Minutes, Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - 10:00 am

Surfside Quilters Guild, General Meeting # 23

San Clemente Presbyterian Church, 119 N Ave De La Estrella, San Clemente, Ca. 92672 Kelly King at the Office: 949-492-6158 X 34, cell 949-363-3140 email: kelly@scpres.org Bob Miller (Custodian) cell 949-606-6773

President: Sharon Whelan, Good morning! Welcome to our speaker, Karen Cunagin, our members, new members and guests. Would our new members and guests please stand so that we can recognize you? Thank you for coming.

Members with March birthdays, please stand so that we can recognize you! Happy birthday, ladies!

Gentle reminders:

Turn your cell phones to vibrate or silent

Parking --- not in south lot due to the preschool, extra lot on Cabrillo and El Camino Real **ALL** members and guests -be sure and **check-in** at the membership table.

Lunch at Carbonara's today. Reservations were closed before the start of the meeting due to the good response from the email sent out a few days earlier. Thirty two members and guests joined us for lunch. Carbonara Restaurant, 111 Avenida del Mar, San Clemente, CA. 92672-4001, (949) 366-1040.

Thank you to Jo Hutcheson and Pat McNeil for providing us with beautiful live piano music. Our guild is so blessed to have two such talented ladies who graciously volunteer their time and musical gifts to us each month.

Del Thomas takes photos of our guild members before each meeting and during the intermission. These photos are for our online member photo album. If you don't want your photo on the SQG website Membership Photo Album, please mention it to **Del Thomas**.

Sunshine & Shadows: If you know one of our guild members who is in need of a get well card or condolence card due to illness or loss of a loved one, please let Barbara Ann Christensen or Sharon Whelan (SQG President) know as soon as possible. We care about our guild members and their families and while a card is a small gesture it is much appreciated.

Guest Opportunity Quilt will benefit two youth orchestras, Prelude String Orchestra and Prelude Chamber Strings. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held at the last concert of the 17th season, on May 7, 2011, 11am at Concordia University, CU Center, free admission. Thank you to Cheryl Hoffman for bringing the quilt today. Be sure to purchase your tickets at the break to help support these youth orchestras.

Parliamentarian - Nancy Bloyer. Sharon Whelan introduced the nominees for the Surfside Quilters Guild Executive Board for the 2011-2012 year. They are:

Nominee for President - Joann Bishop

Nominee for 1st Vice President, Programs – Jan Hirth

Nominee for 2nd Vice President, Membership – Helene Moser Nominee for 3rd Vice President, Facilities – Marjie Butterworth

Nominee for Secretary - Sheri Hill

Nominee for Treasurer - Maggie Bell

To nominate any one for any of these positions, you must have the written permission of that nominee. At this time, do we have any additional nominations from the membership? No nominations were made from the floor. The nominations are now closed. This is the Slate of Officers that you will be voting on at the April 12, 2011 Surfside Quilters Guild general meeting. They will assume their duties at the May 10, 2011 general meeting. Thank you, ladies for accepting the nomination to your upcoming board position.

Publicity: Kathie Bellamy. **Sharon Whelan** introduced three sponsors who came to the microphone to speak about their businesses. Mike Qualls of "Q's Longarm Quilting" in Fountain Valley shared the story of how his business came about. Julie Vlahos commented that Mike had quilted several philanthropy quilts at the last minute and done an amazing job. Then, Linda Rigdon spoke on behalf of herself and Joanie Downum of Thread Affairs, a retreat planning business. Finally, Susan Manion of Flying Geese Fabrics in Old Town Tustin spoke. Flying Geese has a 20/20 sale (20% off on the 20th of the month, except on Sunday when the shop is closed).

One of our sponsors, Sewing Party, will be moving to a new location in Laguna Hills later this month. They have fliers available here today with their new address. They are running a 20% off sale on all regularly priced merchandise this week only.

Block of the Month: Phyllis Parente and Kathy Stewart, displayed a sample of this month's tree block, 'Tree in Grandma's Garden' as well as a completed quilt top using all the blocks from the year. The members were reminded about the \$100 raffle drawing that will occur again in June. The raffle drawing is open to anyone who finishes all of the tree blocks and assembles them into a quilt top. The tree blocks can be found on the guild's website, www.surfsidequiltersguild.org.

The Monthly Mini today is a "Sampler Wall Hanging" made by the Mini Maniacs Friendship Group. Would members of the Mini Maniacs please stand so that we can recognize you? Thank you, ladies! Please take the opportunity to purchase tickets from **Mary Freedman** at the break.

