



QUILT CHATTER

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President's Message

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and that this New Year will be a great one. Here it is January 2016 and this year marks the 30th Anniversary of Desert Quilters of Nevada.

Our next Quarterly Meeting is January 14th, with a lecture and trunk show by Jennifer Rapacki. At the time of printing there is still space in her Friday and Saturday workshops. Friday's workshop is "Weave that Quilt Background" or "Pouch" and on Saturday there are two half-day classes - "Photoshop Elements" in the morning and "EQ7" in the afternoon. If you are interested in taking any of the workshops don't wait until it too late. They may fill up or if there are supplies that you need, you may not have much shopping/prep time. (Ask me how I know this) Also, at the Quarterly Meeting, we need to approve the Minutes of our Annual Meeting in October. The minutes are in this Chatter. Please look them over and let us know at the quarterly meeting if you see anything that needs changing.

If you would like to teach 'Quilt 'til You Wilt' this July, please bring your ideas to the February Board Meeting to show. If you are interested in the Guild Challenge for 2016-2017, please plan on attending the March Board Meeting to share your plan. The new board meeting day/time is the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 am. See page 2 for more board meeting information.

Hopefully you have received your Quilt Show Registration Handbook. Don't forget that the deadline to submit your application and/or forms is Wednesday, January 27. Speaking of the Quilt Show, I want to remind each of you that the Quilt Show and the Opportunity Quilt are our big fundraisers for the guild, and we need all of you to help. We have 4 quarterly meetings each year and 3 of them have National Teachers that come to speak and teach. Each Quarterly meeting and workshops costs about \$5,000 (this includes the facility, hospitality, door prizes, speaker, hotel, etc.) If both days of workshops fill up, we bring in about \$1,600. This means we lose about \$3,400 each time. Your participation with selling your tickets helps to offset these costs. Besides selling the tickets, another way to help us is by volunteering at the Quilt Show. It takes many people to have a successful show. If you have volunteered before you know how fun it is. If you have not, come join us, you will meet some wonderful guild members, and maybe make a new friend or two.

Looking forward,
Lana Weber

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Membership: 348 The board also includes at least one Representative from each Circle.

Schedule of DQN Board Meetings

Second Saturday of each month, 9:30 AM

Aerospace Union Hall, 1057 Whitney Ranch Drive, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89014

It's Opportunity Quilt Ticket Time.....

This Opportunity Quilt was made by the Black Mountain Quilt Circle, quilted by Karen Garth. It's beautiful. Purchasing or selling these tickets enables our guild to bring national teachers and support a variety of charities.

You can send your tickets (and checks or money) to Patsy Musaraca, 124 Rancho Maderas Way, Henderson, NV 89002 or you can bring them to our DQN Quarterly meeting in January 2016. We will also be at the DQN Show in March.



Desert Quilters of Nevada Board Meeting

October 15, 2015

Joker's Wild Casino

The October 13, 2015 DQN board meeting was called to order by Christine Dunn at 6:05pm at The Joker's Wild Casino, Henderson, Nevada. There were 23 members in attendance: Christine Dunn, Patsy Musaraca, JoAnn Jameson, Bibi Bellotto, Lana Weber, Linda Knapton, Regina DeMatteo, Karen Garth, Sandy Rogers, Joyce McCollum, Bobbie Stoner, Mary Sprenger, Jeanne Spala, Chemene Blockey, Jaine Vaughn, Ann Correia, Kathy Farris, Amy Mell, Pat Vathauer, Pat Burrows, Mary Ashcraft, Teri Duffy and Kim Kohorst. Christine received an invitation from Transition Services, Inc. for "Seeds of Kindness". If anyone would like to RSVP and be a representative for DQN, please let Christine know and she will give you all of the pertinent information.

Minutes: Minutes from the September meeting were read. Karen Garth moved to accept the minutes with changes and Bobbie Stoner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: A balance of \$64,980.60 as of the end of September. For the fiscal year we made \$3,241.51 gross with a net of \$1900. The 2015 Retreat actually made \$2000 with an attendance of almost 140. Ryan Case for Smiles and Quilts of Valor will split \$1000 equally. The checks will be presented to representatives at the DQN Annual meeting. Karen Garth motioned to accept the report. Jaine Vaughn seconded the motion. Motion carried. A preliminary budget was presented, but Bobbie Stoner motioned to table this category until the actual figures from past years could be presented. Bibi Bellotto seconded the motion. Motion carried. The September financial report audit was presented. Marge Bowen, Pat Lopes, Lana Weber and Christine Dunn completed reviewing the books with an internal audit. There were no deficiencies found. A line will be added for class coupons to keep track of how many members are actually using their class coupons. Mary Ashcraft motioned to accept the internal audit. Jeanne Spala seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Membership: Currently we have 250 members for 2015-2016 with 16 of these members being "new members". Kathy Farris needs a list of members by early December in order for her to check her 12-4-12 entries, this is a membership program and some have been skating by on getting their memberships in on time. They must be members as of November 30th.

Sunshine: Cory Allender only had to send out two cards; Ann Pugh and Barbara Benson. Carol Nelson sent information to Bobbie Stoner about the condition of Yvonne Higgins. Yvonne has had a stroke. She can't walk and is having trouble talking. Please send cards. She is being well taken care of by her husband at home.

Quilt Chatter: News Editor Pat Burrows has scheduled the next deadline for December 10th. Her e-mail is pburrows3@cox.net. She needs photos from the retreat. Chemene sent some to Kathy. We need more for the Chatter. Gail Smith has a lot of photos on her I-Pad. Pat needs Mary Sprenger to resend her e-mail Jeanne has 12 packets made up, but any new packets should be changed to reflect circle leadership changes. ADD is gone. The third Monday is Fashion Divas. Modern Quilts will have Bobbie Stoner as their contact. Ann Correia will be helping Kathy Farris with 12-4-12.

