

President's State of the Guild Report

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As in previous years of my presidency, I would like to review the successes of our past fiscal year.

I would like to thank my vice president, **Judy Tiernan**, for her faithful support this year, taking lots of little jobs off my plate and coming through with successful new ideas to make our Guild better. She has a wonderful background in finance and leadership that makes her perfect for this job. I appreciate all the good advice she has given me and the Guild this year.

Our officers and committee people this year have operated in their respective jobs with efficiency and made my job much easier because of their efforts. I appreciate their faithful attendance at monthly Board meetings where we consider all the issues and ideas presented that month. The decisions made in these meetings are paramount in the running of our Guild.

We have been in our new meeting place for a year and a half now and it has proved to meet our needs nicely. We've had our challenges when our room has not been set up correctly, but we've worked through all the glitches so far. Remembering back to our old meeting place at the Fairgrounds reminds us how much we have to be thankful for being able to meet here at Creekside, even more so because we can have our classes in the same facility on Thursdays. We need to remember to thank **Ginger Frantzreb** since she was the one that negotiated the change in her presidency.

Community Service was chaired by **Clara Loutzenhiser**, who has also hosted a cutting day once a month for this group. We have met and become friends with a lot of new members through these workdays and completed a huge number of unfinished projects donated to the Guild, through our monthly efforts at her home. We also enjoy quarterly committee meetings and luncheons at her home to take care of committee business.

The numbers for our completed quilts and pillowcases were featured at the Quilt Show in May. The totals are: 217 community service quilts, 36 Troop Support quilts, 36 quilts for dialysis and 100 small quilts with animal and book for a total of 389 quilts, plus 412 pillowcases this year.

Thanks again goes to **Marlene and Neil Claiborne** for their faithful distribution of these gifts to our community agencies and hospitals for the comfort of those in need.

Our quarterly luncheons for new members has continued and will be celebrated again today with 17 new members invited. This event is planned and hosted by **Sue Gutzman** along with contributions of food from the executive board members. It is our way of getting acquainted with our new members and giving them the information about our Guild functions and opportunities for them to participate fully and feel welcomed.

We have a new opportunity quilt that was just shown last month. Since it is our 25th anniversary this year, the theme for the quilt was Sunbonnet Sue, like the first year's quilt. **Marcia Krummell, Luann Hawkins** and others put together a wonderful embellished quilt for this year. We are hoping for a nice reception where it is shown throughout the year.

The Troop Support arm of our guild is led by **Kaye Allen** who meets with two groups of 20 each month to make quilt tops to be given for Quilts of Valor project. We also make over 100 Christmas stockings to send to soldiers filled with goodies each year.

Our annual camp at Zephyr Cove in September allows 55 quilters to meet in a beautiful setting for a week of sewing our own projects plus enjoying mini workshops, shopping, good food, gifts and fun times with our quilting friends. Sign ups for camp began last month and is still on going until capacity is reached.

Another camp more local is held twice a year at the Mercy Center in Auburn with mystery quilt sewing, games, prizes and a three-day camping experience without altitude. About 20 ladies can be accommodated on two weekends in April and Sept. **Ginger Frantzreb** facilitated April's camp and **Kathy Auslam** will be in charge starting in Sept. this year.

Our library has been renovated completely by **Ginger Frantzreb** who monthly features a book from which she makes a square or other sample from one of the quilts in it. She also sells old books and magazines and has revitalized our library collection.

Our newsletter is still featuring a biography of a quilt guild member written by **Shirley Shingara** each month acquainting us with our quilting members. It is a treat to read Shirley's insightful writing. **Colleen Voet** is the editor of our newsletter.

Our monthly programs feature speakers half the time and other special events like our yearly Challenge, Quilt Show winners, Flea Market, Christmas party in December, and our mini workshop programs alternately. **Suzanne Lavanaway**

works tirelessly to bring us new and inspiring speakers who challenge us to try something new, especially those who teach a class on their specialty the next day.

We continue to have a featured quilter from our Guild each month who shares their quilting journey with our members. **Sue Gutzman** chooses a willing member each month to present.

