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A lot of excitement going on within our guild right now, isn't there? Our beautiful new website is up and going and I'm sure you're all enjoying the amazing new features! Hats off to Debbie Clutter! Wow! Be sure to click and browse all over and don't forget to update any new personal info and photo into the new membership area while you're at it!

Dues News!

And speaking of changes, members now have the capability of paying dues online directly at the website! No more hassle remembering to bring a check or cash to the meetings! A win win, considering now you can use that cash to buy raffle tickets! If you haven't paid for this year yet, please do so as soon as possible, so the guild can run like a well-oiled machine! Or purr like a cat, or ...

Newsletter Update

I am currently being trained and working with Debbie Clutter regarding how to post the newsletter on the website. What the newsletter looks like on the website next month may be very different than what this July one is, as I continue to work with Debbie. I appreciate your patience as we transition.

Program and Workshop Information

Please refer to the front page of the website for meeting and workshop information. All of the information regarding upcoming speakers and workshops will be available. You will also be able to reserve and pay for workshops under the "Events" tab on the front page.

Committee Chairmen

The following pages contain information about our committees, and the Chairmen. Sometimes our members may feel a bit inadequate when they become acquainted with our guild, as we have so many talented members! Please don't let that intimidate you from serving! I've been quilting for 7 or 8 years now, and I do as much general sewing as I do quilting. I enjoy making American Girl doll clothes for my granddaughters. BUT what I enjoy most about quilting is being able to make the little baby quilts for our Loving Hands committee and giving back to our community. I've made a few quilts for my personal use/family, but I'm certainly no match to some of the quilters in our guild. But I love serving our guild by doing the newsletter and I hope as you read through the following pages, you might be inspired to help in some way too.

Introduction



Introducing our new Cotton Patch Quilt Guild President Pat Ruiz!

I called Pat to see if she might be willing to do an interview with me for the July newsletter. She did better than that! She wrote an article that answered every question I intended to ask. Hope you enjoy meeting our new, very capable, President of the Cotton Patch Quilt Guild!

“I was first introduced to sewing in my freshman year of high school in the home economics class. It was required to make a garment at home as part of our grade. My mother was not a seamstress, so my aunt helped me and I have been sewing ever since. (FYI, I graduated in 1966 from BHS). I started quilting many years ago but only as a hobby, until about 5 years ago when I retired. Now I make quilts every chance I get. I do my own quilting - simple, and mainly stitch in the ditch. I’m not ready to tackle the fancy quilt stitches. I don’t really have a favorite part of making a quilt. It just feels really good when I finish and see a job well done, so maybe that’s my favorite part. I joined the guild a year ago. I knew about the guild, but wasn’t able to join until my grandbabies didn’t need me Thursday afternoons. There are many

favorite areas of the guild I enjoy.

- 1) Making the isolettes because you can make and finish the isolette in a short time, which fills my pleasure of quilting and giving.
- 2) The guest speakers who share their talents and quilts
- 3) Show and tell (seeing the talent of the guild members)
- 4) Raffle – opportunity drawing!
- 5) Seeing the members involved in the different areas of helping and giving to the community, and last but not least, the members themselves!

I am a retired high school teacher, widow, three children, three grandbabies, and one great grandbaby. When my babies were in school, I was involved in PTA and did a few terms as President. I was also a volunteer soccer referee when my babies played and eventually became the head referee, so I have experience in leadership positions. I also enjoy making many craft projects.

The Board and I will be meeting in July to plan for the coming year. If members ever have ideas or suggestions they would like to share with the Board, please email us or give written ideas to me at any meeting. There is so much going on during the meetings, this would be easier for me and I will get back with you. I know I am the incoming President by “default” but plan to do my best and not disappoint.”

Editor’s note: I attended the new Board meeting on July 5, 2018 and sensed a new excitement in the air for this year’s events! Stay tuned and don’t miss out! Pat encourages members to approach her at the meetings with any suggestions or ideas you might have. She suggests writing it down along with your name and phone number, so she can ponder after the meeting.

Git-R-Done!

