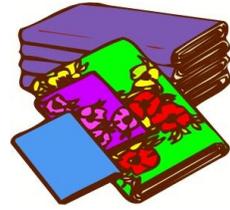


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6029 W. Charleston Blvd.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
2nd Wednesday

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I hope that all of you had a great time during the holiday season. I certainly did—I drove to California and brought my mother up to Las Vegas to spend the holidays with me and my family. I had not spent Christmas with my mother since I was six years old—what a treat. We sewed, shopped for fabric, took a trip to St. George, Utah. My mother met many of my friends who I talk about all the time. We talked, laughed and reminisced. I could not have asked Santa for a better gift. My son bar-b-qued the turkey (a tradition we brought from Hawaii), we had all the food trimmings, more candy and Christmas treats than you can shake a stick at--thank goodness for elasticized pants.

I hope that all who attended the guild's holiday party had a good time. If you missed it, you missed a lot of fun, laughter and a great game of fabric bingo. The bingo squares have already been turned into a couple of quilts for the Title I Hope project—they are beautiful. All fun aside, I want to thank, Alison, Ruth, Sandy, and Tonie for their hard work and time in putting together our dinner party.

Don't forget that we have moved our monthly meetings to a new location--Dinosaurs and Roses at 6029 W. Charleston Blvd. (corner of Jones) from 6:00-8:00p.m. Our January 9th meeting is very full—

- Election of new officers
- Presentation by Fabric Boutique about their monthly program that costs only \$10 for the year

- Presentation by Dinosaurs and Roses about their profit sharing program
- Voting for “This Ole House” president challenge
- Show and tell of the monthly puzzle blocks—get the instructions and block layout from our website

- UFO Challenge—print your form from last month's letter and bring to the meeting
- Regular show and tell—don't forget to bring a quilt to share with us for our Mini Quilt Show

- Secret Quilter gift exchange
- 50/50 Drawing
- Whatever the president missed

Whew!! I said it was going to be full. As you know, a non-profit group, such as our guild, doesn't work without volunteers and money. Many thank yous to your board of directors, the chairs and to those who volunteered to be a monthly Hospitality Hostess for the year. Every month was filled with at least two volunteers—how wonderful!! Linda Page and Shirley Boprey will be welcoming you to the first meeting of the New Year in our new location. Please think about how you can contribute to the guild such as your valuable time and/or selling opportunity tickets. If you have sold Opportunity Quilt Tickets, please bring the money with you. We are trying to reach our goal of \$3,000 and we have not reached \$2,000 yet. We will be looking for volunteers to help sell tickets at the “Quilts and Fiber Arts Show” February 22-24 in Pahrump. More information will be presented at the meeting, check out our website, www.lasvegasquilters.com for the link to the show.

Did you know that January 24th is the official “Visit Your Local Fabric Store Day?” Although, I thought it was everyday. So, please feed your creativity by visiting your favorite fabric store and support them with a purchase or two on any day you visit.

Stay happy and healthy and I'll see you soon.
Jackie Reilly

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER – PATRICIA FRUGE’

What a great time to have a quilt! I recently had three of my six grandchildren for an overnight visit. They NEVER want to sleep in the room we have for guests. Instead they choose to “sack out” on my living room floor like indoor campers. Of course it’s always the best place to watch movies and eat popcorn until midnight. It was an especially cold night so I was a little concerned that they might not be warm enough on the floor. I don’t keep many blankets on hand; after all I live in Las Vegas, who needs a ton of blankets? What I did have was a ton of quilts. But could I risk using my precious “babies” I had worked so hard on and carefully displayed on quilt racks all over the house? What if someone spilled or somehow damaged my priceless treasures? Then I thought, “What better use for quilt than to keep a child warm through a cold night”? I felt so fortunate to be able to cover my grand children with a quilt that I treasured almost as much as I treasure them. What a great time to have and use a quilt!

TREASURER’S REPORT – PAT FRUGE’

BEGINNING BALANCE 11/20/2012	\$ 14,992.79
INCOME	
OPPORTUNITY TICKETS	162.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES 2012	30.00
ROAD TO CALIFORNIA	245.00
HOLIDAY PARTY	136.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 15,565.79
HOLIDAY PARTY	(426.11)
REFUND (ROAD TO CALIFORNIA)	(45.00)
ENDING BALANCE 12/19/2012	\$ 15,094.68

CHARITY PROJECTS CHAIR - MARILYN ETTINGER

My sincere thanks to all who participated in our charity projects over the last year...for your efforts.....We delivered dozens of quilts to Hospice and hundreds of pillowcases between Summerlin Hospital and the Children's Cancer Camp project and an unbelievable number of pet beds, thanks to Penny Stellone...the Guild couldn't have done it without your cooperation, and now, as always, we can think of these as acts of kindness.

. I will be moving on to other projects, namely: the Retreat, the next Opportunity Quilt, Name Tags, among other things. I have found immense satisfaction working on Charity Projects..The last batch of quilts that I delivered to Hospice this week went into gift baskets containing food for some less fortunate patients receiving Hospice care.... That made my day!

Pat Fruge has generously offered to take over as Charity Projects Chair for next year. she has been a major contributor in the past and I know she will do a wonderful job in this position. Thanks you for the opportunity to work with you over the last two years....In friendship....Marilyn Ettinger

Name Tags

As you many have noticed the Guild has been collecting a penalty for members who forget to wear their name tags..... We have decided to start making name tags again, so we can put names with all of those pretty faces.

If you would like a name tag made for you, similar to the ones that some of our members are wearing, please do the following: Send a \$5 check to the Las Vegas Quilters, P O Box 36296, Las Vegas, NV 89133-6296

Please print your name as you would like to see it appear on the name tag. If you would like it mailed to you, please include a stamped-self addressed return envelope or I will have it for you at the next meeting.

Speak to me at the meeting, if you have any question.....Marilyn Ettinger

SUNSHINE - Sandy Martin

We would like to send a card to encourage any member of the guild who is sick or grieving or doing some tough care-giving, as well as congratulations to anyone who has had something great happen. Help us to be aware of these situations by using the Sunshine link on our website or by emailing Sandy Martin directly at sandymartinlv@mindspring.com

Thank you - Sandy Martin

WEBSITE - Phyllis Suiter

Please check out our new website look.

The Puzzle Block instructions and blocks 1 and 2 can be found on the links on the events page. Also on the events page are the photographs of the members projects that are shared at the last 2 meetings.

Please note that the meeting place has changed as of January 2013 and if you click on the address a map is provided of the location of Dinosaurs and Roses.

The Newsletter will soon be posted with a membership log-in to obtain the newsletter in pdf form.

Any suggestions for additions to the website are welcomed and you can email me at webmaster@lasvegasquilters.com

Hope you like the new look!

Phyllis Suiter

THANK YOU! Ruth Sunday

I greatly missed attending the holiday party because in addition to the fun I wanted to publicly say thank you this year. Many volunteered to help while I was broken last spring and over the summer. Irv and I appreciate all the volunteers but schedules and ability to help don't always mesh with the job that needs to get done. When push came to shove - - - there were three Quilt Sisters who were truly life savers. **Tonie**, of course, helped with data entry, straightening out my bookkeeping and "stuff" when my mind was mush from pain meds. And then she became my Knight in Silver Charger when she collected me in the wee hours of the morning from the emergency room. And, rescued me again when I walked out of the rehab hospital from Hades against Doctor's Orders in February.

Penny S. who lives just blocks from our prior home in NLV was a real trouper and steady support by getting me to and from doctor appointments, regular outpatient rehab sessions and to the grocery store for the fresh foods we consume. (Irv doesn't drive.)

Then there is perky and shy **Deb Dean**. I've known her for a lot of years and she always just pitches in. She did at my house: diving into cabinets, cupboards and closets to sort and pack, deliver carloads of stuff to donation centers, take me to get replacement glasses and shoe shopping. I doubt we could have gotten moved as easily without her.

And, the Sun Coast Casino discounted the holiday party dinner allowing me to call some of you over the holidays. The Board decided three options were to be offered to those who attended the party:

- refund the difference to you
- put 4 tickets into the Opportunity Quilt drawing for you, or
- donate the money to the Homeless Teens project.

As of this morning, I've reached all but five of you. Four of those people are traveling and the fifth is not a member. I will contact them in the next couple of weeks when they are available. The total overwhelming response has been charitable, either donating to the Homeless Teen project or purchasing quilt tickets.

So, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL!!!! This has been a heartwarming and joyous project for me to report on at the end of the year!

It's a Hen Party!!

When: June 6,7 & 8, 2013

Where: Wingate Hotel, St. George, Utah

We are having a "Hen Party" – LVQ Retreat, in June of 2013, so start planning to attend. We are limited to 40 individuals! It is going to be at the Wingate Hotel, which backs up to the Scrap Apple Quilts and is near Wal-mart and other stores. The hotel rooms are much like those at the Hilton. The area we will be sewing in is a large rectangular room and the front window looks out on the swimming pool. The sewing area is separate from the dining area.

Some of the activities being planned are:

- Mystery Quilt (information for this mystery will be mailed out separate)
- Table Toppers Raffle
- Red Hen Auction
- Class at Scrap Apple Quilts on Saturday (a separate fee)



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The President's Piece by Jackie Reilly

I'm proud and honored to be leading the Guild through another year, which I hope, will be a period of vitality, continued growth for the group and personal enrichment for each member. One of the ways that I personally feel enriched is by getting to know so many individuals who have a couple of years to many decades of experience in quilting. What a treat, for me, to help a newbie or hear the advice from our more experienced quilters. I've been at this quilting craze for 15 years and I still feel like I'm learning. Learning is one of the many enrichment opportunities why people join a guild—that's why I joined.

Other reasons are to make new friends, do something with a friend, see what others are doing and be part of this huge sister-hood of quilters. After reading the editor's remarks in the March/April 2013 in *McCall's Quilting: The Best of American Quilting*, I learned that there are health benefits to quilting too! Quilting "lowers blood pressure, heart rate and overall stress, as well as fewer colds and other viruses and better sleep." So, keep on quilting to be a healthier you and renew your membership to learn, enrich your life and make more friends.

Happy Stitching,



Like most sewers, Jackie found her sewing passion in making Barbie doll clothes at age seven. This led to making peasant tops in junior high, prom dresses in high school, and a wedding dress to marry her high school sweet heart in 1976. She made doll clothes again for her real 3 pound baby girl and toddler son. Sewing grew into a necessity to keep busy while her submariner husband left on countless deployments during their 29 years in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Quilting began in 1998 when she walked into the only quilt shop on Oahu . . . then the fun really began. She took every quilt class that was taught. She moved to Las Vegas in 2004 and has been teaching a range of quilting classes since then and started her company "Sew U Know." Her teaching ranges from beginning quilting to appliqué to piecing to foundation quilting. Jackie has been the director/teacher of many sewing groups. She is also one of the founding members of the Las Vegas Quilters. Her mantra is "If you're not having, then you're not doing it right."



Meet Our New Vice President – Marilyn Ettinger

I have been a Las Vegas resident since 2000 - and retired 6 years ago after a 36 year career in Nursing, in Florida, California and Nevada. My husband Len and I have three children and four grandchildren and will be celebrating our 55th anniversary in March.

I am a founding member of our guild, as well as my previous guild in Coral Springs, Florida. Quilting is my passion, particularly, applique. I love challenging projects and enjoy attending quilt shows, wherever they may be. Currently, I am a First Connect volunteer with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Southern Nevada, working on a donation quilt for them and the ALS Society of Southern California. I'm looking forward to a fun and productive year for our group.



Meet our New Secretary – Joanne Carlson

Joanne Carlson lived in Chicago for 55 years before moving to Las Vegas. Prior to moving she worked in the food industry for 17 years traveling three times a week to Washington, DC to meet with the USDA to watch sugar crops in the USSR for feeding Swift and Company's Butterball Turkeys. She then served as a bank Vice President for a Chicago bank for 18 years. When she moved to Las Vegas, she was fortunate to meet Marilyn Ettinger, who introduced her to quilting. Joanne has been quilting for four years.

February Meeting— “Quilting is my passion . . . chocolate comes in a close second.”

You will be greeted by our Hospitality Hostesses Joan Marsh, Ida Connors and Holly Gordon. We are inviting everyone who comes to the February guild meeting to **bring four things**:

1. A box of chocolates or nuts to share with the membership.
2. Your favorite sewing gadget/tool (ruler, tape, special marker, etc.) that you can “tell” the membership how it helps you.
3. Your favorite Valentine and/or red color quilt for “**Show and Tell**”—finished or unfinished.
4. Completed UFO and/or Puzzle Block for “Show and Tell”.

Guild member, Linda Natale will share tips on preparing your quilt for a long arm quilter. She will also share her double batting technique.

A sample of the “**Trip Around the World**” quilt class and sign-up sheet for March 16th at Sew Little Time will be available. We'll have a “Let's Get Acquainted” activity and other information.

Treasurer's Report

MESSAGE FROM THE (OUT GOING) TREASURER – PATRICIA FRUGE'

I would just like to congratulate Tonie Keith our 2013 LVQG treasurer. As most of you know she was our treasurer before my two year term. She was always my quilting and finance mentor. I could not have done it without her. Thanks Tonie and good luck.

BEGINNING BALANCE 12/19/2012	\$15,094.68
DEPOSITS	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	60.00
OPPORTUNITY QUILT	185.00
ROAD TO CALIFORNIA	510.00
MISC. DONATION 50/50	53.00
 SUBTOTAL	 \$15,902.68
EXPENCES	
PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE	(75.00)
ROAD TO CALIFORNIA	(1951.60)
REFUND FOR HOLIDAY PARTY	(51.00)
OPPORTUNITY QUILT 2013	(27.64)
ENDING BALANCE 01/18/2013	\$13,797.44

February Birthdays

- Arlene Anderson
- Marilyn Ettinger
- Donna Hallett
- Ann Hochstein
- Irvin Kane
- Mary Oliver
- Dawn Pedersen

Charity Projects – Pat Fruge

I am so excited about my new job as the Charity Coordinator for 2013. There are so many generous, caring, and talented people in our Guild. I hope that all of you can join me in making our Guild, our city, and maybe even our country a better place. I have lots of exiting plans to make it fun and easy to participate in the charity project of YOUR choice. At our February meeting I will focus on our pillow case project for children in the hospital. Pillow case patterns and some pillow case “kits” will be available. I will also have a special drawing for anyone who wants to donate a box of Ziploc gallon size zipper bags. These bags will be used to package pillow cases after they are washed and ironed. And, don't forget to bring any “orphan” blocks that you might want to find a home for. I will organize them and have an adoption party at a future meeting. Remember there is nothing more powerful or contagious as a simple act of kindness.

Newsletter – Ida Connors

First I like to give my predecessor, Tonie Keith, a big round of applause for being our Newsletter Editor for the past several years. I know the frustrations you endured and the sacrifices of time to get us all the important information we needed. Thanks for all your hard work.

With this edition, I will be implementing some changes as you can see already. Hopefully you'll like the new format. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improvement please let me know.

As always all articles or tidbits are welcome for ALL members. Hope to see you published!

Opportunity Quilt - Open

Opportunity Tickets 2012

We're \$1,100 from our goal and only two and half more months to sell until the drawing on April 10th. **WE CAN DO IT!!!** Please bring any ticket money you may have. Also, we'll have tickets available at the meeting for you to take and sell. We will be selling tickets at the Quilt and Fiber Arts Show in Pahrump Feb. 22-23. Volunteers are still needed. The sign-up sheet will be passed around at the February guild meeting.

