



# Stitches in the Sand

## October 2025

MEETING DATE: October 9th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

### Programs

#### THE PRESIDENT'S QUILT IS FINISHED!

Our fabulous President Donna chose “**National Parks**” as the theme for her quilt—an inspiring tribute to her many hiking adventures!

Join us at the **October Guild Meeting** for a special moment as we unveil a **stunning quilt** and present it to **Donna** in heartfelt appreciation for her incredible leadership during her **2024–2025 BCQG presidency**.

I'd like to extend a very special thank you to the incredible team who made this quilt possible—your creativity, generosity, and spirit truly brought this project to life.

**Design Committee:** Jean Impey, Johanne Gibson, Jan Hirth, Polly Hada, Janet Crothers, Martha Hurlburt, and Julia Renaud

**Quilting Bee Hostesses:** Karen Brewin, Phyllis Parente, and Janice Trumbauer



**Quilt Bee Transport:** Kathy Hutchins and Val Hutchins

A heartfelt thanks also goes out to **every BCQG member** who contributed a block and to all who **attended a Quilting Bee**! This quilt is **Fabulous** because BCQG members are simply amazing—so talented, so creative, and so inspiring!

Margie Bushaw, Past President 2024-2025



**Don't forget to wear your name tag at the meeting!**

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Or Members Only Group  
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*BCQG's Board Meeting is held the Third Thursday of the Month via Zoom.*

## From the Outgoing President

What a Guild Meeting we had. I hope you were there to hear and see Linda Neal's fabulous quilts! She was a treat to meet in person, and her talent was beyond compare. Seeing her quilts in person was truly amazing. She listed off "How to make an award-winning quilt. I don't think I will be trying to make an award-winning quilt, but her suggestions will help me to be a better quilter. **If you would like a copy of "7 steps to make an award-winning quilt", please let me know and I will be happy to get that to you.**

On the flip side, I am winding down on my Presidency, her at Beach Cities. I have to say that it has been a privilege to serve this Guild in that capacity. We truly have a very talented, warm and friendly group. I hope that I have lived up to your expectations for this position. You have not seen the last of me, as I plan to continue helping out in this wonderful Guild. Happy Quilting Donna Wester President



Happy Quilting  
Donna Wester  
2024-25 President

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## From the Incoming President

I'm really looking forward to being your president for the upcoming year! We have some great speakers scheduled, a quilt show that's going to be wonderful and in July we'll be celebrating our country's Semi-quincentennial. (I still vividly remember our Bi-centennial.)

I discovered Beach Cities Quilters Guild in 2021. I'd just moved back to Orange County after living and working in Los Angeles for 40 years and stumbled on an article about the Quilt Show that was held in September. After seeing all the beautiful quilts, I decided I wanted to be a part of this group and attended my first meeting in October. When I walked into the Murray Center, I felt as if I'd found a Disneyland for quilters!

My grandmother and aunt gave me a love of needlework, but I didn't learn to quilt until I produced 200 episodes of *Simply Quilts* for HGTV in the late 1990's. I'll never forget the first small quilt I brought in to show our host, Alex Anderson and her laughing at my half-inch seams! I had a lot to learn, and still do, but that's one of the things I love about our guild. Everyone is so helpful and willing to share their vast knowledge. I especially love the fellowship of so many different women and my friendship group. If you're not in one, I urge you to talk to Judi Nagel about joining one.

At our October meeting, we'll salute our outgoing president, Donna Wester. To show her how grateful we are to have had her at the helm this past year, we'll present her with her president's quilt comprised of all the blocks that you, our members created for her.

I had the pleasure of doing some hand quilting on it, so I know it's spectacular. I'm always amazed at the expert craftsmanship our members have. It's always fun to find your block and see just where the talented folks who put it together placed it.

Please don't miss the chance to thank Donna in person and see the look on her face when she first sees her quilt.

Laura Chambers  
2025-26 President



## *BCQG New Board for 2025-2026*

Congratulations! Please welcome your  
Beach Cities Quilters Guild Board for 2025-2026.

