



Bonsall Woman's Club Roadrunner



CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Rosalia Zamora, Editor

GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024
 Pre-meeting social time: 9:30-10:00 a.m. Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.
Bonsall Community Center
 Located at 31505 Old River Road ~ Bonsall, California

PROGRAM: FALLBROOK GARDEN CLUB - Holiday Designs

A light snack, coffee and water will be provided for your enjoyment.

BRING A FRIEND - WE WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS!



PATTY MERRIAM

President's Message

Because We Care about our community, Bonsall Woman's Club continues to generously support local organizations. This was demonstrated at the October meeting when members donated \$205 to support the President's Project, which will be given to Shelter to Soldier. This 501(c)(3) organization trains rescued shelter dogs to become service dogs for veterans and active duty military. Individual members also made donations to our featured program, "SPOT: Saving Pets One at a Time," to support their ongoing outreach to help keep abandoned pets out of kill-shelters. This was in addition to BWC's \$200 donation that was made to SPOT for their presentation. **THANK YOU, members! Your support is greatly appreciated.**

BWC is not just about fundraising however! Engaging "in activities for the betterment of our club, community and country" and promoting "the individual interests of our members" are two of the four objectives in our Constitution. Most recently, members found fun, laughter and shared interest at this week's Paint-n-Sip event, the C & M outing to the Betty Crocker Estate/Brick-n-Barn, the monthly Book Club meeting where there's never a dull moment, and several productive craft meetings and community events. If you couldn't make it to any of these activities, not to worry – there's more to come! As a member, it's your objective to have fun!



BWC is a member of

Palomar District Federation CFWC, the GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

*Bonsall Woman's Club
Presents its 32nd Annual Holiday Fundraiser.*



Christmas in the Forest

Monday, December 9, 2024 11:30 am to 3:30 pm
The Havens Country Club, 29354 Vista Valley Dr., Vista, CA

Come join us for a holiday lunch and entertainment, and perhaps win one of our beautifully decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, or gorgeous gift baskets. Bid on silent auction items, purchase creative crafts, and maybe win a door prize. An afternoon of fun and fundraising, benefiting our local community.

Reservations
 are now
 being accepted
 for the
**32nd annual
 BWC Christmas
 fundraiser**
 being held
 at the beautiful
Haven's Country Club.

Return this RSVP card →
 with your check for
 \$70/per person
 before we sell out.

**Already, 154 tickets have
 been sold! Don't wait -
 you might miss out!**

Bonsall Woman's Club presents "*Christmas in the Forest*"

Name _____ Phone _____

Please reserve ____ tickets at \$70 each. Enclosed is a check to Bonsall Woman's Club for \$_____ for the guests listed below.

_____ (1) _____ (5)
 _____ (2) _____ (6)
 _____ (3) _____ (7)
 _____ (4) _____ (8)

Vegetarian option:
 Please note above if you want your salad without chicken.

I am unable to attend but I am enclosing a donation of \$_____ in support of BWC.

Return to BWC c/o H. Poddoubnyi, 2114 Elevado Rd., Vista CA 92084



Bonsall Woman's Club
Presents

"Christmas in the Forest"
Angel Benefactor Invitation

Dear Members:

On December 9, 2024, Bonsall Woman's Club (BWC) will celebrate the holiday season with a beautiful luncheon at The Havens Country Club in Vista.

This traditional luncheon marks the 32nd year of this major fundraiser with proceeds directly benefiting local charities and scholarships for graduating students at Bonsall, Fallbrook, and Mission Vista high schools.

This is your invitation to participate as a special member "Angel Benefactor." Your generous contribution will help pay for "up front" costs as the Club moves forward with event plans as well as adding to the overall funds raised. This is a particularly thoughtful way that you can support this BWC fundraiser, especially if you are unable to participate on a committee or attend the event.

Please consider becoming an Angel Benefactor with a donation level:

Silver: \$25.00

Gold: \$50.00

Platinum: \$100.00 or more

Please make your check payable to BWC and note Angel Benefactor in the memo and mail it directly to: Sydne Gilbert, 31515 Calle Joya, Bonsall CA 92003. For recognition in the program, please send your donation by November 10, 2024. I will be happy to collect your donation at one of our meetings.

Thank you so very much for your support! You're an Angel!