New Board Seeks Program Chair

Are you a people person? Enjoy meeting and talking with new and interesting people? Then this is the job for you. Work with the board to generate new program ideas. Then call on other members or potential visitors to present a program. This job would only require a few hours each month outside of the monthly meeting to make calls or attend the board meeting. No prior experience required; just a willingness to see that the guild meeting is a fun and educational place to come to. See Jackie Reilly if interested.

Sunshine – Sandy Martin

The Sunshine Committee now has a dual function. We send cards of encouragement and well-wishes to those whom we know are going through difficulty, such as surgery or grief, either personally or with someone close to them. In February, we will begin sending out birthday greetings via email. If you know of anyone who could use some encouragement or whose birthday we missed, please contact us through the link provided on the website or email Sandy Martin at sandymartinlv@mindspring.com.

Webmistress – Phyllis Suiter

The job of Webmistress is to update the website per the direction of the Board. Updating photo and information entails a knowledge of using a html editor program on the website administrators site.

Caring For Rotary Cutter, Scissors and Shears

Click on this link for a
great article:

http://www.quiltingboard.com/resources/article-44.html?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=artidlenewsletter

FOR SALE

Long arm quilting table. Large enough to quilt a queen size top.

Measures 11' x 30". Includes frame, rollers, leaders, and track.

Handy quilter machine NOT included. \$200 or best offer.

For more information call Patricia Fruge' at 645-0755.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES

Membership renewals are due on March 1, 2013. The dues are \$20.00 and cover the period March 1, 2013 thru February 28, 2014. Members who have not paid their dues by April 1st will be dropped and will no longer receive the newsletter. Late renewing members (members from the previous year) will pay the full amount of annual dues.

You may pay your membership dues to Mable Pigati at our next regular meeting on February 13th which must include a completed copy of the membership application, **OR** you can mail your membership dues and the membership application to the address listed on the application. We have some exciting events planned for this coming year and look forward to having your continued support to the Guild.

Membership Application

New Member: _____ **Renewal:** _____

Name: _____

Birthday: Month _____ **Day** _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____

The Las Vegas Quilters Guild is a 501(c) (3) Non-Profit organization. This is a member driven Guild seeking to promote the preservation, growth and appreciation of the art of quilting through information exchange, educational opportunities and charitable activities.

Membership dues are \$20.00 per fiscal year, March 1 thru the end of February. New members who join between September 1 and the end of February will pay \$10.00. Late renewing members from the previous year will pay the full amount of the yearly dues. Members who do not renew membership by April 1 will be dropped from the membership list. Members and their guests must sign in at all meetings.

How did you hear about us? _____

Signature

Date

**Please mail this form and your check payable to
Las Vegas Quilt Guild to:**

**Las Vegas Quilt Guild
P.O. Box 36296
Las Vegas, NV 89133**

NEW SECRET QUILTER PROGRAM

MARCH 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2013

Las Vegas Quilt Guild has enjoyed such an increase in membership that we would like to invite all our members to join our new **SECRET QUILTER PROGRAM**, which you will be able to sign up for at our February 13th Guild Meeting, and begin surprising your Secret Quilter at our March 13th Guild Meeting.

February will be our final Secret Quilter exchange for our current program, so don't forget your current Secret Quilter.

Secret Quilter Application

(Please Print)

Yes, I would love to be a Secret Quilter: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Birthday Month and date only: _____

Favorite Color: _____ Other hobbies: _____

I really love to: _____

Please do **NOT** give me: _____

Signature: _____

WAYS TO RECOGNIZE YOUR SECRET QUILTER

Make a Guild Name Tag	Give a Fragrant Votive Candle	Cover and Decorate a Notebook
Give a Fat Quarter	Make a cute Pincushion	Cut a stack of 2-1/2" squares
Make a Pothead	Make an appliquéd tea towel	Give a recycled gently quilt book
Share some favorite recipes	Give a current Quilt Magazine	Give some special Buttons
Who doesn't love a piece of chocolate	Make a padded, vibration-reducing mat	Give some seed packets if they garden
Make a small paper pieced gift	Make a booklet of your favorite quilt saying	Bake some homemade goodies
Give a 2-1/2" acrylic square	Give packets of purse carrying tissues	Give a quilting magnet
Select a yummy tea or coffee	Find and Print a copyright free pattern	Make a Tote Bag
Put together a small hand stitchery kit	Create a quilt block pattern just for fun	Give a needle assortment
Send a list of your favorite quilting tips	Make a keychain	Make an easy table runner
Give a cloth marking pencil/pen	Make a bookmark	Make a thread cutter necklace
Make a pillowcase from novelty fabric	Make a set of Placemats	Make some pretty coasters
Give a favorite lip balm	Give a spool of thread	Make a quilted postcard
Give a purse size hand lotion	Send a note card wishing them a happy day	Make a pillow

GUIDELINES: You must contact your Secret Quilter by means of a note, card or gift at least once a month.

Your gift should not exceed **\$10.00**. Homemade is lovely.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE CONTACT THE GUILD PRESIDENT SO ANOTHER SECRET QUILTER CAN BE FOUND FOR THAT PERSON THAT YOU CHOSE.



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The President's Piece by Jackie Reilly



Participation in any guild is the key to its success. Just look at our February meeting. We had the largest turnout in months—about 60% of the membership was there as well as guests.

Membership made the program happen that night! We had members share their favorite or most useful tool for quilting. Others had tips to share including Ida Connors' spray starch recipe using vodka which she is sharing in the newsletter. Linda Natale gave us an informative lecture on selecting different battings for different projects. Let's not forget all the chocolates that was brought and shared—yummy!!! Our mini quilt show in which members share their quilts and blocks inspires the audience and allows them to show off their talents is also membership participation. Yessereee, participation does make our meetings fun and successful. I hope to see the same number of members next month if not more.

And since March is what I call "girl's month" let's celebrate women and girls in our show and tell—mini quilt show portion of the meeting. Why do I call March "girl's month?" Well it's because March is "Women's History Month." March 3rd is Japanese Girls Day. How beautiful to have a country that celebrates girls!! March 8th is "International Women's Day." March 12th will be Girl Scouts' 101st birthday. And, let us not forget National Quilt Day on the 16th in which 99% of quilters are women.

Until we meet again, have a wonderful Easter Holiday and Happy Quilting.

Jackie

Upcoming Meetings

March Meeting Program:

- How to get your quilt ready for the quilter? Phyllis Suiter
- Show and Tell celebrating women
- Quilter's Horoscope Reading
- Puzzle Block Show and Tell

April Meeting Program:

- Opportunity Quilt 2012 Drawing
- Opportunity Quilt 2013 Introduced
- Magazine/Pattern exchange
- Recycle, Reuse & Repurpose ideas for sewing & quilting

Las Vegas Quilters are on the move---again!!

Dinosaurs and Roses notified us on Feb. 22nd that they loss their lease and would not be able to accommodate us any longer. Your fearless Vice-President, Marilyn Ettinger, paced the sidewalks and made countless phone calls all over the valley and found us a couple of really nice meeting places. The Executive Board met on the 25th and made a decision to move our monthly meetings to the YMCA at 3521 N. Durango Ave, Las Vegas. The area is well lit, plenty of parking and in a safe neighborhood. The meeting room is large with adequate lighting, plenty of table and chairs that they will set up and take down. The facility also has an attached kitchen if case we ever want to have a pot luck, ice cream party, etc. I know that this may be farther for some and closer for others but, the board thought that the hourly rate and all the safe features were best for our needs. We hope you will come and check it out.

President's Challenge 2013 "Christmas in July"

Of all the Christmas rituals, one that continues to bring much joy to most is that of making handmade gifts to give to family and friends. The 2013 President's Challenge has a variety of Christmas gift giving categories that are suitable for all different skill levels. The challenge is to choose any category and as many categories as you would like and make a gift for that category that you think someone might like to have or buy to give to someone else. All projects submitted will become the property of the guild to auction off in November as a fund raiser in which members can bring friends, neighbors, or family to participate in the auction. The maker of the item that receives the most money at the auction will split the money with the guild.

You can use any technique that you desire—paper piecing, appliqué, piecing, etc. You may use any type of embellishment including wool, crystals, ribbon, buttons, etc. It's your idea, your project and your gift.

Categories Are:

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Mary Jo Cole
Donna Cregar
Pat Fruge
Arleen Gregg
Linda Henning

Ruthie Kerr
Sandy Martin
Marti Miller
Linda Murray
Tammy Parins
Mable Pigati



Meet Our New Treasurer – Tonie Keith

Unlike most other quilters I was not a crafter or a sewer until later in life as I had a full time job and a husband that was gone most of the time either in the service or on the road as a construction

superintendent. I had an older sister who was a seamstress and a younger sister who was an artist. I was convinced I had no talent what-so-ever as everything I tried had that homemade dorky look. The sewing machine we had at that time was only used for sewing up rips and letting out hems.

In 1990 when our children were out of the house, I decided to go on the road with my husband, thinking this would a great way to travel. Stuck in Salt Lake City, Utah in a 24 foot pop-up trailer, bored out of my mind, unable to work as we didn't know when the job would finish, a lady in the trailer next to us, talked me into learning how to quilt with her. Inspired by the Mormon Handicraft shop with their 100's of handmade quilts, we couldn't see why we couldn't make a lovely quilt for ourselves at a cheaper price.

Together, we bought a rotary cutter, a cutting mat and a single ruler. I purchased a very old non-branded sewing machine from a pawn shop for \$25.00, bought a pattern from the local Ben Franklin and fabric from a factory that made sheets. The quilt was made on a picnic table. This started my adventure into quilting. During the time we were in Seattle, I joined a guild and took some classes and became totally addicted to both quilting and old sewing machines.

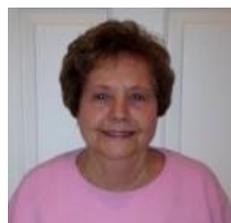
I enjoy all types of quilting and have taught myself to knit as well as crochet and embroidery. Most of my quilts go to different charities, with a few to my children and family.



Meet our New Charity Coordinator – Pat Fruge

The best thing that my mother ever gave me was a sewing machine and the knowledge to use it. For years it was a financial necessity. I made everything from drapes for my home to clothes for my children. After I started working I had less time to sew. When I retired five years ago, from Albertsons I rediscovered my passion for sewing. I took a few classes at a local quilt shop and joined a group at the Centennial Hills Senior Center. Before long I was hooked on quilting and hopelessly addicted to fabric! I served as Treasurer of the Las Vegas Quilt Guild for two years and now as the Charity Coordinator. I am really excited to be doing two things that I love, sewing and making our community a better place.

Meet our Membership Chair – Mable Pigati



My mother was a hand quilter and I always dreamed of making a quilt but never took the time to learn. Before I retired in 2001, I set three goals. The first goal was to organize and clean certain areas in my home, the second goal was to learn to knit and the third goal was to learn to quilt.

Once I completed my list of things that needed attention in my home, I decided it was time to learn to knit. I joined had a knit and crochet class at the Senior Center on Jones and Flamingo that met on Wednesday mornings. I have knitted several projects including two sweaters and continue to knit small projects today.

Once I was satisfied with my knitting skills, it was time to learn to quilt. I went to Hancock Fabrics on Desert Inn and Jones and approached the instructor, Mary, and told her of my desire to make a quilt. She asked if I had ever made a quilt and I said no. I told her I had a machine, could do some sewing and wanted to make a king-size quilt. She suggested as a first-time quilter I make a smaller quilt. I told her that I wanted to make a quilt that I could use on my king-size bed. She said okay and recommended that I make a nine patch quilt. She figured out how much fabric I needed, helped me pick several coordinating colors of fabrics and gave me instructions for making a nine patch. I worked long hours each day until that quilt top was completed.

I still have difficulty picking fabrics but I thoroughly enjoy quilting and do some quilting almost every day. I hope I will live long enough to piece together some of the beautiful quilt kits I purchased from our local shops and during my travels.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance as of 1/18/13 \$13,797.44

Income

Membership Dues	\$660.00
Opportunity Quilt Tickets	236.00
50/50 tickets	34.00
Trip Around the World Class	20.00
UFO Program	<u>35.00</u>

Total Income \$985.00

Expenses

2013 Opportunity Quilt	\$81.13
Holiday Party Expense	143.00
2013 Retreat Deposit	1,000.00
Road to California Expenses	<u>37.53</u>

Total Expenses \$1,261.66

Ending Balance as of 2/19/13 \$13,520.78

Last month Linda Natale did an excellent job explaining the types and use of batting. She has an excellent resource if you want more information on each of the battings:

<http://pellonprojects.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/legacy-detailed-product-chart.pdf>

Charity Projects – Pat Fruge

First of all I would like to thank all our members who donated a box of gallon size zip lock bags at our February meeting! Our pillow case kits went like hot cakes. I expect that these bags will soon be filled with a wonderful gift for a sick child. At our March meeting I was going to focus on our pet friends. Unfortunately Penny, who takes our beds to the pound, will not be at our March meeting. Please bring any beds or blankets you have to the meeting in April. As always, remember a simple act of kindness can make our world a better place to live.

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4. Collect money for 50/50 tickets and distribute ticket to purchaser.
5. Count money collected from 50/50 tickets and present half to Treasurer and half to the President.
6. Pack up all items and take down the table at the end of the meeting.

Opportunity Quilt - Open

Our drawing for the 2012 Opportunity Quilt is about six weeks away (April 10th). If you have any unsold tickets, please sell or purchase them and turn in the monies at the next meeting. At the time of this newsletter, we met our goal and have sold \$2,523! That's just \$23 over our goal of \$2,500 so any additional sales will be icing on the cake. Thanks to all who sold tickets and/or volunteered to sell tickets at the various venues. Without everyone's help we couldn't have done it.

New Board Seeks Program Chair

Are you a people person? Enjoy meeting and talking with new and interesting people? Then this is the job for you. Work with the board to generate new program ideas. Then call on other members or potential visitors to present a program. This job would only require a few hours each month outside of the monthly meeting to make calls or attend the board meeting. No prior experience required; just a willingness to see that the guild meeting is a fun and educational place to come to. See Jackie Reilly if interested.

Sunshine – Sandy Martin

The Sunshine Committee now has a dual function. We send cards of encouragement and well-wishes to those whom we know are going through difficulty, such as surgery or grief, either personally or with someone close to them. In February, we began sending out birthday greetings via email. If you know of anyone who could use some encouragement or whose birthday we missed, please contact us through the link provided on the website or email Sandy Martin at sandymartinlv@mindspring.com.

Webmistress – Phyllis Suiter

With March being the start of the new membership year, the Newsletters will still be emailed to the members, The current as well as archived Newsletters will be on the website. The Newsletter will remain password protected. Starting with March each paid member will be emailed the password for the newsletter and that password will remain in effect for the entire year. Please do not share this password with non-members. If anyone has any tips or techniques they would like to share and have posted on the website, please email me at webmaster@lasvegasquilters.com. You can then find your tip or technique on the projects page. Remember that you can contact the Board members and any special committee chairs by going to the Contact Us Page. Happy Quilting

Secret Quilters – Mary Jo Cole and Joanne Carlson

Thanks to everyone who signed up to be a Secret Quilter. We are proud to announce that 14 of our quilters signed up:

Ruth Sunday
Linda Spence
Jana Rowe
Diana Higgs
Ruthie Kerr

Alison Tichenor
Sheila Greenbaum
Cody Moran
Yvonne Shield
Stephanie Paykel

Marilyn Ettinger
Tonie Keith
Holly Gordon
Patty Christensen

See exciting and clever gifts every month, have fun.

