



A quilt will warm your body and comfort your soul

CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD & TEXTILE ARTS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Valentine's Day, early!

What a beautiful February we are having! It's that time of year where I count my blessings because while Californians are experiencing moderate, or in some cases, warm days, and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, most of the country is suffering with snowstorms and the flu.

I have been blessed to be on the CQG Board of Directors for the past two years. I originally volunteered to be on the nominating committee to find a VP of Membership. That person turned out to be me. Then one of our board members fell ill and was unable to continue writing our newsletter "Sew on and Sew Forth". I also volunteered for that job. And last year, I found myself sitting in the president's chair and leading this wonderful group. So, after two years, I realize it is time for me to step down as the president and pass the baton to someone else who wants to lead this guild. I will continue in this position until we find a replacement. If you are interested in being a board member and want to contribute, please contact me or one of the other board members.

Meanwhile, we have plenty of opportunities for learning this month as well as exciting speakers and workshops in the future. I hope you all have time to make Valentines Day cards and cookies for your family and friends, as well as sharing your gift of quilting for one of our charities.

Mary Crompton

2026 PROGRAMS and EVENTS

Upcoming Meetings, Speakers and Workshops:

February 11th Guild Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 Clubhouse 7

Our speaker this month is Susan Nash known for her quilt collage work. "Collage quilting is like a combination of a jigsaw puzzle and paper dolls!"

Remember to bring your creations (finished or in process) to share at our Show & Tell especially items made in recent workshops.

February 9th 9:30am-3:00pm Jelly Roll Rug Quilt Studio

The Jelly Roll Rug with Kathy Zimmerman from the sewing room will be teaching us this really addicting yet so relaxing and beautiful method of making a rug from a jelly roll. You need to sign up prior to the workshop with Renee Jeske at rfurkids@yahoo.com. She will have the supply list for you.



February 19th 1:00pm-3:30pm Dresden Block Quilt Studio

Guild member Julie Wyman will teach us how to make the Dresden Block. Fabric will be supplied by the Guild and the blocks will be sewn into a quilt for Bonanza. Join us on the 19th and see if this block is as easy as Julie says! **REQUESTING ADVANCE SIGN-UPS.** Please email Renee Jeske at rfurkids@yahoo.com to sign-up.



ON-GOING AND FUTURE

March 11th Guild Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 Clubhouse 7

Our March speaker is Lyn Brown who will speak about quilts you can actually make. She will be featuring a variety of quilts, some simple, more that look complicated but have a trick to make them easy. Her lecture will get you geared up to sew!

Friendship Group Tuesdays 1:00 -3:30 Quilting Studio

Ruth Naomi is holding her Self-Binding Baby Blanket & Burp Feeding Cloths friendship group. There are precut kits ready to go.

Friendship Group - Thursdays 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!

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.

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!

MEMBERSHIP

Dues for 2026 remain at \$35.00. Dues paid after February 28th will be \$40.00.

Thanks to all of you who have paid your annual dues. You have till the end of this month for the \$35.00 rate. If you haven't yet paid, 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 2/11 meeting.

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.

Members of our Guild presented quilts to ten centenarians living in the Towers. Their ages range from 100 to 109 each with an amazing story.





This little girl received a dress from Palmia Little Dresses for Africa with fabric donated by The CQG.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

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 or 949-325-5703.

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.

QUILT ROOM

Quilt Room Hours are Monday and Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm, 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, Mona Bonbright, Ruth Naomi Buck, David Cavanaugh, Linda Dunnigan, Donna Karbach, Betty Khzouz, Brenda Rader, GiGi Sartor.

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.

EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

Wondering about a technique? Mona Bonbright's Tidbits have been indexed on our website for easy access to a specific topic. Learn about unexpected tools you can use for quilting in this month's Tidbit. [Click here to check it out!](#)

OTHER NEWS

The **Valley Quilters Guild** is holding their 46th Annual Quilt Show on February 13 And 14. Hours are 10 am – 4 pm. \$10.00 admission. Location is Valley Wide Recreation Center, 901 West Esplande, San Jacinto.

Quilt Passions has 2 “pop-up” sales events this month on February 10 at 11am and February 17 at 10am. They also have “Open Sew” on Mondays at 11am. March 12 – 15 there is a four-day SewCal Getaway retreat at the Hampton Inn Suites in Mission Viejo. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Beach Cities Quilters Guild is hosting their Quilt Show featuring over 150 quilts on exhibit, drawings, boutique & vendors. Friday, 4/17 5:30 – 8:00pm \$25.00 (includes access on Saturday) and Saturday, 4/18 10am – 5pm \$10.00. Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo. [More Information](#)



February Birthdays

Carol Charlton Feb 11

Evelyn Flores Feb 21

Eva Alexander Feb 22

Shari Riter Feb 26



Nancy Allen working on a self-binding blanket



Magic of Fabulous Faces Workshop