

# *Sew on and Sew Forth*

*Crazy Quilters Guild Newsletter April 2024*



**PROGRAMS:** Wed, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Clubhouse 7 “Tips, Trips and Techniques” will be presented by Nancy Allen, Vicki Nardone and Betty Khzouz. In round table format, our experts will present Meander quilting, paper piecing, cutting fabric for maximum efficiency, quilt as you go and binding techniques including double lap and mock binding.

Crazy Quilters Guild continues to be in need of a Program Chair and committee members. If you are interested in helping to bring speakers or specific programs to our guild or just have some extra time on your hands and want to be expand your participation, please let our president David Cavanaugh know at [dacjr30103@aol.com](mailto:dacjr30103@aol.com). Volunteering enhances not only your experience, but also the experience of our entire membership!

New to quilting or returning after a long pause? **LEARN TO MAKE A QUILT!**  
**Workshop-** April 27<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup> (8 Saturdays). Mona Bonbright will teach this basic workshop with discussion/lecture in the mornings and workshop/lab in the afternoons. You will receive one on one help! **Basic knowledge of sewing is a pre-requisite and the workshop is open to Laguna Woods Residents only.** The cost is only \$15 for all 8 classes. (They don't call us the 'Crazy Quilters' for nothing!) To register and for more information contact Mary McAdara at 949-205-6561.

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**MEMBERSHIP:** In order to be included in the updated Membership Directory, your 2024 dues must be paid by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The new directory will go to print in May. If you are unable to pay at the April meeting, please send a check for \$35 made out to Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild to Mary Crompton, 5349 Algarrobo, Unit 0. Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

Mary Crompton, VP of membership, is in the process of updating the Membership Directory. If you have any updates to your address or phone numbers, please call Mary at 949 325-5703.

**PHILANTHROPY:** Philanthropy is a big part of the vision and mission of the Crazy Quilters. Every year we donate quilts to a variety of organizations. Thus far in 2024, our ever-busy crew has quilted 109 Quilts! 84 have been donated, 11 are being saved for Bonanza and the remaining 14 will be donated to one of our other centers such as: Memorial Care Infusion Center for Chemo patients, Orangewood Family Center, Orangewood Foundation, Veterans, OC Rescue Mission, Laguna Woods Fire Station and the Florence Sylvester Senior Center.

At the March General Meeting many members took advantage of the free quilt kits that have been donated to Crazy Quilters. I'm very excited to make a quilt that will be donated or used to make money for our guild during Bonanza. If you are interested in getting a free kit, contact Linda Dunnigan at (202) 744-2389.

In the future you can look for kits for placemats to be donated to Meals on Wheels. Stay tuned!

### **EARTH DAY 2024: It Takes a Village...To Sustain a Planet**

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> marks this years Earth Day celebration. Mark your calendars to come out and support our guild. Ruth Naomi and Betty Khzouz have two opportunity quilts to be raffled off. More attendees means increased sales and more money for our guild. Come to Clubhouse 5 from 12 to 2:30 pm for loads of exhibits and activities! Visit [bit.ly/concernedseniors](https://bit.ly/concernedseniors) for more information.

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### **JAPAN TOURS WITH PATRICIA BELYEA**

Quilter and teacher Patricia Belyea is co-leading four tours to Japan in late Fall 2024 and early Spring 2025. The tours focus on quilting and textiles with insider visits, hands-on workshops, celebrity meet-ups, special meals and more.

The November 2024 tour will be co-led by Jane Sassaman and features the Yokohama Quilt Show. The March 2025 tour will be based in Kyoto during Cherry Blossom Season!

Each tour is limited to 26 participants. All places are Single Occupancy in 4-star hotels. For the trip of a lifetime, go to <https://okanarts.com/pages/tours>.

### **SPRING CLEANING?**

Get ready for the May Pattern Exchange! Do you have patterns sitting in the back of your closet or a drawer that you know you are never going to use? You've made them before and know you won't make again? At our May General Meeting, we will have a PATTERN EXCHANGE! Bring one, take one! Or just take one! This is a fun and inexpensive way to find a new pattern for your next project. We look forward to finding a great new pattern!

### **QUILT ROOM/LONG ARM QUILT:**

Quilt Room Hours are Monday 9-4 and Tuesday/Thursday 1-8. During these hours a quilt room Supervisor is available to help you with any questions you may have about sewing or quilting. Our resident supervisors include Nancy Allen, Ruth Naomi Buck, Linda Dunnigan, Gigi Sartor.

Long-Arm Quilt – **FREE** lessons on how to use the long arm quilt are available with your membership. Call Ruth Naomi Buck at 714 801-4320 if you are interested. Additionally, free quilting services are available to all members. If you drop off a

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quilt for this service, please remember to MAKE YOUR OWN BACK. It should have 3 inches on all sides. Binding needs to be 2 ½ inches.

**BONANZA:** Vicki Nardone is the new Chair of the **Bonanza** Committee. She will be organizing the show this year. If you are interested in volunteering for this VERY FUN event, please call Vicky at 310 963-9248.