



## **CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD & TEXTILE ARTS**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Holiday Greetings to Everyone!

I hope you are having a wonderful season filled with family, friends, holiday traditions and sparkling lights. This is the time of year that we say to ourselves "Wow! The year went by so fast!" It's also the time when we look back at what we've accomplished and begin to think about what it is we want to accomplish next year.

What a year it has been with the Crazy Quilters! I am so proud of everyone who stepped up to make 2025 such a great year. Renee Jeske has been the "Most Amazing Program and Workshop VP"! Renee has brought us an incredible set of speakers and workshop leaders - everything from Bargello Quilts to Circles and Curves, making our monthly meetings and workshops as informative and inspiring as possible. With the help of many of our talented members, we have filled up the quilt studio on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays with lessons in quilt stripping techniques, Jacob's Ladder, applique, and infant quilts with self-binding (to name a few). All of our quilts have gone on to be sold in the Bonanza Arts and Crafts Sale or donated to one of our many charities. Who could forget that ABSOLUTELY FUN fashion show we had in September?! There is a photograph in the quilt studio depicting all the joy and fun we had that day. I hope you have seen it. (*See picture at the end of this newsletter.*) We had a great outing with our "Road to California" bus trip and a fun birthday party for all of our members. A big thank you to our party planning enthusiasts Renee Jeske, Connie Tupper and CJ Kagamaster who planned such a fun birthday party and upcoming holiday party. I especially want to thank Donna Karbach and Betty Khzoz for their generous hearts. Their dedication to our Veterans is truly inspirational and I am so proud that the Crazy Quilters made beautiful quilts for them as well as presented the quilts to the Korean American Veterans at a special meeting in May. To see their faces and hear their appreciative words made it a worthwhile endeavor for everyone involved. Thanks to Renee Jeske and Donna Karbach who co-chaired the Bonanza

with me and to all the guild members who helped make Bonanza a great success. Whew! That's a lot. I hope I didn't leave anything out.

This letter would not be complete without a BIG thank you to our Clubhouse Supervisors - Nancy Allen, Ruth Naomi Buck, Linda Dunnigan, Gigi Sartor and Mona Bonbright. Without them the quilt studio would be a heap of fabric in every cabinet, thread and equipment scattered around the room and complete chaos in the studio. I can't thank them enough for their dedication to the studio and our guild. Additionally, the knowledge that they share with all of us day in and day out is appreciated too. They really are the backbone of the Crazy Quilters and I want them to know how much we appreciate them.

Finally, I want to thank the CQ Board of Directors - Renee Jeske (Programs and Workshops) Mary McAdara (Treasurer) Deb Stewart (Membership) and Barbara Davidson (Secretary). A special thanks to Caryn Puma (Editor of the Newsletter). Your month in and month out dedication to creating a great club is inspiring. Ruth Naomi and Joy Kerr, your dedication to philanthropy is also inspiring and is such a big part of our guild. Also, Carol Charlton and all the ladies who bring snacks every month to our meetings, Karen Sweet, Connie Tupper who bring birthday gifts and drawing gifts. I don't know where would we be without our wonderful Webmaster, Ron Nelson! And all of you for supporting our club with memberships. It really does take a village!

What will 2026 bring? Well, the board will guide the guild, but it's up to YOU! The more you give, the more you get. Donna Karbach and Karen Henrikson are ramping up the quilting for Veterans next year and we are grateful for that. What special skill or talent can you give to the guild to make it better? I look forward to exploring every opportunity we have to make the guild the best it can be.

Your President,

Mary Crompton

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## **2025 PROGRAMS and EVENTS**

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

#### **December 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party 1:00 pm Clubhouse 7**

Hope you'll be joining us to celebrate the holidays with your quilting friends. As our final count has been submitted, only those who RSVP'd and paid can attend. Please contact Renee Jeske at [rfurkids@yahoo.com](mailto:rfurkids@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

## ON-GOING AND FUTURE

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

### **January Workshop – “The Magic of Fabulous Faces” with Jean Impey**

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 3:30pm with a half hour lunch break. The cost is \$35.00 for members.

*See picture at end of newsletter.*

### **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, 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.

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

***Note: “I'd Rather Be Quilting” will not be happening on December 13, 27 or January 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

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!

### **2025-2026 Hoffman Challenge – Through January 15, 2026**

Hoffman's “[Amethyst](#)” batik collection is the Hoffman Challenge Collection. 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. Entries must be submitted by January 15. M&L Fabrics carry the fabric. You can find more information on the challenge at the [Hoffman Website](#).

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

Hey Quilters and Sewists, do you want a day of fun and away from everything? Join us on a Deluxe Motorcoach to the Ontario Convention Center for the Road to California on Thursday, January 22, 2026. Cost is \$65.00 for members and \$70.00 for non-members includes your multi-day pass, the motorcoach, the driver's tip and snacks on the ride. **Deadline to reserve your spot is December 15<sup>th</sup>.** Mail your check to

Renee Jeske at 3117 Via Serena S, Unit A, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. Contact Renee with any questions at 949-328-0071 or rfurkids@yahoo.com.

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

***Dues for 2026 will remain at \$35.00. Dues are due January 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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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. This year we have donated quilts to the following organizations: Memorial Care Infusion Center for Chemo patients - 21, Memorial Care NICU - 35, Memorial Care Newborn - 25, Orangewood Family Center - 61, Veterans - 9, OC Rescue Mission - 32, Laguna Woods Fire Station - 1, and Pregnancy Resource Center - 28 plus 57 Burp Cloths. In 2025 we donated 212 quilts and 57 Burp Cloths!

At this time, we have 141 placemats, 1 table runner with 2 placemats set, and 2 table toppers ready to be delivered to the Florence Sylvester Senior Center for Meals on Wheels and 133 pillowcases for CASA Foster Care. If you have pillowcases or placemats you have been working on at home, please get them to the quilt studio as soon as you can so we can include them in the deliveries this coming week.

Thanks to Betty Khzouz, David Cavanaugh, Gail Licata, Shari Riter, Karen Sweet, Mary Crompton, Caryn Puma, Donna Karbach, Ruth Naomi Buck and Joy Kerr for your help with delivering the quilts. 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 Joy Kerr at 714-306-0400 if you can help out.

## **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).

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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 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.

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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. It's like having a quilting encyclopedia at your fingertips. [Click here to check it out!](#)



### *December Birthdays*

<i>Renee Jeske</i>	<i>12/1</i>
<i>Karen Henriksen</i>	<i>12/3</i>
<i>Janet Dietzman</i>	<i>12/9</i>
<i>Joyce Kerr</i>	<i>12/12</i>
<i>Susie Leon</i>	<i>12/14</i>
<i>Caryn Puma</i>	<i>12/19</i>
<i>Anita Hammersley</i>	<i>12/21</i>
<i>Ruth Naomi Buck</i>	<i>12/27</i>
<i>Ximena Duran</i>	<i>12/27</i>
<i>Gail Anderson</i>	<i>12/29</i>
<i>Alice Kimbrel</i>	<i>12/31</i>





Saddleback Emeritus teacher Marla South and students.



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