions. If someone else really, really, really wants to host February call me - Sara 760-221-3734 and we can work something out.

Sara (760) 221-3734

Letters to the Guild

From Joan Heller

01/13/2015

My thanks to the members of the guild for the prayers, cards, visits, beautiful plant, as well as the lifetime membership in the guild. (What an honor!)

I have not been able to be very active in the guild for the last few years, but still feel a strong bond with the members.

I attended a meeting, while in rehab, and received a lap afghan made and donated by Flo Souza.

All of us knew she made and did many things for charity, but didn't know how much.

Please share this information with the other guild members.

Love, Joan

Parliamentarian's Corner

By Dolores Gunn

Informal Procedure in Small Boards

- Board members may raise a hand instead of standing when seeking to obtain the floor and may remain seated while making motions or speaking.
- Motions need not be seconded.
- A board member may speak any number of times (not just twice) on a debatable question, except that the regular rules apply to appeals.
- A motion does not have to be pending in order to discuss a subject informally.
- Votes can be taken initially by a show of hands.
- If a proposal is perfectly clear to everyone, it may be voted on even though no formal motion has been made.
- In putting questions to a vote, the chairman need not stand.
- If the chairman is a member of the board, he or she can, without giving up the chair, participate in debate, make motions, and vote on all questions.

RONR in Brief(2nd ed.), p.158

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNSHINE



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Joan Heller came home from Knolls West on Sat. Jan 10 and will do her physical therapy at home. It will be awhile before she will be able to come to meetings.

Patricia Wells was supposed to have router router procedure done on Mon. Jan. 12, but ended up having a stint put in and had to stay the night in the hospital. Patricia can't drive or sew (what a disaster) for awhile.

Please keep our friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Please let me know if anyone is sick, etc. Please call me at 760-948-2626 (best way) or e-mail me at mumoftheearth@hotmail.com. Thank You.

Jean

CHARITY

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The Charity Challenge for Children and Family Services will be in September. Quilts will be judged for the best use of color. Any size. Prizes will be \$30.00, \$20.00, and \$10.00 gift certificates from Tops and Bobbins.

Jan

HEARTS & BEARS

55 Bears and 16 Hearts are on hand. We are in need of 9 solids to go with Hearts and 20 prints to go with Bears.

Carrie



MEMBERSHIP



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Hello Ladies, thank you for paying your dues and filling out the new paperwork. To help us get to know each other better I will share each month something about one or two of our members. This information will come from the new D.W.Q.G. Questionnaire. Our new members are Lori Davis and Maureen Wilson so I will introduce them to you. Lori is an intermediate quilter who also likes photography and raising money for dog rescue. She is an early disabled retired Special Education Teacher. Maureen is a beginner quilter who also likes music, knitting, crochet, crafts and doing church special projects. Let's make it a point to welcome them and share our love of quilting. There are so many of us attending meetings lately. Last month there were 57 in attendance!

Katy

DOOR PRIZE TABLE



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Rose and Billie



COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

FAT QUARTERS



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This was a lucky month for Vivian Heaberlin who won both stacks of fat quarters; 24 in total. The theme for February is "red, pink or purple". During our January Board Meeting the following was discussed: As a reminder, a fat quarter measures no less than 18" x 22". If you choose to bring in a half yard of fabric, the measurement should be "18 x 40-42" or WOF-(with of fabric). A one yard piece of fabric would be no less than 36" x 40-42". Be sure this is new fabric that is fully intact. Please refer to the list of themes when selecting your fat quarters and try to stay within the parameters of the theme. For example, if the theme is plaids, it should not be grouped with floral, holiday fabric, etc. This way, the winner of the fat quarters will have a usable stack of fabric for a specific themed quilt. We will have a reminder sign on the Fat Quarter table noting the theme for upcoming months in addition to the information in the newsletter. Happy Valentine's Day! Sincerely,

Debbie

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Thank you for all the enthusiasm for January Sit N Sew. We're looking forward to a fun day. At Sit N Sew for February, Meri Walker is teaching us the Charm Pack Tote Bag. Info and sign-ups will be available at the February General Meeting. There is a \$5.00 class fee and don't forget to bring your lunch.

P & P

FAT QUARTER FABRIC THEMES FOR 2015

February	red/pink/purple
March	green/leafy green
April	pastel
May	floral
June	plaid
July	patriotic
August	beach/summer sun
September	kids prints/crayon colors
October	Fall/Harvest
November	Christmas/jewel tones
December	Holiday Party (no fat ¼ exchange)

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Friendly Reminder

Please try to arrive a few minutes early to turn in Fat Quarters and Blocks of the Month. We would like to have all participants entered into the drawings and seated before the meeting begins.

Thanks!

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SIT N SEW CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2015

February	Meri/Plastic Bag Bag
March	Lorraine/BOM Help & Peggy/Color Values
April	Meri/Tea Cups Table Runner
May	Class – To be Announced
June	Military Project/Focus Fabric provided (please bring your own red, white, & blue fabrics)
July	Christmas in July (simple gifts to make).
August	Flo or LaDonna/to be confirmed
September	LaDonna or Flo/to be confirmed
October	Barbara Toca/to be confirmed
November	Finish Christmas Gifts
December	No Sit N Sew, to design a quilt

These dates are subject to change should Programs hire a teacher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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Congratulations to "Susan Harper" winner of our first BOM monthly drawing. What a wonderful display of 34 blocks made by our members. It's pretty amazing how fabric selection plays such an important role making blocks so appealing and different. Samples and patterns for BOM 3 & 4 will be available at the meeting; however, these won't be due until March. Please mark your calendars: Sit & Sew - Tuesday, March 17th. I will be sharing some information regarding "instant" sashing and cornerstones. It's a nice way to be ahead-of-the game when it comes to assembling your quilts. Fabric requirements to follow.

"Everyone" is welcome to attend even if you're not planning on doing BOM or the final Challenge. Bring your machine, sewing supplies, BOM patterns and fabric if you would like to sew on your blocks. This will also be a good time to catch-up if necessary or start from the beginning. Thanks once again for helping make this activity "sew fun" and positive. Peggy Withers, one of our Sit & Sew Chairmen, will also be providing information on "color value." Come and join us for an informative but fun gathering.



We all have different skill levels; if you run into a situation "no matter how large or small", please call me! I don't want anyone to become frustrated or feel defeated. It's just fabric! NO special rulers are required for this BOM, but minimally having a 6 1/2" X 6 1/2" or 12 1/2" X 12 1/2" square-up ruler is a great asset for quilting. The 45 degree line on these rulers may just end up being your "best friend". Example: 12 1/2" – 9 patch block ~ each of the 9 units need to be 4 1/2" square before you sew them together. "Read & Review Pattern! Measure Twice; Cut Once! Trim, Press, & Sew!"

Lorraine



BARGAIN TABLE

Spring is the time to "clean" out your stash so you can get more. Please keep bringing fabric for our table (cotton if possible).

Corrine & Pat

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Thanks all who signed up for bringing refreshments for 2015!



As a reminder, the following ladies signed up to bring February finger foods:

Lorraine Bowen
 Mary Ellen Mathews
 Barbb Baumgardner
 Ann Endsley

Debbie Meddles
 Maureen Wilson
 Tania Wilson

Terri, Ann, & Gina

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