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Stitches in the Sand

September 2024

MEETING DATE: October 10th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

Programs

Our meeting in October will be all about thanking Margie Bushaw for her wonderful work she has done as our outgoing president.

Our long-standing tradition is to present Margie with a quilt made up of blocks from you, our guild members, as a Thank You. I have gotten a peak at this lovely quilt and you won't want to miss the unveiling. Come and find your block and marvel at the artistic ability of our guild members.

Please join us in celebrating Margie for her hard work in making this the great guild that it is.

Donna Wester
Outgoing 1st VP Programs

Upcoming Speakers:

October: President's Quilt Reveal

November: Kristie Naranjo

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BCQG's Board Meeting is held the Third Thursday of the Month via Zoom.

Need to speak to a board member—Email beachcitiesqg@gmail.com

From the President

I am thrilled and a little bit scared as I step into the very big shoes of President as I follow those before me.

Let me introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. I was born in Iowa on a farm, to parents who were born on farms, to parents who were farmers!

I come from a long line of farmers. My dad could make a stick grow great corn, my mother, make beautiful flowers grow from weeds. My sister has a great garden. Me…I'm lucky of my poinsettia makes it to Christmas. Later, we moved a lot, and I found an old trunk and in it were quilts that my great grandmother had made. Wow! I tried copying hers but was not very successful. I finally took a class when I was 40 and I loved it. I have been a member of Beach Cities since 2005 and have held many posts.

I am looking forward to this year. I have secured a variety of speakers that I hope will interest everyone.

Donna Wester

2024-25 President

From the Past President

October brings the end of my year as President of this Fun and Fabulous Guild!

As I reflect on the past year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for your incredible support and dedication to Beach Cities Quilt Guild !

Your contributions, whether big or small have made a significant impact and I am deeply appreciative of your efforts. It has truly been a pleasure to work alongside such a talented and dedicated group.

I look forward to continuing on as Past President and supporting Donna Wester our new President.
She is smart, funny, creative and a fabulous quilter!

I am confident that her leadership will bring fresh perspectives and continued success to Beach Cities Quilt Guild!

Thank you once again for your time, energy, and enthusiasm ! This past year has truly been a rewarding and fun experience for me!

It has been an honor to serve as your President!

Happy Quilting!
Margie Bushaw
President 2023-2024

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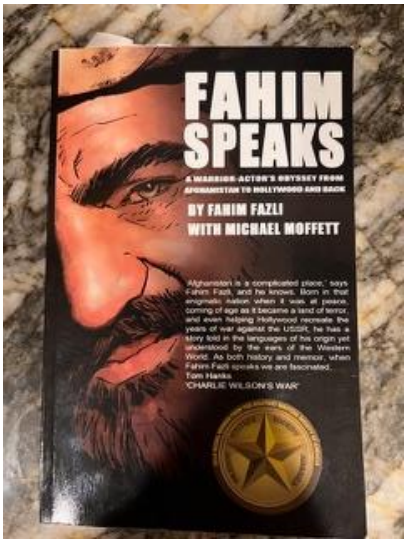
Photos from September Meeting



Tea and Tour

Our biannual Tea and Tour will be held on March 15, 2025 at the Murray Center. The theme for this year's event is With a Little Kindness from My Friends. Included in the day are a morning tour of 4 homes and sewing rooms of guild members, the Tea and a Quilt Challenge.

Kits for the Quilt Challenge are already on sale for $18 at our monthly guild meetings. The tickets for the Tour and the Tea will be sold at our meetings also. The fabric for the kits this year is a beautiful selection of fabrics generously donated by Hoffman Fabrics.

Time to get your creative juices flowing! Think how you would like to express the theme in your work. Entries are not limited to small quilts. In the past, we have had bags, pillows, aprons and other beautiful items so have fun.

All entries must be completed and turned in at the February general meeting. There can be no exceptions so pick up you Challenge Kit at the next meeting!

Monthly Mini

Thanks for Kathy Stohlhand for donating these cute pillow shams to our happy winner!

This month's Monthly Mini "Witch Hazel" was created by Patricia Pardoen.

Patricia started quilting in 1992 while living in Australia. Beach Cities Quilters Guild was only a few years old when she joined in 1995 and has thoroughly enjoyed being a part of seeing its success. Not one to sit around, she got involved in guild activities soon after joining and has served on various committees over the years (facilities, welcoming, programs. President 2004-05, door prizes, show and tell, quilt show and spring tea - just to name a few). She thoroughly enjoys making monthly minis especially in the fall. She makes one every year.

She encourages everyone to get involved in guild activities whether chairing a committee or helping in some other capacity. The friendships made over the years are cherished. Get involved and reap the rewards.

It only takes one ticket to win!

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Philanthropy News

Quilts donated this past month went to: 7 Innovative Housing; 2 Village of Hope; 1 United cerebral Palsy; 5 UCI Oncology Laguna Hills; 18 UCI Oncology Orange; 9 Priority Center; 1 Person in need; 5 CHOC - Mission Viejo; 10 CHOC- Orange; 30 Lutheran World Relief. Pillowcases went to: 21 My Own Case For Kids; 28 Hospice - Vitas Community Collection; 19 CHOC- Orange. 10 Fleece Wraps to CAST and 20 NICU blankets to saddleback Hospital Thank you all for this amazing month of donations!

