



Stitches in the Sand

November 2025

MEETING DATE: November 13th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

Programs

In November we welcome the fun Barb Vedder for a talk and trunk show.

For the past 35 years, Barb has enjoyed all styles and traditions of quilting. She will present her quilting journey, sharing how her work has evolved from using commercial patterns to creating original designs.

Barb's quilts have been exhibited in regional, national and international shows including Houston Quilt Festival, AQS Paducah and Lancaster. She won Connecticut State Fair's Best Applique' Quilt three times. The Vermont Quilt Festival awarded her with the Best Hand Quilting Award in 2016 and 2020. In 2024 one of her modern quilts was a finalist at QuiltCon. She has been published in several quilt magazines and blogs at Fun with Barb. You do not want to miss this trunk show!



<https://funwithbarbandmary.blogspot.com/>

Instagram: funwithbarb

If you would like to join us for dinner with Barb before the guild meeting, RSVP with Norah at (949) 636-2790 no later than Wednesday 12. Dinner will be at the California Pizza Kitchen on Marguerite Parkway at 4:45 pm.

Upcoming programs:

December: Holiday social with games, ornament/decoration exchange, fabric sale, show and tell and deluxe cocoa bar and treats to share!

January: Joe Cunningham, My Life in Quilts

February: Rob Appell, Quilts from the Sea and Beyond

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<https://www.facebook.com/Beach-Cities-Quilters-Guild-105189137693733>

Or Members Only Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/672436387018111>

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

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

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

From the President

I grew up on the east coast and November usually meant dragging our winter coats, mufflers and mittens out of the attic. Here in beautiful Southern California, we're just as likely to spend Thanksgiving at the beach. Aren't we lucky?

November is also a month for reflection, a chance to give thanks for all the blessings we have. I count my membership in this amazing guild as one of mine. I'm constantly amazed at the beautiful quilts you all create and how so many of you step up to volunteer to make this guild the strong and thriving one it is. I'm thankful that you've chosen me to be your president for the coming year.

It's fitting that Barb Vedder will be our featured speaker this month and her workshop will feature an easy foundation paper piece free method to make a pineapple block. Pineapples have long been considered a symbol of hospitality, generosity and welcome dating back to the 18th Century when they were a rare fruit only offered to honored guests.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Laura Chambers
2025-26 President



From the Past President



Donna Wester
Past President

Now that my Presidency is over, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the honor of being your President.

I love my quilt! I am still going over and over it, seeing new things. We have and incredibly talented guild. I am always amazed that given on subject how many different ideas people come up with.

Thank you again for all the work that was put into making this wonderful tribute and memory for my Presidency.

I am looking forward to creating a quilt for Laura Chambers. She is going to do a great job. Let's all get behind her as she starts this journey.

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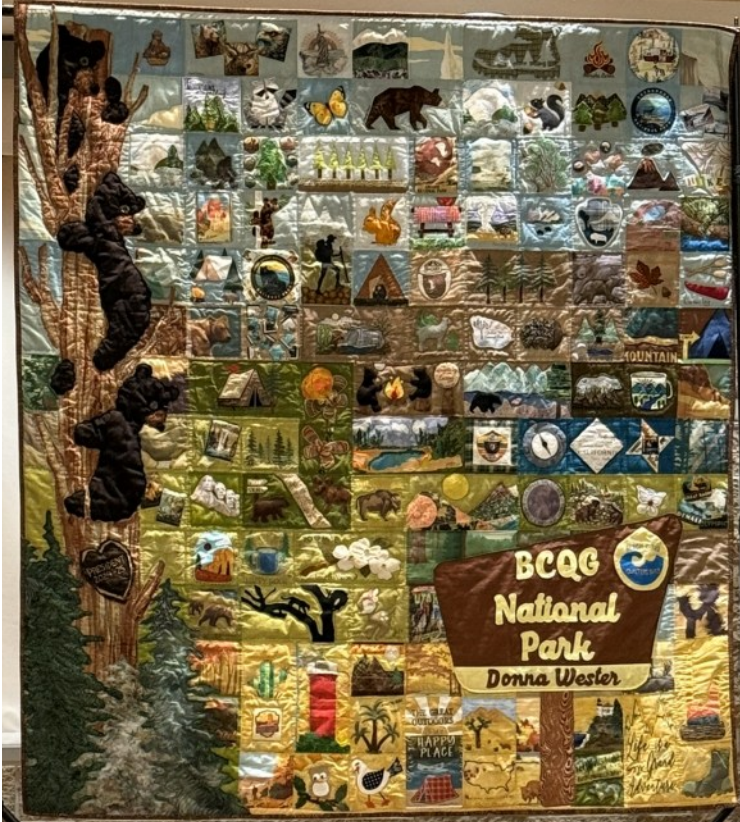


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Photos from October's Meeting



Friendship Group Challenge

Sew Happy VS Piece Corps

Theme: Sunday in the Park—include sun, triangle and an applique

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.

Or, even easier, you can fill out a membership form online and pay with PayPal or credit card.

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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 and www.sewcanshe.com. 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.

I spent time with Laurel, last years boutique chair, and I have been invited to a few friendship groups to make items with you = LOVE this idea.