We almost always have a visiting guild bring their opportunity quilt to share each month where we can buy tickets for a chance on winning their quilt. Each time we buy a ticket we help the guild make the money they need to support their guild activities.

Our own Opportunity Quilt is promoted by **Kathy Auslam** who tirelessly sees that each venue is covered by members to sell tickets. She is in charge of the tickets each member sells and promotes our quilt in the community. We also take our quilt to the Chicken Festival in Fair Oaks in September to sell tickets.

Our Pick-a-Prize shoppers **Jean Priest** and **Peggy Stare** have brought wonderful goodies for us to buy chances on each month. They are good shoppers as will be our new people, **Gig Arney** and **Bev Kennedy**.

Carol Best heads up the Bit-of-Me feature of handmade items for members to buy chances on to win each month. Many lovely things are given for this venue.

Collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul helps to fill their food cupboards for the hungry in our community. Each month features a different type of item that can be brought but any non-perishable food item is welcomed. **Faith McGuire** takes our donations to St. Vincent's. In December we collect donations of money to help them with their food program.

We also collect yarn for the Linus Project in the pink tub by the Membership table.

Our Sunshine lady **Sandi Gustetter** continues to send written messages to those in need of a remembrance when they are ill or sad.

Our Block of the Month squares were created by **Bonnie Ellering**, **Diane Hamilton** and **Candy Olson** and provided us with the opportunity to create different kinds of squares to be won by participants. This year half of them were designated for our Troop Support program and turned into quilt tops.

Our biggest, most ambitious project this year was our first “real” quilt show held at the Lutheran Church in Granite Bay. **Sue Hoffman** handled this expertly with the help of committees and we had a slight profit at the end of the show, good for a first show. With over 200 quilts, vendors, caterer, featured quilter **Vina Woodland**, boutique, raffle baskets, and Opportunity Quilt, the show was handled beautifully and the show attendees were awed by our presentation. It was a job well done. Sue will do one more year to fine tune the show then pass it on to someone else.

Our annual Tea will again be on the first Saturday in February. **Meredith Rogers** and **Jill Keppler** along with table hostesses will present a lovely Tea and program for 80 guests. There will also be raffle baskets and boutique items for sale. It will be held in the event center at Creekside Church.

Another feature of our Guild is our UFO challenge inspiring members to complete unfinished items from our quilting closets. **Sue Gutzman** handles the paper work and encourages participants to just finish projects. Prizes for completion are incentives for meeting our individual goals.

We conduct monthly basting days facilitated by **Caroline Newman** at the Maidu Senior Center on the second Wednesday of each month. There we pin or thread baste quilts for community service and members as a courtesy. **Luann Hawkins** will take over this responsibility next month,

Boutique items are made all year by our members for our sales during the year. One is at Maidu in December and the other at our quilt show in May. Items are also brought to our Tea in February. In the past we have had suggested items to bring each month. Now we are also allowing consignment items to be sold.

At monthly meetings, ladies are greeted by **Luann Hawkins**, who has been our Membership Chairman this past year. She will be turning over her job to **Carol Tetley** next month. These ladies greet, give out our gift for birthdays, take care of attendance and new members.

Our Fat Quarter exchange was taken care of by **Kathy Mills** who sets the choices for each month's fat quarter around a theme. This month's theme is patriotic fabrics. A drawing takes place and several lucky ladies share all the fat quarters given.

Show and Tell at the end of each of our meetings gives the incentive and inspiration for quilting projects. It is so pleasant to see the handy work of our members either from home projects or finished projects from our classes and hear them tell about what inspired them to create them.

As you can see, our Guild has many opportunities for participation by its members. It just depends on how much you want to do or how involved you want to be. Along with everything we do in the Guild, a great number of mini groups meet monthly for inspiration and fellowship. As new members come, new groups are formed around their common interests. I've even heard recently of a new member wanting to start an appliqué group around her interest and expertise.

Thank you all for partnering with me again this year to make it a most memorable and inspiring experience as fellow quilters. Let us encourage each other this year with our new president, **Colleen Voet** and challenge ourselves to do even more to serve our community with our fine skills, our friendship, and promote our skills as quilters and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Schroedle
President