2016 Challenge: Pam Keenan and Kathy Farris still have packets available for you to pick up for \$4.00 at the Annual meeting.

2016 Quilt Las Vegas: We think we are on target. The committees are filled. Demos are being planned. We had to reschedule the next meeting to November 11 at Teri's studio. Sandy has vendors in order. The budget may need to be rebalanced.

Opportunity Quilt: Patsy Musaraca and Jeanne Spala were at the Quiltique Sew Market and took in \$78. They will be at the Green Valley Methodist Church this Saturday. They have been scheduling presentations at the upcoming Shop Hop and the Pahrump Quilt Show.

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12-4-12: 87 very productive people still going strong! Five people need to finish October projects and won't get a gift certificate until they do. The 2015-2016 -12-4-12 is currently taking registrations. The rules and turn in procedures have been reviewed by Kathy Farris, Lana Weber and Christine Dunn. Registrants must be DQN members in order to participate. The majority of the guild is lacking the knowledge of how to send photos to the website for the quilt show, so Karen Garth suggested we set up a section on the website to show how it should be completed. This will benefit both 12-4-12 and the entrants for the 2016 Quilt Show.

Website Team: Karen Garth has a request for an ad for the Chatter on-line. The current policy is a member can post and ad. In this case the person is a store, not a member. Commercial advertising might be posted in a sidebar. We would have to come up with a value for the ad. Because we are nonprofit, can we do this? Yes, because we are not seeking ads and they help to offset the costs related to the website. Ditto for the Chatter. Currently, a full page ad for the Chatter is \$160. A sidebar would be smaller than a full page ad. A monthly rate for a website ad would be more appropriate. Editing would be easier if they pay for a full year. A new jpeg each month could be popped in if it were yearly. Regina motioned to charge \$50/month for a front page ad, appropriate charges will be reviewed and resubmitted to the board at a future date. For now we believe that \$50 is a good rate. Jaine Vaughn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2015 Programs: The Henderson Convention Center set up is finalized. 14 people have signed up for the Mary Lou Weidman class. There is room for 6 more.

Programs 2016: Bibi has sent information to the newsletter to Pat and to Karen for the website with a registration form for January classes. She and JoAnn are visiting circles in the valley to show the class samples.

Retreat 2015: The retreat made money!! 100% of the money raised for the charities with a little bit more will be go to Ryan Smiles and Quilts of Valor.

Retreat 2016: The theme will be "Keep it Scrappy and Sew" (KISS). Regina DeMatteo and Bethany Imes are the co-chairs. They are putting together their committees and signing the contract with the Primm Valley Resort for September 16, 17 and 18th of 2016. Chemene offered to help them with the budget. She has also volunteered to mentor the new chairpersons. Save the dates!

Old Business: Lana Weber reviewed both Hobby Lobby locations for board meetings and felt that both locations were too small. We will vote next month on the new board location after we have visited the Union Hall. Next month we will meet November 14 at 10 am at Aerospace Union Hall 1057 Whitney Ranch Drive, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89014. Fee of \$20 for Guide Dogs of America will be given to the door/alarm guardian. Delores is not going to be taking over Hospitality. Mary Sprenger and Pat Vathauer will take over for October's meeting. Jeanne can look and see if there are new members who would like to take over as a committee chair.

New Business: The Guild Visa card is used to help host the outside teachers for 4 nights. Hotel rates have been going up. Can we up the maximum from \$500 to \$1,000? Jeanne Spala motioned to raise the limit to \$1,000 which may help with the quilt show judges and appraiser's at the Quilt Show. Bobbie Stoner seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Opportunity Quilts have also been costing more than \$100 to make. Can we raise the limit to \$300? Pat Vathauer motioned to increase the dollar amount to make the Opportunity Quilt to \$300. Bobbie Stoner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chemene has a few make and takes left over from the retreat. She would like to bring them to the quarterly meeting and sell them at the sales table. Sandy will sell them at the meeting.

Adjournment: Jaine Vaughn motioned to adjourn the meeting and Regina seconded the motion at 7:35pm.

Adjournment: Circle reports and Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Kohorst

Desert Quilters of Nevada Board Meeting
November 14, 2015
1057 Whitney Ranch Dr #200, Aerospace Union Hall

The November 14, 2015 DQN board meeting was called to order by Lana Weber at 10:03am at 1057 Whitney Ranch Dr, Henderson, Nevada. There were 21 members in attendance: Lana Weber, Amy Mell, Linda Knapton, Chris Meeks, Christine Dunn, Jeanne Spala, Joyce McCollum, Bibi Belloto, Regina DeMatteo, Bethany Imes, Kathy Farris, Jaine Vaughn, Karen Garth, Sandy Rogers, Hinde Socol, Ann Correia, Susan Beall, Bonnie Kulwin, Bobbie Stoner, Mary Sprenger and Marge Bowen.

Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were read. Bobbie Stoner moved to accept the minutes with changes and Regina DeMateo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Chris Meeks reported a balance of \$66,168.52 as of the end of October. A question was asked about postage being part of the DQN budget. It was confirmed that postage is allowed under membership and is also included in the budget.

Membership: Jeanne Spala reported currently we have 328 paid members as of today. The Membership Directory is almost ready to go to printing. The Directory is expected to be mailed in January 2016. There was mention that membership dues reminder was sent out in the November/December chatter. A discussion was tabled about possibility of raising the price of DQN membership if they are received past the deadline. A total of 97 members were present at the DQN Quarterly meeting on October 15th so a quorum was met for the election of DQN Board Members.