If you have drop offs between meetings- Anna Ahmed and Debi Martins front porches are available.

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

Quilt Show Opportunity Tickets

IN THIS SEASON OF GRATITUDE...

Let's count our blessings. Let's look at all the ways Beach Cities has blessed our lives.

- 1) Provides us a place to meet monthly with like minded people who share our passion and joy
- 2) Gives a chance each month to hear speakers and learn about a variety of forms and new techniques in quilting.
- 3) Creates opportunities to share our skills in ways that benefit others.
- 4) Allows our eyes to feast on color, shape, and texture as we share and applaud each other's efforts.
- 5) Provides opportunities for new friendships.

BUT... we need money to continue to operate. Our OPPORTUNITY QUILT is our biggest fundraiser. Please come pick up your bundle of tickets at the table. We will accept your \$35 in cash, check, or credit card. Call Janet Cowart or Elaine Pappas-Puckett with questions.





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hello@hathawayquiltworks.com

Call or Text Laurel 949-534-2934

Philanthropy News

Quilts donated during the month of September were: 99 to CHOC, persons in need, Priority Center: Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center, Silverado Memory Care, UCI Oncology-Orange, UCI Oncology-Laguna Hills/Irvine, United Cerebral Palsy, VA Long Beach, Vets in Hospice, Village of Hope. 23 Pillowcases and 43 fleece wraps, NICU Blankets and Bonding Squares to Saddleback Hospital and CAST.

Our next Sew day is November 3 We meet at Presbyterian Church of the Masters, 26051 Marguerite Pkwy. Mission Viejo, 92692. (Corner of Oso and Marguerite. Park in the lot closest to Oso Pkwy.) Set up starts at 9:00. The meeting starts at 10:00 or whenever you get there We usually start cleaning up around 2:30. Helpers are appreciated at set up and take down. Show and tell starts at 11:00.

Maggie Bell is requesting Patriotic quilts to be donated to Dana West Yacht Club for their Christmas dinner for service men and women. Lab size 50 x 60 or 50 x 70. Quilts are due end of November. At the November sew day meeting Karen Brewin will demonstrate how to make cloth basket for the boutique. Information on needed supplies will be included in the snippet.

We are requesting pillowcases for young people and birthday pillowcases. Also fleece donations for the wraps donated to CAST. These should be 1 to 1 1/2 yard pieces.

Christmas quilt donations will be accepted till December 1st sew day.

Workshops

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.)

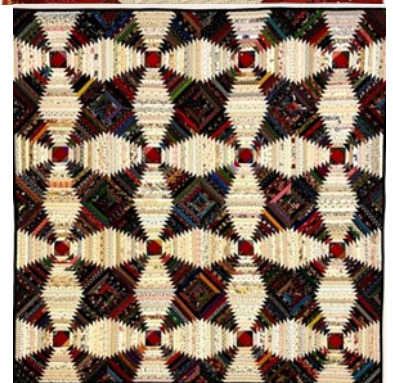
Friday, November 14, 2025 Workshop "Pretty Pineapples" with Barb Vedder
10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center

November Workshop: "Pretty Pineapples" with Barb Vedder!

Get ready for an inspiring day of precision piecing! Our November workshop features the talented Barb Vedder, who will guide us through creating her stunning Pretty Pineapple blocks.



If you caught the samples at the October meeting, you already know how beautiful these quilts are — and now it's your turn to make one!



Friendship Circles

I just wanted to share for the newsletter in November of the wonderful experience. I had visiting one of the Sewing circles doing a project at Quilt Passions. They all made squares six trees six presents. They laid them all out, shared them and put them back together in friendship quilts it was so much fun. I think this year is gonna be a fun year filled with surprises and new adventures for our Sewing circle groups. If you are a leader of a group, please contact me so I can come visit your group. See me at the friendship table or look me up in the directory I'm there. I will answer your email or text or phone call. See you in November.

Judi Nagel



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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](#)

[November](#)

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

Monthly Mini



Congratulations to Keri Folmer, winner of the darling basket of pieced, embroidered and embellished fall dé cor pillows created by Patricia Pardoen.

Don't miss the chance to win one of Jim Peters fabulous quilt ladders. Thank you Jim!!! This ladder is definitely a "Must Have"!!!

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

Stop by the monthly mini table for a chance to win!!!



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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



How I Work

- I facilitate quick turnarounds, focusing on edge-to-edge jobs due to my schedule
- I carry numerous patterns and threads, as well as Quilter's Dream batting with the option of using what you provide instead
- I run my business out of my home in Mission Viejo, where I see my customers outside of typical work hours
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September Show and Tell



Things to Do

Long Beach Modern Quilt Guild presents "Perspectives 2025 – A Fiber Art Exhibition"

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



**South Bay
Quilters Guild
2026 Quilt Show**
"Celebrating the Seasons"
February 14-15, 2026
10 am-4 pm
Opportunity Quilt
"Through the Seasons"
Drawing Feb 15th, 4pm
**Visit Website for Detail
Information**



79" x 78"

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](https://www.sonrisechristianfellowship.com) 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 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

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