

# Cotton Patch Quilters of Kern County

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## Highlights from May program

by Debbie Kelton

It was so quiet you could hear a pin drop as Kathy McNeil gave her lecture at the May meeting. She shared many stories through her quilt journey. At her workshop she moved from one student to another making sure each student was understanding her method and encouraging them to use their own creativity on their projects. She was enjoyed by all and a great teacher.

## Program for June

### *Git-R-Done Challenge/Ice Cream Social*

Last year in August many of you accepted the challenge to actually write down and finish some of your UFO projects. You will be served ice cream with all the toppings while we have our Show and Tell for the month. We will have the 80/20 drawing for those who finished their projects. This has been a great incentive to finish those projects that seemed to find a permanent place in our closets and drawers.

### **JUNE** AT A GLANCE

**Tuesday 6-7-16**, 6pm

Board Meeting at Joan Millsap's home.  
Potluck with outgoing and incoming members.

**Thursday 6-16-16** Guild Meeting

1pm Social Time  
1:30 Meeting Begins

**Monday 6-20-16** Deadline for news articles

## From the President.....

What a great meeting we had this month and I really enjoyed the speaker, Kathy McNeil. There are several committees that need a chairperson and/or members, including Blocks for the Brave. Please let me know if you are interested in working on any of our committees. The monthly newsletter is being assembled and if you would like to place an ad in the newsletter they are priced as follows: \$5 for a business card size; \$10 for a 1/4 page; \$20 for 1/2 page; and, \$40 for a full page. Ads need to be "print ready" and payment is made prior to the printing of the newsletter.

Also, any advertisements announced during the meeting should be written out and paid for prior to speaking. Cost is \$5. Another option is flyers can be made and left on the membership table at no charge.

The June Board meeting is a potluck for outgoing and incoming officers and committee chairmen. I hope to see you all in June for our Git-R-Done finale including ice cream with all the fixings.

**Joan Millsap**



A Thimbleful of Wisdom

by Sheila K. Plane

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

-- Helen Keller



## Loving Hands

By Deanie Hogan

For the “Committed”, those of you who signed up to make 9 isolettes for Loving Hands for the year 2015-16, your commitment is complete at our June meeting! ☺ Those who have followed through with this challenge will be recognized before the membership at our next meeting. Another piece of exciting news is that over 40 kits were picked up at our May meeting mostly for patriotic isolettes for our neonatal centers.....I can hardly wait!! ☺



## Paws for A Cause

by Denice Rudolph

It's HOT outside! So let's stay cool in our sewing room and crank up the air-conditioner and the music!

Great job, quilters! At the May meeting we collected 35 pet beds. WOW! That brings our total count for the 2016 year at 61.

You are making a difference in the life of the dogs and cats in the local shelters. They do appreciate the comfortable, soft beds.

Pet beds can be any size or shape from 18" x 24" for cats and puppies; up to 5' x 5' for large dogs.

The pillowcase is a purr-fect size!

Thank you CPQ members....keep up the good work.

Please stop by our table to pick up a few more pet beds to take home and practice your quilting patterns.

Happy tails!

For more information contact

Diane at 834-3481 or Denice at 809-6241

## August Class and Workshop

By Debbie Kelton



**Suzi Parron** discovered barn quilts on a trip through Kentucky in 2008. She documented over one thousand barn quilts in the process of writing her 2012 book, “Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement.” A former high school English teacher, Suzi now travels full time, both presenting lectures about barn quilts and working on her second book.

In her talk, Suzi will take us on a journey along the quilt trail, beginning with the very first barn quilt, which stemmed from Donna Sue Groves and her wish to honor her mother's quilting art. Suzi's hour-long presentation features over one hundred stunning photographs of barn quilts, some of which rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. You will hear stories of some of the individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes.

The program is both informative and entertaining, as Suzi explores the way in which our quilting heritage takes on new meaning as this movement continues to expand.

Suzi will have books on hand for sale and signing—be sure to bring your checkbook!

## Sunshine

Please contact Ruth Snedden if you know of anyone  
in need of a ray of sunshine  
(661) 871-1688 or rjsnedden30@yahoo.com



## June Birthdays

**\*\*Birthday members bring a treat to share at the Hospitality table\*\***

- Jun 02 Marcie Saiz
- Jun 04 Linda Owen
- Jun 05 Patricia Bench
- Jun 06 Sharon Colbert
- Jun 07 Carol Sansone
- Jun 11 Stacey Heredia
- Jun 15 June Kulow
- Jun 16 CeCe Westerfield
- Jun 16 Nannette Lynch
- Jun 18 Isabel Carrera
- Jun 22 Sally Armstrong
- Jun 22 Janet Lapan
- Jun 25 JuDee Rubbert
- Jun 27 Betty Colbert
- Jun 27 Deanie Hogan
- Jun 29 Janice Fisher
- Jun 29 Sharon Mettler
- Jun 29 LaVonne Templeton