Sunshine: Cory Allender needed to send out six cards to: The family of Yvonne Higgins, Betty Lou Miller, Denise Heitkamp, Bethany Imes, Angela Sohnly and Sandra Thomas. Mary Ashcraft's husband has been ill, and also it was reported that Cory Allender has been ill. Please send cards.

Quilt Chatter: News Editor Pat Burrows has scheduled the next deadline for December 10th. Her e-mail is pburrows3@cox.net.

2016 Challenge: Kathy Farris still has 10 packets available at \$4.00 a packet.

2016 Quilt Las Vegas: Suzanne Mayfield reported that this year we need to raise the price of admission at the door by \$1.00. Vendor costs have also increased. Registration booklets are in the 2nd proofing stage and should be getting to the printers in December. A must-have on quilts entered was for each item to have a label and a sleeve to be accepted at check in. The exclusion will be for the small art quilts will be allowed in without a sleeve for hanging. A special hanging will be implemented for these quilt items. Also discussed was that there is expected to be participation from the Modern Quilt Guild with the items for Bed Turning. Christa Watson has been in contact. Sandy Rogers has the vendors in order. Marge Bowen made a motion to accept these changes. Jaine Vaughn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Opportunity Quilt 2016: Jeanne Spala reported that the quilt has been busy traveling to several craft events: St Viator's, Green Valley Methodist Church, Henderson Senior Center, Christmas Goose and Sew Little Time for the recent shop-hop. It was noted that the Opportunity Quilt 2017 will be made by the Modern Quilters. It was also discussed that the circle will make the quilt as long as they are not responsible for marketing the quilt. It was mentioned that the small circles might band together to market the quilt. There were some ideas that were mentioned about how to handle marketing and ticket sales for members to help with offsetting costs. Also discussed was the possibility of having the quilt travel less due to wear and tear on the quilt. Locations of marketing were mentioned of taking the quilt to Pahrump Quilt show, Mormon Fort downtown and the next quarterly DQN meeting in January.

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12-4-12: Kathy Farris reported 76 people are signed up for 12-4-12 at this time. Registrants must be DQN members in order to participate. Deadline for sign-ups is November 30th. There was a how-to take a photo of your project, rename it and send it via your phone: www.felixidea/how-to-re-name-photos.com. Please send your photos and question to Kathy at 12-4-12@dqn.org.

Website Team: Karen Garth reported on the website upgrade scheduled in mid-December. Karen also reported she will put the link of how to rename your photos before sending to Kathy Farris on the website.

Programs 2016: Bibi Bellotto reported that 8 are signed up for Jennifer Rapacki's, "Weave That" Friday, January 15, 2016 class. There is room for up to 25 maximum who may take this class. She also reported that 10 have signed up for Jennifer's Saturday, January 16th morning 10:00am - 1:15pm "Pixelate That" using Photoshop Elements class. There is room to have up to 20 maximum for this class. Also there are currently 7 signed up for Jennifer's Saturday, January 16th afternoon 1:45pm - 5:00pm "Design That" using Electric Quilt. There is room to have up to 20 maximum to attend this class.

Retreat 2016: Regina DeMateo reported that a partial contract for classes and table toppers have been committed by Green Valley Quilters circle. Regina is expecting to have a final contract soon. She said there was a possibility that the fees might increase slightly from Primm Valley Resorts. The dates for 2016: September 16, 17 and 18, 2016. The theme is "Keep it Scrappy and Sew" (KISS) Regina reported that Karen Garth refined the poster that was viewed in September at our board meeting in rough draft phase. Regina can be contacted at the following e-mail: dqnrad@gmail.com.

Studio Strut 2016: Studio Strut was discussed as being included in the budget for Terry Duffy.

Volunteer Recognition: Jaine Vaughn reported that there have been 59, 1st year pins and 130, 2nd year pins given out for volunteer hours so far for 2015. Jaine encourages the guild members to pick up their awards from her at the quarterly meetings. She will make an exception at the December board meeting to bring pins for those on the in attendance for those who cannot make it to the January quarterly DQN meeting.

Sales: Joyce McCollum is open to suggestions for fund raising for the guild. There were suggestions of how to handle the sales of T-shirts and denim using the DQN logo, cookbooks, nametags, pens and water bottles. Also discussed possibilities of how to handle the past years inventory of sales items such as T-shirts, bags and decals.

Hospitality: It was mentioned that Pat Vathauer will be taking this job.

Old Business: Board Meeting location and days. There was a discussion about both locations, pros and cons. It was decided the next meeting will be Saturday, December 12, 2015 at the Aerospace Union Hall at 9:30am. The change in time will help to accommodate the members needing to get to their Saturday Circle meetings. There is a fee of \$20.00 to meet here and has plenty of space to have our meetings. There was mention that if we wanted water from their refrigerator a donation should be placed in the labeled bucket in the back of the room for Guide Dogs of America.

New Business: It was mentioned that the DQN credit card strip/chip reader is in the budget. Also that membership payment may be made with personal credit cards with a charge of 2.7%. Your card number must be supplied.

Adjournment: Susan Beall motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bobbie Stoner seconded the motion at 11:40am. Motion carried.