Our Favorite Gadgets

Thanks to everyone who shared their favorite gadget last month. There were many great ideas and unfortunately we didn't capture them all. However two of the favorites were from Sandy Gold with the lighted magnifier by Nancy's Notions which she believes she purchased at JoAnn's. For more information, go to:

<http://www.nancysnotions.com/product/lighted+seam+ripper.do>

The other popular item was from me, Ida Connors. I mix Vodka and water to create a cheaper version of Mary Ellen's Best Press. The ratio is 1:4. One part Vodka (I just purchased the cheapest brand but I understand it should be a potato based one) and four parts water. So in my 16 ounce leftover Best Press bottle, I pour in 3 ounces of Vodka and fill the rest with water. If you shared a tip that night, please send me your tip and it will be published in a future newsletter.

Looking for fun, friends and a place to quilt? Then join us at the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center (6601 N. Buffalo) every Tuesday morning from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. This group is led by Ida Connors. Each month we work on new projects or bring in your own. What about those UFOs? We have every skill level from beginner to teacher. The cost is just \$2 per year to join the Center. For more information, call Ida, 254-8711, or email ipc1@cox.net.

Estimate how much thread you will need to quilt your quilt. (Thanks to Superior Threads for this tip.)

We often are asked how much thread it takes to quilt a quilt. It depends on the size of the quilt and the type of quilting to be done. Everyone's technique is different so the following are only averages. Of course it is possible to use much more or much less thread. The three sets of numbers following the size represent Light Quilting/Medium Quilting/Heavy Quilting:

Laptop/Crib size quilt: 200 yds./400 yds./600 yds.

Twin size: 400 yds./800 yds./1,200 yds.

Queen size: 600 yds./1,000 yds./1,600 yds.

King size: 700 yds./1,500 yds./2,000 yds.

These numbers are for the top thread only. Double them if you use the same thread for the bobbin.

It's a Hen Party! Las Vegas Quilt Guilds' 5th Annual Retreat!

Looking for fun, excitement, and just plain time to sew, well this is the Retreat for you. Here is the information:

When: June 7-9 2013

Where: Wingate Hotel in St. George, Utah (each room has a mini refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave, personal safe, and ironing board and iron). Cost is \$89.09 which includes taxes and full breakfast.

Cost of Retreat: \$113.00 per person, includes 2 lunches, 2 dinners

Activities: Mystery Quilt, Table Topper Raffles, Red Hen Auction, and Signature Block raffle. And a few Surprises!

We are also trying to get a class at Scrap Apple Quilts on Saturday and would be a separate fee if you wanted to attend. More information will be available for attendees. Scrap Apple Quilts is right next door to the Hotel.

Sign up will start on April 17 - May 01, 2013. Space is limited to 40 people and early registration will not be accepted. So make sure your registration is post marked April 17, or later.

If you have any questions please call, Linda Murray at 656-2874 or Marilyn Ettinger at 839-1694

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**LAS VEGAS QUILTERS 2013
5TH ANNUAL RETREAT**

**REGISTRATION FORM
REGISTRATION DATES ARE APRIL 17 - MAY 1, 2013
NO EARLY REGISTRATIONS ALLOWED!**

Name (please print) _____ **Check No.** _____

Mailing Address _____ **Amount:** _____

Phone No. _____

Roommate/travel buddy _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Contact Name _____

Contact Phone _____

Are there any medical conditions we should be aware of? If so, please list:

Signature: _____

This form must be signed by you to be accepted for attendance at the retreat.

Payment in full must be accompanied with this registration form and made out to Las Vegas Quilt Guild. Payment is non-refundable.

Mail this form and \$113.00 to:

**Linda Murray
7517 Fort Wilkins Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89129**

Final registration deadline is May 01, 2013.

TRIP AROUND THE WORLD QUILT CLASS



In recognition of National Quilt Day, your fearless guild president, Jackie Reilly, will be holding a quilt class at Sew Little Time on **March 16th** from 10:00-5:00 entitled "Trip Around the World."

This is a classic quilt pattern design that uses 6 different colors of fabric from light to dark. The quilt is a lap size that is approximately 50" x 62" and is pretty simple to make. If you can cut fabric strips with a rotary cutter, sew a quarter inch seam, then this quilt is for you.

Registration fee is \$20 per person. Once you submit your form and fee, a supply list will be mailed to you. Class space is limited. We will open the class to non-members on March 7th. If you have any questions, contact Jackie at reillyohana@embarqmail.com

Trip Around the World Quilt Class

Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail form and monies to Las Vegas Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 36296, Las Vegas, NV 89133

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES

Membership renewals are due on March 1, 2013. The dues are \$20.00 and cover the period March 1, 2013 thru February 28, 2014. Members who have not paid their dues by April 1st will be dropped and will no longer receive the newsletter. Late renewing members (members from the previous year) will pay the full amount of annual dues.

You may pay your membership dues to Mable Pigati at our next regular meeting on March 13th which must include a completed copy of the membership application, **OR** you can mail your membership dues and the membership application to the address listed on the application. We have some exciting events planned for this coming year and look forward to having your continued support to the Guild.

Membership Application

New Member: _____ **Renewal:** _____

Name: _____

Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____

The Las Vegas Quilters Guild is a 501(c) (3) Non-Profit organization. This is a member driven Guild seeking to promote the preservation, growth and appreciation of the art of quilting through information exchange, educational opportunities and charitable activities.

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How did you hear about us? _____

Signature

Date

**Please mail this form and your check payable to
Las Vegas Quilt Guild to:**

**Las Vegas Quilt Guild
P.O. Box 36296
Las Vegas, NV 89133**

MUST SELL

Moving to smaller home and they must go. Contact Pam Baker at pbakervergas@yahoo.com or 702-279-6469.



10 Foot Machine Quilting Frame

Machine not included. Paid \$1,200 for it will sell it for \$800 or Best Offer.



Horn Quilters Dream Sewing Cabinet with 5 Drawer Caddie

MINT CONDITION! Machine not included. Paid \$2,200, must sell for \$1,500 or best offer.



Mighty Press

15 x 15 size of bed. Used for transferring pictures or Metal and/or Crystals onto fabric or clothing. Paid \$1,100 - Asking price \$600 or best offer.



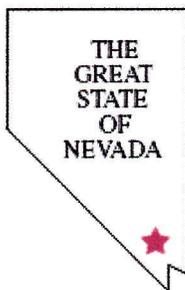
ADVERTISING RATES

Full page	\$50.00
Half page	\$25.00
Quarter page	\$12.50
Business Card	\$ 5.00

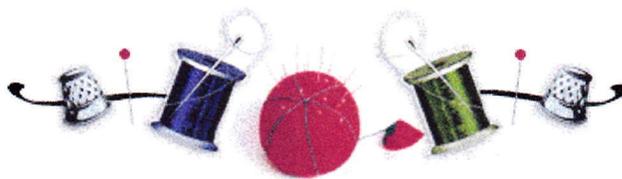
All members may place one business card size ad free, once every 12 months, either for personal or business purposes.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: THE 20TH OF THE MONTH.

All articles are welcome. Send your submission(s) to Ida at newsletter@lasvegasquilters.com



Las Vegas Quilters



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MEETINGS

We meet the second Wednesday of each month at:

Durango Hills YMCA
3521 N. Durango Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89129

6:15 pm to 8:15 pm

BOARD MEMBERS for 2013

President	Jackie Reilly
Vice President	Marilyn Ettinger
Secretary	Joanne Carlson
Treasurer	Tonie Keith

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR(S)

Charity Coordinator	Pat Fruge
Hospitality	Rotating
Membership	Mable Pigati
National Quilting Association (NQA) Liaison	Joan Marsh
Newsletter	Ida Connors
Opportunity Quilt Programs	Marilyn Ettinger
Retreat	Caryn Sakaguchi
	Linda Murray
	Kay Ridley
Sunshine	Marilyn Ettinger
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The President's Piece by Jackie Reilly



WOW! It's hard to believe that it's April already! The early springtime and exceptionally warm weather has surely been a bit of a blessing! My roses are blooming beautifully! I hope that you all have had a chance to get outside and enjoy our wonderful sunny days!

While you're outside enjoying the weather, remember that a simple seed that grows into a beautiful flower or a gentle rain that turns the grass spring green may be the inspiration that leads to a fantastic quilt. Each of us processes our ideas differently. Spring is a time for fresh new ideas for making new quilts. Enjoy the process and go create.

I want to thank the YMCA for allowing us to have our meetings at their location. We had a full house—again—and that is a good thing. Because we felt a little snug in the room, they want to move us to a little bigger room for April. Also, please note that our meetings will start at 6:15 and we will end by 8:30. During the summer months, our meetings will begin at 6:30 so the YMCA can continue with their "Kids Summer Camp" program. Please make these time changes on your calendar. I would like your help in welcoming a new member to your board, Caryn Sakaguchi. She has volunteered to help me with guild programs. She and I will be meeting soon to brainstorm program ideas for the year including a logo contest.

Don't forget to join us at the April 10th guild meeting. We will be drawing the winning ticket for our 2012 Opportunity Quilt. Remember it only takes one ticket and it could be yours. Also, our beautiful "Midnight Blossom" 2013 opportunity quilt will be presented.

April 17th is when registration begins for our June retreat in St. George, Utah. Don't forget to get your form and check ready to mail that day and no sooner.

Since "spring is in the air," **bring a spring/floral quilt for our show and tell segment.** I hope you all enjoy the wonderfully warm days ahead. Until then, keep creating!!

SEW long for now—

Jackie

"You need 27 seam rippers because they migrate in pairs to the other end of the universe when you look away."



<http://www.infect.wordpress.com>

April Birthdays

Beverly Brys
Carol Hughes
Donna Thurman

Kathy Hubert
Joan Kidwill
Alison Tichenor

Proquiltinating:
working on quilts
when you should be
doing laundry, or dishes,
or picking kids up from
school.

Guild Meeting Program for April

In honor of Earth Day (April 22), our program for April is "Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle." One might think that these all mean the same thing. However, according to "going green" website, the meanings are different:

Reuse: Whatever the purpose, you basically reuse the item for the same purpose more than one time.

Repurpose: This means you take one thing and use it for something else (repurpose it) before it goes through any breakdown and reformation. Exp. Making templates out of old file folders.

Recycle: The Oxford American Dictionary defines recycle as "return (material) to a previous stage of a cyclic process, esp. convert (waste) to a reusable material." For example, making a quilt from old t-shirts or ties is recycling.

So we're asking everyone to bring a Reuse, Repurpose, and/or Recycle idea to share with the membership. We're also asking for members to donate their old magazines, patterns, and/or quilt books. Magazines will be sold for 25¢, old usable patterns for 50¢, and old quilt books for \$ 2.00.

President's Challenge 2013 "Christmas in July"

Of all the Christmas rituals, one that continues to bring much joy to most is that of making handmade gifts to give to family and friends. The 2013 President's Challenge has a variety of Christmas gift giving categories that are suitable for all different skill levels. The challenge is to choose any category and as many categories as you would like and make a gift for that category that you think someone might like to have or buy to give to someone else. All projects submitted will become the property of the guild to auction off in November as a fund raiser in which members can bring friends, neighbors, or family to participate in the auction. The maker of the item that receives the most money at the auction will split the money with the guild.

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**Meet Our
National Quilting
Association (NQA)
Coordinator –
Joan Marsh**

My mother let me use her scraps to sew on her treadle sewing machine when I was 7 years old. That was the beginning. I have made everything from children's clothing, draperies, baby layettes, and of course quilts. My first experience with quilt making was on the farm. Cardboard patterns cut with scissors, feed sack backing and all tied for "quilting". Nothing like we do now.

I started my "real" quilting in 2000. I have always enjoyed sewing. Just watching something come together gives me great satisfaction. Our Las Vegas guild is a meeting I look forward to each month. The group at Centennial Hills Senior Center is another fun morning for me. There is so much talent in both the guild and the senior center meetings and all are willing to share their knowledge. I look forward to quilting for many years.

Treasurer's Report

I want to thank Jackie for the very enjoyable class on last month. Amelia provided a very tasty lunch and a wonderful room to quilt in. I enjoyed getting to know 7 of my fellow quilters a little better, plus a day free from kids, dogs and phones. Thanks guys for the laughs. The project was just right, not too stressful and I can see this becoming a quilt, not a U.F.O. I know I am going to sign up for the next class and hope to meet a few more of my fellow quilters.

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Income	
Membership Dues	\$680.00
Name Tag Police Fines	1.50
50/50 tickets	46.00
Newsletter Ad	25.00
Trip Around the World Class	80.00
2012 Opportunity Quilt Tickets	653.00

Total Income \$1,485.00

Expenses	
Quilt Stand	\$158.31
2013 Opportunity Quilt	205.00
Refund for Road to CA	55.00
Membership Forms Printed	85.00
Rent Expenses	444.00

Total Expenses \$947.31

Ending Balance as of 2/19/13 \$14,058.97



**Meet our Sunshine Chair –
Sandy Martin**

I actually got into quilting because I wanted to make banners for churches. I noticed that they never hung straight and wanted to know how to handle that. Quilters would have the answer. That was back in 1995 or so.

I joined a quilt guild in Plano, Texas, which is a suburb of Dallas. It was a large guild, and I dove in head first, excited about all I could learn and do. It became a delight to just make quilts and be around other quilters.

When I came to Las Vegas in 1997 I went straight to the nearest quilt shop and dove in there, too. Isn't it great that we can do that just about anywhere we go?



**Meet our
Ways and Means Chair –
Ruth Sunday**

I'm one of those people who have been around forever, a member of several quilt groups, guilds and boards. Joan called and asked if I would help her organize a quilt guild. Didn't have much else going on at the time, so I said, "Sure". About 8 or 9 of us tossed \$20 on the table in Joan's dining room to fund a basic LLC filing in order to set up a group and bank account in 2007. Las Vegas Quilters was off and running.

Grandma Haddock started me out piecing with the ever shrinking cardboard template when I was in the Third Grade. It took me about a decade to hand piece a lap quilt with that 2" template. It started out to be a doll bed quilt made from 2" squares. The Sunday side of the family had me knitting, crocheting and doing embroidery from the time I could thread a story book in pre-school. I've taught quilting in local quilt/fabric stores, at the community college and community school system here in Las Vegas. And, I've taken a lot of classes.

Now, I just hang out with LVQ members and try to help out where I can. **Ways and Means** is generally thought of as fundraising. Well that is important.

Our group also uses/needs things like place(s) to meet, prizes for contests and drawings, general supplies for programs. Those are the kinds of things that I look into.

The opportunity quilt and membership fees provide regular income to meet the standard guild expenses. Funding the fun stuff (acquiring goodies); hopefully, without digging into the basic income is where I spend my time.

Charity Projects – Pat Fruge

In reading Drs. Oz and Roizen's newspaper column this week I learned that generosity is good for the heart. They say, "Generosity is an essential nutrient, it fuels the body with good energy and strengthens not just relationships, but also your heart and immune system". If this is true, we must have a really healthy number of LVQ members. We had a virtual blizzard of pillow cases sewn and donated by our membership last month. So many in fact that I sent 28 of them off to the Safe Nest Woman's Shelter and was still able to take over 50 to the children at Summerlin Hospital. I was also able to deliver 8 wonderful quilts sewn by Penny Stellone, Sheila Greenbaum, Tonie Keith, and Marilyn Ettinger to the Infinity Hospice. Great work all of you. Don't forget this month's meeting will be about our pet friends. If you have not had time to fill a pet bed, don't worry, this is an ongoing project. The shelters also take towels and small blankets or fleece remnants. Hopefully we can make our furry friends comfortable until they can find a forever home. Remember, an act of kindness can make your heart stronger and your world a better place.

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The drawing for the 2012 Opportunity Quilt is April 10th and the new Opportunity Quilt for 2013 will be revealed.