At our last Sew Day we put together over 50 pillowcase kits. A huge thank you to all who helped find tops for the main pieces that had already been cut. Fabulous!!

Recently Sherri McConnell was a speaker at our Guild, she donated several quilts as she was so impressed by how many quilts we donate. One such quilt was given to Sharon Loftus to donate to and Auction for Cerebral Palsy in SoCal. The Spring Gala Fundraiser was very successful. Sherrie's quilts was paired with 2 other items: the Paul Miller Family donated a 3 1/2 hour harbor cruise for 8 people and Dr. J.J. Levenstein, also a trained chef donated a large wicker picnic basket with lunch and Sherrie McConnell's quilt. Although slightly disappointed our quilt didn't stand alone, the auctioneer noted on each following item that a quilt did not come with the items for auction. Well done Beach Cities!

Just a reminder - Philanthropy sew day meets the first Monday of the month (unless it falls on a holiday).

Next meeting **Oct. 7** Nov. 4 Dec. 2

We meet each month at:
Presbyterian Church Of The Master 26051 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo, CA 92692
Corner of Oso and Marguerite (park in the lot closest to Oso Parkway)
Set up starts at 9:00 am! The main meeting begins at 10:00 or anytime you get there. We usually start cleaning up around 2:30. Helpers are always appreciated at Sew Day especially with set up and take down.

Show and Tell starts at 11! Join in the fun!

We will be bringing Batiks and Hawaiian fabrics to the meeting along with backing fabric and will have batting for those who need it to finish those Philanthropy quilts. We will also need help with stuffing and sewing closed the lumbar pillows.

Our November Sew Day will showcase Mary Anrtz, showing us the tips and tricks of adding binding to our quilts in different ways. Please bring your quilt and machine to bind along with her or just take notes on the how to.

Each month we are going to try to do something different to help you in your quilting journey.

Keep those baby quilts coming!

Bless you all for all you do for Philanthropy and our Community!
Janice Trumbauer
Philanthropy Chair

SCCQG News

Greetings from your Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds (SCCQG) Rep! Every year, the SCCQG has a special exhibit at Road to California, you might have seen it if you were there last year. There is currently a Call for Entries for their 2025 exhibit "Tradition with a Twist", entries are due December 14, 2024, the Quilt must be turned in by January 15, 2025. Find out more by clicking on this Link. I am also looking for someone who can help me create a BCQG logo block to add to their exhibit, contact me if you are interested. Thank you!

Liz Pickering

Things to Do

On Going—

October - March 16 —Blue Gold - The Art and Science of Indigo at the Mingei International Museum
1439 El Prado @ Balboa Park in San Diego. $10-15
mingei.org

Workshops

BCQG workshops are generally held on the Friday after our monthly Thursday Guild meeting at the Norman P Murray Center in Mission Viejo. Registration fee is $35 for members; $60 for non-members. (Annual BCQG membership is only $40 and members sign up first for workshops) See workshop details in weekly snippets, on the website, and below for more information.

You may cancel and receive a refund if you let the workshop chair, (Mary Kay Fitzpatrick) know by email at least 45 days before the workshop. After that time, you will receive a refund if there is a person to fill your spot. We will issue a refund after we receive payment from your replacement.

Once you are registered for a workshop, you will receive a reminder, a supply list with details, and any updated information at least a week prior to the workshop. If for some reason you do not receive this information, please reach out to Mary Kay Fitzpatrick.

Our Esther's Stars Workshop with Arlene Arnold was a great success. Participants made beautiful, precise blocks and significant headway toward the completion of their quilt top.

Friday November 15, 2024
Scrappy Applique with Kristie Naranjo
10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center

In this workshop, you will learn a one-of-a-kind technique called Scrappy Applique, a raw edge applique technique where you create unique collage pieces with fabric scraps. Kristie is certified to teach this technique originally created by Shannon Brinkley. You will choose one of her pattern templates and work from there.

Kristie will guide you through fabric selection, fusing, cutting, collaging and finishing options. She will share her tips, tricks and techniques for a successful project. You should be able to start on finishing options, too. Pattern templates and supplies are available at: https://www.kristienaranjo.com/scrappy-applique. You may also opt for a kit.
Registration is open. Email MaryKay Fitzpatrick or click here to register online. Workshop fee is $35 for members. Non-members welcome to register via email as of October 1 and the fee is $65.

Upcoming Speakers – Beach Cities Quilters

October 2024	President's Quilt Reveal	
November 2024	Kristie Naranjo	https://www.kristienaranjo.com/
December 2024	No Workshop	

Friendship Circles

Have you considered joining a Friendship Circle? It is a great chance to meet new people and share sewing, quilting and needlework ideas in a small group. Most circles meet at least once a month and will work on group projects, learn new skills together, or just gather and enjoy each other's company.

