



Even the best quilter started with a single stitch

CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD & TEXTILE ARTS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To my Quilting Family,

Welcome to a beautiful new season of stitching, sharing, and community. We just celebrated our nation's 250 Birthday. Next month we are celebrating our own Guilds 25th Birthday! Thank you to those ladies who got together to create this beautiful Guild and all those who have volunteered their time and talents to keep this creative community going.

Every time I attend our meetings or a class, I am struck by the incredible tapestry of talent, history, and passion in the room. Quilting is rarely just about fabric and thread. It is about connection. Every quilt tells a story, preserves a memory, and wraps someone in comfort.

As your president, my goal this year is to honor our traditions while stitching new possibilities together. Whether you are working on your very first block or finishing your fiftieth heirloom quilt, your hands and heart are vital to our community.

Thank you for bringing your unique color, texture, and spirit to our group. Keep your needles moving, your bobbins full, and your hearts open.

Warmly,

Renee Jeske

President, The Crazy Quilters Guild

2026 PROGRAMS and EVENTS

Upcoming Meetings, Speakers and Workshops:

July 8th 9:30 to 4:00 Crazy About Collage Part 2 Quilting Studio

Join us to learn from [Susy Nash, Certified Laura Heine Instructor](#). This is the second workshop so those that have not finished their quilt will have a chance to finish it with Susy Nash's direction. Or if you would like to learn her technique. The cost is \$35.00 payable to Susy Nash. Let Renee Jeske know if you have any questions. **We need to know ASAP who will be attending.** rfurkids@yahoo.com or 949-328-0071

July 16th and 23rd 1:00pm – 4:00pm Paper Piecing CH4

Janice Simmons will provide an introduction to “English Paper Piecing” on the 16th. Then on the 23rd Janice will teach us more at “English Paper Piecing Beyond the Basics”. These classes are free.

ON-GOING AND FUTURE

August 12th 1:00pm Crazy Quilters Guild 25th Birthday

Come celebrate our 25th Birthday Celebration. Enjoy games, prizes, great conversations and a catered lunch by Martinez Catering. As it is a catered lunch, you must rsvp by August 3 to attend. The cost is \$15.00. Please mail check to 3117 Via Serena S, Unit A, Laguna Woods, 92637. For questions or to RSVP, email Renee at rfurkids@yahoo.com.

Thanks to wonderful Guild members who continue to share their time and talents, we're able to offer these Free classes:

Mondays 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Linda Dunnigan will be leading a "Stained Glass Quilt" class".

Tuesdays through July 14th 9:00am to Noon

Babs Schwartz is teaching Free Motion Quilting. This is a 5-class series to learn and to hone your skills.

Tuesdays 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Ruth Naomi's Comfort Quilts. Everyone is welcome to join in each Tuesday.

Wednesdays starting July 14th 9:00am to Noon

Mona Bonbright will be teaching Potato Chip Quilts.

Thursdays 9:00am to 4:00pm

Open Sewing

Fridays 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Donna Karbach's Patriotic Quilts. You will be learning different blocks to connect and create something beautiful and meaningful.

Mark your calendar for these terrific summer activities and come join us. Contact Renee for more information. 949-328-0071 or rfurkids@yahoo.com

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

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of you who have paid your annual dues. We currently have 70 members. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please send your check of \$40.00 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.

PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy continues to be a big part of the vision and mission of the Crazy Quilters. We are in the process of making 100 placemats for Meals on Wheels and 100 pillowcases for CASA. Materials are provided. Please contact Joy Kerr 714-306-0400 or 2020Kjkerr@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

Honor Quilt Nomination Form

The Crazy Quilters of Laguna Woods would like to recognize our Laguna Woods veterans with quilts to honor their service. 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](#)

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

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 Renee know if you're interested at rfurkids@yahoo.com.

