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Greetings Friends in Quilting,

Joy oh joy! Summer is nearly here! Our next hosts Flying Geese Quilt Guild are in Santa Ana, close to many freeways and quilt shops too. Reps please bring your President as well as your Newsletter Editor. As President of SCCQG I receive most of the guild's newsletters. Some of the guilds produce wonderful, interesting and colorful newsletters. Some not so much. Most guilds sent out their newsletter via email as it is the most cost effective. Please come to our next meeting and learn some easy and exciting tricks to turn your newsletter into a wow newsletter! Cathe Hedrick, Vice President, Programs and our hosts Flying Geese Quilt Guild have planned a dynamic program for you. Come learn something new, meet new members and renew old friendships.

Back to the joy of Summer, remember to pack up several small projects ready to take along with you as the need arises. Don't forget small scissors and extra needles too. Recently I spent hours and hours in a hospital waiting for a family member to be helped. Believe me, that little plastic bag with some handwork in it saved my sanity. And it brought out otherwise strangers in the waiting room inquiring what I was doing. It is an easy way to spread the love of quilting to others.

To those of you who travel during this time of year, enjoy, be safe and keep your handwork nearby. If you miss the summer meeting we will look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Now it is back to the sewing machine,

Kaaren

MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2011 Quilt Council Meeting at Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by Jan Steffen, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present included Pam Overton, Don Beld, Jan Steffan, Becky Miller and Patti Voyles.

The very short business portion of the meeting addressed the following items:

- 1) A vote was requested by Jan on the minutes from the last meeting as presented in the newsletter. Motion to approve made by Jean Kuper with second by Becky Miller. Approved by membership with no dissenting votes.
- 2) A vote was requested to approve the treasurer's report presented by Don Beld in hard copy format. Motion to approve made by Jean Kuper with second by Becky Miller. Approved by membership with no dissenting votes.
- 3) Mileage rates have gone up to .51 cents for 2011 in line with California State guidelines.
- 4) Jan Steffen presented information about our website. For Guilds, the newsletter is available online via email. Please check SCCQG.ORG for correctness and email her with information about which members are to receive the mailing. Jan is posting all information including notifications, quarterly meetings, quilt show data and our opportunity quilts. The opportunity quilts can be posted with a .jpeg photo. Please remember that if you are a member guild, the insurance is less expensive than what you would be able to find elsewhere. Most of our locations for both meetings and special events like the shows require insurance. Teachers who are members of the council can post information on the website. You can put photos of quilts for the classes. You need to include your email, website, lecture data and classes. You are allowed to use the guild data to email.
- 5) The host guild for "Meet the Teachers" received \$750 to cover expenses.
- 6) Pam Overton as the Insurance Coordinator

- for the council stated Insurance packets are available for the treasurer and president of the guild. Facility use requests must be sent in ahead of time to allow for processing. A contract copy is required to show need.
- 7) At Road to California there was no Flyer Table this year. Carolyn Reese will allow one next year if the guilds promise to keep it neat on a daily basis.
- 8) Becky Miller reminded us that all newsletter articles must be in by June 3rd.
- 9) Jan announced a break followed by teacher presentations.

Teachers were given 3 minutes to present their materials and were taken in order around the room. Guild members were able to visit with them during break and after the meeting to pick up materials or sign contracts. There were 30 teachers available to speak and 5 additional who attended the meeting. The extra 5 included:

- Leona - African Embroidery;
- Kathy – an eco-comic crafty comic;
- Rita - applique quilts;
- Cassidy - a quilt comic or how to have fun;
- Don Beld - civil war, the 1880's in quilts.

The meeting ended at 12:13 pm after several member announcements.

-submitted by Patti Voyles

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Home of the Brave Quilts

Don Beld has announced the new National Coordinator for Home of the Brave Quilt Project will be Cathy Kreter. Cathy has been a long time volunteer coordinator for the Inland Empire and California HOTB and now is stepping up to fill the national vacancy left when the HOTB board thought to shut down the website and national program. Public outcry was overwhelming that the program continue. Thank you Cathy. Cathy is a long arm quilter and member of Citrus Belt Guild. She can be reached at Quiltsforthebrave@q.com

Insurance

As we noted at the April council meeting, the insurance company has changed their policy as of January 1. For any insurance certificates for "proof of insurance with additional insured" we must send the insurance carrier a copy of the fully signed contract with the facility. They need to see the a) requirement for additional insured in the contract and b) any special language that is required. If you need that kind of certificate, please forward a copy of the signed contract to me via e-mail or snail mail. I will forward that along with your insurance cert request.