Sincerely,

Sydne Gilbert

Sydne Gilbert
Angel Benefactor Chairman 2024
Sydne.gilbert@gmail.com
760-519-0492 (Cell and Text)



1st Vice President - Dean of Chairs

Several BWC officers and chairs will participate in the Narrative Writing Zoom meeting on October 25 at 9:00 a.m. I will contact you directly with the Zoom information. Joining Patty and me will be Linda Birnie, Gini Brooks, Suzanne Gill and Sydne Gilbert. Thanks, ladies! Other officers and chairs who have previously participated in District training for Narrative Report Writing will be provided updates as necessary.

The Magic Yarn Project will take place on October 29 at 10:00 a.m. at 15705 Pomerado Road in Poway. The actual wig making date is May 3, 2025. If you would like to be part of this service project but cannot attend the yarn wrapping on October 29, I will post more info as it gets closer to May 3.

We're asking members to participate in the Palomar District fundraiser, "The Bakeless Bake Sale." There will be a collection box at the November and December meetings. Our support in District fundraisers is always appreciated. See next page for more info.



Magic Yarn project

WHAT IS THE MAGIC YARN PROJECT?

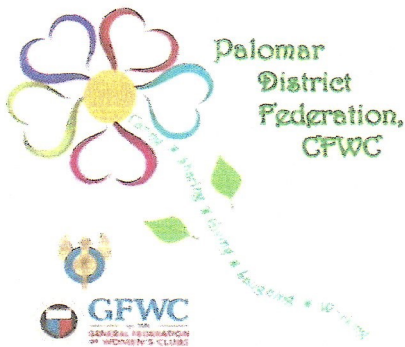
Founded three years ago in Palmer, Alaska, the Magic Yarn Project is one of the largest volunteer run non-profit organizations that makes and sends Disney-inspired yarn wigs, for free, to young children battling cancer all around the world.



Ready to sail into the CFWC Area D Conference are, from left, 1st Vice President Mary Jo Pfaff, President Patty Merriam, and Delegate Jacky Nutter.



Making connections at the CFWC Area D Conference are, from left, BWC 1st Vice President Mary Jo Pfaff, Palomar District President Sherry Lutes, a Federation member, and BWC delegate Jacky Nutter.



We're having a Bakeless Bake Sale! District Fundraiser

There is no need to turn on the oven, go to the store and buy ingredients, or read the fine print on favorite family-saved recipes. Just simply pick the goodies you wish you had but don't want the calories going straight to your hips. So we thought of a plan that is really grand. In an envelope, please put the price of a pie, cake or something nice. Without fuss or bother, you have done your part, we are sure you will give with a willing heart. Thank You for supporting our Palomar District!



Please make your checks payable to:
Palomar District Federation and write
"Bakeless Bake Sale" and your Club's name
in the memo. Please mail the check before
December 31st, 2024
to Liz Franciscus,
262 Hacienda Drive, Vista, CA 92081

Liz Franciscus (lizfranciscus@gmail.com)
Donna DiMambro (cfwcdonnad@gmail.com)
Co-4th VPs, Fundraising Chairmen

Co-2nd Vice Presidents - Membership



SYDNE GILBERT



CONNIE JORDAN

Membership Matters!

Your Badge! As a new member, receiving your badge signifies your official membership. Wear it proudly!

The proper placement is on the upper right side of your body.

Members wear green badges, and elected officers wear white badges with their office name displayed. Appointed officers wear their green badges with a supplemental white badge with their appointed office (i.e. Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Finance Budget Secretary) displayed. Appointed Chairs to the Board wear their green badge.

If you have a pacemaker, please inform Membership, and they will provide you with a badge with a pin back to avoid magnetic interference.

In case your badge goes missing, you can reorder a replacement badge from Membership for \$7.00.

If you forget your badge at general meetings - it happens. Hospitality will collect \$1.00 from any member not wearing her badge! (Standing Rule #3).

When you receive your service year pins, you can drill a little hole in a corner of the name badge to display it. If you have multiple pins, you can purchase a ribbon from the GFWC website or simply wear your service year pin next to your badge.

Wear your badge when attending events and feel free to mention that you are with Bonsall Woman's Club. It's a great opportunity to share your pride in being a part of BWC and how membership matters!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 Marleen DuBona, Marlene Rantanen
14 Julie Johnson
15 Louise Lane
17 Rosalia Zamora



YEARBOOKS: All yearbooks that were not picked up at the October meeting have been mailed as of October 9. Please remember to keep your contact information updated by letting Membership know!



