

President's State of the Guild Report – June 15, 2011
Review of the new ideas and success of this year

1. The Community Service Committee was formed under the leadership of Gig Arney and met to plan the year's activities. They had quarterly meetings to update the committee and set their agenda for the following three months. This proved to be very successful and was well- attended. The numbers of our accomplishments this year are impressive. In June we were able move all of our community service fabrics to a room at Railroad Hobbies, convenient since the store is open seven days a week. After reorganizing our materials, we have a system that works in our space.
2. The luncheons for new members each quarter were initiated by Jan Martin to welcome those new to our guild. She planned and prepared all the food and invited each of the new members from the previous months to come. The new members expressed appreciation for her thoughtfulness as it helped them get better acquainted with the opportunities available in our Guild. Officers took turns attending the luncheon and giving helpful information to the new members.
3. Our membership gradually increased each month. We started the fiscal year in June with 124 members. One new member joined in July, three in Aug., one in Sept., eight in Oct., two in Nov., six in Dec., ten in Feb., two in March, five in April, and five in May. As of last meeting, we had 167 members, an increase of 43 ladies. We may have to consider a cap on membership to fit our meeting place this year.
4. In January, Sandy Satnowski began our Redwork Club with Sue Gutzman hosting the monthly meetings. The club has 40 members. Members eagerly await each months' projects and the sharing of their completed works.
5. Irene Davis headed up the committee for 2011's Opportunity Quilt, and together with 13 members of the Guild appliquéd a gorgeous quilt called "Heartland".
6. Marcia Krummell has headed up the Opportunity Quilt for the year 2012 called "Kaleidoscope Star" which has been quilted and almost completed. We can hardly wait to see it too.
7. Kaye Allen has headed up the Potholder Quilt squares, a project to honor fallen soldiers, presented to us by our October speaker Don Beld. She also collects our quilts for the Quilts of Valor group that sends patriotic themed quilts to our soldiers.
8. Our camp experiences at Zephyr Cove at Lake Tahoe in Sept. have resulted in a sell-out of reservations for this year. Bev Kennedy and Jackie Smith have a great committee that have helped them in their efforts to provided a super experience for all campers. Camp workdays have resulted in many helpful hands to complete projects designated for camp.
9. Our newest effort in the newsletter is a biography piece written by Shirley Shingara about members of our guild. The first article featured Shirley Anderson, one of our founding members.
10. Earlier this year Jackie Smith made officers their name tag holders to identify them as go-to people at our guild meetings.
11. Our program chairman Jenine Brothers and her committee provided us with excellent speakers and in a variety of genres in the quilting world. They have also left us with planned programs for several months ahead in order to give the new program chairman needed time to prepare for this next years' programs. Another new feature for our monthly meeting has been a member selected to be the "featured quilter" by Sue Gutzman, to share her quilting journey, along with a favorite quilt. This is being done just before our wonderful "Show and Tell" segment in the program.

12. Bev Kennedy has wowed us with her Pick-a-Prize items for the past year. She is a great shopper and has enlisted helpers to handle ticket sales.
13. Bit of Me selections have been popular with Meredith Rogers receiving several handmade items each month to choose from for lucky winners.
14. Through Community cupboard we continue to collect suggested food items for needy folks in our community through the St. Vincent de Paul organization with reminders of their needs from Arlene Regello.
15. Jean Forbes has continued to send kind messages to those in need of a little sunshine.
16. Block of the Month projects have been designed by Betty Weibert and have been challenging, cute, cheerful, colorful, but all resulting in lovely groups of blocks for the lucky winners.
17. Our quilt show in June, headed up by Sue Gutzman with the theme "Quilting California" is almost ready to dazzle the Placer County Fair goers.
18. Our annual tea will again this year engage 70 ladies in an afternoon of tea, food, gift baskets, fellowship, and fashion show of vintage and lovely handmade aprons. Luann Hawkins is the hostess with her side kick, Sue Gutzman and a host of others, providing a memorable afternoon. It was postponed because of rain, but will be happening this weekend, on June 18th.
19. Not to be forgotten is our UFO challenge headed up by Colleen Voet. We have been inspired to finish up old projects by listing them and bi-monthly being responsible for completing the number chosen from our list. Many have remarked how it has encouraged them to get busy and finish long-forgotten treasures. In addition to this responsibility, Colleen is the editor of our Guild newsletter and the Guild's webmaster.
20. Our monthly basting meetings have seen good attendance and many, many quilts have been tied or basted for quilting and finish up so they can be given to the needy. Carolyn Newman is the chair of this group.
21. Boutique items are created all year for two sales, one on the first weekend of December at Maidu with a Christmas theme, and again in June at our quilt show. Connie Richardson and Linda Rhyne were the chairpersons of this effort.
22. Ginger Franzreb this year, initiated a mentoring program for new members to link them up with experienced members for help and information. She also composed a new member booklet to acquaint them with the opportunities for service and help in the guild.
23. Our Historian, Penny Beingessner continues to take pictures of show and tell participants and at events of the guild.
24. Sadly this year we lost one of our original members, Joann Tryon, at age 90, but we continue to finish projects she had started to give to community service, Cancer Quilt Auction and other venues. It helps us all to remember her contribution in starting this guild and being a part of its wonderful tradition of service to others.
25. Nancy Stewart has volunteered or was drafted to be a teacher of knitting. She is looking for a few more members in order to start a substantial group.

26. Our membership chairman, Bernadette Decuir has faithfully welcomed our members and guests this year and has recently had help from a new member, Judy Tiernan, assisting in the welcoming of all. She is also in charge of keeping the fat quarter gift basket supplied to give to birthday people.

27. Our fat quarter exchange, led by Dee Owens, gave us opportunities to share fat quarters related to a theme with the hope of winning a group of fabrics for our stash.

28. We have had requests for new small group gatherings and hope to help get some new ones started this year. Groups that are meeting are limited by space so can't accommodate new members. That's when we start new ones. Hopefully some experienced members will be willing to help the new bees learn how to start a new group.

29. Our annual quilt challenge is also being held this month, with Janice Shoemaker providing the theme of "Your Birthday Month", for which we will vote for our favorite quilts depicting a birthday theme.

I love the statement in the front of our roster that says, "Blessings come in many ways, and the nicest come as friends!" Might this be a year of friendships made, strengthened, and extended to include many new friends in our quilting world. Might we all find a way to contribute in a small or large way for the benefit of our group. The best is yet to come!

Respectfully submitted,

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President