

"In the rhythm of the needle, there is music for the soul." – Maya Angelou

CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD & TEXTILE ARTS

Dear Fellow Quilters,

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

As the autumn air crisps and we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings of our quilting community. Just like a well-crafted quilt, our guild is a beautiful tapestry woven from different threads, unique personalities, and the shared love of our craft. Each one of you brings a distinct color, texture, and pattern to our group, making us stronger and more vibrant together.

This Thanksgiving, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you:

- To our tireless board members and committee chairs, thank you for the countless behind-the-scenes hours you give to keep our meetings running smoothly, organize our programs, and manage our classes and workshops.
- To our teachers and mentors, thank you for generously sharing your expertise, patience, and passion, ensuring that the beautiful tradition of quilting continues to thrive in new hands.
- To our Philanthropy volunteers, thank you for stitching comfort, warmth, and love into the charity quilts we distribute to those who need them most. Your compassion truly changes lives, one stitch at a time. As David Cavanaugh said in his speech about CASA at the October general meeting and how much a simple pillowcase can help someone feel secure by knowing they have something that was created just for them.
- To every single member, thank you for your warmth, your laughter, your inspiration during "Show and Tell", and the encouraging words you offer to a fellow quilter working through a tricky block. I am always so touched when I see someone wondering how to do something and then there are several helping resolve the problem. This is what we do as a quilting community.

As we head into the busy holiday season, I hope you find some quiet, peaceful time at your cutting mats and sewing machines. May your holiday be filled with abundant food, the warmth of loved ones, and—of course—a perfectly organized fabric stash.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your guild president. I am incredibly grateful for your faith in me and for the inspiring community we continue to build together.

Happy Thanksgiving, and happy stitching!

Your President,

Renee Jeske

Upcoming Meetings, Speakers and Workshops:

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

This month our guest speaker is Lisa Elston, an instructor from the Saddleback Emeritus program. If you're lucky enough to have been in any of her classes, you know how talented and engaging she is and how knowledgeable she is in all things related to textiles. We will also be honoring three veterans with honor quilt presentations.

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

ON-GOING AND FUTURE

December 9th Guild Holiday Party 1:00 – 3:00 Clubhouse 7

Celebrate the Season with the Crazy Quilters Guild! Tis the season to gather, laugh, and celebrate! Join us on Clubhouse 7 for our annual Crazy Quilters Guild Holiday Party. We're planning a delightful afternoon filled with a catered lunch, fun games, and fabulous prizes. Most of all, it's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy friendship, share some holiday cheer, and celebrate the special sense of community that makes our Guild so much more than a quilting group. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Road to California Quilters Conference and Showcase 2027

January 20 – 23. Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario

Plans are underway for a 1-day trip to Road on Thursday, January 21. Please let us know your interest, either at this week's meeting or emailing Renee.

Due to rising fuel costs, the bus fare has increased slightly to $70 per passenger. Your fare will include snacks and water, plus some fun games and prizes along the way! With spectacular quilts, creative inspiration, and an incredible vendor mall to explore, this is one event you won't want to miss. Start getting excited and watch for more information coming soon!

Thanks to wonderful Guild members who continue to share their time and talents, we're able to offer the Free classes listed below.

Mondays 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Patriotic Block Class for Honor Quilts. This class lead by Karen Henriksen is gaining more volunteers but we still could use more. Karen has pre-cut all the fabric and is ready for you to come and sew them into a block. Please stop by the Quilting Studio to help sew a block for a really good cause.

Tuesdays 1:00pm to 4:00pm

3 Yard Quilt Class. Come to learn and have fun with Linda Dunnigan.

Thursdays 1:00pm to 4:00pm

English Paper Piecing Class. In this class you'll learn from Janice Simmons to sew half hexagons and discover how easy and enjoyable EPP can be. Let Janice know if you want to attend so she can have supplies ready for you and let you know what to bring. monitor2maven@comcast.net

Mark your calendar for these terrific activities and come join us. Contact Janice Simmons for more information. 559-573-5126 or monitor2maven@comcast.net

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

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 76 members. Dues for 2027 remain at $35.00. You can pay them now through the end of the year. Send 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 next meeting. No cash please.

PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy is a key part of the vision and mission of the Crazy Quilters. We are proud to have brought smiles and a little happiness to many people we will never know. Here are some of the organizations we have supported this year: Orangewood Family Center, OC Rescue Mission, OC Firefighters, Pregnancy Rescue Center, Memorial Care, CASA, Meals on Wheels and many Veterans. Please contact Donna Karbach 650-278-1949 or dkarbach2000@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

Honor Quilts

If you would like to nominate a veteran to receive a patriotic quilt, please complete the attached form and return it to the address given on the bottom of the form. Honor Quilt Form

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VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Our Holiday party is next month. If you'd like to help make it a success, please contact Renee.

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 by contacting Barbara Davidson at 949-239-4657 or Davidsonbarbara983@gmail.com.

QUILT ROOM

Open Studio hours are:

Mondays 9:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays 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. Many thanks to our resident supervisors include Nancy Allen, Mona Bonbright, Ruth Naomi Buck, David Cavanaugh, Linda Dunnigan, Donna Karbach, Betty Khzouz and Gigi Santor.

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

Enjoy and learn from Mona's TidBit of the month, "More tips for a better quilting outcome from the longarm quilter point of view". Remember there is always lots you can learn in the catalogue of Mona Bonbright's educational TidBits on our website. Mona's TidBits.

OTHER NEWS

Sugar Plum Festivals offer unique shopping adventures. They feature seasonal artisans, timeless antiques, exceptional cottage crafters, chic & unique fashion designers, bakers and candy makers. There are workshops available with fees. Admission is free. Woodbridge Village Center, 4600 Barranca Parkway Nov. 19-21, Dec. 3-12.

Quilt Passions

Thursday, November 19 • 1–3 pm **Pop-up** hosted at Curiosity Quilt Studio, 22672 Lambert Street, Unit 601, Lake Forest. Stop by to see what's new, bring your latest quilting challenge for a consult, and enjoy a little time talking quilts.

February 1 - 6, 2027 and June 21 - 25, 2027 **Quilting on the Beach**
Come for the day or spend the week! Sew, learn, and meet quilters from around the world. Organized and Hosted by: Quilt Passions Needlework store in Kona, Hawaii. (The only locally organized and produced quilt retreat in Kona, Hawaii. For more information visit the Quilt Passion website.

Sewing Party

November 21, 10:30am – 1:00pm **Open Studio at the Sewing Party**
The Sewing Party will be open for in-person shopping. A discount of 20% for all shoppers who visit in person at the Irvine location. E-mail customerservice@sewingparty.com to schedule appointment. Address & directions will be provided upon scheduled appointment.

Quilt Stories January 13th 1:30pm Clubhouse 7

Do you enjoy birding, embroidery, exploring, nature, photography, quilting, RV-ing or travel? Hosted by our Guild, author Sylvia Ranney Gallagher will be talking about all those things and displaying some of her hand-embroidered, hand pieced, hand quilted 8' x 8' quilts. $5.00 donation. Refreshments. RSVP to Donna Karbach.

November Birthdays

David Cavanaugh	*11/2*
Patricia Holmes	*11/2*
Barbara Kochevar	*11/8*
Barbara Davidson	*11/10*
Susan Haushalter	*11/16*
Karen Sweet	*11/20*
Sue Kong	*11/23*