3rd Vice President - Programs



Get in the holiday spirit at the November BWC meeting! The Fallbrook Garden Club (FGC) will give a demonstration based on holiday design. Established in 1931, the FGC is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc., and a charter member of California Garden Clubs, Inc., Palomar District. You won't want to miss this special program!



4th Vice President - Fundraising

Table Setting Hosts Needed for Christmas Fundraiser!

We already have 17 wonderful ladies ready to showcase their table settings, but we're looking for 7 more hosts to complete our event. You'll have the option to create your own centerpiece or use one of our beautiful arrangements. Please text or email me, if you are interested: ginibrooks@outlook.com.



CRAFTING NEWS

The Bonsall Woman's Club Craft Group will be selling their creations at:

RAINBOW VALLEY GRANGE
HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 27
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Volunteers Needed for Craft Sales! Support our crafting community by helping at our sales venues. Every helping hand makes a difference - everyone has something to contribute!

Contact Suzanne Gill at (949) 697-2065.

Want to stay informed or help? Suzanne can also add you to our Crafts email list for updates and opportunities. Join our creative team today!

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So far this season, the Craft Group has participated in two community sales. The first was at Bates Nut Farm. The second was at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Both sales were profitable and fun! Elaine Davis reached out to all who stopped at the booth at Bates and introduced them to the BWC. Connie Jordan did the same at the CTK sale. This, I believe, will bring new members to our club.

Our next community sale is Sunday, October 27, sponsored by Rainbow Valley Grange at 2160 Rainbow Valley Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028. We need volunteers to help greet people, introduce them to the BWC and, of course, sell things. We need help setting up, and the rest of the day will be in two-hour shifts. Please contact Suzanne Gill at (949) 697-2065 to sign up. The last two events have been fun as well as profitable.

Meanwhile, the craft ladies have been getting together twice each month. There are new, fun things being created which we can't wait to present to you. The next meeting will be on October 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Bridal Room at the Havens Country Club, 29354 Vista Valley Dr., Vista, CA 92084. All are welcome. Please let Suzanne know if you plan to attend so we'll have enough snacks and projects for everyone.



Enjoying a morning of crafting, from left: Cindi Frank, Suzanne Gill, Patty Merriam, Debbie Harris and Linda Eastom; seated are Mary Forbess and Torrie Forbess.



Handmade Christmas gift tags were recently crafted by our members.



Fundraising at the BWC crafts booth at the Bates Nut Farm community sale are, standing, from left: Suzanne Gill, Ruthie Harris, Linda Eastom, Gina Ellis, and Ananda Ganino. Cindi Frank is seated.



BWC: LOOKING BACK 45 YEARS... By Bev York

We are celebrating BWC’s upcoming 45th birthday in February 2025 with a look back at some of the special recipes in the 2000 edition of the Bonsall Woman’s Club Cookbook and the special ladies who contributed

them. This month our spotlight is on **June Bernesser**, who joined BWC in 1986.

After graduating from high school in 1956, she enrolled at UCLA where tuition was \$50 per semester. Not satisfied there, she enrolled in business college in Santa Monica and began a 19-year secretarial career in the aerospace field, advancing to Executive Secretary at Hughes Aircraft and Xerox Electro-Optical Systems, and to the owners of Analog Technology Corporation. She went back to school, received her AA degree at Mount San Antonio College and two years later graduated from California Polytechnic University in Pomona with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications Arts/ Public Relations. Tuition was \$42 per quarter.

Hired by the Los Angeles chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, she worked her way up to Communications Director and photographer for the “Stop Arthritis” telethons. She started her own home-based business to provide word processing and editing services to highly motivated clients – including women working on their dissertations to earn a doctorate in education.

She met her future husband Ralph “out of a clear blue sky” in 1984 and married him in Las Vegas a few months

later. They soon retired – at the ages of 55 and 48 – and immediately began building Ralph’s dream home on top of a hill in Valley Center overlooking their avocado farm. When the home was completed a year later, they caught the travel bug and bought a motorhome. They eventually traveled all over the US, Canada, and Mexico, but their favorite destination was the June Lake Loop in the Sierras, where they enjoyed camping and fishing with friends.

Between home-building and travel, June joined two nonprofit groups that she came to love: Bonsall Woman’s Club and Dos Valley Garden Club. She joined BWC primarily for its bridge group but immediately became involved with the Bonsall Bargain Bonanza fundraiser and headed up the rummage sale event. She organized bus trips to Getty Museum and the Botanical Gardens, among others. She served for many years on boards in various positions, joyfully using her communications skills to create and develop BWC’s first website, publish the newsletter and serve as photographer for the club, taking thousands of club photos.