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Quilts of Valor (QOV) Volunteers Needed

Since November 2003 the total number of QOV awarded is 82,813, 2,813 so far this year. Many quilters ask "How can you help"? We always welcome quilters, piecers, and others who can organize and inspire us. But right now we have several urgent needs for volunteers to fill important positions:

1. A longarm volunteer who is willing to serve as Longarm/Topper Coordinator. Judie Yates has done a marvelous job of filling this important job for the past two and one half years, but she is ready to move on to something else.
2. A person to edit a short monthly newsletter.
3. Several people to serve as Regional/State Coordinators.

Here is the link that will take you to the list of vacancies, and lead you to the job descriptions:

[Current Staff Openings](#)

For more information contact:

June D Moore
Executive Director
Quilts of Valor Foundation
509-346-9332
june.moore@QOVF.org



10 Foot Machine Quilting Frame

Machine not included. Paid \$1,200 MUST sell for \$500 or **Best Offer**. Price reduced to sell. Many extras included.

Contact Pam Baker at pbakervegas@yahoo.com or 702-279-6469

ADVERTISING RATES

Full page	\$50.00	Half page	\$25.00
Quarter page	\$12.50	Business Card	\$ 5.00

All members may place one business card size ad free, once every 12 months, either for personal or business purposes.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: THE 20TH OF THE MONTH.

All articles are welcome. Send your submission(s) to Ida at newsletter@lasvegasquilters.com

Quick Scrapping Hints...

Do you ever have left over fabric with odd angles and dangles? If you take the entire piece and even it off as follows... Cut off a strip 2.5" wide. Fold up the larger left over piece and return it to your stash. Measure 2.5", 3", 4" and/or 5" squares from your odd angles and dangles. Then even off the strip. Hopefully you will have the full 2.5" strip left, but you may have a 1" or 1.5" strip left. Any way you work it, you will have items to put into your scrappy stash (I recommend plastic shoe boxes) for squares and strips. This is a great way to start and build a scrappy stash.

Heard in Quilt Store earlier today (spoken by a customer) ... "We are on a FART!" Puzzled looks by all within hearing got this explanation, "Fabric Acquisition Road Trip"!!!

It's a Hen Party! Las Vegas Quilt Guilds' 5th Annual Retreat!

Looking for fun, excitement, and just plain time to sew, well this is the Retreat for you. Here is the information:

When: June 7-9 2013

Where: Wingate Hotel in St. George, Utah (each room has a mini refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave, personal safe, and ironing board and iron). Cost is \$89.09 which includes taxes and full breakfast.

Cost of Retreat: \$113.00 per person, includes 2 lunches, 2 dinners

Activities: Mystery Quilt, Table Topper Raffles, Red Hen Auction, and Signature Block raffle. And a few Surprises!

We are also trying to get a class at Scrap Apple Quilts on Saturday and would be a separate fee if you wanted to attend. More information will be available for attendees. Scrap Apple Quilts is right next door to the Hotel.

Sign up will start on April 17 - May 01, 2013. Space is limited to 40 people and early registration will not be accepted. So make sure your registration is post marked April 17, or later.

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NO EARLY REGISTRATIONS ALLOWED!**

Name (please print) _____ **Check No.** _____

Mailing Address _____ **Amount:** _____

Phone No. _____

Roommate/travel buddy _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Contact Name _____

Contact Phone _____

Are there any medical conditions we should be aware of? If so, please list:

Signature: _____

This form must be signed by you to be accepted for attendance at the retreat.

Payment in full must be accompanied with this registration form and made out to Las Vegas Quilt Guild. Payment is non-refundable.

Mail this form and \$113.00 to:

**Linda Murray
7517 Fort Wilkins Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89129**

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Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to: Las Vegas Quilt Guild

Mail to: P.O. Box 36296, Las Vegas, NV 89133

Questions?? Contact Jackie at (president@lasvegasquilters.com)



Sew Happy



Our group is called "sew happy" and we make adult bibs. The bib's help protect clothes from becoming soiled and keeps clothes dry. Each bib is made with a special waterproof fabric called, PUL.

When: Saturday, May 4th, 2013

Time: 9:00 am-?

Location: 6601 N. Buffalo Drive

Point of contact: Ida Connors (702) 254-8711

Requesting any fabric donations

I was contacted several months ago by Stephanie Richard one of the staff members at the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center. Her daughter, Sarah, is a seventh grader who has a huge heart for the disadvantaged. Sarah decided to take on this project of making bibs for people in group homes and other facilities. She took her idea to the city of Las Vegas and was given a small grant to get her project started.

Sarah has purchased the waterproof fabric and thread for 125 bibs. Now she and her friends (all young ladies) need our help in sewing the bibs. We are looking for 20 volunteers to sew a very simple bib pattern. They are also in need of ½ yard cuts of fabric for the back. If you can help by sewing on Saturday, May 4th (bring your machine and basic sewing supplies, thread provided) or if you can donate fabric, please contact me at the number above.

Continental breakfast and lunch provided.



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The President's Piece by Jackie Reilly



Jackie When was the last time you played? I mean a game on the computer, games with friends or your family or played with a computer program like EQ7? Play is

simultaneously a source of relaxation and stimulation for the brain and body. A sure (and fun) way to develop your imagination, creativity, problem-solving abilities, and mental health is to play with your romantic partner, children, grandchildren, and friends.

"Play is often described as a time when we feel most alive, yet we often take it for granted and may completely forget about it. But play isn't a luxury - it's a necessity. Play is as important to our physical and mental health as getting enough sleep, eating well, and exercising. Play teaches us how to manage and transform our "negative" emotions and experiences. It supercharges learning, helps us relieve stress, and connects us to others and the world around us. Play can also make work more productive and pleasurable."
(www.helpguide.org/life/creative_play_fun_games.htm.)

This all brings me to our May meeting theme--"Quilty Games." Gee, can you guess what we will be doing for fun and laughter? If you played along and guessed "games" you're already a winner. Some games will require players/members to bring a few items if they choose to play specific games. Players will need to bring **a pen to write with, a fat quarter, and one yard of ugly fabric.** We will have prizes too!!

And the winner is --Corina Flores of Las Vegas! She is the winner of our beautiful "Bali Wedding Star" quilt. I took the quilt to Corina the Saturday after the drawing and she was just tickled that she won something so beautiful.

We sold over \$3,300 in tickets. Thank you to all who sold to their family, friends, co-workers and at the different venues throughout the year. Our top ticket seller was Pat Fruge, who sold \$239 worth of tickets, followed by your president who sold \$164 and Penny Stallone who sold \$150. This did not include booth sales. All three are receiving a gift certificate of their choice.

The President's Piece (continued)

Our stunning "Midnight Blossom" 2013-2014 opportunity quilt was presented at the April meeting. "Midnight Blossoms" is pieced with batik and black Kona Cotton fabrics. The quilt has 20 Irish Chain blocks that were sewn on point with 12 solid black squares and half square triangles along the edges. Each solid black area in the quilt is quilted with jewel tone variegated threads. Flowers, stems and leaves were hand quilted in opposite corners. The flower design is continued along the borders in the quilting with the variegated thread. A picture is in the newsletter and each member who picks up their tickets get a photo of the quilt to show potential buyers. **The three top ticket sellers will receive large "Gift Baskets" of quilting and sewing items such as books, notions, fabric, etc.** Booth sales will be included in individual ticket sells.

I would like to thank Marilyn Ettinger, Linda Murray, and Mary Jo Cole for piecing the quilt. Marilyn donated much of the batik fabric. She and Linda also did the appliquéing and donation of the fabric for the flowers, leaves and stems. Mary Jo sewed the binding and hanging sleeve by hand. Linda Natale did the striking colorful quilting.

Many thanks to Sheila Greenbaum and Penny Stallone for being our Hospitality Hostesses for April. They will also greet you in May. Many thanks also go to the board and committee members. Without them, the guild meetings and activities, the website, and newsletters would not happen.

SEW long for now—

Jackie

President's Challenge 2013 "Christmas in July"

Of all the Christmas rituals, one that continues to bring much joy to most is that of making handmade gifts to give to family and friends. The 2013 President's Challenge has a variety of Christmas gift giving categories that are suitable for all different skill levels. The challenge is to choose any category and as many categories as you would like and make a gift for that category that you think someone might like to have or buy to give to someone else. All projects submitted will become the property of the guild to auction off in November as a fund raiser in which members can bring friends, neighbors, or family to participate in the auction. The maker of the item that receives the most money at the auction will split the money with the guild.

You can use any technique that you desire—paper piecing, appliqué, piecing, etc. You may use any type of embellishment including wool, crystals, ribbon, buttons, etc. It's your idea, your project and your gift.

Categories Are:

- 1. Carry Away** category is anything that you can carry such as a tote, lunch sack, handbag, purse, bag, etc.
- 2. Sipping Crazy** allows you to make something very simple like a set of 4 coasters or mug rugs as some call them. Don't forget people are into mug huggers too as well as tea cozies.
- 3. Kitchen Kapers** category is for the making of a table runner, set of 4 place mats, and/or a set of matching napkins, pot holders, hot fingers, appliquéd towels, casserole carrier or an apron are just some of the ideas you can make for the kitchen. Make sure that place mats and napkins are done in sets of four.
- 4. Cover it Up** is the name of the category for the technology gadget that needs to be protected such as a Nook, Kindle or any e-reader. Don't forget lap tops need protection too.

There will be a \$25 winner for each category. Plus, the item that brings in the most money at the November auction will split the money received with the guild. Voting will be done by those present. If there is a tie, the President will ask two people, who do not have an item in that category, to make the final decision.

Entries must be submitted with a 3"x5" card attached to it with the category name, the maker's name and estimated value of the item at the July 10th meeting.

May Birthdays

Victoria Brazzle
Joanne Carlson
Dianne Chipman
Vivian Eddins

Susan Hall
Bethany Imes
Cody Moran
Linda Natale

Kay Ridley
Cathy Short
Jeanie Singler

Natalie Spicer
Donna Stamcoff
Penny Stellone



Meet Our New Programs Chair – Caryn Sakaguchi

My introduction to sewing was when I took Home Ec in high school and learned how to sew clothing (not my best skill), but I did very little sewing until my son was born. Then I made a couple of Halloween costumes and a boy doll for him when he was small.

I took a long hiatus from sewing except clothing repair and one excursion into trying to make some police equipment (my husband's idea) until about 2003, when I tried to go back to school for pre-pharmacy while working full-time. It turned out to be too much, but I needed to do something besides work. I was walking past a quilt store one day and decided it was something I wanted to try. I took a beginning class and that was the start.

I really enjoyed that first class and then went to Empty Spools Seminars in Asilomar for a week every year for several years. I learned different techniques in local classes and even learned how to use a longarm at my local quilt store, because I liked to make my quilts from start to finish. I also entered a couple of quilt shows and joined the local guild.

When we retired and moved to Las Vegas in 2010, I was fortunate enough to have room for my own longarm rather than having to rent one. Now I get to make my quilts from start to finish at home on my own machines and I go to local classes rather than the one week seminars and enjoy them just as much.



Meet our Retreat Chair – Linda Murray

I can remember helping my grandmother make a quilt at the age of 8. My job was to cut out the newspaper patterns. I thought that was a strange way to make a quilt but my grandmother always had a quilt going in many different stages of completion, so I figured she knew what she was doing. It wasn't until many years later (I won't tell how many years!) that I realized that the quilt I was helping my grandmother with was for my mother. After the death of my mother and then my sister the quilt I worked on at the age of 8 is now in my possession. It will always be a precious piece of my family history.

I got started quilting for real when I retired (previously I was making clothes for myself and my sister). I took a class from Robert Callahan. He was teaching appliquéing and I did not know that I was suppose to be an advanced quilter to join his class until about the third class. Oh well, I just jumped in and found that I really enjoyed appliquéing (it was a feathered star with applique blocks). To this day applique is still my favorite form of quilting (and making feathered star blocks). I would rather applique than piece a quilt any day.

Through quilting I have made many friends and have taught many this wonderful craft. I have taken so many quilt classes from such wonderful people/teachers and must admit I have traveled through the United States and Europe either taking classes, looking at or attending quilt shows.

Meet our Webmistress – Phyllis Suiter

Sewing, quilting and computers have been hobbies of mine most of my life. I started sewing at the age of 8 with my two sisters beside my Mom. With 5 girls and only one boy, my mom was always looking for things to keep us occupied. I learned to crochet and hand- embroider when I lived on Guam and my sisters and I would go over to the neighbors house after school. I think I still have those pieces somewhere.

My first quilt I made was in Junior Girl Scouts. I think it was turned into a dog bed shortly after I finished it. When I married 40 years ago I was sewing most of my clothes. Even though I wore a Navy Nurses Uniform 5-7 days a week, I had the best and one of a kind off duty outfits. I even sewed my own wedding dress.

My father-in-law was one of the first computer technicians in the Navy in the 60's. He piqued my interest in computers and I have been a self-made computer geek since. My first computer was an Atari 800 on which I typed my husband's Immunology Dissertation. When embroidery machines came out in the mid 80's, I naturally took to it and have had to have the latest and greatest since. Four years ago I become acquainted with long arm quilting and entered into an entrepreneurial relationship with Wendy Barnhart and we started Sew Many Quilts, LLC. Looking back over the last 56 years of crafting, sewing and quilting, we've come a long way baby, and it is still fun and relaxing for me after a long day of treating patients to come home and create something.

Treasurer's Report

It was sad saying goodbye to our 2012 Opportunity Quilt. We received so many compliments and comments on it, I would have thought we would never top it. But, Wednesday night I saw the 2013/14 Opportunity Quilt and it is just stunning. The quilt committee outdid themselves. Great job!

Beginning balance as of 3/18/13 \$14,058.97

Income

Membership Dues	\$260.00
50/50 tickets	53.00
Classes	60.00
Magazine & Books Sale	77.00
2012 Opportunity Quilt Tickets	343.00

Total Income \$793.00

Expenses

2013/14 Opportunity Quilt	100.00
Rent Expenses (Storage & P.O.)	474.00

Total Expenses \$574.00

Ending Balance as of 4/15/13 \$14,277.97

Charity Projects – Pat Fruge

I loved last months' meeting! Our members have some really clever re-use and re-cycle ideas. I think throwing things away is against the laws of quilting. After all, the very first quilts were made to re-purpose bits of fabric. I noticed lots of members using their scraps to fill the dog beds Penny Stellone will take to a local animal shelter. What a great way to send your scraps to a better place. Pet beds are just one of our ongoing charity projects. We will continue to collect any pillow cases for the kids in hospitals and quilts for the Infinity Hospice. If those projects are not something you can get passionate about talk to Tonie Keith or Alison Tichenor about items for homeless teens. Cathy Short sews for Quilts of Valor and is always looking for quilting buddies to join with her. I know we are all busy and there are a 100 or more projects in our sewing room waiting for our attention, but I hope all of you will do just one project for the charity of your choice this year. Remember one act of kindness can make our world a better place!

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The role of Hospitality is rotated so that you will be greeted by different members each month. For the month of May, our hostesses will again be Sheila Greenbaum and Penny Stellone. This responsibility includes:

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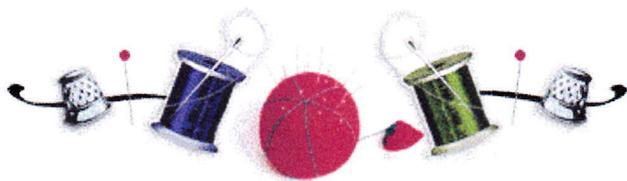
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The President's Piece by Jackie Reilly

Where do you find your artistic inspiration to create a quilt? Do you find it in a line of fabric? Perhaps a photo of a loved one or colorful flowers inspires you. Or, how about

a good old fashion quilt you've seen at a quilt show, retreat or a guild meeting. My life is full of beautiful surroundings—my students, my family, friends, and nature. My best quilts come from a place inside me that just pop into my head while I'm driving, trying to fall asleep or I've seen in the color of carpet at a casino—how's that for a palette of colors? They are also inspired by memories, thoughts, places, and feelings. All of these motivate and energized me to create. When was the last time you were inspired to make a quilt and just let your artistic juices go wild and **have fun**? Sometimes, when we're not having fun during the process, those original fun quilts become UFO's. Think about it. Members and guest who attended our May meeting had an opportunity to be very artistic in creating a quilt top with magazine pictures, scissors and glue—they were beautiful and people had fun. Go and find an artistic inspiration and create a gorgeous quilt that comes from within you and bring it to show and tell when you're done.

