

**Surfside Quilters Guild
General Meeting #75 Minutes
July 14, 2015, 10:00 a.m.**

San Clemente Presbyterian Church, 119 N. Ave De La Estrella, San Clemente, CA 92672

Committee table and chairs need to be on the carpet facing away from the stage. This prevents the tile from getting scratched. Members need to walk on the tile around the tables to conduct business.

Call to Order:

President, Odette Osantowski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She apologized for not including the new members on the email blast. She explained that she was in Hawaii and did not have the complete list with her. Future communications will be to all new and current members. She also welcomed guests and new members, and acknowledged those with July birthdays. In addition, Odette acknowledged and gave a thank you to piano players, Jo Hutcheson and Pat McNeil; remaindered members to turn off cell phones; no parking in south lot and lunch reservations available. She announced the board meeting on July 21 will be at Mary Freedman's home. And finally that Surfside Quilters Guild will be at the OC Fair Wednesday, July 22.

Opportunity Quilt: Odette invited the North Cities Quilter Guild representative, Becky from Placentia, to share information with regard to their Opportunity Quilt, "Basket Medallion".

Odette shared an invitation from Westside Quilters extended to SQG to take the Irena Bluhm workshop "Quilts of a Different Color" August 14 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm in Culver City.

Special Announcements:

Sunshine and Shadows

Barbara McFarland's son Casey, (32 years old) was in a serious car accident. He is still in critical condition and in a coma at UCI Medical Center. Please continue to pray for Casey for a complete recovery and for Barbara and Craig his father. Barbara has found a foster home for his dog Marley, a 6 year old Boxer.

Bette Bradley fell and fractured her pelvis and femur. – She had surgery at Mission Hospital and is now recovering at The Covington in Aliso Viejo – Care Unit 12. Her daughter Joy shared that her mother has been "stitched" back together and while it will take months of PT to get her walking, her attitude is "You can't keep a quilter down for long!" Bette would love company and has said "bring contraband". Her family is keeping us updated on her condition through Facebook so you can read their messages on her Facebook page.

Jan Hirth was mentioned on the Piece of Cake blog regarding her quilt-in-progress "Honey Beez".

Don Boyer sent a thank you to all SQG members for contributions to Guide Dogs for the Blind in Nancy's name. He said that all contributions to the memorial fund for Nancy have been allocated for use by the annual Puppy Raiser Youth Scholarship Program to acknowledge the young, college-bound GBD puppy raisers.

Committee Reports:

Block of the Month: Mary Mulcahey showed the first block for the Block of the Month. It is easy using only 6 pieces.

Challenge: Jan Hirth shared that she is thrilled with the amount of quilts turned in today and extended the deadline 5 more days but projects must be delivered to Jan's home by 10:30 p.m. on July 19. Challenges will be shown at the August meeting. Jan suggested that members wear challenge fabric colors and bring refreshments appropriate to the water theme. Jan also shared that Michelle Flores from Hoffman Fabrics will be the speaker at the August meeting.

Friendship Groups: Monica Shafer is available if anyone is interested in joining or forming a friendship group.

Membership: Katy Lillie asked everyone to review their personal information in the Directory and to let her know if any corrections should be made. She also shared that Ruth Johnson gets a BIG thank you for putting the directory together from Arkansas. Thank you Ruth!

Monthly Mini: Becky McDaniel showed the mini-quilt, "Aloha Keiki" made and donated by Odette Osantowski. Becky asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be a helper at the table during Bette Bradley's absence.

Philanthropy: Sheri Hill reminded members that Philanthropy will meet on the 4th Wednesday this month. Barbara Seidel will be teaching "Chevron" scrappy quilt that day. Sign up at the Philanthropy table and get a list of supplies. Sheri shared that in August Linda Ambrosini will teach a free motion quilting class. Sign up at the Philanthropy table. We welcome all comers!

Ways & Means: Betty Collins & Barbara Seidel showed a redwork quilt that is for the auction at the November Fest. The blocks were donated to the guild by a neighbor of Nancy Bloyer and several members had participated in putting the quilt together. . Sign-ups for cellophane wrap for baskets will be at the Ways and Means table in August. Baskets are to be cellophane wrapped with bow and content information and ready in October.

Workshops: Linda Rigdon & Wendy McCalley reported space available for Mary Tabar's class on Wednesday. Sign-ups on going for the August 12 fiber and artist cards workshop, "Postcard Quilts" with Del Thomas and for Rami Kim's September tumbling blocks workshop that requires no sewing.

UFO Coordinators: Margie Butterworth and Cora Schmitt: Project #6. Meeting will be at Maggie Bell's clubhouse on Friday, July 24 at 10:00 am.

Wounded Warrior: Mary Freedman reports that the program is back in business. Jon the pilot had taken about 30 quilts. She shared that this month the block is a simple 9-patch. Please

return them to her. She read a thank you letter from an officer who has cared for wounded and sick soldiers for 20 years and was a recipient of a quilt that is displayed in his office.

Bus Trips: Maggie Bell had good news to report. Sixteen have shown a serious interest in a bus trip to the Palm Springs show Thursday, October 8. Bus will cost \$45 and include a ticket to the show, water, and a snack. Space can be reserved at the August and September meetings. Checks are to be made to Surfside Quilters Guild not to SQG. Road to California sign-ups will take place in December.

Programs: Betty Collins introduced speaker, Mary Taber who comes to us from San Diego. Mary spoke about "Color Theory for Everyone" and shared her quilts.

Break: Odette called a break of 10 minutes and reminded everyone: Workshop sign ups, Monthly Mini Tickets, Photos with Del, Magazine Table, Opportunity Quilt tickets.

Special Presentation: Mary Freedman presented "Galaxy of Gratitude" quilt too Nancy Ota in recognition of her dedication and devotion to the SQG. Mary shared the many things Nancy has done and does for the Guild.

Monthly Mini Drawing: Won by Maggie Bell.

Hospitality Drawing: Won by Rosalind Doidge.

Membership report: Katy Lillie

Members Present: 129

Guests Present: 9

New Members: 0

Total Present 138

Members for 2014-2015: 206

Show & Tell: Vickie Janis: Twelve members showed a combination of quilts/pillows/bags for a total of 18.

Adjournment: at 11:58 am

Submitted By: Nancy Pestal
Secretary, Surfside Quilters Guild