### **Executive Board**

President	Laura Chambers
1 <sup>st</sup> VP – Programs	Norah Dopudja
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP – Membership	Kathy Hutchins and Val Hutchins
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP – Facilities	Alicia Passarelli
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Treasurer	Kris Smith
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Past President	Donna Wester

### **Standing Committees**

Advertising	Julia Renaud
Block Party	Sharon Farley
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Hospitality	Laurel Hathaway
Internet	Judy Ward
Monthly Mini	Debra Halverstadt
Newsletter	Carrie Donohoe
Philanthropy	Karen Brewin and Sue Ann Thaut
Show and Tell	Martha Hurlburt
SCCQG Representative	Open
Special Event-Quilt Show	Susan Probst and Rosie Beck
Ways and Means	Julie Kemmerer and Marti Ryncarz
Welcoming	Catherine Heubscher and Karen Bean
Workshops	Janet Crothers



## Photos from September's Meeting





# Membership

## Membership Renewal Time!

Annual Membership runs from October 1 through September 30. You have lots of options for ways to renew!

You can renew at any Guild meeting (pay by cash, check or credit card).

You can print the membership renewal form online and mail it to the address listed on the form, along with a check for \$40.

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## Quilt Show 2026

Below is the list of people to contact to help or donate for the quilt show. Everyone's contact information is in the directory. If you don't have a directory or cannot find their information, call me, Susan Probst 909-747-4734. We can make it an amazing and profitable show with everyone helping. Thank you for stepping up!

Quilt Show Chairs	Susan Probst and Rosie Beck
Acquisitions	Nancy Mc Bride
Advertising	Julie Kemmerer
Auction	Anne Hicks and Holly Batterman
Boutique	Christi Valley
Opportunity Quilt	Elaine Pappas Puckett and Janet Cowart
Opportunity Quilt (travel)	Julie Patterson
Raffle Baskets	Susan Stewart and Sharon Loftus
Silent Auction	Janet Crothers
White Glove and Volunteers	Barbara Gaunter and Debra Halverstadt

## Quilt Show Boutique Items Needed

Let's get this retail party started!! If you have boutique items to drop off, both Debi Martin and Anna Ahmeds front porches are available (addresses are in the directory), or bring them to sew day or guild meetings.

If you aren't sure what to make here's a few websites with free patterns: [www.applegreencottage.com](http://www.applegreencottage.com) and [www.sewcanshe.com](http://www.sewcanshe.com). [Etsy.com](http://Etsy.com) also has alot of ideas and free patterns.

Thanks so much to those who already donated or let me know they will be donating - it is so appreciated.

A few more committee members are still needed - to help with Pricing in Feb and March, along with setup, and just general help at meetings.

Any questions, text or call Christi 949-633-7198.





## Quilt Show Opportunity Tickets

GET READY, GET SET...GO...to the table selling Opportunity Quilt tickets to our members. Each Guild member is OBLIGATED to purchase one bundle of tickets for our gorgeous Opportunity Quilt for \$35. You may put your tickets either in the box marked "Quilt" or in the box marked "Patriotic Fabric" to win one of the two bins of fabric. We take cash, checks, or credit cards.

We especially want to thank Mary King for purchasing \$200 worth of tickets! What contribution to our fund-raising efforts!!

We also want to encourage you to pick up a SECOND bundle to sell to friends and neighbors. Members who purchase/sell additional bundles will be entered into a drawing for a lovely pillow or mini quilt echoing our stunning opportunity quilt. Members-you can do it! Cindy Fern, Anne Hicks, Lupe Maher, Nancy McBride, Becky McDaniel, Pat Price, Kathy Stolhand, Brenda Sirigano, Sandy Corbin and, of course, Mary King have already purchased more than one bundle. THANK YOU!