Be sure to read our online monthly newsletter on our website at www.surfsidequiltersguild.org.

Philanthropy: Monica Shafer and Julie Vlahos, the next meeting is Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 9:30am-3:30pm, at Mary Freedman's home. Directions to Mary's house are at the Philanthropy table. Attendees will be working on completing work on the many projects started this year.

Membership in our guild's philanthropy group is open to all members and all levels of experience are welcome. Please bring an ingredient for the Friendship Salad and join in on the fun even if you only have an hour to spare.

President's Quilt: Nancy Ota

Thank you for making blocks for our appreciation quilt for President Sharon. You can see them displayed. We will trim the blocks this afternoon after lunch. And we will decide on placement and begin sewing this Thursday, 10 am at Mary Freedman's sewing studio.

This quilt will be hand quilted by YOU. We have seven hostesses who have opened their homes for you. Nancy Bloyer, Nafsi Martin, Connie Veldkamp, Sheri Hill, and Maggie Bell came up to the stage to be introduced. Barbara Trulis and Carol Whiteside were unable to attend. There are

nineteen different days for you to quilt beginning March 31. The homes are in San Clemente and Dana Point. Please sign up. You may quilt at as many bees as you wish. Bring your own scissors, thimble, and favorite needles. We will have some supplies for you. We will also ask that you sign the backart. This is a great way to get to know your fellow members and contribute to the gift for Sharon.

UFO Morning: Jan Hirth, Wednesday, March 23, 2011 from 10 am to 1 pm at Sewing Party in Laguna Hills. Bring a project and your sewing supplies. Jan will be available to help guide you toward completing your project or just come to work alongside other SQG members. Call or email **Sharon Whelan** if you plan to attend.

There will be no UFO meeting in April since Jan will be out of town.

Workshops: Jan Hirth,

Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 10am - 4pm, **Karen Cunagin**, "Simple Gift" pattern, workshop fee \$35. Workshop location: Faith Lutheran Church in Capistrano Beach. Sample is available on the workshop table.

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 10 am – 4 pm, **Jan Hirth,** "Easy Machine Landscapes", workshop fee \$35. A sewing machine is required. Two workshop samples were shown. Workshop Location: Faith Lutheran Church in Capistrano Beach. This workshop is full and a wait list started.

Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 10 am – 4 pm, **Del Thomas**, "Fiber Postcards", workshop fee \$35. Sewing machine is required. Workshop location: Faith Lutheran Church in Capistrano Beach. Samples were shown.

In June, Joann Bishop, will teach a machine quilted "Feathers and Fillers" workshop. Details to follow.

1st VP **Programs: Joann Bishop,** Joann introduced today's speaker, Karen Cunagin. (Thank you to holders and folders: **Sharon Pembrook, Mary Mulcahey and Barbara Seidel**.

After the program Joann thanked Karen for her informative presentation. Then Joann announced upcoming speakers who include:

April 12, 2011 – Fumie Ono, Antique Quilt Collection

May 10, 2011 – Del Thomas, Contemporary Art Quilt Collection

June 14, 2011 – Presentation of the President's Quilt and "Meet the Board", Show & Tell by our new Surfside Quilters Guild Board members.

Joann encouraged members and guests, to make sure and purchase Monthly Mini and Opportunity Quilt tickets, sign up for workshops, purchase magazines at the Recycle Magazine table, and help your selves at the Hospitality Table.

BREAK - 10 minutes

Membership: Today's membership stats.

New members: 0 Renewals: 0

Guests: 17

Established members in attendance: 123

Total number in attendance: 140

Membership total: 257

Thank you to all that provided hospitality for today's meeting. For those of you with birthdays in April, please bring goodies for the table so that we can share in your birthday month.

Hospitality Drawing: Winner is Betty Prottas. Betty won a plate of goodies.

Monthly Mini Drawing: Sampler Quilt made by the Mini Maniacs Friendship Group represented by Sherry Muetzel who pulled the winning ticket. The Winner is **Jackie Buck.**

Monthly Quilt Exhibit (Show & Tell): Maggie Bell and quilt holders Sharon Pembrook, Susanne Troise and assisted by Barbara Seidel.

I hope that you enjoyed today's presentation by Karen Cunagin.

Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 when Fumie Ono will share her Antique Quilt Collection with us. Those of you that have signed up for the luncheon, we will see you at Carbonara's. Thank you all for coming.

Meeting adjourned. Time: 12:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Nancy Bloyer SQG Secretary