Sometimes taking a quilt class will inspire you to create or to learn a new technique. The guild is offering two quilt classes, "Stack-n-Whack" on **June 20th** and a paper piece "Wreath" on **July 20th**. Each class is \$20 and the classes are filling up. The registration form is in the newsletter.

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President's Challenge is just around the corner and details are in the newsletter. However, I've received a few scoldings about not having a category for sewers/quilters since we are sewers and quilters and most of our friends are too.

The President's Piece (continued)

Therefore, I would like to add a 5th category entitled "Sew Like Crazy" (see below). I hope this makes the membership a little happier and will take part in the challenge now. Don't wait until the last minute to create and submit your piece.

Wanted—talented people who would like to demo a technique or tool for 15 minutes at our "**School House**" program in September. If you or someone you know would be interested, please let Jackie know at president@lasvegasquilters.com

I would like to thank Tracy Edwards, Bethany Imes, Gail Butts, Sandy Levine, Homa Soroosh, Pat Fruge, Kathy Shotwell, Dawn Pedersen, Tonie Keith, and Caryn Sakaguchi for selling opportunity tickets at the Desert Quilters of Nevada quilt Show. We made about \$325 for the weekend. Tickets sold will go towards their chance to win one of three gift baskets for the top three sellers. We are working big gift baskets and on more locations to sell tickets.

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I found a website devoted to this great little machine and was pleased to note that almost everyone that has one sews on it. It is a straight stitch with a reverse and makes a wonderful piecing machine. I am going to get mine out, oil it up and use it.

Beginning balance as of 4/16/2013 \$14,277.97

INCOME

Membership Dues	120.00
50/50	35.00
Classes	60.00
Name tag & name tag police	8.00
Retreat deposits	3,616.00
2013 Opportunity Quilt Tickets	<u>369.00</u>

Total Income 4208.00

EXPENSES

2013/14 Quilt Expenses	27.39
Games & Prizes	150.00
Office Supplies (stationary)	155.21
Postage	50.00
Rent Expense	10.00
Bank bag	<u>5.00</u>
Total Expenses	397.60

Ending balance as of 5/15/13 \$18,088.37

June Birthdays

Joy Haskin
Joan Marsh
Kathy Shotwell
Jeanne Spala
Sonia Wittenberg

Meet Our Newsletter Editor – Ida Connors

Like many of you I began sewing at an early age; about 8 or 9. My mother worked in a sewing factory before I was born so she was always sewing clothes or making household items. I started by making clothes for my Barbie and expanded to making clothes for myself including my prom and wedding dresses. Later I made clothes for my husband and children.

But when I started working full-time I never had time for anything more than quick repairs. So I toted my inexpensive Singer sewing machine from place to place as we moved around for 20 years.

Shortly after moving to Las Vegas I met my good friend Joan Marsh (our NQA Coordinator). Joan started taking classes at Fabric Boutique and would tell me all about her classes. For the life of me I couldn't understand why anyone would want to buy fabric, cut it up and sew it back together. The only quilts I had been exposed to were from my mother-in-law who just repurposed whatever fabric she had around (no matchy matchy).

However a few years later, my son was expecting his first child and asked me to make a quilt for the baby. So I thought, "how hard can that be?" So I made that first quilt and then decided to enroll in a class at Joann's because it was so much fun. The rest as they say is history. Who knew a quilt shop, quilt guild and teaching quilting would be a part of that history. I love making all kinds of quilts from traditional to modern or art quilts but I'm still not a fan of handwork!

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For the past few months, we have featured our board members in each newsletter so you would have a chance to know a little more about them. This month I am the final board member to be featured here. So now I would like to turn our attention to you – our members!

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Charity Projects – Pat Fruge

I don't care what your political views are; you have to agree we live in one of the most amazing countries on earth. Our men and women in the armed forces play a big part in our security and freedom. I would like you all to join me in June and July in honoring our military veterans. I know not all of us have the time or resources to make an entire quilt, but if you do please join with Cathy Short in making a quilt of valor. If a lap quilt is more manageable, the Infinity Hospice is looking for any Red, White, and Blue creations for the veterans under their care. They will also accept any "patriotic" pillow cases. Please check your stash or better yet go shopping and sew something to let our vets know that we appreciate a job well done! To make it a little more fun, I will hold a special drawing for anyone who brings in a patriotic quilt or pillow case in June or July. Remember your wondrous gift (knowing how to sew) can make this world a better place to live.

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Webmistress – Phyllis Suiter

While each member will receive the newsletter via email, the previous newsletters will be archived on the website and **are no longer password protected**. If anyone has any tips or techniques they would like to share and have posted on the website, please email me at webmaster@lasvegasquilters.com. You can then find your tip or technique on the projects page. Remember that you can contact the Board members and any special committee chairs by going to the Contact Us Page. Happy Quilting

Upcoming Classes

When fees and registration form are received, a supply list and cutting instructions will be emailed. The patterns and books can be purchased at our local quilt shops.



“Stack-n-Whack” is almost a classic and is not as hard as it looks. You will stack 8 layers of fabric and “whack (cut) them into a diamond shape.” Decide how you want your design to go, sew and enjoy. Magic Stack-n-Whack, by Bethany S. Reynolds will be required. The class will be held on **June 20th for \$20** at Sew Little Time on Ft. Apache. Time is 10-5:00. Space is limited to 10. The size of the quilt is between lap and twin. You can add borders and make it a twin size.

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Las Vegas Quilt Guild Class Registration Form

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Check the class you will be taking:

- | | | |
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| 1. Stack-n-Whack (June 20 th) | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to: Las Vegas Quilt Guild
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GUILD MEETINGS

We meet the second Wednesday of each month at:

Durango Hills YMCA
3521 N. Durango Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89129
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

BOARD MEETINGS

All members are welcome to attend. The board meets at Finlay Honda, 7494 W. Azure Drive. The next meeting is scheduled for June 17th at 7 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS for 2013

President	Jackie Reilly
Vice President	Marilyn Ettinger
Secretary	Joanne Carlson
Treasurer	Tonie Keith

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR(S)

Charity Coordinator	Pat Fruge
Hospitality	Rotating
Membership	Mable Pigati
National Quilting Association (NQA) Liaison	Joan Marsh
Newsletter	Ida Connors
Opportunity Quilt Programs	Open
Retreat	Open
	Linda Murray
	Kay Ridley
Sunshine	Marilyn Ettinger
Ways and Means	Sandy Martin
Webmistress	Ruth Sunday
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR(S)

Secret Quilters	Joanne Carlson
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I just love the summer time! Being a school teacher, the summer is my huge opportunity to visit with my friends, family and go to quilting events without worrying about doing up lessons plans and grading papers. Our latest retreat was a wonderful quilting event which I enjoyed very much because of my great "bunk buddies," delicious food, talking with friends and no lesson plans to create. I would like to thank our "Hens" Linda Murray, Marilyn Ettinger and Kay Ridley for a "Clucken" good time at the "Hen Party" retreat.

For our July guild meeting, we're asking members to share a holiday gift idea and hopefully bring a sample to help us visual learners. The gift sample does not have to be a part of our "Christmas in July" President's Challenge entry either. The July meeting will also be the final sign-up for the Christmas Tree block exchange that will take place in October. Samples and directions for a paper pieced and pieced Christmas Tree will be available for those who participate.

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Contact Us

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You will be greeted by Donna Stameoff and Shirley Boprey in July. We need one more person for August. If you would like to help in being a hostess, let me know (president@lasvegasquilters.com).

Have a wonderful 4th of July, eat lots of ice cream, and finish your President's Challenge entry.

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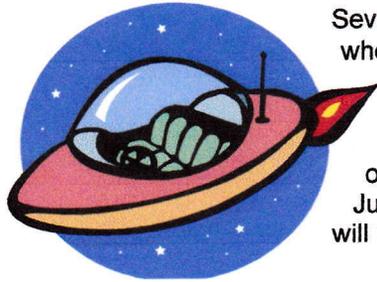
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Breaking News: UFO SEARCH IN LAS VEGAS *****



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Every completed UFO receives a ticket for the grand prize drawing at our November guild meeting, remember, you don't have to finish them all. Just show your completed projects at the General Meeting each month and I will record them put another entry in the drawing for you.....Marilyn Ettinger

Attached to the newsletter is a 2 part article that appeared in recent issues of The View. The articles entitled "Know Color's Effect to Use it Best" have been reprinted with permission of the author Gail Mayhugh of GMJ Interiors. So be sure to check it out.

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This summer seems to be flying by. There are so many things to do, so little time. I would like to say thank you to all the generous quilters who brought something to donate at the June meeting. The focus for July will again be our veterans. What a perfect time to say thank you to our men and woman who have served our country. I will be collecting any red, white, and blue pillow cases or quilts for the Infinity hospice. To make it extra special I will have a drawing for anyone who brings an item to donate. As always, don't forget your one act of kindness makes our world a better place.

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“California Hear We Come . . . Again!”

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Who: Las Vegas Quilters' members, friends and adult guests; All riders must be 18 -100 years old

What: International Quilt Festival-lots to see and do.

Where: Long Beach Convention Center in California

When: **Saturday, August 3, 2013**

Why: Shop at nearly 300 booths offering everything from contemporary quilts to fabrics, books, patterns, notions, and sewing machines; view over 500 quilts; build new friendships and have FUN!

Costs: Transportation is \$46; entrance is \$8 for seniors and \$10 for non-seniors. **Participants are responsible for purchasing their own entrance tickets.** (www.quilts.com)

Deadline: **July 10th**, make checks payable to Las Vegas Quilters along with form below. **DO NOT SEND CASH**

Meals: Everyone is responsible for their own meals. Drinks and snacks are allowed in moderation on the bus.

Refunds: No Refunds after July 10th, unless your seat is filled or you have a family emergency

Bus Info: **Space is limited to 50 people.** The chartered bus company is Triple J Tours. The bus is equipped with air-conditioning, restroom, DVD player and 5 screens, and small storage space. The seats have high backs and each passenger has their own light and air flow valve. You must be able to climb up onto the bus.

Form: For emergency purposes only, each passenger will be asked to provide basic information on their form that the president of the guild will hold throughout the trip and return when the trip is completed.

Questions: Jackie Reilly, president@lasvegasquilters.com.

Drop Off & Pick Up Location: Arizona Charlie's back parking lot on Evergreen and Decatur. Entrance is on Evergreen. The bus will leave Las Vegas at 5:30 am to arrive in Long Beach about 10:00am. Return trip begins at 5:00 pm arriving back to Las Vegas around Mid-night. We'll have a short 20 minute stop there and back.

Cut and return to the address below with your full payment

“California Hear We Come . . . Again!”

Please make sure that someone will be available at the emergency number during your time in California

Print Name: _____ Member? Yes _____ No _____

Address: _____

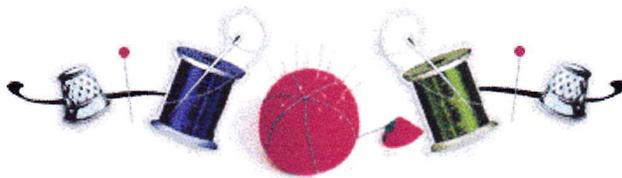
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Retreat	Sonia Wittenberg
Sunshine	Sandy Martin
Ways and Means	Ruth Sunday
Webmistress	Phyllis Suiter



The President's Piece by Jackie Reilly

Summer brings memories of ice cream and socializing, and so it is no accident that our August 14th meeting will provide both. Also, we'll have a segment on "Quiltology" that will help you get up to speed on current quilt acronyms, quilt terminology and some other surprises.

Thank you to everyone who participated in my final President Challenge. There are a lot of nice things presented at the meeting. These items will be auctioned off in November. Once people saw the items, many approached me or emailed me and asked if they could still donate and I'm saying "sure." Just look at the previous newsletters for the categories; Carry Away, Sipping Crazy, Kitchen Kapers, Cover it Up and Sew Like Crazy. We'll include your item in the November auction. Remember, the winner for each category gets \$25 and each participant splits the money received with the guild. This will help you with a little holiday "Mad Money" for yourself.

I'm sorry to announce that I had to cancel the bus trip to the International Quilt Festival in Long Beach, California. We only had 25 participants and we needed 40. I know that some people are car pooling to the festival. You might want to seek these people out at the next guild meeting if you still want to go. If you missed out on the bus trip, I'll plan a trip to the "Road to California" in Ontario, California for January 25. Cost, time and general information will be pretty much the same. Again, we would need 40 people to cover the cost of the bus.

I would like to thank Donna Stamcoff and Shirley Boprey for being our July hostesses. They did a great job as our entire past hostesses have done. In August, you will be greeted by our Treasurer, Tonie Keith and our Ways and Means Chair, Ruth Sunday.

Also, I would like to thank our Webmistress, Phyllis Suiter, for taking on a second very important position and that is your Nominating Chair for the upcoming elections. We are required to have one person from the board chair this for our January elections. Phyllis will be organizing a committee and creating a slate of nominees for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer to be presented in October. The descriptions for each of these nominated positions are described further in the newsletter.

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I must confess to having an extremely short memory when it comes to remembering names. Please help me and others learn your name by wearing your nametag. Then during our 'break' why not say hello to someone whose face is familiar but name is not. If you forget your nametag, paper ones will be available, but please plan to drop 50 cents in the 'kitty jar' to help pay for these. Marilyn Ettinger will also make you a name tag for \$5.00 that goes to the guild.

Don't forget to bring a quilt for our Show and Tell time—it's our mini quilt show and it helps us get inspired.

Stay cool and SEW long for now--

Jackie

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August Birthdays

- Lonna Ahrendt
- Snookie Beatty
- Tracy Edwards
- Dorothy Frederick
- Leona Griffin
- Joy Haskin
- Pat Lopes
- Homa Soroosh

Treasurer's Report

Is anyone getting any sewing done in this crazy hot summer? I got a few things done for the President's Challenge and that is about it. I have loads of UFO's that need to be finished but they are being very quiet about it; not too much nagging. I know they will get louder as the summer goes on and I will be compelled to find some place cool to sew as my sewing room is the hottest in the house at the moment.

Beginning balance as of 5/15/2013 \$15,954.42

INCOME

Membership Dues	140.00
50/50	37.50
Classes	-30.00
2013 Opportunity Quilt Tickets	<u>60.00</u>
Total Income	211.00

EXPENSES

Retreat Expenses	125.43
Total Expenses	125.43

Ending balance as of 5/15/13 \$16,039.99

Meet our Members

Each month we will be featuring some of our members in the newsletter based on a theme. This month we will answer the question, "**Who has been quilting the longest in our guild?**" This information is gleaned from a questionnaire members filled out.

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It's a small world. See what you may have in common with our featured members, Dawn Pedersen and Donna Stamcoff.