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## Philanthropy News

Quilts donated this past month: Showers of Appreciation, Extraordinary Lives Fundraiser, Forest Fall Fundraiser, Lutheran World Relief, Priority Center, Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center, Silverado Memory Care, UCI Oncology; Orange, Laguna Hills, Irvine, United Cerebral Palsy, Vets in Hospice, Village of Hope. Pillowcases went to CHOC - Orange, Hospice - Vitas Community Connection, Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center. CAST fleece wraps.

Next meetings:      Oct. 6      Nov. 3      Dec. 1

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 11:00! Join in the fun!

Maggie Bell has asked once again for patriotic quilts to be donated to Dana West Yacht Club for their Christmas dinner for service men and women who have no family with them at Christmas. She is looking for 10 quilts; lap size 50 X 60 or 50 X 70. They will be due the end of November. So far we have collected 5 quilts.

At our October Meeting, Julie Kemmerer will be demonstrating how to make a hangar cover for the boutique. Information about what to bring will be coming out soon - watch for a snippet.

We will continue to accept Christmas pillowcases in October. Children's Christmas quilts can be turned in up until the Philanthropy Sew Day, December 1st.

Birthday pillowcases will become a regular monthly kit like the rest, so if you'd like to make birthday pillowcases, feel free. CHOC will not accept flannel pillowcases.

We have a new donation site; Silverado Memory Care in San Juan Capistrano. We donated some quilts and they have asked for placemats and table runners or squares. The placemats can just be individual, not in sets.

We will always be accepting baby quilts, but we are going to try to add toddler and youth and teen quilts to the kits we make. (you can check our website under Philanthropy for sizes ideas)

Our October meeting will be celebrating our new co-chairs, Karen Brewin and Sue Ann Thaut with potluck goodies, please bring a treat or something to share.

Thank you again for all you do for Philanthropy  
Janice Trumbauer  
Philanthropy Chair

## Upcoming Speakers

November 2025	Barb Vedder	<a href="https://funwithbarbandmary.blogspot.com/">https://funwithbarbandmary.blogspot.com/</a>
December 2025	Annual Holiday Fun	
January 2026	Joe Cunningham	<a href="https://www.joecunninghamquilts.com/teach">https://www.joecunninghamquilts.com/teach</a>
February 2026	Rob Appel	<a href="https://robappell.com">https://robappell.com</a>



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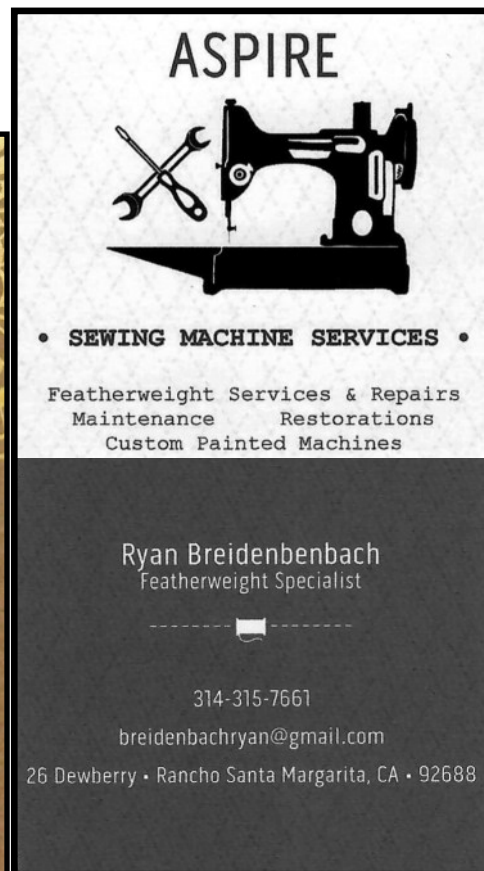
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# Workshops

Here are some pictures from our Little Flowers Appliqué workshop with Linda Neal. Linda led the participants through each step of her very detailed and precise methods to achieve excellent applique pieces, including how to set up your workspace for maximum success and comfort.



BCQG Workshops are generally held on the Friday after our monthly Thursday Guild meeting at the Norman P Murray Community 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.)



