

Glendale Quilt Guild President's Annual Report Fiscal Year 2019-20

What a year! The guild continued its charitable and educational focus. Members were engaged in the many different opportunities provided by Programs, Workshops, Loving Hands, Block of the Month, Block Exchanges, and Fundraising. The Quilt Show Committee was excited and energized for our return to the Glendale Civic Auditorium in 2020 when we were dealt a blow by the Covid-19 pandemic and had to cancel the show. The guild members continued our charitable mission by making non-medical fabric face masks to donate to organizations in need. Due to the Safer at Home Orders in LA County and the inability to hold a public meeting the Board adapted by holding the first ever video conference Board meeting in April, followed by a video conference social hour for guild members on May 13, 2020. This guild is fortunate to have an incoming Executive Board of leaders who will continue to develop plans for the future and success of the organization.

Audit and Budget

- An audit team of four guild members performed a random review of four months from the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The audit report and recommendations are available from the Treasurer.
- A pared-down budget was presented and approved by the Board in May. The Budget was presented to members by email blast on May 11, 2020. Members without email received a budget by mail with a return envelope for their ballot. Due dates for questions and approval of the budget were due by May 22, 2020.

Block of the Month, Block Exchanges, Challenges, etc.

- "Say it with Words" Small Quilt Challenge with leadership by Elke Miyahara. Participants received a 5" circle of yellow fabric from the Opportunity Quilt "Ballyhoo" and were challenged to create a small 16" x 20" quilt using the fabric from the circle and include at least one word. Quilts were displayed at the Bingo event in October. Members voted on their favorites.
- Maggie Llamido spearheaded a "Dear Jane" group of "Janiacs". The group meets once a month at WAC to work on Dear Jane blocks.
- The Block of the Month "House Blocks" by Tina Curran, with different themed houses continued through November. Members had a lot of fun interpreting the theme for each month, such as "Power House", "Green House", "Dream House", etc.
- Christmas Block Exchange led by Kathi Coleman Wilson was a big success. In November members exchanged "Candy Corn" blocks and in December they exchanged "Tree" blocks made from the same pattern.
- Bus Trip to Road to CA was a big success, thanks to Flo Cohen's organizational skills. A fun time was had by all.
- In January many guild members had quilts on display in the SCCQG Guild display at Road to CA with a theme of "honoring 25 years of Road". The display of quilts from SCCQG member guilds was prominently displayed and was enjoyed by all.
- "Please Don't Touch the Quilts" Small Quilt Challenge with leadership by Tim Spinn challenged members to create a 16" x 20" small quilt with the theme "Please Don't Touch the Quilts". There was voting by members for their favorite quilts. The small quilts became part of the permanent collection of the guild for use in quilt shows or other fundraising events where quilts are displayed.
- Summer "Twin Pop" popsicle block exchange was presented by Kathi Wilson in the April 2020 newsletter. Blocks are due in June 2020, but due to Covid-19 details may change.

Communications

- Email Blasts have continued to utilize Mail Chimp as the provider.
- Hester Bell continues in the website liaison position.
- Beth Hasenauer has also been doing a fantastic job keeping our Facebook page interesting and accessible.
- Rebecca Fletcher set up an Instagram account for the guild and has been keeping it updated

Facility

- The guild continues to meet at the First United Methodist Church of Glendale. Due to the pandemic our last physical meeting was on March 11, 2020. The church is continuing to hold our spot and hasn't required payment for the missed meetings.
- Women's Athletic Club (WAC) Partnership: The guild continued the contract with the Women's Athletic Club for \$2000.00 per year to pay for meeting space which includes Loving Hands, Workshops, Board Meetings, and Fund Raising Meetings. The WAC Board approved the extension for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