Circle Reports: The Quilt Crazy's have decided to drop out of the DQN quilt circle.
Respectfully submitted by Linda Knapton

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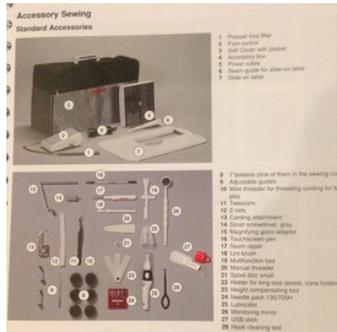


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12-4-12 — We have a quarter of our ladies signed up for 12-4-12; that's 99 signups and about 4 who didn't get their first project in. That means a mega slide show each month. We have had a few bumps but over all Ann Correia and I are working at getting all the little kinks out and will soon be working machine. I can't wait to see all the wonderful work accomplished this year. Good luck to all. Happy Piecing, Kathy Farris Ann Correia



QUARTERLY MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016, 7:00 PM
 Henderson Convention Center
 With Lecture / Trunk Show by Jennifer Rapacki

Jennifer is a tech savvy artisan specializing in combining traditional quilting techniques with technology driven designs and inkjet printing on fabric. She is truly a corporate refugee having spent 20 years working as a computer engineer for major corporations.

One of Jennifer's loves is working with fabric since she was a child. She worked as a Freelance Educator for Husqvarna Viking for several years which allowed her to start merging her computer and sewing skills. Because Photoshop is the primary design tool she uses for web design, she also started using it as a design tool for her quilts along with Electric Quilt to design block based quilts.

Lecture: Creativity Unleashed: Modern Technology for Quilters

Jennifer shares her experiences and designs using Adobe Photoshop Elements and Electric Quilt along with inkjet printing on fabric. Features of both tools are shown during the presentation with many samples of the quilts using modern technology.

Weave That! Quilt Background & Applique OR Pouch
Friday, January 15, 9:30-5:00
No Computer involved :-)



Choosing between a quilt with raw edge applique or zippered pouch, you will create a unique textured fabric by weaving 1" raw edge strips of fabric. You will then either embellish with a flower applique or heavy 12 wt Aurifil thread for the pouch.

Kits will be available for both projects.

Modern Tools Sampler Saturday, January 16

Laptop and programs or "Try Before You Buy" trial versions required.
Arrive half hour early if you need assistance setting up programs.



10:00-1:15 Pixelate That! Photoshop Elements

Memory Quilts, Art Quilts and more.... Learn how to transform photos or fabric scans into a custom background (like the Poppy Quilt above) or an art quilt, and how to prepare photos for printing. Topics include, but are not limited to: Scanning photos, copyright issues, fabric and printer choices for best results of printing on fabric, plus info on using print-on-demand services like Spoonflower.com, editing photos - eg. fixing red eye, lighting, cropping, and filters & effects.

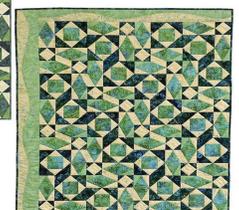
1:45-5:00 Design That! Electric Quilt

Learn your way around Electric Quilt (EQ7). Topics include, but are not limited to using the sketchbook and libraries, scanning and importing your own fabrics, setting blocks into quilt layouts, adding borders, coloring blocks, printing quilt and fabric yardage, printing block patterns with foundation pattern, templates, rotary cutting chart.

Visit her website at jenniferrapacki.com



EQ Original Design with Storm at Sea Block



Finished Quilt: 48 x 40 inches



Jennifer Rapacki REGISTRATION FORM

Henderson Convention Center - 200 Water Street

January 15 & 16, 2016

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones: cell _____ home _____ work _____

E-mail for class confirmation and supply list _____

If you did not provide an e-mail above, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope

Fri, Jan 15, 9:30-5:00 Weave That: Quilt Background & Applique OR Pouch \$40 _____

You must purchase ONE of these three kits

Optional KIT: Woven Quilt with floral motif - Fabric and Supplies \$30 _____

Required KIT: “ “ Supplies Only (interfacing and poppy & leaf pattern) \$ 5 _____

Required KIT: Woven Pouch (12 wt Aurifil thread, needle, interfacing, zipper) \$10 _____

Sat, Jan 16 Modern Tools Sampler: (laptop and programs or trial versions required) \$20 _____
 10:00-1:15 Pixelate That: Photoshop Elements (Set-up starts 9:30)

1:45-5:00 Design That: Electric Quilt (Set-up starts 1:15) \$20 _____

DQN Member Discount with enclosed coupon COUPON -\$10 _____

Non-members are welcome space permitting Additional \$10 per class \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Registration fees are non-refundable unless your space is filled.

For questions, contact JoAnn Jameson at 702-321-8788 or juniofnv@gmail.com

Make check payable to **DESERT QUILTERS OF NEVADA**, and send with registration form to:

JoAnn Jameson, 3743 Callahan Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120

You may want to use on-line supply lists before registering. www.dqnv.org, click Events, select Jennifer Rapacki Workshops



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 Over 250 Judged Quilts,
 Dolls & Garments
 Merchant Mall
 Guild Boutique
 Raffle Baskets
 Opportunity Quilt
 Silent Auction
 and More!

Quilt Las Vegas 2016

Henderson Convention Center
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 Henderson, NV 89015 **March 18, 19, & 20, 2016**

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By the time you're reading this, you've already sent in your applications for the quilt show, and you are no doubt frantically finishing the items you've committed to! Happy binding and stitching to all of us!

Just a reminder to all circles that we're expecting a raffle basket from you. We will present a \$25 prize for the basket that makes the most money. Remember that all the items must be new or very gently used.

Nobody else wants the junk that we don't want.

Also remember to tell everyone that we will have an appraiser this year, and Annie Miller Romero has put an application on-line as well as in the registration book. One of the many benefits to having your work appraised is having a current value for insurance in case of loss or theft. Nobody wants to have insurance value one as a "blanket". An appraisal will also give you a fair market price if you wish to sell your work.