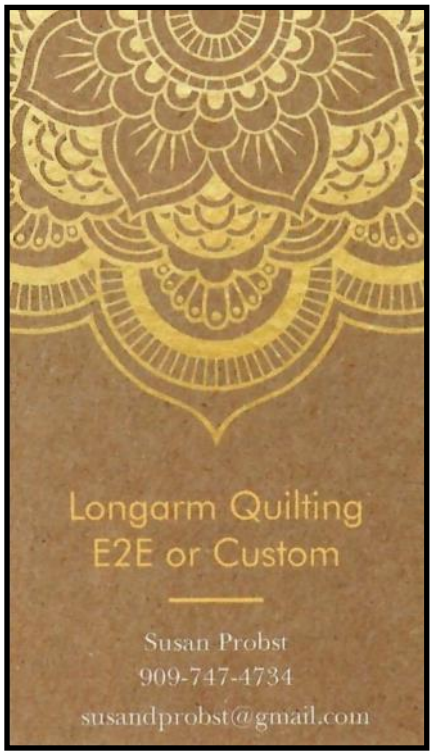
If you are interested in belonging to a Friendship Circle, there are a few Friendship Circles that are currently looking for new members to join.

For more information, please contact Karen Bean at karen@beanscounter. com (714-504-5426) or Cathy Kelley at cmkelley51@gmail.com (949-468-6319)

Hospitality News

THANK YOU for bringing something for the hospitality table!

Remember, it's no longer bring a refreshment during your birthday month, it's, BRING A REFRESHMENT ANY MONTH.



Sunshine and Shadows

If you have something you would like to be included in this column, please contact me. Please include your name and contact information, and if about someone else, their name and contact information for verification.

Thank you. Debra Halverstadt

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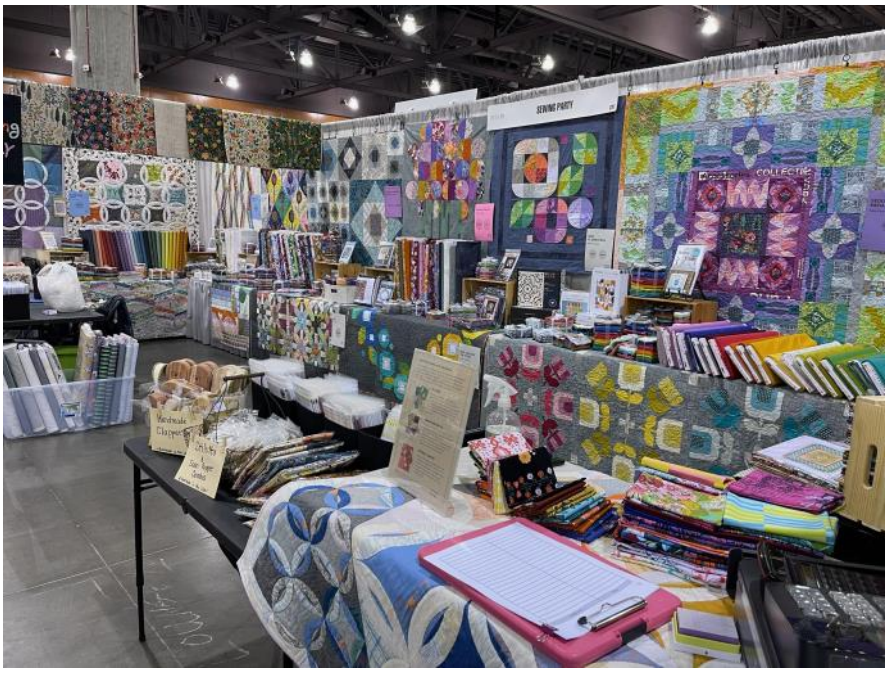
Featured Advertiser

Our featured Advertiser for our September newsletter is SEWING PARTY.

Cecile has delightful collection of Modern Domestic fabrics, Japanese fabrics, patterns and so much more. Her collections are at her home which is a delight to visit. Her studio is open once a month by appointment only. Please call for an appointment time. Cecile has included a picture of her booth from the PIQF Show. Her fabrics a really a delight to see.



Block Party 2024-25

Sharon Farley and her team have assembled a new block of the month for you…. These block are available on the BCQG website on the Block Party or get there directly by Clicking here—BOM #1

Show and Tell

One of the best parts of our meetings is Show and Tell, where we get to see the amazing quilts our members are creating. Whether it's a recent finish, a work in progress, or a quilt with a special story, we want to celebrate your work! Sharing your quilts inspires others, sparks new ideas, and brings our quilting community closer together.

Who can believe it's October?!?! Let's get into the season and show all our fun Halloween quilts. Even if it's one you made a few years ago. We want to see them all!

Don't worry if your quilt isn't perfect - quilting is about growth and creativity, not perfection. So, at our next meeting, bring along your latest creation. We can't wait to see what you've been working on. Happy Fall everyone!