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Fundraising

- Opportunity Baskets: Cindy Abrams and Cindy Tanaka continued to create fantastic baskets throughout the year, until the pandemic ended our meetings after March 2020.
- 2019 Stitches SoCal: Between November 14, 2019 and November 17, 2019 the Glendale Quilt Guild had a 10' by 10' booth at the Stitches SoCal 2019 event at the Pasadena Convention Center. The guild paid a discounted rate of \$125.00 for the booth. The booth was utilized to sell opportunity tickets for the Ballyhoo Opportunity Quilt, tickets for two opportunity baskets of yarn, and a variety of small quilts and baby quilts, and Reversible Fabric Market Bags. Merchandise sales totaled \$1,129.00 (including pre-event and post-event sales), basket raffle sales totaled \$50.00, Opportunity Quilt ticket sales totaled \$54.00.
- Dine-In: The guild had a dine-in event at the Central Grille in Pasadena and received 25% of receipts if 25 people participate. A total of \$96.29 was raised at the event.
- 2019 Opportunity Quilt, "Ballyhoo" completed its tour of the region and a winning ticket was called at the December 11, 2019 meeting. Total funds raised for the quilt was \$5,200.00 during the calendar year.
- 2019 Bingo Night
 - The guild, in partnership with the American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614 held a successful Bingo Night fundraiser on October 12, 2019. The Bingo night featured cash prizes for all bingo games, plus an additional prize of a quilt for the Big Chip games and the final Blackout Bingo game. We raised \$7,317 through sponsorships, ticket sales, raffle basket sales, and food sales.
- 2020 Opportunity Quilt, "Superbloom" was announced at the July meeting and unveiled at the October meeting. Tina Curran volunteered to coordinate the construction of the quilt which was based on her original design of California Poppies. The quilt made its official debut at Road to California in January 2020. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and Safer at Home Orders for Los Angeles County, we have struggled with selling tickets for this spectacular quilt. There are plans to create a ticket order form to help sales.
- 2020 Quilt Show
 - Led by Rasa Read the Quilt Show committee continued to plan for a successful quilt show at the Glendale Civic Auditorium on March 27th and 28th. Unfortunately, due the pandemic the quilt show had to be cancelled. It was heartbreaking for all involved because we were in sight of the goal and preparations had been made. The Glendale Civic Auditorium refunded the deposit. The guild refunded the vendor's payments. We are looking forward to mounting a quilt show at this venue sometime in the future.

Honorary Life Member

- Kathi Coleman Wilson was awarded Honorary Life Membership by the guild members in March 2020

Loving Hands

- Loving Hands, led by Cindy Abrams, continues to be creative and heartfelt, building on her previous success. Even with the pandemic and Safer at Home Orders Cindy has continued to find ways to interact with members in producing Loving Hands quilts. Loving Hands is an important part of the identity of the Glendale Quilt Guild. I applaud all members for supporting our charitable causes. (See Loving Hands Quarterly Reports for specific information about donations.)
- Tim Spinn led a donation of embroidery floss to support "Quilts for Empowerment". The mailing costs were donated to the guild. Over a pound of floss was sent to help impoverished people in Africa.
- Cindy Abrams led an effort to procure personalized embroidered tote bags with the GQG logo. Members pre-paid for the totes which were embroidered by Linda Buesching. This also raised funds for Loving Hands.
- October 4, 2019 Taco Friday to work on Loving Hands projects and enjoy a potluck of taco fixings was enjoyed by all attendees.
- A pattern for a birthday cake quilt was presented as an option for members to make as a finished quilt in the "Baby Cakes Loving Hands Quilt Donation Challenge". Deadline for finished quilts is July 8, 2020.
- Non-Medical Fabric Face Masks and Hospital Caps. Due to the pandemic, Tina Curran, Beth Hasenauer, and Tim Spinn led the collection and distribution of much needed non-medical fabric face masks in our area, and beyond. As of June 5, 2020 members had contributed 1,574 masks and 110 Hospital Caps.

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Membership:

- A policy to remove birthdays from the online roster and to omit the birthdays from future printed and online rosters was approved by the Board.
- The membership renewal form and new member application were updated to gather more information about the members interest in participating/leading various programs and fundraising efforts.

Parliamentarian/Nominating Committee

- The slate of officers was presented in the May 2020 newsletter. On May 11, 2020 the ballot for the slate of officers was presented to members by email blast for approval. Members without email received a ballot by mail with a return envelope for their ballot. Due dates for ballots were due by May 22, 2020.

Programs/Workshops

- Under the leadership of Flo Cohen and Nancy Turney, the guild enjoyed a wide variety of Programs and Workshops. Meetings and workshops have been cancelled since April 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Storage/Donations

- Storage continues to be a big expense for the guild. Cindy Tanaka continues as the equipment/inventory chair.
- Managing donations continues to be difficult due to storage limitations, and especially during the Covid-19 restrictions.

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