



CRAZY QUILTERS QUILT GUILD and TEXTILE ARTS

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Happy Spring Crazy Quilters!

This cool weather with intermittent rain proves to be great quilting weather! Hope you have been working on an interesting project you can share with our guild.

Some of us have been working on a raw edge quilt on Thursday afternoons in the studio. It's been wonderful to meet some new friends and gain new skills or refresh old ones. We're having so much fun that we're going to continue with this friendship group on Thursdays.

Next time around, Deb Stewart will teach us to sew "Jacob's Ladder." The class is free and requires a commitment to attend until the quilt is completed. Afterwards, the quilt is donated to the guild for sale or donation.

We plan on sharing our current quilt with the guild after it is quilted. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Deb Stewart at steward55@yahoo.com.

Your President, Mary Crompton

MONTHLY MEMBER MEETINGS

All members are encouraged to attend our monthly guild meetings. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at Clubhouse 7. A great opportunity to make friends, enjoy good food and learn a new skill.

2025 PROGRAMS

APRIL

Jean Impey will be our special speaker at our 4/9 meeting. Jean is a celebrated artist, teacher and quilter. She is renowned for her boundless creativity, signature style and infectious enthusiasm.

Jean will also be leading a workshop, *"Pineapple Express"*, on Saturday, 4/12 from 9:30am to 3:00pm in the Quilt Studio at Clubhouse 4. Fee is \$10.00. (Lunch is not included) Contact Renee Jeske at 949-328-0071 or rfurkids@yahoo.com to reserve your spot.

Spring Fling Fabric Sale This awesome sale is on Saturday, April 26, 9:00am – 12:00pm at the CH4 Quilting Studio. Event is only open to Laguna Woods residents and their guests. Cash only. Bring your own bag. Contact Renee Jeske at rfurkids@yahoo.com or 949-328-0071 with questions or to volunteer.

MAY

Join us on Monday, May 19th for. *"The Moda Shirt Block"* workshop with Kate Webers. It starts at 9:30am and ends at 3:30pm. Lunch is included with your \$15.00 fee. You can contact Renee Jeske at rfurkids@yahoo.com to sign up.

JUNE

Another great workshop on Saturday, June 21st with Judith Karabelnik. Judith will be teaching her amazing *"Confetti Quilt"* process.

Open House Our plan is to have quarterly Open House events to welcome new people to our Guild. Our first open house is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th 10:00am – 2:00pm. Watch for more details.

ON-GOING AND FUTURE

IN-HOUSE CLASSES We continue to have quilting classes in the studio. They are currently happening on Thursday afternoon. Please contact Renee Jeske at rfurkids@yahoo.com with questions or to sign-up.

HOFFMAN CHALLENGE We're planning to participate the 2025-2026 Hoffman Challenge. Hoffman's ["Amethyst"](#) batik collection makes up the Hoffman Challenge Collection. Watch for more details on how our Guild will participate. You can find more information on the challenge at Hoffman's website, <https://www.thehoffmanchallenge.com/information-and-guidelines>

Mark your calendars so you don't miss a thing!

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all who have paid their 2025 annual dues. If you haven't yet paid, you're late! Please send your check of \$35.00 made out to Crazy Quilters Guild to Deb Stewart, 5344 Bahia Blanca W Unit C, Laguna Woods, CA 92637, or bring your check to the April meeting.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Thank you to several members who have stepped up to fill some volunteer positions. We will continue to have wonderful snacks at our meetings thanks to Gail Anderson, Diann Parr, Mary Lapata and Micky Mellevald who volunteered to work with Carol Charlton on the Hospitality Committee.

We are still in need of volunteers for the following:

1) **Bonanza Committee for 2025** For those new members who are not familiar with Bonanza, it is an annual sale that occurs in November every year. All the clubs that are housed in Clubhouse 4, open their doors and sell what they have made throughout the year. For the Crazy Quilters that means quilts made for the guild and quilts made by members that they wish to sell. This money is used to pay for the rental of clubhouse 7 for our monthly meetings, guest speakers, workshops, birthday and holiday lunches, fabric and notions, etc, etc. We need a committee chairperson to lead and coordinate Bonanza. Committee members then help with hanging quilts, checking in quilts from members, taking money and manning the quilt room for the weekend. If you are interested, please email Mary Crompton at mpcrompton@gmail.com.

2) **Long-Arm Quilt Instructor** Do you like to teach? Do you love the longarm quilt? Would you like to become a certified instructor? If you see yourself as someone who would become committed and dedicated to teaching guild members the joy of using the long-arm quilt, please call Ruth Naomi Buck at 714-801-4320. Ruth is retiring from her position and needs to train her replacement.

3) **Spring Fling Fabric Sale** Here's another opportunity to help the guild. If your favorite part of quilting is running your fingers over the fabric, cooing, and cutting the fabric with your rotary cutter, this job is for you! Contact Renee Jeske at 949-328-0071. Otherwise, see you on April 26th. And this sale will make Joann's going out of business sale, look like child's play. Bring your friends!

4) **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 Family Center, Orangewood Foundation, Veterans, OC Rescue Mission, Laguna Woods Fire Station and the Florence Sylvester Senior Center including Memorial Care Infusion Center for Chemo patients, Orangewood In 2024 we donated over 300 quilts! In December we delivered 200 placemats to Casa OC as well as placemats to the Florence Sylvester Senior Center for Meals on Wheels. And speaking of delivering the quilts, we are ALWAYS looking for VOLUNTEERS to deliver finished quilts and projects to various organizations. If you haven't volunteered this year, this is a quick way to do your part in making this guild the best it can be, without making a huge commitment. Please contact Ruth Naomi Buck at 714-801-4320 if you can help out.

QUILT ROOM Quilt Room Hours are Monday 9:am – 4:00pm and Tuesday/Thursday 1:00pm – 8:00pm. 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 Quilting – FREE lessons on how to use the long arm quilting machine are available with your membership. In turn, you will be required to quilt one of the philanthropy quilts for the guild. Call Ruth Naomi Buck at 714-801-4320 if you are interested. The LAQ is up and running! We just need that Certified Instructor. (See VOLUNTEER POSITIONS.)