September Show and Tell

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1. Mary Kay Fitzpatrick
2. Brenda Sirignano
3. Patricia Pardoen
4. Lupe Maher
5. Syntheia Nagel
6. Debbie Hulbert
7. Susan Bartky
8. Anna Ahmed

BCQG Block Party Birdhouse #11 ~~August~~ Sept 2024 MaryKay's Polygon Page 1 of 5

CUTTING birdhouse pieces –

B1 center, add pin to the bottom of B1. It will help you with placing the pieces correctly throughout the whole pattern.

Center surround -B2 bottom, B3 lower left, B4 lower right, B5 upper right, B6 upper left

Second surround - C1 bottom, C2 lower left, C3 lower right, C4 upper left, C5 upper right

Outer surround – D1 bottom, D2 lower left, D3 lower right, D4 upper right, D5 upper left

Background pieces - A1, A2 upper corners; A3, A4 upper sides; A5, A6 base sides;

No templates – Measure and Cut

Base of house E1 - 8" w X 2 ¼" h

Background base ends A5, A6 – Cut two 1 ¾" w X 2 ¼" h

Post E2 - 2 3/8 " w X 5 ½" h

Lower Background Corners A7, A8 – Cut two 4 ¾ " w X 5 ½" h

HINTS 1. Iron all seams away from the center. It will help with the flow. 2. Be sure you are doing ¼ inch seams or the next surround pieces won't fit correctly. 3. Look at the numbered/lettered pattern pictures for each piece to catch any changes in placing.

PIECING - Begin with center B1 w pin at bottom. Leave pin in place until house is done.

First Surround - Add the wide side of B2 to the bottom of B1 where the pin is.

You will **continue adding the wide side of each piece.**

B3 to lower **left** of B1. B4 to **right** of B1.

B5 to upper **right** B1. B6 to upper **left** of B1.

Second Surround – C1 to bottom of B2.

C2 to lower left. C3 to lower right.

C4 to upper left. C5 upper right.

Third (outside) surround - D1 on bottom, D2 on lower left, D3 on lower right.

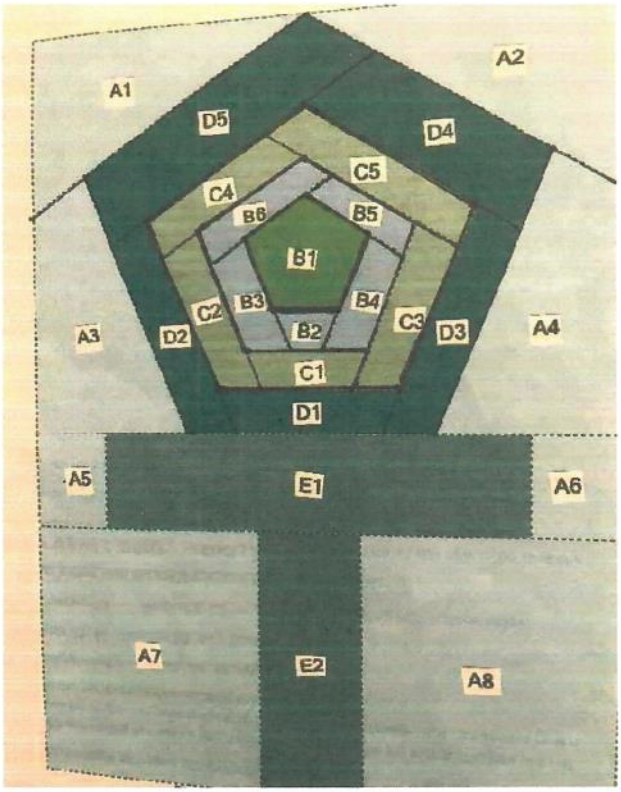
D4 roof on upper right, D5 upper left.

Background and post/base pieces.

Upper corners A1 on left – A2 on right. A3 left side – A4 right side.

