

# FIRE FLASH

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## *From the Desk of the Chairperson*

It is nice to have finally been blessed with rain. Those of us on the mountain continue to be thankful for our limited COVID exposures. Being able to get outside and enjoy nature helps to keep us balanced and grounded.

At our meeting on July 11th, those present felt that it was in the best interest of keeping the community healthy to cancel the Labor Day sale and the annual appreciation dinner. We will continue to have mini craft sales in the parking lot outside of the Aux shed. Dates will be determined at our August 1st meeting.

That being said, our mini craft sale held on July 22nd brought in over \$1,900. Thank you to all of the crafters and for the community support.

The annual raffle letter with tickets enclosed was mailed to all members the end of last week. The quilt raffle will be held at 1:30 at the Aux shed on Saturday, September 5th. This is a correction from the last Fire Flash where I misquoted the date.

Many have asked about the propane contract. I am sorry to say that there will not be a contract this year. The Fire Department is using a national contract for government agencies through AmeriGas. This contract cannot be extended to Fire Department Personnel or the Auxiliary.

In the absence of the appreciation dinner, the aux is pursuing the possibility of a water bottle filling station for the Firehouse and metal water bottles for the staff. This will help to greatly cut down on the need to use throw away plastic water bottles. It's a small way to help protect the environment.

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, **August 1st at 10:00am** at the Aux shed. Hope to see you there.

*Linda Hammer*

## ***FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK***

The Checking Account and Savings Account balances as of June 30, 2020 were:

Checking	\$20,509.25
Savings	\$15,895.03

There have been several deposits since the end of June totaling \$2,689.50 which brings the checking account balance to \$23,314.89 as of July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The Parking Lot Mini-Sale on July 22 was a great success!** Personally I had doubts that this would work and I certainly didn't expect as many people to show up as did, but I was proven wrong on both counts. Thank you to all who participated and made this such a success! Total sales came to \$1,934.00. The Red Hot Mama's sales totaled \$1,031, T-shirt sales totaled \$700, Raffle ticket sales totaled \$142.00 and we had \$61.00 in donations.

If you know someone who would like to become a member of the auxiliary, you can find a membership form at the Blue Ridge Fire Department website: [brfdaz.org](http://brfdaz.org). If you have any questions, please call me at 928-651-8005 or by e-mail at [hgcg1987@outlook.com](mailto:hgcg1987@outlook.com).

Please continue to remember to be safe and be aware of others around you.

*Cindy Perelli*

Treasurer and Membership Coordinator

### ***From the Red-Hot Mamas:***

Thanks to all who helped make the mini craft sale a success! We were happy that so many came to help sell and others who came to buy the wide array of items on the tables.

We continue to craft on Wednesday mornings in the shed behind the fire station. All are welcome! Bring a friend with you to join in the fun. We encourage social distancing and wearing a mask is optional. Recently we have gotten new ideas for things to make and there are many materials and tools in the shed to make them.

If you would like to donate items for our craft material inventory, here is a partial list of things we need: wooden beads, costume jewelry (broken is fine), corrugated board (large pieces at least 2x4 feet), 2x4s, slices of tree wood (4 to 8 inches in diameter), left-over flat and enamel paint.

*Vicky & Leslie*

Be sure to sell your tickets for this year's raffle quilt! Tickets have been mailed to you along with instructions of how the tickets are to be filled out and how the stubs and money can be returned.

\$1 each or 6 for \$20



Here is a photo of the quilt as it was displayed on the wall of the shed at the sale on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.