She still has “plenty of bounce in her steps” and loves to greet guests and sell raffle tickets at BWC fundraisers. She still plays bridge and Mah Jong and tends her avocado grove. She’s “not done yet by a long shot” and looks forward to returning in May 2025 to her favorite fishing spots in the Sierras – the June Lake Loop and other lakes nearby.

She chose her “Albondigas Soup” recipe from the Cookbook to share with you – “Yummy!”

See the recipe on the next page.



June Bernesser and Geri Sides entertaining as always.



Albondigas Soup

Ingredients:

- 3 lbs. Ground beef
- 1/4 cup Mint leaves, chopped (fresh or dried)
- 4 Tbsp. Rice, cooked
- 3 tsp. Flour
- 1 Egg
- 2 tsp. Salt
- 2 Tbsp. Oil
- 3 Onions, diced, not too small
- 3 Carrots, cut in 1/2" pieces
- 6 stalks Celery, slice in 1/2" pieces
- 2 Tomatoes, chopped, fresh
- 1 tsp. Garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. Mexican oregano, chopped (fresh or dried)
- 6 cups Hot water
- 14-oz can Tomatoes, chopped
- 6 tsp Chicken base (or to taste)



Directions:

Combine the first six ingredients and form into balls about the size of walnuts. Heat oil in saucepan and sauté onions, carrots, celery, fresh tomatoes, and garlic for about 5 minutes. Add oregano, water, canned tomatoes, and chicken base. Bring it to boil. Add meatballs and cook for about 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender firm and meatballs cooked. Serves 6.



CINDI FRANK

We want to thank the Hospitality team of Gina Ellis, Ananda Ganino, Debbie Harris, Jackie Nutter and Ximena Wick. Most of what they do is invisible but so key to making our meetings special. They are there early to make the coffee, ice the water, set out the cream, sugar and cups, dress the tables, make sure the centerpieces are placed, and prepare additional tables as needed. They also greet people and help them find seats if necessary.

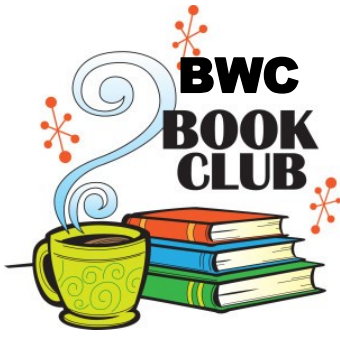


SUZANNE GILL

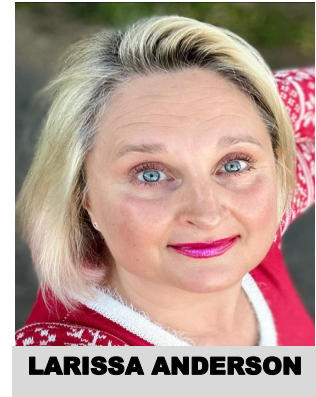
We also thank everyone who signed up to do the refreshments for the coming year. We still have December and May open. If you are interested in taking one of those months, please sign up at the Hospitality table at our next meeting.

There is a \$50 food allowance for each meeting. To be reimbursed, all receipts must be attached to a voucher and given to Cindi or Suzanne to sign.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting!



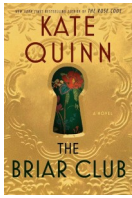
Ladies' Lunch & Learn!



LARISSA ANDERSON

Join the BWC Book Club!

Meet fellow book lovers every third Monday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Each month's hostess selects our next exciting read, keeping our book choices fresh and diverse.



October 21: *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. Thank You to Hostess Gini Brooks.

*Historical fiction published in 2024, **The Briar Club** is a haunting and powerful story of female friendships and secrets in a Washington D.C. boardinghouse during the McCarthy era.*



November 18: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Thank You to Hostess Connie Jordan.

***The Women** is a historical fiction novel published in 2024. The book tells the story of Frances "Frankie" McGrath, a young nurse who serves in the United States Army Nurse Corps during the Vietnam War.*

Ready to join or be added to the roster? New members always welcome! Contact our Book Club Coordinator, Larissa Anderson. Text at (858) 342-8794



Art Show Date is Set: APRIL 30, 2025

Mark your calendars: The official date for the Third Annual BWC-BUSD Art Show is Wednesday, April 30, 2025! Patty Merriam has established a mighty legacy that has been recognized nationally by GFWC!