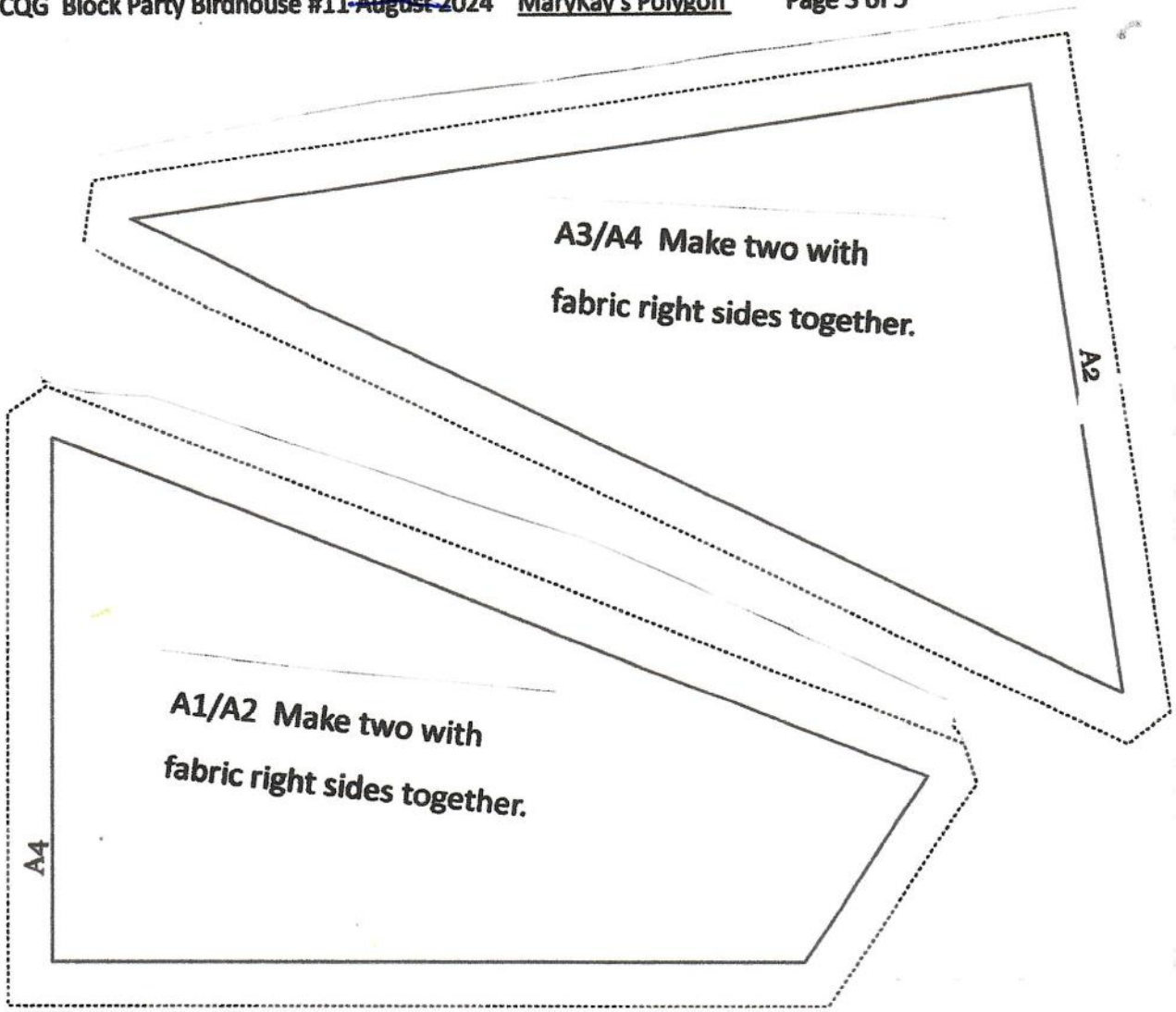
Match correct length of background squares A5 and A6 to the ends of E1 base.

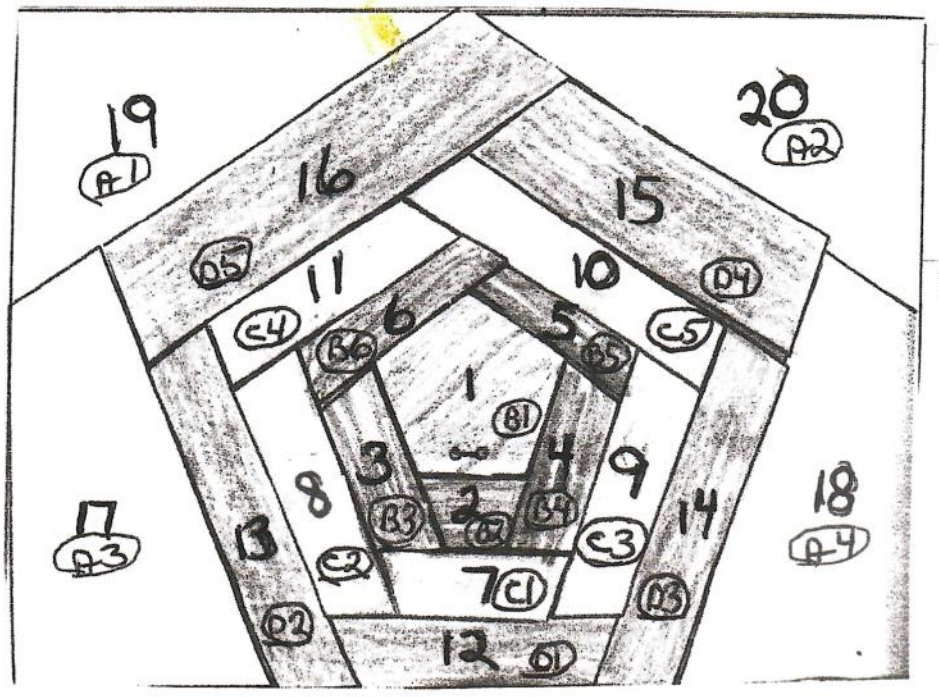
Connect backgrounds A7 and A8 to sides of E2 post. Longer length is vertical to match the post length. Connect these two sections, then connect to the top. Square to 10.5" wide, 14.5" height



Thank you MaryKay Fitzpatrick for designing the September birdhouse.

