



CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD & TEXTILE ARTS

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Crazy Quilters!

It's been a beautiful summer and I hope you have had time to enjoy a few barbecues with family and friends in-between quilting projects.

There's been a flurry of activity in the quilting studio this summer. Our Thursday friendship group is very popular and between learning new skills and making a variety of new blocks, we have made quite a few quilts for our charities and the November Bonanza. Hats off to Deb Stewart and Donna Karbach for their teaching and skill-building lessons on Friendship Thursdays! The next one will begin August 21st. Babs Schwartz will be teaching a strip quilt technique. Have a jelly roll you don't know what to do with? This is the class for you!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Birthday party this week.

Your President,

Mary Crompton

Congratulations Babs!!

Guild member Babs Schwartz won 1st place in her category and a special judge's award at the 2025 Orange County Fair. You can see why "Peacock Glam" won...it's beautiful!



2025 PROGRAMS and EVENTS

Upcoming Meetings, Speakers and Workshops:

August 13 Guild Meeting & Party 1:00 – 3:00 Clubhouse 7

It's a Party!! We're celebrating the **Crazy Quilters Guild's 24th Birthday!** Hope you'll be joining us to enjoy for a delicious catered lunch with raffles and prizes. Tickets need to have already been purchased as they will not be sold at the door. Contact Ximena Duran at ximenax@fea.net if you have any questions.

August 21 1:00pm to 3:30pm Quilt Studio Clubhouse 4

A New Workshop with our own 2025 OC Fair Award Winner, Guild member Babs Schwartz! She will show us how to make a Strip Block Quilt. Great project for a jelly roll if you have one lying around the house. This workshop is part of the Friendship Group that meets on Thursdays at CH4 in the Quilting Studio. ***You need to sign up for this workshop because we need to get some kits together.*** Contact Renee Jeske if you would like to join us. 949-328-0071 or rfurkids@yahoo.com



September 10 Guild Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 Clubhouse 7

Some Emeritus students will be joining us along with Emeritus sewing instructor, Marla South for a fashion show. Students will be modeling their projects. There will also be some sewists from the Sewing Room with their designs. Maybe you'd like to join in the fun with some of your creations. There will also be a slide show on the Korean War Veteran celebration where the Guild donated 9 quilts.

ON-GOING AND FUTURE

Friendship Group Every Thursday 1:00 – 3:30 Quilting Studio

The Thursday Friendship Group continues to meet every week for donation quilts. Such a wonderful opportunity to socialize with other quilters and learn a new technique. And it's all FREE! We've had an applique series, learned Jacobs Ladder and currently working on the Disappearing Nine Patch. Some quilts will be sold at the Bonanza event, and others will go to local charities.

Maybe you have a special technique. Think about sharing it in a future class. Any type of textile art can work.

Please contact Renee Jeske at rfurkids@yahoo.com with questions or to sign-up.

Hoffman Challenge

The 2025-2026 Hoffman Challenge is here! Hoffman's "[Amethyst](#)" batik collection is the Hoffman Challenge Collection. If you're a "purple person", this is for you! The fabric is available at Quilt Passions, M&L and others. Don't want to make a quilt? No problem! There are 5 categories you can enter: Quilts, Clothing, Accessories, Youth Category and Best use of Aurifil Thread. Dates to submit entries are Mid October – January 15. You can find more information on the challenge at Hoffman's website, <https://www.thehoffmanchallenge.com/information-and-guidelines>

Bonanza November 1 9:00 – 4:00 & November 2 10:00 – 3:00 Clubhouse 4

For new members 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.

If you are planning on selling your quilts or other textile artwork in the Quilting Studio at Bonanza, please contact Mary Crompton at mpcrompton@gmail.com, 949-325-5703. This is to ensure adequate display space with the Guild's items. There is a 10% fee that goes to the Guild.

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. We currently have 83 active members.

PHILANTHROPY

In June the Guild donated 42 quilts. 13 to Memorial Care Newborns, 15 to OC Mission, 9 to Korean War Veterans, and 5 to Memorial Care Cancer. In July 15 quilts were donated to Memorial Care NICU.

Here is a unique philanthropy opportunity to help the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes in Florida. A fire on July 27, 2025, destroyed some homes and a cultural center where tribal members learned to sew. (The “Alligator Alcatraz” is built on their tribal land.) The board voted to donate \$100.00 to their Fire Relief Fund. If you are interested you can make an individual donation. [Click here](#) for the details.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

2025 Bonanza President Mary Crompton and Donna Karbach have agreed to co-chair this important committee. Please consider joining the committee to help make this year’s Bonanza a success. You might help with hanging quilts, checking in quilts from members, taking money or manning a shift in the quilt room. If you are interested, please email Mary Crompton at mpcrompton@gmail.com.

QUILT ROOM

Quilt Room Hours are Monday 9:00am – 4:00pm and Tuesday and 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.

LONG-ARM QUILTING

Always wanted to learn how to use a long arm quilting machine? Babs Schwartz is currently training in 2-hour sessions. If you would like to learn, please contact Babs at 310 363-3655 or Petlwing@yahoo.com to schedule or for more information.



Happy Birthday

Joan	Dressler	7/6
Mary	McAdara	7/8
Hope	Hogan	7/25
Ruth	Bailey	7/28
Michelle	Labrador	7/28
Barbara	Stachelski	7/28
Barbara	Chase	8/3
Nancy	Allen	8/12
Joan	Robinson	8/13
Carol (CJ)	Kagamaster	8/19