

Cape Coral Quilters' Guild

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

♥ BLESSING OF THE QUILTS - PRESENTATION

Committee: **Patty Bartkowski, Chairman**

Kathy Harris, Dale Barton, Nancy Leatherman, Sue Burczyk, Noel VanGordon, Aletha Duffey, Patty Sushil

The Blessing of the Quilts is a special day set aside, usually in March, to distribute the charity quilts made during the year to organizations in Cape Coral. Recipients are Nursing Homes, Hope Hospice, Cape Coral Police Department, Cape Coral Fire Department and Cape Coral Hospital. Viewing of the quilts is at 10:00 am, Program at 11:00 am and luncheon at 12:00 noon.

♥ BLESSING OF THE QUILTS – LUNCHEON

Committee: **Pat Schwarz/Lynda Cairns – Co-Chairman**

Helen Shaver, Donna Phillips, Kathy Harris, Dale Barton, Nancy Leatherman, Sue Burczyk, Noel VanGordon, Aletha Duffey, Patty Sushil

The Blessing of the Quilts Luncheon is held yearly after the distribution of charity quilts. All members are invited to participate along with representations from the organizations receiving the quilts. The luncheon is usually pot luck.

♥ BROWN BAG CHALLENGE

Committee: **Chriss Fischer-Dowdy, Chairman**

Donna Phillips

The Brown Bag Challenge is held once a year. Members who wish to participate turn in 4 to 6 fat quarters in a brown bag provided to them. The bags are collected in February and re-distributed to members participating in the challenge. The recipient of each bag is challenged to take the fat quarters and make a gift for the member who supplied the fabric. Gifts are distributed at the annual Christmas luncheon.

♥ CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Committee: **Dianne Zinszer, Josiane Hofmann Co-Chairman**

Sue Burczyk

The Christmas Luncheon is held yearly at a place chosen by the committee. This is a fun event with great food, entertainment and prizes. The committee oversees all aspects of the luncheon and may solicit help from the membership.

♥ COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee: **Patty Bartkowski, Chairman**

Melinda Jablonski, Donna Phillips

Pat Osment – Quilt Kits and Labels

Community service is the heart of the Guild and this committee is responsible for donated fabric, storage of donated charity quilts until the distribution at the "Blessing of the Quilts" which is usually

held in March each year. Charity quilts are made by the membership – each member is requested to make at least one quilt. Fabric and batting is distributed by the community service committee from fabric donated by members and other outside sources. Members may use any fabric provided by the Guild to make charity quilts.

♥ **EDUCATION**

Committee: **Gina Hagan, Chairman**

Lynda Cairns, Ellie Kosnac, Nancy Leatherman

The Education committee is responsible for all classes presented to the Guild. Classes are provided on the beginner level as well as to the experienced quilter. All classes are coordinated through the President of the Guild for date and content.

♥ **HISTORIAN**

Committee: **Shirley Oates, Chairman**

The Historian Committee keeps a record of all activity related to the Guild.

♥ **MEMBERSHIP**

Committee: **Brenda Perry, Chairman**

Helen Shaver, Carol Wilkins, Susan Burczyk, Lisa Owens, Lee Schlueter, Doris Ross, Lynda Cairns

The Membership Committee is responsible for maintaining all membership records for the Guild. The committee members greet guest visiting the Guild and provide all pertinent information concerning the Guild.

♥ **NURSING HOME BIBS**

Committee: **Carol Rose, Chairman**

Phyllis Jordahl, Helen Shaver, Marie Ortiz-Peidlow, Doris Ross, Aletha Duffey, Jackie Lake

The Guild provides bibs to nursing homes in Cape Coral on an as needed basis. The bibs are made using a specific pattern provided by the chairman. A workshop day is designed for Guild members to sew the bibs.

♥ **PUBLICITY**

Committee: **Dianne Zinszer, Chairman**

This committee is responsible for all public announcements, press releases, and publicity for the Guild.

♥ **QUILT DISPLAY**

Committee: **Dianne Zinszer, Chairman**

Brenda Perry, Phyllis Jordahl, Helen Shaver, Jackie Lake

The quilt display is held at the Cape Coral Library. Members display quilts they have made for public viewing only. The display is an all-day affair with many visitors and potential members viewing the beautiful quilts on display.

♥ QUILTING RETREAT

Committee: Nancy Leatherman, Chairman
Brenda Perry, Linda Hale

Each year the Guild sponsors a Quilting Retreat away from Cape Coral. Members spend the week bonding new friendships, quilting all day, and having lots of fun.

♥ SUNSHINE

Committee: Jackie Lake, Chairman
Doris Ross, Lynda Cairns

This committee sends cards and notes to members as needed.

♥ T-SHIRTS

Committee: Aletha Duffy, Chairman
Lee Schlueter

The Guild provides, at a nominal cost, t-shirts with the Guild Logo and the members name on them. The shirts come in various colors and sizes with or without collars. Orders are placed through the committee.

♥ THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Committee: Roberta Derderian, Chairman

Each year during the Thanksgiving season the Guild participates in providing food for the local Cape Coral food bank. Members bring in non-perishable food item or donated money to purchase turkeys for needy families.

♥ TWISTED SISTER QUILTS

Committee: Carol Wilkins, Chairman
Lynda Cairns, Marie Kratky, Claudia Keen

These special quilts are made in honor of our members who have passed away during the previous year. Each deceased member is recognized for their accomplishments to the Guild during the Blessing of the Quilts.

♥ 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Committee: Nancy Leatherman, Chairman

Carol Rose, Connie Riggins, Doris Ross, Sue Burczyk, Dianne Zinszer, Brenda Perry

In 2019 the Guild will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in Cape Coral. Members will be celebrating this special event.

♥ OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE GUILD

The Guild meeting location is Epiphany Episcopal Church. In appreciation of the church's support the Guild provides sewing/quilting services to the church. Some of our projects are Baptismal Blankets, Altar Cloths, and Christmas Stockings for Shut-Ins. These services are provided by one of our members on an as needed basis. **Nancy Leatherman has taken on the responsibility of Baptismal Blankets.**

The Guild also publishes a monthly newsletter and maintains a website. **Gina Hagan is doing a wonderful job with the newsletter and Brenda Perry, Claudia Keen, and Nancy Leatherman maintain the website.**