Christa Watson, Bobbie Stoner and Kathy Farris are planning a bed turning for the modern quilts groups in town. You won't want to miss this as Christa, a newly published author, will be narrating.

Hoping all of you are selling your tickets, and preparing to donate time for volunteering. This show takes a lot of hands, but it is SO worth it. It pays for our 12 for 12 awards, teachers, and all the operating costs of our organization.

Karen Atkinson has volunteered to chair the Boutique this year, and we're very excited to see it in its new location, and with its one of a kind items for sale. Remember that we can sell anything that is made in any of the circles, so considering the variety we see from Art Quilts and the doll group, we should have some wonderful things to offer.

Mary Ashcraft



Quilt Las Vegas 2016
 Over 250 Judged Quilts,
 Dolls & Garments
 Merchant Mall
 Quilt Boutique
 Raffle Baskets
 Opportunity Quilt
 Silent Auction
 and More!

QUIT LAS VEGAS 2016

Henderson Convention Center
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 March 18, 19, & 20, 2016

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QUILT APPRAISER SANDRA STARLEY

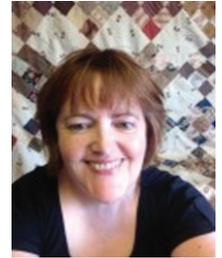
We are proud to announce that we have been lucky to sign Sandra Starley to be our quilt appraiser this year at the Desert Quilters of Nevada 2016 Quilt Show. She is an extraordinarily talented lady in the appraising of quilts and teaching and lectures. She has won national awards for both her antique reproductions and has been part of several traveling exhibits and has quilts featured in national quilt magazines and several historical quilt books. She says her life is as an art quilter, quilt appraiser and attorney in Moab Utah.

Sandra is a nationally certified quilt appraiser, historian, researcher, quilt collector, lecturer, designer and instructor. She maintains an extensive collection of both antique quilts and research materials and is active in the American Quilt Study Group and Quilt Alliance.

An American Quilter's Society certified quilt appraiser, trained and certified in the appraisal of antique, vintage and newly made quilts including art quilts. Appraisals are written for insurance, fair market and donation/estate values. A written appraisal describes your quilt: its age, fabrics, colors, pattern, quilting design, condition, notable points, workmanship and value. This information allows you to properly insure your quilt so you can replace it with a comparable quilt if it is lost, stolen, or damaged. An appraisal allows a lost quilt to be valued properly and not treated like an "cheap mass produced blanket". A fair market appraisal can help guide you in valuing your quilts if you are interested in selling them.

NOTE: appraisals aren't just for old quilts –with the increasing costs of materials and labor, new quilts often are valued higher than antique quilts.

Sandra will be arriving and ready to start doing appraisals on Thursday March 17, 2016. We will be scheduling every ½ hour.



Thursday March 17: 10 a.m. to the last appointment at 4:30 p.m.
 Friday March 18: 9 a.m. to the last appointment at 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday March 19: 9 a.m. to the last appointment at 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday March 20: 9 a.m. to the last appointment at 3:00 p.m.

Appraisals will cost \$50.00 and can be done on the hanging quilts in the show.

Sandra welcomes and encourages people to watch and enjoy the process involved in the job of appraising and valuing a quilt.

I have 3 questionnaires for the appraisals ready to send out to those interested.

#1 AQS new is for newly made quilts (made by maker. Can be quilted by maker or another person,

#2 antique quilts (family/inherited quilts)

#3 Antique quilt purchased is for purchased quilts (antique, vintage, or new)

I am ready to begin scheduling the appointments. I will send you the questionnaires with your appointment time and date. I will need your phone number, address, and email. If you are not on an email I can send you the applications if you will send me a self-addressed stamped envelope.

My contact information:

Cell phone: 307-389-0983 please no calls after 8 p.m.

Home phone: 702-979-9819 Please no phone calls after 8 p.m.

Address: Anne Romero

PO Box35653

Las Vegas, Nv. 89133

Email: steveannie5050@msn.com I will try to get back to you in as soon as I can.

Desert Quilters of Nevada Annual Meeting October 15, 2015, Henderson Convention Center

The October 14, 2015 DQN Annual meeting was called to order by Christine Dunn at 7:05 pm at the Henderson Convention Center. Everyone tonight needs to sign-in because this is a meeting that includes voting in a new DQN board. November 6 – 8 the 15th Annual Desert Quilt Shop Hop will be taking place at 6 different quilt shops. \$10 will get you a canvas bag to fill and get 15% off your purchase. Both Downtown Sewing Center and Sew Little Time will have Shop Hop specials. Sew Little Time has their special located on the front page of the DQN website. Downtown Sewing Center will have a Pfaff Specialist coming in to their shop. Minutes from October 14, 2014 DQN Annual meeting were provided for reading. Mary Ashcraft moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Marjorie McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Current balance of \$64,980.60 is in the checkbook. In our 2015 fiscal year we show a positive gross balance of \$3,241.51 with a net of \$1900 expected when the outstanding costs from 2015 clear. On September 30, 2015 an internal audit was completed by Pat Lopes, Lana Weber, Christine Dunn and Marge Bowen. No deficiencies were found.

Membership: Jeanne Spala has been signing in all of our members as well as signing up new members. We have a total of 97 members in attendance tonight. A quorum is present

Volunteer Recognition: Jaine Vaughn and Amy Mell are located at a table handing out both recognition pins and this year's stars which are to be hung on last year's pins. In order to get the initial pin and the stars in years to come, you have to volunteer for DQN for four hours.

