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CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER – April 2023

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**Next Meeting:** Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

**Remember our guild will be meeting in clubhouse 7**

## PROGRAMS – David Cavanaugh

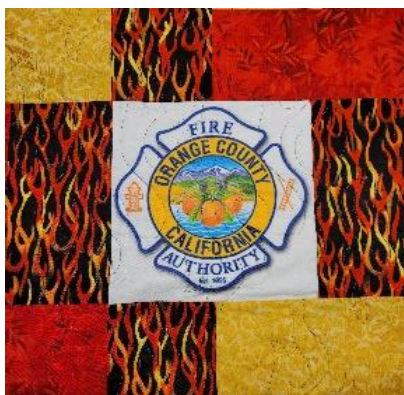
Our program is "All about Philanthropy!". Our speakers will be Tara Dempster from CASA OC, Julia Ostinio from OC Rescue Mission and Susan McInerney from Laguna Woods Village Social Services. Judith Karabelnik will give a presentation on the new long-arm machine for the Quilting Room and Donna Karbach will give a presentation on our Philanthropy projects from 2022 and those that are planned for 2023!



April Birthdays	
Rebecca Fox 5	Angie Kirkpatrick 7
Paula Minnehan 24	Diane Paar 30

## PHILANTHROPY – Donna Karaback

### FIREFIGHTER QUILTS



Please bring your firefighter quilts to the next meeting whether completed or not, so we can help get them all finished and ready for presentation on International Firefighters Day, May 4, 1pm in Clubhouse 1 main room. Representatives from Laguna Woods' OCFA Station 22 will be in attendance and all Laguna Woods residents are invited to the event. We'll have a giant thank you card for folks to sign and will be serving coffee and cookies.

### LIBRARY OPPORTUNITY QUILT AND DISPLAY

Sue Prince made an Opportunity Quilt for the Laguna Woods Library which is on display for the month of April at the checkout desk. The Guild receives a portion of the funds raised for every opportunity quilt made for organizations in the Village which we use to purchase supplies for our philanthropy quilts.

Also on view at the Library during the month of April, the Guild has a display entitled, "A Quilt Can Do More Than keep You Warm." It illustrates other ways in which quilts have been used to benefit individuals and organizations, such as raising funds for causes. It's worth a trip to the Library near Clubhouse 1 to see it!



### LONGARM QUILTING MACHINE



It Has Arrived! We spent Friday, April 7th at Clubhouse 4 getting the longarm delivered and set up. We are waiting for a couple of parts to be delivered so we can do any size quilt up to about 84 inches wide, but it can be used for small quilts and training as is. We will be setting up a Training and Certification Program which all users will have to complete prior to use. There will also be procedures for reserving and using the machine, and for reimbursement for supplies (thread, needles, etc.). Supervisors will be trained first since they will have to be on the premises whenever the machine is used. Then members will be trained. All potential users will have to become members so they can be

trained. We already have one new member because she wants to learn to use the longarm. Look for more information in next month's newsletter!

## EDUCATIONAL TIDBIT – Mona Bonbright

April 2023

### Get Creative with Sashing

April showers may bring May flowers, but enough already, I can hardly wait for April to bring some sunshine. I hope this month's tidbit inspires you to get creative with sashing in your quilt top designs.

One of the things I did to challenge myself during the pandemic lock down, was to subscribe to a couple of block of the month schemes. I really liked the Designer Mystery Block of the Month for 2020 from The Fat Quarter Shop so well the first year, that I subscribed to the Fat Quarter Shop Designer Mystery Block of the Month scheme for 2021. I confess I was not as faithful in sewing the blocks each month for 2021 and I set them aside to complete other projects. Recently, when I reorganized my sewing stuff, I found that block of the month project from 2021 and pulled it out to finish it.



See the full tidbit on the Crazy Quilters website.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*The San Diego Shop Hop is ON!*



# Cruisin Quilters 2023

**April 14-22**

Monday - Saturday 9:30AM - 6:00PM Sunday 10:00AM - 4:00PM  
Hit 6 Shops & Get Finishing Instructions to Turn Into a Quilt!

## FREE PATTERN

**TABLE RUNNER PATTERN**





ORANGE COUNTY  
QUILTERS GUILD

**Quilts in the Garden**

**Saturday May 6th**

**10:00am – 3:00pm**

Kiwanis Land Park

9840 Larson Ave.

Garden Grove, CA 92844



QUILT FESTIVAL LONG BEACH

JULY 6th - 8th

Long Beach Convention and Entertainment  
Center

300 E. Ocean Blvd.

Long Beach, California 90802

**Class Registration STARTS at the end of April**

**<https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-long-beach/all-classes/>**

**Crazy Quilters Guild Website ([crazyquiltersguild.org](http://crazyquiltersguild.org)):**

Look at our guild website for information about guild meetings, our membership roster, and other pertinent quilt information. If you have pictures or information for the website please send them to me. [LindaNelson@comcast.net](mailto:LindaNelson@comcast.net)

Haven't ever signed into the website? Just click the Sign In button (in the heading) and follow the instructions to get a user code and password.