Friday, November 14, 2025 Workshop “Pretty Pineapples” with Barb Vedder  
10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center

Learn to make this traditional log cabin variation with no paper piecing or foundation. This workshop teaches students to hone their precision sewing and cutting skills to create this quilt. It is a great scrap project and there is very little prep. This quilt can be created in a traditional as well as modern style.



Register for this workshop at the Guild Meeting, on the website or by emailing Mary Kay Fitzpatrick at [mkfitz1066@cox.net](mailto:mkfitz1066@cox.net). Workshop fee is \$35 for members, \$60 for non-members.



## Sew and Share Update

Starting in October, we are changing the date of our monthly Zoom Sew and Share! For those new to the Guild, this is a friendship group that meets monthly on zoom for those who want to sew online with others in the guild. It is open to all BCQG members. It is still at the same time, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, but we are now meeting on the last WEDNESDAY of the month. We will provide the current zoom link both on our BCQG Members Facebook page and the Snippet that comes out on the Sunday before the event. Please go to the BCQG Members Facebook page, click Events and tell us if you are going to join us, then on the last Wednesday morning, click on the link to jump on! If you have questions, contact Liz Pickering.

## Block Party 2025-26

### Introduction

[2024-25](#) is still on our website but will be deleted in January... download today!

## Monthly Mini



Congratulations to Jenny Cassell, winner of the Primitive Gatherings pumpkin centerpiece donated by Julia Renaud.

Don't miss the chance to win the darling basket of pieced, embroidered and embellished fall décor pillows created by Patricia Pardo. Thank you, Patricia!



**Tickets will be on sale for \$1 each, six tickets for \$5, 13 tickets for \$10.**

And a special shout out to Jim Peters who has donated a quilt ladder for the November monthly mini. Stop by the monthly mini table in November for a chance to win one of Jim's beautiful ladders.



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### Diana's Stitchery

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#### Fun Facts About Me

- I pride myself as being an artistically technical quilter, given my engineering background
- I was accepted to art and engineering schools; I took the engineering route while focusing on one of my many passions – sewing
- I've been sewing since I was 8, and as a teenager, came in second for an apparel design with Teen Magazine
- Started quilting in college to “zen out” between organic chem labs
- My other hobbies include yoga, mountain biking, and gourmet cooking—of which I have attended classes hosted by world-class chefs
- I'm an engineer by day, and a creative by night. I manage Automation projects along with a machine shop
- My engineering skills have fostered precision in my work, and that carries over to quilting



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## September Show and Tell



Mary King



Martie Huben-Wagner



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October 8, 2025 - November 23, 2025

This exhibit is free and open to the public.

### Location:

Zena and Pauline Gatov Gallery  
Alpert Jewish Community Center  
3801 E. Willow St., Long Beach

### Hours:

- Monday through Thursday: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
  - Friday: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- More information is available  
at [www.longbeachmodernquiltguild.com](http://www.longbeachmodernquiltguild.com)



The Fallbrook Quilt Guild will host our biennial quilt show "**Quilted Treasures**", on November 7–8, 2025, at [Son Rise Christian Fellowship, 463 S Stage Coach Ln, Fallbrook, CA](#) from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The show and auction will feature more than 300 quilts made by our talented members—from timeless traditional designs to bold, modern innovations.

In addition to the quilt displays, the event includes:

**Presentations by renowned art quilter Ann Turley at 11:30 AM both days of the show** [Ann Turley Info](#)

- Vendor booths
- Country Store where shoppers can buy many quilting-related items, especially good quality fabric and notions, at greatly reduced prices
- Door Prizes
- Live demonstrations of various quilting techniques
- Opportunity Quilt on Display

Our ever-popular [Quilt Auction](#), held at 12:30 PM on both days of the show in the chapel! Over 100 quilts—ranging from seasonal themes to children's quilts, wall hangings, table toppers, and more—will be available for bidding.

Admission cost is only \$10 and children under 12 are free with an adult. Free parking is plentiful.



# Membership Form



## 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.

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- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

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