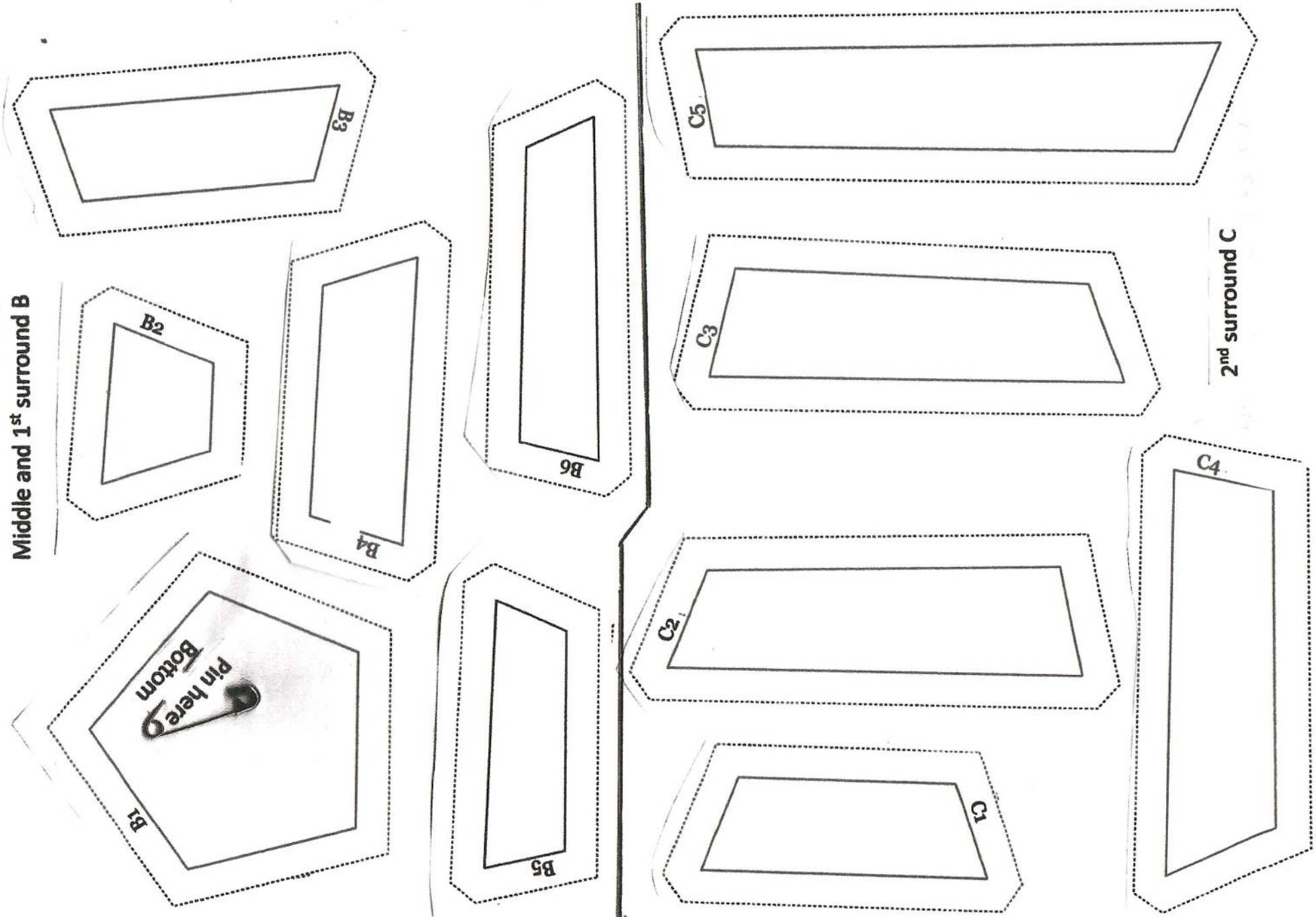
Call, text or email if you have a question. CraftyPatB@Gmail.com 949-636-0151





This picture may help with sewing order if needed.