Chatter: Pat Burrow's next deadline is December 10. Circle reports are needed for the next issue. Please check to make sure that she's received yours. They may be sent to Pat at pburrows3@cox.net.

Opportunity Quilt 2016: The Opportunity Quilt is traveling around our valley with Patsy Musaraca and Jeanne Spala. Tickets have been included in your copy of the Chatter for you to sell or purchase. November 14 they will be at Curves, next to Hancock Fabric's on Maryland Parkway. This weekend they will be at the Methodist church on Green Valley and Robindale. Hancock Fabric's on Maryland Parkway will be closing.

Quilt Show 2016: Yvonne Higgins has suffered a massive stroke. Cards and e-mails are welcome. She is on the committee for next year. They are signing up volunteers tonight for the next show. See Kim Kohorst who is filling in for JoAnn Long. Otherwise things for the next quilt show are on schedule.

Sales: Sandy Rogers is located at a table. She has leftover kits are from the Retreat 2015 Make and Takes. 100 % of the money plus a little bit more raised at Retreat is being split between the two charities that were there—Ryan's Case for Smiles and Quilts of Valor. Joyce McCollum is our new Sales Chairperson.

Jeanne Spala came up to the podium to be presented with a check for \$500 for the Ryan Cases for Smiles. Letters from the founder and local representative were read. Our donation was the largest donation they have ever received. This program is solely dedicated to help sick children cope by providing them with pillowcases to enhance their wellbeing while dealing with these difficult times.

Victoria Hall is the Quilts of Valor Nevada State Coordinator. She presented Lenny Katz with a quilt made from orphan blocks. Louise Davenport quilted it for his service and sacrifice he made for our nation. Christine presented Victoria with \$500 for batting to make sure the quilt tops continue to be made into quilts.

Quilt Retreat 2016: The retreat in Primm was so successful this year that the new Chairpersons, Regina DeMateo and Bethany Imes will be signing a contract with Primm Valley Resort for the 2016 retreat. They are signing up volunteers to help with their retreat. Get on board early. A special e-mail address has been set up for the 2016 retreat. It is: 2016dqnrads@gmail.com

Voting: Chris Meeks, Lana Weber, Linda Knapton and Amy Mell left the room. Voting for the 2016 DQN board took place.

Outgoing Officers: Incoming Officers:

Christine Dunn, President Lana Weber, President

Patsy Musaraca, Vice President Amy Mell: Vice President

Marge Bowen, Treasurer Chris Meeks: Treasurer

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Kimberly Kohorst, Secretary Linda Knapton, Secretary

Mary Kay Weishan moved to accept the members of the new officers. Bobbie Stember seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Hospitality: Thank you Mary Sprenger and Pat Vathauer for filling in at the very last minute.

Adjournment: Mary Kay Weishan moved to adjourn the meeting and Chris Meeks seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjournment at 7:35 pm. Presentation of Presidents Gifts ensued. Thank you baskets of fat quarters were presented to Membership (Jeanne Spala) for new members, Quilt Show Chair 2015-Bobbie Stoner, Retreat Co-chairs Joyce McCollum and Chemene Blockey and to Christine Dunn, President. Christine also received a quilt from the membership.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Kohorst.

CIRCLE REPORTS: What's going on in our Guild

Bluebirds —Our November meeting was shared with Veterans at Parkdale Community Center. Many of the red, white and blue show and tell quilted items were used to decorate the center while attendees enjoyed a pot luck luncheon. Bluebirds came on strong in number, too--20! It was a thankful and giving time. Child Haven received 8 of our charity quilts and 2 delivery blankets. Wilemina Willis made labels for those quilts. Plans for 2016 were discussed as 2015 draws to a close.

Black Mountain Circle - In November we talked about our Christmas party. Kathy Farris is unable to be our hostess. Louise said we could meet at the Joker's Wild. There would be two entrée's for \$15 apiece. We could bring desserts to share. Or Bethany offered to be the hostess and we would bring potluck. We voted and it was decided to have the party at Joker's Wild to be held December 9th. When we came into the meeting, our Challenge quilts were put on a table so we could vote on them. Chris Meeks had 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, places for Best Use of Color, and Viewer's Choice. Bethany won first place for both categories, Patsy and Kathy Farris won 2nd and 3rd for Best Use of Color, and Janie and Linda won 2nd and 3rd place for Viewer's Choice. We had a short Show and Tell afterwards.

In December, we had our Christmas party at the Joker's Wild. We had about 15 people present. We enjoyed our dinners and then had dessert. We enjoyed visiting with everyone at our tables. After dessert we had a short meeting. We discussed what we want to do this coming year. It was decided that we would have one individual do a trunk show each month. We also talked about doing quilt tops for Karen Elliott for the Camp Cartwheel. They want up to 200 quilt tops made by the end of next year. We will try and do 20. We also talked about doing two queen sized quilts for Ronald McDonald House for 2017. Bethany has a neat way to do the double wedding ring quilt. She has the top finished and will bring it in January to show us. We also discussed doing a summer quilt. We have a full year ahead of us.

Green Valley: Denise Heitkamp will be demonstrating her Diamond Sweatshirt Jacket at our January meeting.

Rainbow Circle is still working on their paper pieced stars. We are also exchanging butterfly blocks in February. Our annual Christmas Party will be held instead of the December meeting on 12/16 at our usual meeting place. Happy Holidays to Everyone and Happy New Year!