I am **Dawn Pedersen**. I was born in Austin, MN, which is a relatively small town whose claim to fame is that it is the home of the Hormel Company and SPAM. I was a Navy brat so we lived in many places throughout the U.S. (never overseas -- to my great chagrin). We moved back to Minnesota but the town that was "MY" town was San Diego. As an adult, I moved back there to live for nearly 45 years. However, I never lost the itchy foot. When I retired I was only half joking when I said my retirement goal was to live in every state for a year or two and then move on. It was pointed out that I would have to live to be about 120 years old. However, that goal is still under consideration.

I moved to Las Vegas in 2012 after I retired. I worked as a software configuration manager. It was a great job and it was very hard to leave. Working with all those bright, quirky, hard working software engineers was a lot of fun. Plus, we got to play with really neat computers.

Now that I am retired, it is a pleasure to find out that there are so many fun things to do and see and now I have the time (if not always the money) to do them. Since retirement I have been trying to travel as much as I possibly can -- not really big trips, but I have been able to go to a few national parks, New Orleans (the music and food were great), Ohio (to get to know my boyfriend's family), Kentucky (Mammoth Cave, Louisville and Lexington were really fun), Minnesota (now I have been able to see the Mississippi River close to the head waters) Minneapolis, LaCrosse, Memphis and New Orleans, Utah and several trips back and forth to California. There are still a lot of places to go, things to see, things to do and food to taste.

I started sewing when I was 13. I had an aunt who was a wonderful seamstress and did embroidered quilts. She was my inspiration to start quilting. My first quilt was an embroidered quilt which I did when I was in my early 20's. I still have it and use it. However, my embroidery skills were much better than my quilting skills. That quilt was the start of a love affair that I have left and returned to several times.



Donna Stamcoff. I was born and raised on a farm outside Panama, Iowa, population 200. I have 4 brothers and 4 sisters. I am smack in the middle. I have been married to my charming husband for 35 years and have 2 sons and 4 grandchildren.

After my youngest son was about 9, I started working part time and have only worked part time through my marriage; just wanted to spend time with my kids. My last part time job lasted 15 years; I worked for American Greetings. I started in Washington and then here in Las Vegas. I was a merchandiser, revision specialist, team lead and did many other tasks. It was a great job. I retired 4 years ago. Now I can spend more time doing my quilting.

Charity Projects – Pat Fruge

Well, it's been another busy and hot summer. I am especially grateful that so many of you have found the time to sew for charity. I was able to deliver 13 wonderful red, white, and blue pillowcases to the veterans at the Infinity Hospice. And, thanks to Penny Stellone, Sheila Greenbaum, Gretchen Varney, and Tonie Keith I was also able to give them 9 beautiful quilts. I don't know if you truly appreciate what this act of kindness means to person at the very last of their journey through life. Just to have this reminder that someone actually cares enough to offer comfort is priceless. I will introduce a new "charity" opportunity at our August meeting. I will be selling chances to win a Breast Cancer quilt. The blocks were made and put together by members of the guild. It is quilted by our very our Linda Natale (and you know what a good job she does). Tickets will be available at the August, September, and October meetings. We will draw the winner at our October meeting. All proceeds will go to "The Race for the Cure". Please join me in supporting this worthy cause.

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Program Chair – Open

Do you know how to use a special quilting tool? Or, would like to teach a technique that takes about 10 minutes? If so, we need you!! September is our traditional "School House" program. Members move from one area to another and learn a technique or how to use a tool such as a special ruler or how to quilt on a regular sewing machine, etc. Let Jackie know at the next meeting or via email - president@lasvegasquilters.com

Sunshine – Sandy Martin

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Webmistress – Phyllis Suiter

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LAS VEGAS QUILT GUILD – COMMUNITY PROJECTS 2013

PILLOW CASE PROJECT – Pillowcases in COTTON fabrics are delivered to children in a local hospital. The pattern is available on our web page or you may request a pattern from the Charity coordinator at our monthly meeting. Any flannel pillowcases donated will go to a local woman's shelter. Pillowcase donations are collected at the monthly guild meeting by Pat Fruge'.

QUILTS FOR HOSPICE – Lap sized quilts are collected at our monthly meeting by Pat Fruge'. All quilts donated will be delivered to the Infinity Hospice located at 6330 South Jones Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89118. Donations of unfinished tops, UFO blocks, fabric, and batting are also welcome.

HOMELESS TEEN PROJECT – Items such as toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo, and other grooming aids are collected at monthly meetings by Tonie Keith or Alison Tichenor. They can also use nonperishable food items that can be carried in backpacks, such as fruit roll ups, pop top cans of fruit, or pudding cups. Scarves, hats, and gloves are especially needed winter items. Even gift cards for places like Walmart or McDonald's are appreciated. All donated items will go to our local schools to be distributed to young people who do not have a permanent home, but are doing their best to finish school.

PET BED PROJECT – Don't forget to collect any small scraps from your cutting table. Use them to stuff pet beds for our local shelter. Scraps of fabric can be put in an old pillow case or something you have made from your own fabric stash. When your bed is full, sew it shut and bring it to our monthly meeting. Penny Stellone will make sure they are delivered to our homeless pet friends.

NEW CHARITY PROJECTS – Members are always welcome to bring a new charity opportunity to the attention of our guild members. Please have all the information available for your charity and be prepared to present it to our members and coordinate any collections or deliveries.

Quilt Goodies for Members:

COME TO THE MEETING!!!!

National and local quilt vendors have kindly donated about \$1,350 in gift certificates, merchandise and "give away" paper. This "stash" is expected to grow.

Beginning in August, at the Ice Cream Social, we will be drawing for the first of the local quilt shop gift certificates. There is one gift certificate and the rest of us will receive a discount coupon to use at The Christmas Goose.

There will be a drawing at the September and November meetings for other quilt stores in the valley along with discount coupons for those stores also.

Additionally, each month, I will be bringing the "sample" or "give away" paper with me to the guild meeting. These items will be brought to 2 meetings for attendees to access. These are color charts, batting samples, quilt size charts, sign-ups for various vendor programs including newsletters and vendor classes and limited quantities of pattern sheets.

You can only access the benefit of this Las Vegas Quilt Guild program by attending meetings!

See you at the Ice Cream Social. I'll be at the sign-in table this month... Remember to ask me about the goodies that will be placed out for pick-up during the meeting break.

Ruth



I will not be at the meeting, so please hold all dog bags and materials until the September meeting. Thanks. Penny



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First, I want to thank each and every one of you for your thoughts and prayers for me and my family during the first couple of weeks of August, in the passing of my mom. Thank you, too, for the cards, e-mails and hugs—they have been helpful during our grief. I know I will have bouts of crying over the next few months—just bare with me.

If you haven't heard, there are some exciting programs coming up:

- **September**, we have our traditional school house program with at least four demonstrations and a Make-it, Take-it project for everyone who attends.
- **October** will be the viewing of a video about the "Tentmakers of Cairo." The tents are works of art done in brilliantly-colored appliqué and done mostly by men. Their designs are NOT based on any pattern--just geometric shapes, sacred texts and ancient art. You will be amazed at how they make their designs.
- **November** will be our auction of the items made from the President's Challenge—items are still being accepted. If time permits, we'll play a little too.
- **November 2nd**, we will have a class on making the Lone Star Quilt or the Star of Bethlehem—depending on where you're from. A photo and details are in the newsletter.
- **January 25th** we will try again for a bus trip to California for the "Road to California" quilt show in Ontario. Details are in the newsletter.

We are in need of a committee chair and members to plan our holiday party in December. We can use the YMCA kitchen for a potluck, a catered dinner, or just desserts to share. We can do games with prizes. We can do gift exchanges or a gift to a non-profit organization(s). The ideas are endless. We have over 100 members in our guild and I believe that a few of you could plan, organize and implement a wonderful holiday party for about 40 people. Contact me at president@lasvegasquilters.com or call 515-1402 after 6:00 p.m. to volunteer.

The President's Piece (cont.)

I'm sad to tell you that our opportunity ticket sales are very low. Perhaps that is my fault for not pushing the ticket sales. But, we all need to take responsibility (if you haven't sold any yet) to help finance the operations of the guild. The goal is \$3,000 and we can do it. We should have sold about \$1,000 tickets by now compared to last year, and we have not even sold \$400. I'll have tickets at the next quilt meeting and I hope everyone will do their part to support the guild in selling tickets. We also have an opportunity to sell tickets at the up coming Shop Hop November 7-10th at Christmas Goose. I'll have a sign up sheet at the next meeting too. I'm working on new locations and opportunities. I would also love for someone to take over the responsibility of the opportunity ticket sales.

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The "Dog Days of Summer" are almost over, the first day of autumn is September 22nd and Christmas is 116 days away.

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| Addie Alter | Betty Irving |
| Jackie Canaan | Priscilla Romer |
| Lynn Cuddihy | Yvonne Shield |
| Karen Good | Linda Spence |
| Sharon Hales | Gretchen Varney |

Charity Projects – Pat Fruge

It's hard to find anyone whose life has not been touched by cancer. For me, it was my mother, who died of breast cancer. I also have a sister who is a breast cancer survivor, so it is no surprise that the [Susan G. Komen race for the cure](#) has always been my personal charity choice. At our September and October meetings you can also donate to this worthy cause and have a chance to win a lovely Pink Ribbon quilt! Tickets for this drawing will be sold for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. The drawing will take place at our October meeting. I can't wait to see which one of you takes home this wonderful quilt.

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Treasurer's Report

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50/50	33.80
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Ice Cream and Prizes	197.06
Rental Expense (Kitchen @ Y)	50.00
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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so I would like to feature any cancer survivors in our group. If you are a cancer survivor and have not previously been featured in the newsletter, please let me know at the email address above. We want to celebrate your life with you.

Meet Joy Haskins

Greetings, Quilters;

I am a relatively new quilter--having started 4 years ago. I have mostly done kits since I'm not that good with colors, yet. I am originally from Iowa where I obtained my first degree in nursing education. I then received a BS from the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center and an MS from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. At first, I was a staff nurse in Pediatrics and NICU. I was privileged to start a NICU in Portland, OR. When I moved to CA, I started teaching Nursing at California State University, Long Beach. We then moved to the island of Guam and I taught Nursing at the University of Guam for 8 years. I've also taught at Cal State University, Bakersfield and Touro University, Las Vegas. I retired in 2008 after 42 years in Nursing and 23 years teaching Nursing. It was the most fun profession; I enjoyed it very much.

Since retiring, my husband and I moved to Pahrump.

We live with 2 dogs--Chiquita, a Chihuahua, and Quincy, a Maltese. We have one son, Jeremy, who lives in Denver, CO, and works for the University of Colorado, Denver. At one time, mother and son attended the same University but different campuses.

That was fun. My husband and I love Nevada. I started quilting after I retired since I didn't have time to quilt while I was working. I just love it and am so glad to be a member of the quilt guild in Pahrump and Las Vegas. Thank you for making me feel welcome.



Meet Alison Tichenor

I fell in love with quilts when I would lie under a crazy quilt of my grandmother's. I was fascinated by the many different fabrics, colors and stitches. I would trace my fingers over the textures and marvel at it all. Since my retirement several years ago, quilting has become my passion. After a trip to Bavaria and Austria, I made a quilt of dirndl dresses. As a result, I learned to enjoy embellishing the dresses and aprons in the quilt.

I was born in Princeton, NJ and raised in the Washington, DC area. I graduated from the University of Tennessee with a BS in Home Economics Education in 1971. My career was mainly with the Federal government. It was on my way to work one morning when I met my future husband on the bus in Washington, DC. We have been married for 38 years and we have three grown children.

After living in Michigan for 16 years, we returned to DC and I taught a year of foods classes for the Fairfax County School District in VA. It wasn't until our move to Las Vegas some 19 years ago that I started teaching a variety of classes under the Family and Consumer Science umbrella: Child Development, Foods, Fashion, Independent Living, Housing and Interior Design. I taught in Clark County for 12 years before retiring in 2007. Somewhere along the way, I earned a Masters Degree in Administration and Supervision. I am a past president of the American Sewing Guild, Las Vegas Chapter. I am active in the Vegas Quiltin' Bees, a chapter of the Utah Quilt Guild, the Desert Quilters of Nevada and the Las Vegas Quilt Guild. I have learned much about quilting and plan to challenge myself and keep learning.



Selling Bernina Artista 180. Includes lots of extra feet, bobbins, plexiglass extension table, manuals, extra hoops and 3 piece Quilters Travel cases. Asking \$2,000 (cash or money order).

ADVERTISING RATES

Full page	\$50.00	Half page	\$25.00
Quarter page	\$12.50	Business Card	\$ 5.00

All members may place one business card size ad free, once every 12 months, either for personal or business purposes.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: THE 20TH OF THE MONTH.

All articles are welcome. Send your submission(s) to Ida at newsletter@lasvegasquilters.com

Road to California Quilt Show

Website is: www.road2ca.com

The Las Vegas Quilters are going to take a bus trip to the Road to California Quilt Show in Ontario. Games, prizes, movies to watch, friends to make, and plenty to see at the quilt show will be the agenda.

Who: Las Vegas Quilters' members, friends and adult guests; All riders must be 18 -100 years old

What: Road to California quilt show (www.road2ca.com)

Where: Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California

When: **Saturday, January 25th, 2014**

Why: Shop at nearly 200 booths offering everything from contemporary quilts to fabrics, books, patterns, notions, and sewing machines; view beautiful quilts of all kinds; build new friendships and have FUN!

Costs: Transportation is \$46; entrance is \$15. **Participants are responsible for purchasing their own entrance tickets.**

Deadline: **December 31st, 2013.** Make checks payable to Las Vegas Quilters along with form below.

Meals: Everyone is responsible for their own meals. Drinks and snacks are allowed in moderation on the bus.

Refunds: No Refunds after January 8th, unless your seat is filled or you have a family emergency.

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PILLOW CASE PROJECT – Pillowcases in COTTON fabrics are delivered to children in a local hospital. The pattern is available on our web page or you may request a pattern from the Charity coordinator at our monthly meeting. Any flannel pillowcases donated will go to a local woman's shelter. Pillowcase donations are collected at the monthly guild meeting by Pat Fruge'.

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HOMELESS TEEN PROJECT – Items such as toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo, and other grooming aids are collected at monthly meetings by Tonie Keith or Alison Tichenor. They can also use nonperishable food items that can be carried in backpacks, such as fruit roll ups, pop top cans of fruit, or pudding cups. Scarves, hats, and gloves are especially needed winter items. Even gift cards for places like Walmart or McDonald's are appreciated. All donated items will go to our local schools to be distributed to young people who do not have a permanent home, but are doing their best to finish school.

PET BED PROJECT – Don't forget to collect any small scraps from your cutting table. Use them to stuff pet beds for our local shelter. Scraps of fabric can be put in an old pillow case or something you have made from your own fabric stash. When your bed is full, sew it shut and bring it to our monthly meeting. Penny Stellone will make sure they are delivered to our homeless pet friends.

NEW CHARITY PROJECTS – Members are always welcome to bring a new charity opportunity to the attention of our guild members. Please have all the information available for your charity and be prepared to present it to our members and coordinate any collections or deliveries.



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The President's Piece by Jackie Reilly



I am dedicating this newsletter to all of our appliquéers and appliquéer-want-to-be members. I know that some of you just cringe when you hear the "A"

word. You cringe for different reasons not knowing that you may have appliquéd and not realized it. If you think about appliqué in its broadest sense, is sewing a smaller ornament or cloth to another surface or applied to the surface. An appliqué is usually one piece. In the context of clothing, for example, an appliqué can be a button sewn on a blouse or lace sewn on generally for the purpose of decoration or a patch to cover up a torn pair of pants. As a matter of fact, appliquéing was first discovered when clothes ripped and needed fixing so they used to sew over the top of the rip-patches of different material otherwise known as patchwork—ring a bell? The term of the word is borrowed from French and, in this context, means "applied" or "thing that has been applied."