Lucky winners of Git-R-Done are Cece Westerfield (L) (20%), and Kim Linder (R), 80%!

To explain a little bit about “Git-R-Done”, at the beginning of the year (that would be hmmm about now), members sign a commitment form stating that they’ll complete projects that are laying around their sewing room waiting to be finished. There’s a cash give away at the end of the year. 20% goes to those who complete less than 10 projects and 80% goes to those who completed 10 projects. Where does the \$ come from? Oh, I forgot to mention, it’s \$10 per person to enter the challenge. It’s a fun way of clearing out some of those projects that are cluttering your sewing space! Congratulations Cece and Kim!



REMINDER

Since we won’t have a July meeting, we kindly ask that members who have birthdays in July, to please select another month to help provide goodies at our meeting. You may contact Cher Pannell to coordinate at (661) 393-4473.

JUNE RAFFLE WINNERS



(L to R) Carla Talley, Myrna Bell, Renee S, Bob Miller

Prize Number	Prizes	Donated by:	Winner
1	Coordinating Fat Quarter Bundle	Thimble Towne	Carla Talley
2	\$25 Gift Certificate	Cherry Berry Quilts	Myrna Bell
3	Best Press Citrus Grove Spray and Flower Pins	Beverly’s	Renee S.
4	Omnigrd Miniature 7x7 Cutting and Pressing Station and a Lighted Flex Head Pick Up Tool	Cotton Patch Quilt Guild	Bob Miller

Thimbleful of Wisdom
 by Sheila K. Planz
 “Don’t believe everything you think.”



Paws for a Cause



Stacey Heredia
Philanthropic Chairman

We're still needing a Chairman for "Paws for a Cause". If someone might be interested, please look for Stacey at the meeting!

Denice Rudolph has been an assistant to the Chairman and is willing to continue as assistant. She delivers the pet beds after each meeting to the SPCA and the Kern County Animal Services. The Chairman would be responsible for:

- Setting up the table each month at the meetings with the fabric/batting kits for members to take home to make the pet beds
- Kits are made by the Chairman and/or helper(s)
- Plenty of fabric and batting is in the quilt guild storage bin.
- The previous Chairman, Diane Chapman, is willing to train, but indicated that it should be an easy transition.

Happy tails!

For more information contact
Stacey Heredia at (661) 401-4492



Loving Hands "Changing Hands"



We thank Deanie Hogan (left) for five years of commitment as our Loving Hands Chairman and welcome Patty Ruetters (right) as our new Loving Hands Chairman. Stop by the table and say hello to Patty and browse all the cute pre-made fabric kits to make an adorable baby quilt that will help supply our local hospitals with quilts for their NICU units. Oh! And did I mention the cute little fabric kits are absolutely free, plus you may pick up the batting to go with it!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Patty at (661) 392-0558.



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*Carla Talley
Chairman of the Ronald McDonald House*

It's the beginning of a new year for our guild, and with that comes a new Board and even some new Chairmen for our charities! The Ronald McDonald House is an amazing opportunity to support families who are in crisis with a sick child needing hospital care, and Bakersfield has one RM House and is building a second one! The houses are for families that live out of town that need to be near their child during their treatment. Our new Ronald McDonald House Chairman, Carla Talley, asks and encourages our members to bring such food items as soups, crackers, canned chili, cookies or most anything that might help stock the kitchen in the RM Houses to feed the families so they don't have to go to the expense of eating out, and they can eat together in the privacy of their own "home"

away from home. Please take a quick moment as you head out the door to our meetings to check your cabinets for something you might already have on hand that would be a great support to a family in need.

Another way you can help is by bringing in pull tabs from soda pop cans, or empty water bottles, as they can be recycled and the money given to the RM House.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Carla at (661) 283-0126.



Blocks for the Brave



Join us every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Thimble Towne to work on quilt tops, binding, pillow cases, cutting and pressing. Just bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies, along with your enthusiasm! We are always happy to have new volunteers join us!

Thanks,

Donna Haynes – (661) 345-6701
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