## May Door Prize Winners

- |           |                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Carla T.  | Mystery Bag                     |
| Laura R.  | Vase, Gingher Seam Ripper, etc. |
| Carla T.  | 6 Fat Quarters                  |
| Nadine B. | Five 1-yard cuts of fabric      |
| Marti R.  | Suede Pastel Jellyroll          |
| Ann A.    | Gingher Rotary Cutter           |
| Mary B.   | Cookie Pennyrug Kit             |
| Carla T.  | Centerpiece with Mat            |
| Janice F. | Strawberry Hill Pattern         |
| Marti R.  | Natural Wonder DVD              |



## Membership News

by Mary Jo Henry

Ya'll still have one more month to renew your yearly membership. Check at the membership table to make sure your information is correct and pay your dues if you haven't already. The membership directory will be updated soon. Don't forget to get your picture taken at the June meeting if you need one for the directory. At the May meeting, we had two visitors, Debby Howard and Laurie Downing. Thank you both for coming! Debby Howard decided to become a member. Betty Taylor also joined. Jandel Pulcher joined during our quilt show in February and the May meeting was the first meeting that she was able to attend. Welcome Jandel and Debby and Betty!! We have 107 members in the guild for the 2016-17 year. Keep calm and join on!

**Please support these businesses who support us!**

- Beverly's - Bakersfield**
- Bolts to Bindings - Bakersfield**
- Calico Mermaid - Porterville**
- Debbie's Fabrics - Tehachapi**
- Thimble Towne - Visalia**





# Advertisements

**For Sale:** Pfaff Expression 4.0 with IDT, knee lift and 24" x 18" acrylic table. \$700 firm. **Portable Singer**—wooden cover, instruction manual, vibrating shuttle; in running condition. \$175 firm.

**Contact:** Mary Lauria at 398-8284



**Calico Mermaid**  
Downtown Porterville's Quilt  
Fabric Shop  
122 N. Main St.  
(559) 793-2510  
Tuesday-Saturday 10-6  
Sunday 1-5

Fabric - Classes - Handi Quilter Dealer  
[www.CalicoMermaid.com](http://www.CalicoMermaid.com)  
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## Next Meeting

June 16, 2016, at the Riverlakes Community Center located at 3825 Riverlakes Drive  
Social at 1:00; Meeting at 1:30



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A \$75 deposit guarantees you a spot in a 6,000 sqft home, located on the sand of the Rincon in Ventura! Full, private use of this 10-bed, 6-bath home with 24-hour access to open sewing. Amenities include: two ocean-front hot tubs, fire ring, bbq, lounge chairs, large deck, and two well appointed kitchens. Ironing and cutting stations, and a design wall will be provided for everyone to use!

**SEW, SUN & BEACH**

**Ventura Quilt Retreat**  
\$345 for 5 days on the Sand!

Price is per person, regardless of room and vary in configuration. Private rooms are available for \$600; includes most meals, dessert, and snacks throughout the day. Games, prizes, show & tell, and transportation on a Quilt Shop Hop will all be happening, as well.

Contact us for more details, as there are limited spaces available!  
[QUILTILYOUWILT2015@GMAIL.COM](mailto:QUILTILYOUWILT2015@GMAIL.COM)  
Debbie Kelton (805) 760-0490 Krystina Steed (661) 378-6352

## Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- to preserve and continue the traditions, culture and history of quilting;
- to promote fellowship among persons interested in all aspects of quilts;
- to contribute knowledge and to promote the appreciation of fine quilts;
- to sponsor and support quilting activities; --to encourage quilt making and collecting;
- and, to contribute to the growth and knowledge of quilt making techniques, textiles and patterns through educational meetings.



## Officers 2015-2016

President	Joan Millsap
1st Vice President	Debbie Kelton
2nd Vice President	Donna Haynes
Treasurer	Carol Smith
Secretary	Debbie Lindgren
Parliamentarian	Nancy Palmer
Member at Large (Day)	CeCe Westerfield
Member at Large (Night)	Kelly Dahl

## Committee and Philanthropic Project Chairpersons

Bus Trips	Linda Stone
Challenge Quilt	Linda Gilli
Door Prizes	Karin Fitzsimmons
Greeter	Linda Stone
Historian	
Hospitality	Mary Mattson
Library	Jennifer Armantrout
Loving Hands	Deanie Hogan
Membership	Mary Jo Henry
Membership Directory	Lynn Brown
Newsletter	
Opportunity Quilt	Carol Smith
Paws for a Cause	Diane Chapman
Quilt Show	Nancy Palmer
Ronald McDonald House	Sandy Thomas
Show and Tell	Linda Gilli
Storage	Diane Chapman
Sunshine	Ruth Snedden
Sweet Dreams	Stacey Heredia
Website	



### Murphy's Law of Sewing

- ❖ Fusible interfacing always fuses to the iron.
- ❖ If you need six matching buttons, you will find five in your stash.
- ❖ The seam you meant to rip out is the other one.
- ❖ The pattern you wanted to make again will have one key piece missing.
- ❖ Drop something out of your sewing box, and it will be a box of pins with the lid off.
- ❖ When sewing is going well, the bobbin runs out.
- ❖ The magnitude of the goof is in direct proportion to the cost of the fabric.
- ❖ The iron never scorches until its final pressing.
- ❖ Pinking shears get dull just by looking at them.
- ❖ The scissors cut easiest past the button hole.