For anyone interested in being part of the committee to plan this year's creative fun, there will be an organizational meeting the week of November 11. Send a text to chair **Larissa Anderson (858) 342-8794** to be included in the artsy fun!



SUPPORT THE LIBRARY - Kay Ewin

Please bring your old hardback and paperbacks to the next meeting, and I will deliver them to Friends of the Fallbrook Library. Thanks!



ELAINE DAVIS

COLLECTIBLES & MEMORABILIA GROUP

NOVEMBER NEWS

The Collectibles & Memorabilia Group outing to Fat Ivor's Restaurant, Betty Crocker Estate, and the Brick n Barn in Valley Center was such a huge success that it segues perfectly into the topic for the November meeting: "Show & Tell" of an item that came home with you from the Brick n Barn.

If you found nothing to purchase, then come and share a favorite scene, topic or "something learned" that you experienced that day, as everyone became enlightened in some fashion by spending time on the property.

The meeting on November 12 will be at the home of Elaine Davis, 2106 Elevado Road, Vista at 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Elaine if you will be attending: 760-402-7472 or epdavis38@cox.net.

BWC



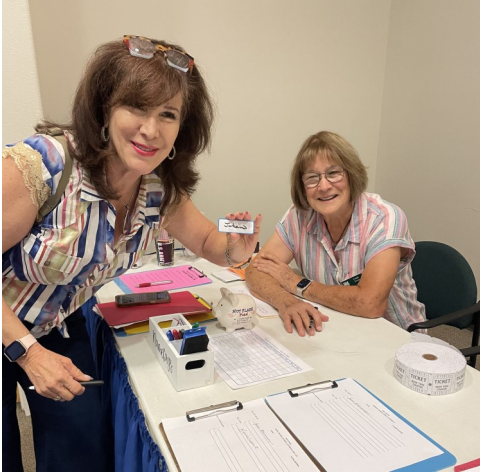
BWC members and guests are welcomed for a private show of the Brick n Barn and the adjacent Betty Crocker Estate.



If you don't subscribe to the Village News, check out the display of BWC articles submitted each month by Public Relations Chair Larissa Anderson.

PHOTO GALLERY

October 3, 2024 General Meeting



BWC member Juliann Giurleo, is checking in for the October general meeting while greeted by Cindi Frank, co-Hospitality Chair.



Katharine Kirchner displays the beautiful centerpiece bouquet she designed with plants from her garden. Members are encouraged to sign out a schoolhouse centerpiece to fill and return for display at the next meeting.



New member Kam Desimone, center, is introduced by Membership Chairs Connie Jordan, left, and Sydne Gilbert.



Ananda Ganino, left, Gina Ellis, and Ximena Wick (not pictured) provide a delicious array of food for our members during the meeting break.



Mary Jane Poulter takes reservations for the December 9th Christmas in the Forest fundraiser. Helen Poddubnyi (not pictured) is co-reservations chair.



Faye Schultz, Director of SPOT: Saving Pets One At A Time, gets a smooch from pooch "Summer."

PHOTO GALLERY

October 3, 2024 General Meeting



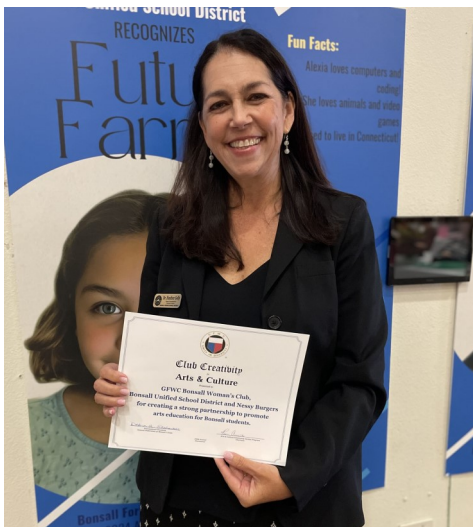
Sydne Gilbert, left, pulls Larissa Anderson's winning ticket for a \$50 Amazon gift card from the Donation Diva raffle basket.



SPOT volunteer Ingrid keeps "Hank" in check during the program.



SPOT volunteer Geraldine shows off "Timmy," her cuddly friend.



Dr. Heather Golly, Bonsall Unified School District Interim Superintendent, shares the Arts and Culture: Creativity award given to BWC at the GFWC convention.



Two Paint-n-Sip raffle baskets generated some early ticket sales during the October meeting.



