



# **CRAZY QUILTERS QUILT GUILD and TEXTILE ARTS**

## **MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Crazy Quilters! And Happy May!

“Rivers do not drink their own water, trees do not eat their own fruit, the sun does not shine on itself, and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... Life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you.” Pope Francis

This beautiful thought reminds me of how fortunate we are to have a passion and a skill that so many others can benefit from. Imagine how happy new parents are to bring home their precious premature infant in a quilt made by a crazy quilter like you or me. (Saddleback NICU) Imagine the comfort a child feels receiving a gift of their own quilt at the Orangewood Children and 24-hour emergency shelter facility for kids who have been abandoned, abused and or neglected. Our quilts provide comfort to the homeless at the OC Rescue Mission. We thank our firefighters who answer so many 911 calls here in LWV, by giving them a beautiful quilt. And we honor our veterans of foreign wars by making a patriotic quilt for them to enjoy.

Pick one of these wonderful reasons to sew a quilt and enhance your happiness by making another human feel safe, loved or appreciated. Our quilt studio provides the fabric, the pattern and all the help you need to complete a quilt and be a generous donor.

Your President,

**Mary Crompton**

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### **Here's a movie that may be of interest to you.**

“**The Quilters**” A movie. Available only on Netflix beginning May 16, 2025. In a maximum-security prison in Missouri, a group of incarcerated men volunteer their time to make quilts as a gift for every foster child in the surrounding counties.

Can't wait!!

### **SPRING FLING FABRIC SALE**

Our Spring Fling was a great success! Huge thanks to Renee Jeske for all her work to organize and to all who volunteered to work the sale. We made over \$1,166. Some fabric not sold has been moved to the Sewing Room to sell with proceeds going to the Laguna Woods Foundation.

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We are sad to inform you that Linda McNamara, a longtime member of the guild and past president, passed away on Monday, April 14 from a heart attack. She was a longtime member of the quilt guild and had just renewed her membership at our 4/9 meeting. Linda had many friends in the guild, served on committees, the board and was president for several years. She was also a minister with a sizable congregation here in the village and a long-time member of the Cut Ups friendship group which was formed by members of the guild about 15 years ago.

“Linda was at the last guild meeting and several of us got together with her on Thursday afternoon for book club. She was very up-beat, happy and looking forward to life. Linda will be greatly missed by all of her family, her friends and her congregation.” Mary McAdera, Treasurer, Crazy Quilters.

Linda's sister Laura lives here in the village. Condolences can be sent to her address at:

[LauraFiedler@mac.com](mailto:LauraFiedler@mac.com)

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## **2025 PROGRAMS**

### **Upcoming Meetings, Speakers and Workshops:**

#### **May 14 Guild Meeting**

A lot going on for the May's guild meeting. Judith Karabelnik is bringing in an Opportunity Quilt from another guild she belongs too. We know it is going to be beautiful so don't miss out on purchasing tickets.

Donna Karbach is showing us a few of the Korean War Veterans Quilts that are going to be presented to these Veterans in November at a tribute for their services.

Calling all members who have treasures to share at Show & Tell. Please bring any type of fabric projects you have worked on, finished or not.

**May 19th Workshop: The Moda Shirt Block**    9:30am - 3:00pm    Taught by Kate Weber of Quilters By The Sea in Long Beach. Grab some tropical prints and join us for this fun workshop. Cost is \$15.00. Please bring your own lunch. Contact Renee Jeske to register at [rfurkids@yahoo.com](mailto:rfurkids@yahoo.com) or cell 949-328-0071

**June 11th Guild Meeting** - Linda Sullivan of Colourwerx will be our featured speaker

**June 21st Workshop: Confetti Quilt Block** with Judith Karabelnik    Watch for details.

**No Guild Meeting in July**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> Guild Meeting** We'll be celebrating **Guild's Birthday Party**

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## ON-GOING AND FUTURE

**In-house Classes** We continue to have quilting classes in the studio. Currently, Deb Stewart is teaching 'Jacobs Ladder' on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Deb at [steward55@yahoo.com](mailto:steward55@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

**Hoffman Challenge** We're planning to participate in the 2025-2026 Hoffman Challenge. Fabrics will be available some time in July. 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!

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## 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 May meeting.

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## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

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](mailto: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) 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.

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**QUILT ROOM** Quilt Room Hours are Monday 9:00am – 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. The LAQ is up and running! We just need that Certified Instructor. (See VOLUNTEER POSITIONS.)