

MAUI QUILT GUILD - Nā Lima Kuiki o Maui

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Aloha! We are members of the Maui Quilt Guild, a small guild with 55 members on Maui. We have received many enquiries from off island quilters and quilt stores about what is happening here and ways they can help, so we are reaching out to share our thoughts and plans with others who share our island's sorrow.

During this horrific fire disaster on our island, our guild's priority is reaching out to determine the needs of our members. We have a couple members who have lost their homes. We will also assist in placing quilts with affected families on Maui.

Our guild is not requesting quilts but any quilts offered for fire victims or responders are certainly welcome. Quilts will be distributed as we find the best use for the comfort they provide. Please understand that they might not be given out immediately because of logistics. We recognize a need for a longer term approach as, sadly, our broader community will continue to need help in the months ahead.

Two Maui quilt stores are also participating in this cause. The Maui Quilt Shop is conducting a quilt drive for those who lost homes and first responders. You can check their website for information or call them. They have a bigger need for 50"-60" or larger quilts, appropriate for a warm climate. Sew Special quilt store will also accept quilts for similar distribution. Both have made efforts for the first responders in addition to those who lost homes. Please call them for information or with questions. Our guild members will be coordinating with them to offer help.

Storage and distribution are challenging so we encourage you to coordinate any donations. We want people to know they are not forgotten. Some in temporary housing may not be settled enough for this gift yet and it might take time to identify recipients. Physical donations such as clothing have sometimes been turned down by the emergency facilities or discarded because of the inability to handle the sheer volume. We will be evaluating how we can best contribute and sharing that information as it is available. It's quite an emotional toil to see the devastation.

Our new website is currently under development. If you have questions please contact our guild at info@mauiquiltguild.org or president@mauiquiltguild.org . Mahalo for all of the love and caring expressed for our home.

Me aloha,

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