



Here's to a wonderful New Year filled with new adventures, amazing journeys, and countless reasons to smile every single day.

## CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD & TEXTILE ARTS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has recovered sufficiently from the holidays. Whew! It's always a relief to me to return to a normal pace and my usual schedule. As you will see in this newsletter, the guild has a lot of good plans for the year and they include you! January is a time for change; you have 2026 in front of you with many days to fill. Do you have some goals for the year? Want to get involved more and make a difference in someone's life? Are you itching to learn a new quilting technique or stretch yourself and share a special skill you have? Well, this is the place for you! Take a look and join us. I promise, you won't regret it!

Your President,

Mary Crompton

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### 2025 PROGRAMS and EVENTS

#### Upcoming Meetings, Speakers and Workshops:

##### **January 14<sup>th</sup> Guild Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 Clubhouse 7**

This month our speaker is Diane of the Pregnancy Resource Center. She will share with us how their program works and how our donations help them achieve their goals.

*Remember to bring your creations (finished or in process) to share at our Show & Tell.*

##### **January 17<sup>th</sup> Workshop – “The Magic of Fabulous Faces” with Jean Impey**

Saturday, 1/17 from 9:30am to 3:30pm with a half hour lunch break (bring your lunch). The cost is \$35.00 for members. You can see many examples of this work on Jean's website. [Click here](#).

## **January 20<sup>th</sup> Friendship Group 1:00 – 3:00 Quilt Studio**

Ruth Naomi is holding her Self-Binding Baby Blanket & Burp Feeding Cloths friendship groups starting on Tuesday January 20th from 1:00pm to 3:30pm and continuing every Tuesday after that.

## **Road to California – January 22, 2026**

We're all set to have a terrific time at the Road to California as the bus is full! If you have any last-minute questions, contact Renee Jeske at 949-328-0071 or [rfurkids@yahoo.com](mailto:rfurkids@yahoo.com).

## **ON-GOING AND FUTURE**

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

The Thursday Friendship Group continues to meet every week to work on quilts for Bonanza and 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, the Disappearing Nine Patch and the Square Scramble Table Runner and coordinating Placemats and self -binding baby blankets.

*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](mailto:rfurkids@yahoo.com) with questions or to sign-up.

### **Veterans Honor Quilts Friendship Group—Every Friday 1:00–3:30**

Led by Donna Karbach and Karen Henriksen, this group will meet Fridays and work on Honor Quilts for Veterans.

### **I'd Rather Be Quilting - Saturdays 9:00 – 4:00 Quilting Studio**

Join Mona Bonbright and friends on Saturdays for sewing, quilting, chatting, giggling, helping others, learning stuff and exchanging ideas. You can bring whatever project you want or start a new one. Great way to be surrounded by creativity, friends and fun!

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

***Dues for 2026 will remain at \$35.00. If you haven't yet paid your dues, you're late! Dues paid after February 28<sup>th</sup> will be \$40.00.***

Please send your check made out to Crazy Quilters Guild to Deb Stewart, 5344 Bahia Blanca W Unit C, Laguna Woods, CA 92637 or bring your check with you to our 1/14 meeting.

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## 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. In December the Guild made a special presentation to Laguna Woods Veterans. Karen Henriksen provided the following write-up and photos of the event.

On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, members of the Crazy Quilters guild presented Honor Quilts to veterans at the Laguna Woods Democratic Club's holiday event. Nancy Allen, Betty Khzouz, Joy Kerr, Donna Karbach and Karen Henriksen were invited to the Laguna Woods Democratic Club's holiday event to award Honor Quilts to eight veterans who are all residents of Laguna Woods. The veterans were nominated to receive Honor Quilts by the Democratic Club.

They served in the Army, Air Force and Coast Guard. Laguna Woods City Councilmember, Cynthia Conners was a JAG officer who served from 1975-85. Mike Gaskins, Ernie Gulner, Paul Kline, Ray Perlstein, Gary Bain and Ken Levin all served during the Vietnam War era. Fred Williams served in the Army during the Korean War era at a time when the military was segregated.

Club President, Mary Ribando, expressed her appreciation on behalf of the veterans. "I can't thank you enough for what you've shared with our club and the eight veterans who received your stunning gifts! Your beautiful work and generosity made last night very special."



See more photos of happy and grateful veterans at end of newsletter

## **VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

Are you a “numbers person” wondering how you can get more involved with the Guild and Guild Board? Our Treasurer, Mary McAdara, will be stepping down at the end of her term (end of 2026). If you are interested or want information on what’s involved in being the treasurer, contact Mary McAdara at [Treasurer@crazyquiltersguild.org](mailto:Treasurer@crazyquiltersguild.org).

The Philanthropy Committee can always use volunteers to deliver finished quilts and projects to the various organizations we support.

Do you love a party? The Guild is looking for a couple volunteers to help coordinate our August Birthday Party and December Holiday Party. Let Mary Crompton know if you’re interested at [mpcrompton@gmail.com](mailto:mpcrompton@gmail.com) or 949-325-5703

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## **SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS**

If you are aware of one of our Guild members who could use a friendly note letting them know we’re thinking of them, please let us know.

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## **QUILT ROOM**

Quilt Room Hours are Monday and Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday 1:00pm – 8:00pm, Friday 1:00pm – 3:30pm. 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, Mona Bonbright, Ruth Naomi Buck, David Cavanaugh, Linda Dunnigan, Donna Karbach, Betty Khouz, Brenda Rader, GiGi Sartor.

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## **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](mailto:Petlwing@yahoo.com) to schedule or for more information.

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## **EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS**

Wondering about a technique? Mona Bonbright’s Tidbits have been indexed on our website for easy access to a specific topic. You will learn everything you need to know about thread and machine needles in this month’s Tidbits. It’s like having a quilting encyclopedia at your fingertips. [Click here to check it out!](#)

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## OTHER NEWS

### **Saturday, 1/17 11:00am – 2:00pm & Tuesday, 1/27 12:00pm – 3:00pm “Pop-Up” Events**

Although Quilt Passions has closed their retail store, they are having “Pop-Up” Events where you can shop at their Mission Viejo warehouse. You can browse the shelves and stock up on lots of gorgeous batiks, kits, wideback fabrics, and more. The location is directly above their former retail store, in Garden Plaza (27001 La Paz Rd., Mission Viejo) in Suite 230. You can drive around to the back of the building for parking on the upper level. Quilt Passions also has classes may interest you. [Calendar of January Classes](#).

### **Desert Guilds Quilt Show**

The Desert Guilds Quilt Show has been postponed to March 5 and 6 2027. If you like to learn more about this show, click here. [click here](#).



### **January Birthdays**

Cheryl Wunderlich	1/2
Julie Wyman	1/7
Fran Nuelle	1/9
Deborah Mahan	1/12
Mona Bonbright	1/13
Cathy Nelson	1/15
Nat Guna Gunasekaran	1/20
Fran Conroy	1/27
Judith Karabelnik	1/29
Betty Khzouz	1/31
Mary Sinclair	1/31