So, why do people appliqué? To make wonderful quilts of course! In fact, hand appliqué is for people who are night owls and/or who cannot sit still! Boy is that me. My mother always said that I'm always busier than one arm wall paper hanger—my husband agrees. Hand appliqué is portable. You can stitch almost anywhere---waiting to pick up grandbabies, during breaks at work, or riding in the car--not driving. Do you really want to spend time *watching* TV when you could be spending the time stitching? Why not listening to the TV while you stitch? Before you know it, you have a quilt to show for your time watching "Hawaii-50."

If what I'm telling you does not inspire you to try appliquéing or give it another try, perhaps attending our October guild meeting might. We will be watching a video about the "Tentmakers of Cairo." The appliquéing is freehand and not from a pattern. The tent makers create their design as they go adding geometric shapes, ancient art, sacred texts and more. I hope you'll come and bring a friend, popcorn and your own drink.

Thank you to all who bought 50/50 tickets last month and each prior month. The money helps pay for the rental of the room we hold our meetings. Last month was the largest amount of money we have ever received \$142.00. This was split with the guild and one luck member. Since then, the

The President's Piece (cont.)

Board thought it would be great if two people won some money. So, here are the new 50/50 plans. Any amount over \$100 will be split three ways. The guild keeps 50% and the other 50% will be split 50/50 and two tickets will be drawn for two winners.

Our annual School House was a great success thanks to Cody Moran, Wendy Barnhart, Ruthie Kerr, Linda Natale, and Tracy Edwards. These ladies presented some wonderful demonstrations to enhance our skills and introduce us to new ways of doing things. Cody showed us all how to make our own stylish beaded stiletto.

We have two quilt classes coming up and registration form and photo of the quilts are in the newsletter. Once your monies are received, a supply list cutting instructions will be emailed to you. Both classes are at Sew Little Time.

Stack-n-Whack on Oct. 12 from 10-5:00 for \$20 (Sorry, this is a changed date since the guild meeting)
Lone Star/Star of Bethlehem on Nov. 2 from 10-5:00 for \$35

I'm happy to share with you that Cody Moran has volunteered to chair our holiday party in December. She is putting together a plan, budget and program and will have some information to share with us soon. For now, please "save the date—December 11th."

Our 2014 Retreat Committee has been busy making plans and have promised that it will be an amazing and fun weekend. Details will be forth coming. However, mark your calendar for May 30 to June 1. The retreat will take place in St. George, Utah.

I would to thank Linda Natale and Priscilla Romer for being our September hostesses. In October, you will be greeted by Pat Fruge and Gretchen Varney.

Sew long for now--

Jackie

Board Nominees Needed: A full Executive Board is needed for 2014. This includes a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you're interested in any of these positions, let Phyllis Suiter know at webmaster@lasvegasquilters.com or any other board member know at their guild email address.

Job descriptions per our "Standing Rules for Las Vegas Quilters (LVQ)" are as follows:

President:

1. Shall preside at meetings of LVQ and is the ex-officio member of all committees other than the Nominating Committee.
2. Shall co-sign all checks with the Treasurer.
3. Shall appoint standing and special committee chairs as needed.
4. Shall call special meetings as needed.
5. Sets the agenda for meetings.

Vice-President:

1. In the absence of the President shall preside at meetings.
2. Shall assume the President's duties as requested/needed.

Secretary:

1. Shall keep and read the minutes of the Annual Meeting, Board Meetings and Special Meetings. Shall maintain LVQ records.
2. Shall be one of the officers to collect and distribute mail.

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1. Shall be the custodian of all funds received by LVQ.
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Charity Projects – Pat Fruge

Well, autumn is here! You can ALMOST feel it in the air. What a great time of year to have a quilt in your lap. Of course it is also time to start thinking about the holidays. Wouldn't it be great to give a Pink Ribbon quilt to a good friend or even keep it for your very own? You will have one last chance to buy the winning ticket for our Pink Ribbon quilt at our October meeting. Remember all proceeds will be donated to Susan G Koman Race for the Cure. I look forward to handing it off to some lucky guild member!

Hospitality

The role of Hospitality is rotated so that you will be greeted by different members each month. For the month of October, our hostesses will be Pat Fruge and Gretchen Varney. This responsibility includes:

1. Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting to set-up the sign-in table.
2. Smile and welcome members and guests ensuring everyone signs in.
3. Distribute drawing tickets for attendance.
4. Collect money for 50/50 tickets and distribute ticket to purchaser.
5. Count money collected from 50/50 tickets and present half to Treasurer and half to the President.
6. Pack up all items and take down the table at the end of the meeting.

Newsletter – Ida Connors

If you have news, tips or articles you'd like to share, please send them to me at newsletter@lasvegasquilters.com. All members are encouraged to submit items. Unless they are time sensitive they may not appear in the next newsletter but as space permits.

Opportunity Quilt and Programs– Open

Tickets for the 2013-14 opportunity quilt are now available. We are in need of an Opportunity Quilt and Programs Chair or a group of "Chairs". If interested, contact Jackie, president@lasvegasquilters.com

Treasurer's Report

What a great Schoolhouse meeting! I love the stiletto and I have even been using it. Thank you to all the teachers. Did you learn anything? I know I did. Will I remember it when it comes time to use it? Well, that's another story isn't it? It was wonderful to see all of you and I hope you remember the way again next month for our great popcorn and video night. I know Jackie will have the popcorn salt.

Beginning balance as of 7/20/2013 \$15,851.73

INCOME

50/50	71.00
Classes	125.00
Name Tag	4.00
2013 Opportunity Quilt Tickets	<u>25.00</u>
Total Income	98.80

EXPENSES

Portable Microphone	69.00
Software Update	194.57
Class Expense	60.00
Annual List with State	25.00
Make It & Take It	76.24
Postage on return checks	11.50
Insurance	618.00
2014 Retreat Deposit	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	2,054.31

Ending balance as of 9/17/13 \$14,072.42

Sunshine – Sandy Martin

The Sunshine Committee now has a dual function. We send cards of encouragement and well-wishes to those whom we know are going through difficulty, such as surgery or grief, either personally or with someone close to them and we send out birthday greetings via email. If you know of anyone who could use some encouragement or whose birthday we missed, please contact us through the link provided on the website or email Sandy Martin at sandymartinlv@mindspring.com.

Webmistress – Phyllis Suiter

While each member will receive the newsletter via email, the previous newsletters will be archived on the website. If anyone has any tips or techniques they would like to share and have posted on the website, please email me at webmaster@lasvegasquilters.com. You can then find your tip or technique on the projects page. Remember that you can contact the Board members and any special committee chairs by going to the Contact Us Page. Happy Quilting

Meet our Members

Each month we will be featuring some of our members in the newsletter based on a theme. This month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so we are featuring cancer survivor, **Sandy Gold**. Cancer has become so prevalent in our lives today so we are thankful for many of you who have fought and won this courageous battle.

Some of the information regarding our members is gleaned from a questionnaire members filled out and sometimes from asking at our meetings. Questionnaires will be available at every meeting. So if you are a new member, please fill out a questionnaire at the next meeting you attend. I hope everyone will take the time to participate since many times it's just hard to get to know everyone in the short time we have at the meetings and we really do want to get to know all of you.

I will notify those members to be featured via email requesting a few short paragraphs about them and a photo. Please send your article in Word format along with a photo by the 20th of the month to: newsletter@lasvegasquilters.com In November in honor of Veterans Day we will be featuring our members who have served in the military.



Born and raised in Chicago, IL (a long, long time ago). Attended Chicago Public Schools, and Chicago Teachers College. I taught PhysEd at the YMCA for a time, but then went back to school and learned computer programming. Had a varied career, working in Data Processing for about 20 years, then when I was burned out of that, I embarked on my second career, owning and operating a franchised sign shop. My store grew, and I decided to sell and go back into corporate America, for my third career, Customer Service. I worked in Customer Service management for about 5 years, then a friend of mine and I decided to move to Vegas. (In that 5 year period, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had a mastectomy, and the doctors told me I was cured, as it was a stage 0 diagnosis.)

We moved to North Las Vegas in 1998, and I worked in CS until our company was sold, then I worked for the City of North Las Vegas in the Detention Center for a year, and retired. That was in 2003. In 2004 I was diagnosed with lung cancer, and between 2004 and 2010 had 4 lung surgeries, radiation, and many sessions of chemo. (Lost my hair 3 times during that period). In 2010, I started a chemo regime of treatment every 3 weeks, and that lasted for 3 years. Have been off chemo for 6 months, and it feels great. I pray every day it stays that way.

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October Birthdays

Lynn McDonald
Majorie McLaughlin
Alice Tulgren

Road to California Quilt Show

Website is: www.road2ca.com

The Las Vegas Quilters are going to take a bus trip to the Road to California Quilt Show in Ontario. Games, prizes, movies to watch, friends to make, and plenty to see at the quilt show will be the agenda.

Who: Las Vegas Quilters' members, friends and adult guests; All riders must be 18 -100 years old

What: Road to California quilt show (www.road2ca.com)

Where: Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California

When: **Saturday, January 25th, 2014**

Why: Shop at nearly 200 booths offering everything from contemporary quilts to fabrics, books, patterns, notions, and sewing machines; view beautiful quilts of all kinds; build new friendships and have FUN!

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<http://www.dqnv.org/>

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November is a time to reflect and give thanks for everything we have. Here are a few things I am thankful for:

The beautiful weather that seems to magically appear around the time I am done with it being hot;

The wonderful bounty of fresh vegetables and turkeys at this time of year that I can prepare for my family for our Thanksgiving feast and turkey sandwiches;

A brilliant hard working board of directors, who always go above and beyond their job description to make the guild fun, uplifting and inviting to all;

The opportunity to and practice the craft of quilting for family, friends or to give to someone in need;

My eyes to see the beauty around me; my ears to hear the laughter of children; my arms to hug anyone in need of a good squeeze; my voice to praise a child; my mouth to kiss my family good night, and my hands to reach out to help someone;

A football season that is less that 6 months long;

Living in a country that allows us to worship at a church, synagogue, temple or mosque of our choice or not;

My family--Pat, my husband, Chris, my son, and Terra my daughter, who are constantly there to lend a hand, an ear or give a much needed hug.

I hope all of you have the opportunity to spend Thanksgiving with family and/or friends and give thanks for the many, many things you have.

Sew long for now--

Jackie

GUILD PROGRAMS and ACTIVITIES

Our November program is an auction. This is the first time we've done this and we're hoping it will be an annual event. The auction will be the items that members have made and donated to the guild in July. Those who donated will split the monies received for their item with the guild. Our treasurer, Tonie will have checks on hand and check signers in the wings. We will accept personal checks and cash for auctioned items. Almost all of the items will make a nice holiday or birthday gift for someone. If you would like to bring a homemade item to the auction, we'll take it that night. The money will help the guild with activities and such in 2014. Don't forget to bring a friend who might want to join in the fun.

Your holiday committee chairs have planned a wonderful holiday party for the membership December 11th, which is our normal guild meeting date. Read further in the newsletter for more information.

The "Road to California" bus trip is less than 3 months (Jan. 25th) away and the deadline (Dec. 31) is fast approaching. Remember, if we don't have the minimum 42 people for the bus, the trip will be cancelled. The information was in last month's newsletter and this month's as well. Be sure and check it out and get your money in. Non-members are who are between the ages of 18 and 100, are welcome to join us too.

*****UFO SEARCH ENDS*****

LAST CHANCE: 28 OUT OF 77 UFO'S HAVE LEFT OUR QUILT UNIVERSE

November is your last chance to show your completed UFO and earn one entry in the drawing for each completed project. We will draw for a \$35 gift certificate and some other prizes.

Marilyn Ettinger



November Birthdays

Janet Bailey
Sandy Levine
Stephanie Paykel
Doreen Riis
Jana Rowe
Kathy Rutledge
Phyllis Suiter
Betty Torres

Charity Projects – Pat Fruge

This time of year it is always good to be thankful for all that we have. I am especially thankful for all our members who purchased a chance to win the Pink Ribbon Quilt. Because of their generosity we were able to donate \$205 to the Susan G Koman race for the cure. Let's hope a cure for breast cancer will happen in our life time. The quilt was won by Kathy Shotwell, my very own sister. As some of you may have noticed she seems to win something at almost every meeting! I can only hope that some of her good fortune will rub off on me.

Hospitality

The role of Hospitality is rotated so that you will be greeted by different members each month. For the month of October, our hostesses will be Pat Fruge and Gretchen Varney. This responsibility includes:

1. Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting to set-up the sign-in table.
2. Smile and welcome members and guests ensuring everyone signs in.
3. Distribute drawing tickets for attendance.
4. Collect money for 50/50 tickets and distribute ticket to purchaser.
5. Count money collected from 50/50 tickets and present half to Treasurer and half to the President.
6. Pack up all items and take down the table at the end of the meeting.

Newsletter – Ida Connors

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Beginning balance as of 9/13/2013 \$14,072.40

INCOME

Advertisement	50.00
Breast Cancer Quilt	205.00
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Total Income 693.00

EXPENSES

Review of Books	135.00
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I am running for vice president of the guild in the hopes of making a positive contribution to the success to the up and coming year. I am eager to do my part to further the mission of the guild and have fun! Thank you all for your support!

Jana Rowe for Secretary

I've had an unusual career life. As a struggling, single mother I had a long employment history. As the Assistant to the Vocational Department, I was responsible for taking notes at all company and department meetings and for compiling the monthly financial reports. I've been involved with various groups and activities where I took notes mostly for myself but found people were always asking me to check my notes to see what was said because they couldn't remember.

I qualified for a vocational college class back in the early 2000- 01 that incorporated ESL. I was the only English speaking female besides the two instructors, so I took notes to help the Hispanic and Russian men understand English, definitions of words and actions as it applied to truck driving so we could obtain our CDL licenses.

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Tonie Keith for Treasurer

I was first treasurer of Las Vegas Quilters and helped secure our 501(c3) status. I also set up our books on a machine bookkeeping system for accuracy and accountability. I have worked in accounting all my adult life having retired from an accounting firm after 16 years of taxes and bookkeeping.

We had a recent accounting of our books by an outside accounting firm, which we passed without a single ding.

Meet our Members

Each month we will be featuring some of our members in the newsletter based on a theme. This month in honor of Veterans Day, we are featuring our veterans. Since not everyone responded with their information I would like to at least mention all our veterans (and forgive me if I missed anyone): Donna Cregar, Phyllis Suiter, Mable Pigati, Victoria Brazzle, Ashley Norris and myself (Ida Connors).

Some of the information regarding our members is gleaned from a questionnaire members filled out and sometimes from asking at our meetings. Questionnaires will be available at every meeting. So if you are a new member, please fill out a questionnaire at the next meeting you attend. I hope everyone will take the time to participate since many times it's just hard to get to know everyone in the short time we have at the meetings and we really do want to get to know all of you.

I will notify those members to be featured via email requesting a few short paragraphs about them and a photo. Please send your article in Word format along with a photo by the 20th of the month to: newsletter@lasvegasquilters.com There will be no "Meet our Members" in December.



Donna Cregar - I grew up in California and joined the Air Force a few years after graduating from high school. I was hoping the Air Force would teach me how to do something useful since I didn't know what I wanted to do in life. I spent the next 4 fun and interesting years loading bombs on McDonald Douglas F-4 aircraft. I was stationed at Moody AFB in south Georgia where I met my husband of now almost 28 years. I have stayed with the Air Force as a dependant wife of my now retired (only from the AF) husband.

I have been sewing as long as I can remember. Beyond garment construction I have ran an alteration shop, done odd jobs upholstering car seats and door panels, aircraft protective covers and assorted bags and covers at home. Here in Vegas I worked at Emerson Costume for 7 years making and working with the costumes and working with some of the

performers on the strip. I have also done wardrobe and seamstress jobs for several commercials, local shows and hotel openings.