Wide side is always the one you sew on to the prior piece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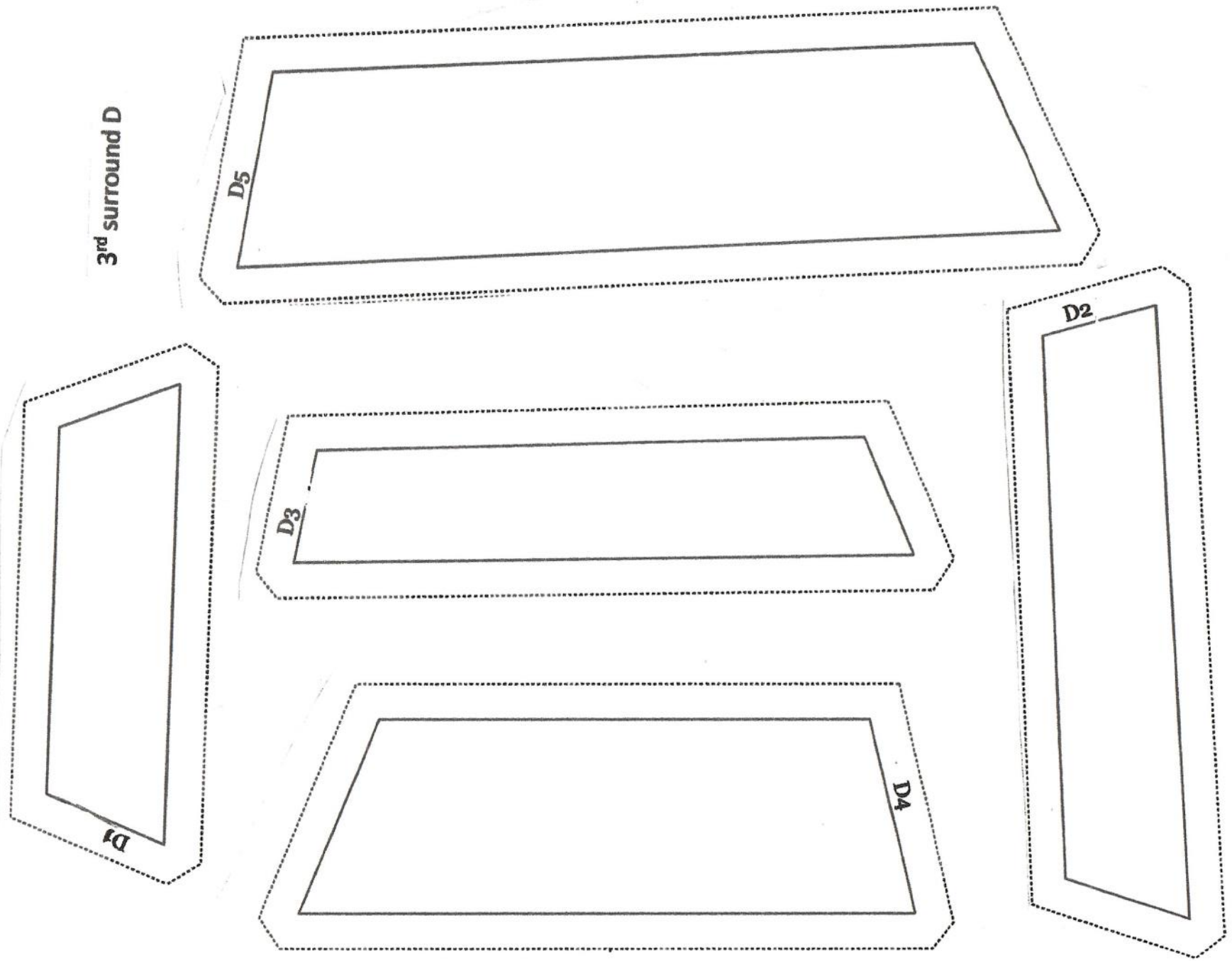
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Block Party 23-24 (October Block) FINAL

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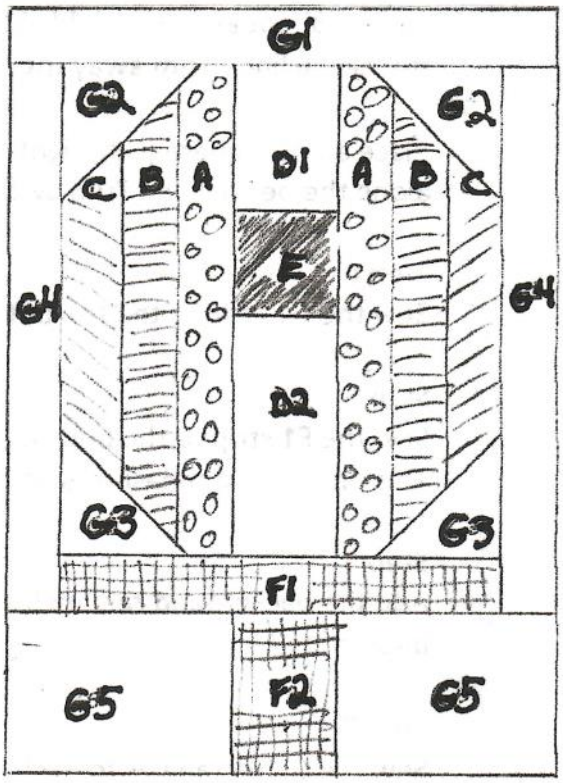
MaryKay's Pumpkin (or whatever you want it to be) Birdhouse

Birdhouse Body

Fabric A	Cut two strips 10 ½" X 1 ½ "
Fabric B	Cut two strips !0 ½" X 1 ½"
Fabric C	Cut two strips 10 ½" X 1 ½"
Fabric D1	Cut one rectangle 2 ½" X 4"
D2	Cut one rectangle 2 ½" X 5"
Fabric E	Cut one 2 ½" square



Birdhouse Stand

Fabric F1	Cut one rectangle 8 ½" X1 ½"
F2	Cut one rectangle 2 ½" X 2 ¾"

Background Fabric

Fabric G1	Cut one rectangle 10 ½" X 1 ½"
G2	Cut two 3" squares
G3	Cut two 2 ½" squares
G4	Cut two rectangles 11 ½" X 1 ½"
G5	Cut two rectangles 2 ¾" X 4 ½"

STEP 1 (Center Unit)

Sew the birdhouse center strip D1 to the birdhouse opening E. Sew the D2 rectangle to the bottom side of E. Press toward the rectangles. It will look like it is reverse applique.