BWC member and co-President of Vista Woman's Club Sonja Hults invited her co-President Judy Pantazo to our October meeting. Currently, Sonja is also the District 1st Vice President; Judy is a Palomar District Past President.

BWC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2024, 10 a.m.

Bonsall Community Center

Call to order: 10:00 am

Attendance: 33 members attending meet the quorum.

Inspiration: by Elaine Davis on October's chill (and the warmth of human connection).

President Welcome

The Little Schoolhouse vases provided by Patty were filled by volunteer members. More volunteers are needed to fill the vases each month. The President introduced special guests attending today. Charlie Webster from Nesse Burgers; BUSD Interim Superintendent Dr. Heather Golly; Nancy Jones, Past President Palomar District; and Judy Pantazo, co-President of Vista Woman's Club.

The Because We Care bags today are for Shelter to Soldier. They save 2 lives at a time, the dog and the soldier. These donations will be given at the CFWC Area D conference to be combined with others and donated to the project.

Nancy Jones, Past President Palomar District, announced awards for the BUSD/BWC Art Show "Stages of Inspiration". It was given the Arts and Culture award at CFWC and at GFWC. It was over 700 hours of volunteer work. She recognized Charlie Webster, Dr. Heather Golly, Patty Merriam, Larissa Anderson, Mary Jo Pfaff. Dr. Golly thanked BWC for the support for the BUSD.

Minutes – No corrections were noted and will be filed.

1st VP Dean of Chairs – Mary Jo Pfaff noted article in Village News by Larissa on the little Schoolhouse and the September speaker Jennifer Jeffries. She also gave District information on meetings and events.

2nd VP Membership– Sydne Gilbert and Connie Jordan said to pick up your yearbook if you haven't yet. Please correct the email for Cheryl Zales: cherylzales77@gmail.com. A guest, Jody Day, was introduced.

3rd VP Programs, -Marlene Rantanen. This month's program is SPOT, Saving Pets One at a Time, and next month Fallbrook Garden Club will do a holiday design demonstration.

4th VP Fundraising - Gini Brooks.

Christmas fundraiser invitations were placed on the tables. The reservations are being taken starting today. More table setters are needed; we have 14 volunteers for 24 tables. The committee will do some centerpiece and there may be members who have dishes if you want to do the table setting. There will be a shuttle for the parking lot.

The opportunity drawing will include 2 vacation homes, one in Rosarito and one in Big Bear. The tickets are \$5 each for the drawing and you do not need to attend to win.

The Silent Auction per Laurie they are doing a gift card tree and would like donations of gift cards or money toward the tree. Debbie Harris is now helping with the Silent Auction.

Paint and Sip – Suzanne Gill is October 16 (1-4 pm) at Fallbrook Woman's Club. You could buy tickets today for the raffle baskets.

Craft sales – October 12 (8am-1:30pm) Volunteers are needed for this sale. October 27 (10am-3:30pm) -- help is needed for this sale also. The Craft booth sale at Bates Nut Farm was successful earning \$584.

Treasurer's Report – Helen Poddoubnyi. The total ending balance on September 30 was \$29,029.16.

Corresponding Secretary – Ruthie Harris, excused absence. No report today

Sunshine – Geri Sides, excused absence

Reports – If you are interested in any of these special groups, please contact the chair for more information.

Collectibles and Memorabilia – Elaine Davis: On Tuesday they will be going to Brick and Barn in Valley Center on the former Betty Crocker estate. This is a private opening for our group. They are normally open only one weekend a month. They will go to Fat Ivor's for lunch.

Crafts – Suzanne Gill said the next craft meeting will be 10/7 at Donna Ivcevic's home. You can sign up to help at the upcoming sales.

Book Club – Larissa Anderson: Meets 3rd Monday at 12 noon. This month, on 10/21, they will meet at Gini Brook's home. The book is The Briar Club by Kate Quinn.

Health – Maura Button reported on fiber and other health items.

Communications – Linda Birnie excused absence. Patty said to look on the newsletter, BWC website and Facebook.

BREAK

Program

The program today was SPOT, Saving Pets One at a Time. Faye, President of SPOT, and two other volunteers spoke about their program and brought three charming dogs to entertain us. They have saved almost 8,000 dogs and cats in the 15 years of their existence.

Donation Diva earned BWC \$132. The winner of the \$50 gift card was Larissa Anderson.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.

Respectfully submitted by
Marlene Rantanen for
Robin Kemper, Secretary

Note: The Minutes are published as submitted. Corrections should be sent to the Recording Secretary.

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