Scarlet Bonnets had their Holiday party on Saturday, December 5 in the Sun Room at the Boulder Dam Hotel in Boulder City. There were 14 members and guests in attendance. We had a delicious lunch and then played a game to exchange gifts. Bobbie S. gifted each of us with her yummy fudge. Everyone was very generous with food items to be donated to the 3 Square Food Bank. I dropped them off Monday since 3 Square is very near my home. Our next meeting will be February 6, 2016 at a destination not yet determined. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and a reminder to all DQN members that you are welcome to attend any time. Call me at 702-644-4354 or contact me (Mary Sprenger) at meslv7777@aol.com or call Dolores Verwey at 702-458-5305.

Silver Threads: Lone Mountain and Silver Threads raised \$1,000 for homeless teens at our joint Holiday party. In January, we will be working on our 2016 Challenge project. Judi Junge will be presenting a trunk show at our February 1st meeting. Everyone is invited.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Jan 2—Karen Oddo	Jan 21—Marcia Katz	Feb 4—Mary Ashcraft
Jan 4—Sandy Rogers	Jan 21—Rita Keizer	Feb 5—Patti Greenawalt
Jan 5—Sandy Heimbaugh	Jan 21—Kim Hohorst	Feb 6—Georgia Tobey
Jan 7—Michelle McCalla	Jan 21—Debbie McGuire	Feb 7—Marilyn Ettinger
Jan 8—Brenda Cook	Jan 22—Maggie Messenger	Feb 9—Denise Carrell
Jan 9—Linda Stroecker	Jan 24—Lyla Drometer	Feb 10—Anita DeMunda
Jan 10—Erin Kohlmeyer	Jan 24—Marjorie Stanbridge	Feb 12—Donna Hallett
Jan 11—Rickie Seifried	Jan 26—Nancy Goode	Feb 13—Mary Jane Eichholz
Jan 12—Pam Keenan	Jan 26—Janet Sagert	Feb 14—Gail Griffin
Jan 12—Linda Page	Jan 27—Jeannette Clapp	Feb 15—Adulia Wright
Jan 13—Aimee Fuller	Jan 28—Barbara Jean Tomas	Feb 17—Artie Stratton
Jan 13—Linda Stanton	Jan 29—Barb Bostian	Feb 18—Jaine Vaughn
Jan 15—Louise Alton	Jan 29—Christine Dunn	Feb 19—Carol Cohen
Jan 15—Karen Gratopp	Jan 29—Eva Miller	Feb 20—Nancy Barnhard
Jan 18—Judy Marino	Jan 30—Liz Holland	Feb 20—Nancy Owens
Jan 18—Larue Mortensen	Jan 30—Tom Keenan	Feb 21—Kathlyn Brock
Jan 19—Vicki Ruebel	Jan 31—Maria Hedrick	Feb 23—Wendy Barnhart
Jan 21—Ruth Billhimer	Feb 1—Bobbie Stoner	Feb 23—Bev Williams
Jan 21—Shirley Howell	Feb 2—Judi Junge	Feb 24—Susan Holley
Jan 21—JoAnn Johnson	Feb 4—Cory Allender	

Membership:

Watch your mailboxes – the 2016 Membership Directory is on its way!!

If anything changes during the year – address, phone, email – be sure to send me a written message so I can keep our records current!

We are going into the new year with 348 members – welcome to all!

Jeanne Spala, Membership Chair
jspala@cox.net

Many Thanks!

Many thanks for all the cards, e-mails, phone calls, prayers and good wishes to I received when Robert, my husband of 53 years passed Sept 14, 2015. Quilters are the best people!

Many of you shared memories of all the things Robert did with Desert Quilters in the early days. Most memorable was being the cook for the first two Retreats in Bunkerville. Both years, the attendees made Robert a quilt as a thank you. As he slipped deeper into Lewy Body Dementia, he began carrying around a quilt for comfort, much like a two year old. Although he had many to choose from, his favorite was the churn dash quilt made for him the first year he cooked.

Quilters acts of kindness can carry love and comfort many years into the future. I am sure Robert was very glad to be a part of Desert Quilters.

AnnLouise Pugh

DESERT QUILTERS OF NEVADA: Circle Contacts & Schedules

Subject to change due to special plans, holidays, seasonal changes, roving locations, etc. More Information is available at dqnv.org, including a map showing all the circle locations. We recommend that you call the person listed here before attending your first meeting to confirm the time & location

Art Quilts, Etc.

Christ Church Episcopal
2000 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV
3rd Wednesday ~ 10 am
Deb Lara (702) 656-5860
teadrinkingdeb@gmail.com

Black Mountain

Hobby Lobby
625 North Stephanie Rd., Henderson, NV 89014
2nd Wednesday ~ 6 pm
Kathy Farris (702) 565-9065
qltkit@aol.com

Bluebirds

Parkdale Community Center
3200 Ferndale St., Las Vegas, NV 89121
2nd Monday ~ 10:00 am
Gail Smith (702) 451-2949
nannynvegas@gmail.com

Boulder City Cut-ups

Boulder City Library
701 Adams Blvd., Boulder City, NV 89005
2nd and 4th Tuesdays ~ 9 am
Sandy Crawford (702) 293-4220
iquiltinbcnv@yahoo.com

Fashion Divas

Humana Building,
1000 N. Green Valley Parkway
Henderson, NV 89074
3rd Monday ~ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Mary Ashcraft (702) 566-6288
maryashcrafts@hotmail.com

Finishing Stitchers

Sew Little Time
5325 S. Fort Apache Rd., Ste. E, Las Vegas, NV 89148
1st Wednesday ~ 12 pm
Jean Schantol (702) 436-1679
qcbyjean@cox.net

Green Valley Quilters

Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church
1799 Wigwam Pkwy., Henderson, NV
2nd Thursday ~ 10 am
Patsy Musaraca (702) 568-1172
patsymusaraca@gmail.com