HOSPITALITY

If you would like to volunteer as an additional helper at the General Meeting, please contact Carol Charlton to volunteer for this fun position. 949-246-1723 or ccc45@comline.com

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

We have expanded our hours in the Quilt Studio as Emeritus is not holding summer classes in our studio. Hours are Monday, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 8:00pm, Wednesday 9:00am – noon, and Friday 1:00-4:00. 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, Brenda Rader.

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

Although there is no new Tidbit this month, remember you always have access to the catalogue of Mona Bonbright's educational TidBits on our website. [Mona's TidBits](#).

OTHER NEWS



This beautiful Honor Quilt was presented to William McMaster at our June meeting.

An Honor Quilt made by Betty Khzouz is included in the City of Laguna Woods ' exhibit in City Hall celebrating the United States' 250th birthday! Stop by and check out Betty's quilt and the exhibit on display until July 15! Next to Aldi's on El Toro.



Quilt presented with appreciation for her service to former president Mary Crompton.

Quilter's Run is happening July 9 – 12 and July 16 – 19. Thursday – Saturday hours are 9:00am – 6:00pm. Sunday hours are 10:00am – 4:00pm. [Click here](#) for more information including participating stores.

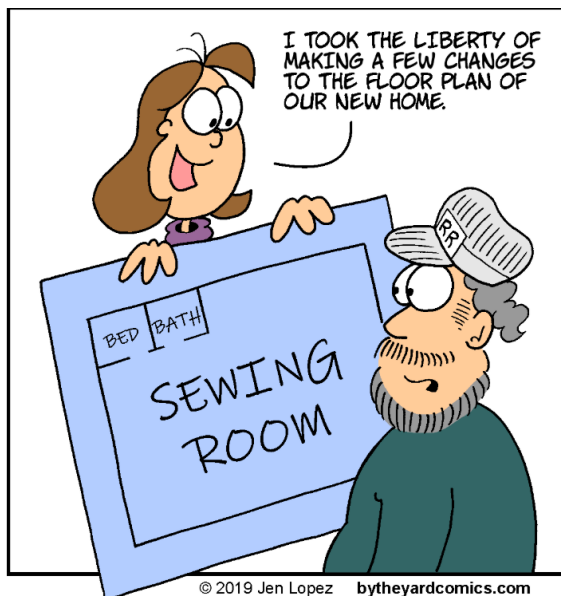
Sewing Party Fabric Sale July 18th 10:00am – 12:30pm by appointment
They are offering a standard discount of 20% for all shoppers who visit in person. You can see some of their products at [Sewing Party](#). To schedule appointment, E-mail customerservice@sewingparty.com to schedule a time. Place & Direction (in Irvine) will be provided upon scheduled appointment.

[BOWERS MUSEUM](#) presents The American Quilt: Cloth and Commerce.
The exhibit explores how the materials, dyes, and techniques used in quilt making reflect centuries of economic shifts and technological innovation. Quilts will be on display through August 30.

Bowers is only 16 miles from Laguna Woods in Santa Ana, an easy drive with dedicated parking lot across the street. Gather your quilting friends and form a carpool for a fun afternoon at Bowers! It's a beautiful Spanish Revival building with many other excellent exhibits, an on-site restaurant (new) and, of course, a gift shop. [BOWERS](#) is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm. 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, 714.567.3600.

The 2026-2027 Hoffman Challenge has been announced. "Coffee Shoppe" is the theme featuring beautiful browns. Details can be found [here](#).

Orange Grove Quilters Guild is holding their 2026 Quilt Show on Saturday, September 19th from 9:00am – 4:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 760 Victoria St., Costa Mesa. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door.



July Birthdays

<i>Cece Bowe</i>	<i>July 2</i>
<i>Joan Dressler</i>	<i>July 6</i>
<i>Mary McAdara</i>	<i>July 8</i>
<i>Ruth Bailey</i>	<i>July 28</i>
<i>Michelle Labrador</i>	<i>July 28</i>