I started quilting when I took a quilting class while stationed overseas in Great Britton with my husband and 2 small children. My first quilt was a wall hanging size mixed piecing and appliqué (Hearts & Baskets) that I hand quilted. My second quilt *started* was a sampler quilt from my next quilting class. It became a king size quilt that took 17 years to complete and now lives on my bed. Once in Las Vegas I found some quilting groups and made a few more tops before working made me take a break from quilting. After about a 10 year break and both of the kids out on their own I decided it was time to start quilting again. I have started several new projects since then and completed many of them. As with most quilters there is always a new project to start and some still needing to be finished.



Phyllis Suiter - My Military career started my last year in Nursing School. As I was trying to figure out how to pay tuition for my last year at San Diego State, I went and talked to the Navy Recruiter. My Dad was career Navy and had retired only 4 years previously, so I thought I had a fairly good idea what I would be getting myself into. Little did I realize that a 2 year obligation for payment of one year of education would end up as a 20+ year career. I met my husband during Nursing School. He was a Navy Corpsman that joined up during the Vietnam War. We were married shortly after I came back from Navy Indoctrination School, better known as Knife and Fork school.

I was fortunate to experience in my Nursing career, things that my colleagues in the private sector would never have the opportunity to experience. The Navy offered me the opportunity to attend the first Navy-Civilian NP program. No other NP school has a Post Graduate Certificate that is from the UCLA School of Nursing and USCD School of Medicine. I became the first Navy Nurse Practitioner Stationed at Bancroft Clinic at the Naval Academy to provide women's health to the female midshipmen.

I was also given the opportunity to live for 3 wonderful years in Paradise, stationed on Oahu, where I experienced a Tsunami and where my daughter was born. One of the other challenging and very rewarding assignments I had was the Assistant Director of the Alcohol and Drug Rehab Unit at Long Beach Naval Hospital, where I survived the Whittier earthquake. The patients I have had the honor to take care of, the people I have met and been fortunate to work with, have all become like family. I still hold a special place in my heart for all our Servicemen and Women and Veterans. Every opportunity I get, I say "Thank you for your Service". Phyllis A Suiter, CDR, NC, USN (RET)

HOLIDAY PARTY 2013, "The Gift of Giving"



When: December 11th – 6:30PM til 9:00PM

Where: Suncoast Casino Buffet

Cost: \$15 prepayment (\$18 non-member guest)

Once again, the Suncoast has provided a banquet room away from the noise and smoke of the casino where we can enjoy their great buffet, libations and special treats. There will be give-aways and prizes throughout the evening, several charity opportunities, and the return of Quilt Bingo!

To make your bingo card, sew 3" squares into a 25 patch block, 5 rows of 5 squares. (See example above.) Make sure you put a black square in the center as your free square. Using a variety of fabrics (dots, florals, plaids, stripes, etc.) will increase your chance of winning. If you have a very unusual fabric on your card, be sure to let us know so we can add it to the list of fabrics to be called during the game. Don't forget to bring bingo markers, such as coins, buttons or beans. We've got great bingo prizes this year! At the end of the bingo session, cards can be donated to make one or more charity quilts, and coin markers can be donated for charity, as well.

We'll have more information available as plans are finalized. The Holiday Party committee is made up of Cody Moran, Alison Tichenor and Linda Henning. Feel free to contact us at holidayparty@lasvegasquilters.com if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

You can make your reservation at the November meeting, or send your payment with the form below. Checks should be made payable to Las Vegas Quilters. The reservation deadline is December 1st.

Holiday Party Reservation

Name: _____

Non-Member Guest(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____

MAIL TO:

Las Vegas Quilters
PO Box 36296
Las Vegas, NV 89133-6296

Road to California Quilt Show

Website is: www.road2ca.com

The Las Vegas Quilters are going to take a bus trip to the Road to California Quilt Show in Ontario. Games, prizes, movies to watch, friends to make, and plenty to see at the quilt show will be the agenda.

Who: Las Vegas Quilters' members, friends and adult guests; All riders must be 18 -100 years old

What: Road to California quilt show (www.road2ca.com)

Where: Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California

When: **Saturday, January 25th, 2014**

Why: Shop at nearly 200 booths offering everything from contemporary quilts to fabrics, books, patterns, notions, and sewing machines; view beautiful quilts of all kinds; build new friendships and have FUN!

Costs: Transportation is \$46; entrance is \$15. **Participants are responsible for purchasing their own entrance tickets.**

Deadline: **December 31st, 2013.** Make checks payable to Las Vegas Quilters along with form below.

Meals: Everyone is responsible for their own meals. Drinks and snacks are allowed in moderation on the bus.

Refunds: No Refunds after January 8th, unless your seat is filled or you have a family emergency.

Bus Info: **Space is limited to 50 people.** The chartered bus company is Triple J Tours. The bus is equipped with a restroom, DVD player with several screens, and storage space for every two seats. Seats have high backs and each passenger has their own light and air flow valve. You must be able to climb up onto the bus.

Form: For emergency purposes only, each passenger will be asked to provide basic information on their form that the chair will hold throughout the trip and return when the trip is completed.

Questions: Jackie Reilly at president@lasvegasquilters.com.

Drop Off & Pick Up Location: Arizona Charlie's back parking lot on Evergreen and Decatur. Entrance is on Evergreen. The bus will leave Las Vegas at 5:15 am to arrive in Ontario about 10:00am. Return trip begins at 6:00 pm arriving back to Las Vegas around 11:00 p.m. We'll have a short 20 minute stop there and back.

Cut and return to the address below with your full payment

Road to California Quilt Show

Please make sure that someone will be available at the emergency number during your time in California

Print Name: _____ Member? Yes _____ No _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone #: _____

Las Vegas Quilt Guild
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Las Vegas Quilters



Newsletter

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GUILD MEETINGS

We meet the second Wednesday of each month at:

Durango Hills YMCA
3521 N. Durango Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89129
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

BOARD MEETINGS

All members are welcome to attend. The board meets at Finlay Honda, 7494 W. Azure Drive. The next meeting is scheduled for January. Time and date to be determined.

BOARD MEMBERS for 2013

President	Jackie Reilly
Vice President	Marilyn Ettinger
Secretary	Joanne Carlson
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STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR(S)

Charity Coordinator	Pat Fruge
Hospitality	Rotating
Membership	Mable Pigati
National Quilting Association (NQA) Liaison	Joan Marsh
Newsletter	Ida Connors
Opportunity Quilt	Open
Programs	Open
Retreat	Sonia Wittenberg
Sunshine	Sandy Martin
Ways and Means	Ruth Sunday
Webmistress	Phyllis Suiter
SPECIAL COMMITTEE – Holiday Party	Cody Moran

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The President's Piece by Jackie Reilly

Happy Holidays to All

What a wonderful time of the year, full of secrets, shiny lights, grumpy shoppers, inspiring music, yummy foods, opportunities to give and help fulfill some **HOPE**. After seeing the devastation in the mid-west from the tornados and the Philippines from the typhoon, I find myself reflecting upon the important things in life. I urge you to find **JOY and PEACE** with the turmoil of everyday life such as a warm home and a loving family, the ability to help others and make someone feel good—even if it's for just a day.

I've learned that true **JOY** comes when we help others and let them know that someone does care. At the November Guild meeting, I read an inspiring letter from a proud retired Marine wife whose husband was staying at Hospice due to cancer. He received one of our quilts that happened to be red, white and blue. They were both very touched by the receipt of the quilt and it brought some **PEACE** to him. Did you go home after the meeting wondering if a quilt you made helped eased someone's pain or loneliness? Have you helped make a quilt or donated a quilt to someone who needs one to wrap around for a hug or simple warmth? I have. Or, have you made a pillow case for a child or teen with a serious illness who is scared? I haven't in a long time, but I will. We all have stashes of fabric and making quilts or pillow cases and giving them away is something we do pretty darn good.

I am proud to be a member of the Las Vegas Quilt Guild because of the generosity and kindness of its members. I hope you join us at the Holiday party on December 10th where you have an opportunity to bring some **JOY** into a teen's life. Bring a colorful homemade block that will be turned into a quilt or two for a couple of homeless teens. Look further in the newsletter for more details. Even if you can't attend the party, make a block and give it to someone who is attending. Let's try and brighten someone's holiday and give them a little **HOPE**. What a wonderful gift to give.

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| Stripes | Leaves | Eggs | Rabbits | Girls | Letters |
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TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION! FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO LAS VEGAS QUILTERS TODAY!

NAME _____

NON-MEMBER GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

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Charity Projects – Pat Fruge

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Wendy Barnhart for Vice-President

My name is Wendy Barnhart and I'm running for the office vice-president of the Las Vegas Quilters. I started sewing in 8th grade and took sewing all through high school. My parents even gave me a top of the line Singer with a cabinet for graduation in 1974. After the husband, kids and jobs, who had time to sew? So, the Singer was put in its cabinet and the cabinet was used as a desk for homework. Twenty years later a neighbor had just bought her first sewing machine and didn't know how to thread it and she asked me for help. It was like getting back in the saddle! The sewing bug was reborn.

A few weeks later I had a Designer I and embroidered everything, for everybody, for any reason. The habit started to get a little pricey so, I got a job at the Viking Store inside Joanne's. Fast forward to about 5 years ago, my sister-in-law takes me to the Christmas Goose, it was like I died and went to heaven. The quilts, the fabric, the warmth of the shop, the fabric, the friendly ladies working and shopping, the fabric, the exquisitely quilted quilts, needless to say I was hooked, again! But this time on the long arm quilting machine! Long story short I now have a quilting business with Phyllis Suiter that we run together out of my home and online. We have a love hate relationship with our fabric rep, we love to buy fabric but hate that we can't buy it all! So hard to choose!

I am running for vice president of the guild in the hopes of making a positive contribution to the success to the up and coming year. I am eager to do my part to further the mission of the guild and have fun! Thank you all for your support!

Jana Rowe for Secretary

I've had an unusual career life. As a struggling, single mother I had a long employment history. As the Assistant to the Vocational Department, I was responsible for taking notes at all company and department meetings and for compiling the monthly financial reports. I've been involved with various groups and activities where I took notes mostly for myself but found people were always asking me to check my notes to see what was said because they couldn't remember.

I qualified for a vocational college class back in the early 2000- 01 that incorporated ESL. I was the only English speaking female besides the two instructors, so I took notes to help the Hispanic and Russian men understand English, definitions of words and actions as it applied to truck driving so we could obtain our CDL licenses.

I was involved in dancing for many years which meant a lot of classes and workshops and lots of notes (until I got a mini recorder)! As a member of a women's historical group in Colorado I took meeting notes. I also took notes every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening for my church. My experience in taking notes is, in a way, life long as an adult, mostly to help me remember what I was learning - writing stuff down helps solidify info better for me.

Tonie Keith for Treasurer

I was first treasurer of Las Vegas Quilters and helped secure our 501(c3) status. I also set up our books on a machine bookkeeping system for accuracy and accountability. I have worked in accounting all my adult life having retired from an accounting firm after 16 years of taxes and bookkeeping.

We had a recent accounting of our books by an outside accounting firm, which we passed without a single ding.

Road to California Quilt Show

Website is: www.road2ca.com

The Las Vegas Quilters are going to take a bus trip to the Road to California Quilt Show in Ontario. Games, prizes, movies to watch, friends to make, and plenty to see at the quilt show will be the agenda.

Who: Las Vegas Quilters' members, friends and adult guests; All riders must be 18 -100 years old

What: Road to California quilt show (www.road2ca.com)

Where: Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California

When: **Saturday, January 25th, 2014**

Why: Shop at nearly 200 booths offering everything from contemporary quilts to fabrics, books, patterns, notions, and sewing machines; view beautiful quilts of all kinds; build new friendships and have FUN!

Costs: Transportation is \$46; entrance is \$15. **Participants are responsible for purchasing their own entrance tickets.**

Deadline: **December 31st, 2013.** Make checks payable to Las Vegas Quilters along with form below.

Meals: Everyone is responsible for their own meals. Drinks and snacks are allowed in moderation on the bus.

Refunds: No Refunds after January 8th, unless your seat is filled or you have a family emergency.

Bus Info: **Space is limited to 50 people.** The chartered bus company is Triple J Tours. The bus is equipped with a restroom, DVD player with several screens, and storage space for every two seats. Seats have high backs and each passenger has their own light and air flow valve. You must be able to climb up onto the bus.

Form: For emergency purposes only, each passenger will be asked to provide basic information on their form that the chair will hold throughout the trip and return when the trip is completed.

Questions: Jackie Reilly at president@lasvegasquilters.com.

Drop Off & Pick Up Location: Arizona Charlie's back parking lot on Evergreen and Decatur. Entrance is on Evergreen. The bus will leave Las Vegas at 5:15 am to arrive in Ontario about 10:00am. Return trip begins at 6:00 pm arriving back to Las Vegas around 11:00 p.m. We'll have a short 20 minute stop there and back.

Cut and return to the address below with your full payment

Road to California Quilt Show

Please make sure that someone will be available at the emergency number during your time in California

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Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

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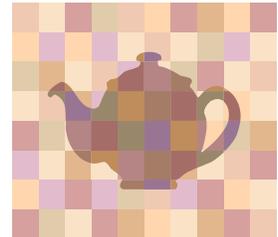
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- **SALE PRICE** \$7.50 per one yard cut \$4.50 per half yard cut \$2.50 per quarter cut
- ❖ All New Arrivals MRSP \$11.00
- OUR PRICE \$9.99 per yard
- **SALE PRICE** \$9.25 per one yard cut \$4.85 per half yard cut \$2.75 per quarter yard cut
- ❖ All Batiks MRSP \$13.00
- OUR PRICE \$9.99 per yard
- **SALE PRICE** \$8.99 per one yard cut \$4.75 per half yard cut \$2.65 per quarter yard



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The above listed Sale Prices apply to booked parties on that day and time. All invited guests MUST attend booked party to receive Sale Price. NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE!

Letter to Hostess: Sale prices listed pertain to Fabric Party Sale promotion ONLY Hostess responsible for guest list Provide SMQ with guest list day before scheduled party by phone or email. List must be hostess with 2 or more to take advantage of Fabric Party Sale Prices. Hostess discount is as follows For every \$150.00 sold hostess will earn 3% off sale prices, up to 25%. Ex. Total sales for Party of 6 equals \$650.00 (excluding tax) hostess will earn 12% discount off her total sale purchase. Any one booking a party from your party the hostess earns an additional 1%. Ex. Total sales for party of 6 equals \$650.00 Plus 2 guests book a party, hostess will earn 14% discount off her total sale purchase. Only one hostess per booked party will earn discount. Hostess to arrive 15 minutes early to greet guests and help prepare tea (coffee) and cakes. Hostess welcome to bring any drinks or food other than what SMQ will provide.

HELP WANTED – The Cleveland Clinic/Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health has asked us to assist them at their open house Wednesday, December 18th from 11-2pm. Volunteers would be assisting patients and caregivers in signing quilt blocks. These blocks will later be sewn into a quilt that will be displayed at their center. At the same time we also will be allowed to sell our Opportunity Quilt tickets. So if you are a “people” person and you are available on this date, please contact; Pat Fruge’ by phone at 702-645-0755 or e-mail patfruge@aol.com . Thank you.



December Birthdays

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| Esther Balias | Barbara Milner |
| Barbara Bantum | Mary Ann Overton |
| Gail Butts | Jackie Reilly |
| Ida Connors | Marilyn Rhodes |
| Amelia Couture | Caryn Sakaguchi |
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| Tonie Keith | Pam York |