Lone Mountain

Mountain View Presbyterian Church
8601 Del Webb Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134
2nd & 4th Monday ~ 9 am
Bridgett Willis (702) 838-3579
eyequilts@yahoo.com
Karen Goode (702) 645-3559

Loose Threads

Hobby Lobby
625 North Stephanie Rd., Henderson, NV 89014
Last Thursday – 10 am
Bonnie Kulwin (702) 524-3936
bonniekulwin@aol.com

Modern Quilters

Sew Little Time
5325 S. Fort Apache Rd., Ste. E, Las Vegas, NV 89148
Second Saturday ~ 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Bobbie Stoner 702-985-4285
bstoner@juno.com

Rainbow

Redrock Baptist Church
5500 Alta Drive, Las Vegas
4th Wednesday ~ 1 pm -3 pm
Faithe Finley (702) 655-3832
fmfinley@centurylink.net

Scarlet Bonnets

Location: Various restaurants in the valley.
1st Saturday every other month ~ 11 am
(Feb, Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.)
Make reservations with:
Mary Sprenger (702) 644-4354
Meslv7777@aol.com
Co-chair Dolores Verwey (702) 458-5305

Silver Doll-ers

Glazier's Food Marketplace
8525 W. Warm Springs Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89113
1st Saturday ~ 10 am
Teri Duffy (702) 417-3477
taduffy610@aol.com

Silver Threads

Mountain View Presbyterian Church
8601 Del Webb Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134
1st and 3rd Mondays ~ 9 am
Judy McNeel (951) 212-1180
judysbluequilts@yahoo.com

Snowbirds

Parkdale Community Center
3200 Ferndale St., Las Vegas, NV 89121
Every Tuesday ~ 10 am
Gail Smith (702) 451-2949
nannynvegas@gmail.com

Threads of Fellowship

CornerStone Christian Fellowship
5825 W. Eldora Ave., Las Vegas, NV
Every Thursday ~ 5:30 pm ~ Rm. 201
Chemene Blockey (702) 521-1084
cblockeyais@gmail.com

Desert Quilters of Nevada
MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016

Dues are \$25.00/year for 2015-2016 and includes a Subscription to the Quilt Chatter
Renewals are **DUE** by **September 30** for the following Oct. 1 to Sept. 30 membership year and are not prorated.

IF YOU ARE RENEWING AND ALL INFORMATION REMAINS THE SAME, JUST WRITE YOUR NAME AND SAME ON THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT AND SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE!

RENEWAL ____ NEW MEMBER ____ Are you a member of: NQA ____ AQS ____ MQG ____
Date: _____
Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone #: _____ Cell: _____
E-Mail: _____
Birth Month: _____ Day: _____

PLEASE CHECK AREAS YOU WOULD CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE ON DQN COMMITTEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone calls | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs (outside teachers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic design | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Show Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography or CD production | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE SKILLS you are willing to share with the Guild:

- Do you know how to use Microsoft Excel or another spreadsheet? Beginner? ____ Intermediate? ____ Advanced? ____
 Do you know how to use Microsoft Word or another word processor? Beginner? ____ Intermed? ____ Advanced? ____
 Do you know how to use Microsoft Publisher or another publishing software? Beg? ____ Int? ____ Adv? ____
 Do you do know how to use Photoshop Elements, Corel Draw or a similar graphics program? Beg? ____ Int? ____ Adv? ____
 Have you done any website design or maintenance? Beginner? ____ Intermediate? ____ Advanced? ____
 Do you have any experience with bookkeeping? Beginner? ____ Intermediate? ____ Advanced? ____
 Would you like an opportunity to learn or improve any of the above skills?
 Which one(s)? _____

For renewals, please send a **self-addressed stamped envelope** with this membership form to receive your new membership card. New members do not need to send a SASE.
Make your \$25.00 checks payable to **Desert Quilters of Nevada**

MAIL TO:

Jeanne Spala, 4458 Via Bianca Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89141
Questions? Call Jeanne 702-492-0840 or visit www.dqnv.org

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DON Calendar of Events: Mark Your Calendar

January 14, 2016Quarterly Meeting with Jennifer Rapacki
January 15, 2016	.....Workshop with Jennifer Rapacki: Weave that Quilt Background or Pouch
January 16, 2016	.....Workshop with Jennifer Rapacki: Modern Tools Sampler Photoshop Elements, EQ7
January 21-24, 2016	.....Road to California Quilt Show, Ontario, California
February 12-13, 2016	.....Quilt Show, Bullhead City, Arizona, Colorado River Quilters, \$5.00 each day
February 19-21, 2016	.....Pins & Needles, Nevada Treasure RV Resort, Pahrump, NV \$5.00 each day
March 14-17, 2016	.....Calling All Volunteers!!! Quilt Show Preparation
March 18-20, 2016	.....Quilt Las Vegas 2016, Henderson Convention Center
April 14, 2016	.....Quarterly Meeting, Principles of Landscape Quilt Design with Helene Knott
April 15, 2016	.....Confetti Landscapes with Helene Knott
April 16, 2016	.....Mini Landscapes & Postcards from Japan with Helene Knott
July 21, 2016	.....Quarterly Meeting, Swap Meet & Challenge
July 23, 2016	.....Quilt Till You Wilt
September 16-18, 2016	.....Retreat, KISS (Keep it Scrappy and Sew!)
Oct 20, 2016	.....Quarterly Meeting with Christine Barnes
Oct 21-22, 2016Workshops with Christine Barnes

Next **Deadline for Chatter is February 10, 2016**
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Unless otherwise noted, the quarterly meetings and subsequent classes will be held at the