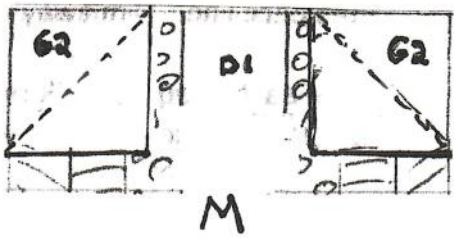
Step 2 (Side Units)

Sew two units with the A, B and C strips lengthwise and press.

Sew one of these units to each side of the center unit. Press toward the outside.

Step 3 – (Background and base)

On the back of the background squares G2 and G3, draw a pencil line corner to corner.



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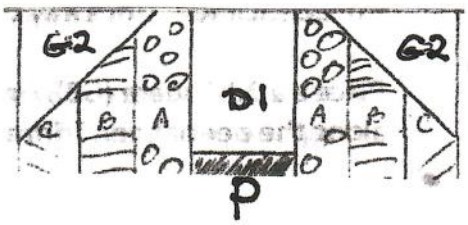

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Place one 3" square (G2) right sides together on each top corner. M

Sew along the pencil line, press front open and trim away the two layers underneath. P

Place one 2 ½" square (G3) right sides together to each lower corner.

Sew along the pencil line, press front open and trim away the two layers underneath.

Step 4

Sew the F1 birdhouse stand strip to the bottom. Press toward stand.

Step 5

Add the background rectangles (G4) to the sides of the birdhouse. Press toward background.

Step 6

Sew the G1 strip to the top of the birdhouse. Press.

Step 7

Sew the G5 rectangles to each longer side of the F2 rectangle. Sew this unit to the bottom and press.

Square to 10 ½" X 14 ½".

Congratulations! You finished the twelve birdhouse Block Party patterns. Or, maybe you need to catch up or are going to do a hanging with nine blocks. Whatever you decide, it will be GREAT. You will have the holiday months to finish and in January we will show our beautiful creativity. Quilt tops are welcome as well as finished quilts. So, get that sashing on and see where you go from there.

Thank you, MaryKay Fitzpatrick for your pattern . 314-606-1066

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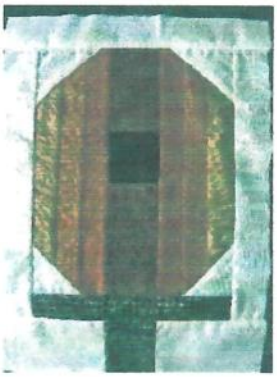

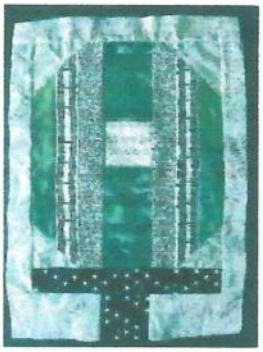

Time to Renew

"It is membership renewal time! Please print, complete and bring the form to the October meeting or join online: https://www.beachcitiesquilters.org/join-us.htm.

BEACH CITIES QUILTERS GUILD
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

The information you provide will be used in the Beach Cities Guild directory. A completed membership application must be submitted no later than the December general meeting to be included in the directory for the current membership year. The directory is distributed to guild members and is not made available to other sources.

Name			☐ $40 New Member ☐ $40 Renewal Membership #_____
☐ *If you are renewing your membership, please review your information in the last directory. Include any needed changes below or check the box to indicate that your information is current.*			
Address			
City	State	Zip	☐ Check #_____ ☐ Cash
E-Mail Address			Date _____
Home Phone#		Work Phone#	
Cell Phone#		Birthday Month	Day
Emergency Contact (if desired)		Emergency Contact Phone Number	

☐ **Check Box to indicate that Beach Cities Quilters' Guild has permission to use your photo in hard copy and on-line publications. (for Example use of Show & Tell picture in the newsletter)**

- BCQG is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide a creative atmosphere, to share knowledge of methods and techniques, and to encourage each member's growth and talent in the field of quilt making and related subjects.
- Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Norman P. Murray Center, 24932 Veteran's Way, Mission Viejo.
- Social time begins at 6:30 pm with the General Meeting & Program from 7:00 pm to approximately 9:00 pm.
- Dues are payable prior to the start of each membership year, annually from October 1 through September 30.
- Please bring this completed form and your dues (check payable to BCQG) to the Membership Table at the General meeting or mail it to:

  Beach Cities Quilters Guild - Membership
  P.O. Box 2328
  Mission Viejo, CA 92690-2328

☐ **Check Box to indicate that you have questions and/or would like to be put in contact with other guild members.**