As always, those of you that are responsible for requesting the insurance certs, please remember to take the time to contact your facility and understand exactly what they need. If all they need is "proof of insurance" that's easy!

Please remember that there is a 30-day cutoff. If your request comes through the website 30 days or less prior to the event, then we must charge you a RUSH fee. If you plan ahead and request the certificate with plenty of lead-time, the fee is only \$10.

Speaking of the website, please remember that sending me the info in an e-mail won't work. We must have the data entered into the request form on the website. That ensures that we have all the information that is needed and we can provide it to the insurance company in a format that is useable for them.

Policy renewal. A reminder that our policy expires each year on September 28 and renews again on September 29. That means that the certificates issued from September 29 2010 through September 28, 2011 are only good for that time period. You will need a new certificate for any meeting/workshop/event dates after September 29, 2011. To make this as easy as possible for all, I will contact you in August to confirm which certificates should renew. As a general policy, we only "renew" certificates for meeting and workshop facilities. We DO NOT renew certs for quilt shows and

special events. Please remember to respond to the e-mail promptly and let us know if we should renew your certs. If we do not receive a response, they will not be renewed. You will then have to request them and pay the certificate fee again. Responding to the e-mail helps us all. We can identify which certs to renew and which not to and we can save you the certificate fee!

We've had a number of inquiries about what is and isn't covered under our policy.

- Guild board members are covered for errors and omissions
- Guild members in general are not covered. They are considered volunteer employees. The only way to cover them would be through workmen's comp insurance. It is presumed that each member's personal liability and medical insurance will cover them.
- Speakers are not covered. They are considered employees.

We have been looking into a group medical policy (to cover medical expenses in the case of an accident at a guild meeting or function). We hope to have more information to present in the fall.

I'm happy to respond to your questions via e-mail (pam.overton@ngc.com or pamoverton@earthlink.net), but please do not call me during the day at work.

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Membership has its Privileges

As a member guild, the benefits are several.

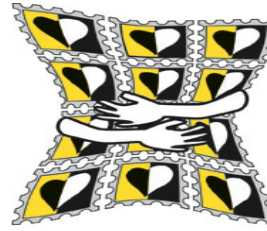
- Receive the newsletter. Any member of the guild can now receive the newsletter by signing up.
- Receive notifications.
- Able to attend Meet the Teachers.
- Web site recognition.
- Posting of Quilt Show information on 2 calendars.
- Image of Opportunity Quilt in the Gallery of Photos.
- Announcement of quilt show at the quarterly meetings.
- Receive less expensive insurance for the guild.

Those guilds that do not pay their dues are not allowed to have their quilt show posted on the SCCQG web site. The guild doesn't have access to our less expensive insurance policy. The guild has access to the newsletter online, however, the guilds are not allowed to post their opportunity quilts at the SCCQG web site nor Teachers, you have privileges too!

- You will now receive the newsletter and receive notifications.
- You are given first selection to participate in Meet the Teachers.
- Teachers may send me a photo of one quilt to show in the gallery.
- Teachers, who are members, are listed on the website with name, email, website, lecture and workshops.
- Teachers have access to the Guilds' addresses to mail information.

Teachers who are not members do not have any privilege except to sign up to receive a newsletter and read the website.

Jan Steffen - Membership Chair



**Quilts
for
Kids**

Have you checked out this website? Wow. www.quiltsforkids.org Be sure to watch the video! Southern California has 3 chapters regularly making quilts for kids. Young Piecemakers in Corona; Suzanne Wade, in Hemet qtangl@verizon.net; and In the San Diego area the contact is Michelle Milczewsky, 619-370-1967 sandiegoQFK@gmail.com They are working with the fabric companies who supply kits of discontinued fabric to be made up into quilts for hospitalized, sick or needy kids across America, with the bulk of the quilts going to young patients in Children's Hospitals. Don't quilters do the best things?

Save your local economy...
three stores at a time.

the 3/50 project.

SAVING THE BRICK AND MORTARS OUR NATION IS BUILT ON

3 Think about which three independently owned stores you'd miss most if they were gone. Stop in and say hello. Pick up a little something that will make someone smile. Your contribution is what keeps those businesses around.

50 If just half the employed U.S. population spent \$50 each month in independently owned stores, their purchases would generate \$42,629,700,000 in revenue.* Imagine the positive impact if 3/4 of employed Americans did that.

68 For every \$100 spent in independently owned stores, \$68 of it returns to the community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures. If you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays here. Spend it online and *nothing comes home.*

1 The number of people it takes to start the trend...*you.*

Pick 3. Spend 50. Save your local economy.

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