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# Stitches in the Sand

December 2024

**MEETING DATE: December 12th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.**

## Programs

Santa says Ho, Ho, Ho, but we quilters say Sew, Sew, Sew and that's the theme of our holiday party!

Have a gadget in your sewing room that you just don't use anymore? Or have a gadget that you love that you'd like to share? Bring it wrapped to our meeting and we'll swap with fellow members.

Have a wild holiday sweater? (I refuse to call them ugly.) Wear it to the party. The most "unusual" sweater will win a prize.

Wear you holiday pjs or anything comfy and cozy. Bring your favorite mugs for hot cocoa yumminess.

Don't forget to renew your membership!

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

Upcoming Speakers:

December: Holiday Event

January: Charisma Horton

February: Kyra Reps

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https://www.facebook.com/groups/672436387018111

*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

The holidays are approaching quickly. Are you ready? Not sure how it happened, but I am ready! Bring on the holiday cheer. For the first time in many years, we as a family will all be together for Thanksgiving. Celebrating with our two daughters, spouses and five grandchildren will be the best.

Talking about being thankful, I am so thankful for this guild and all you ladies and gents. Everyone is willing and able to just jump in and help out with whatever problem we are facing. A big Thank You to Jean Impey for getting the projector up and running for our last meeting. We, as a group, are a well-oiled machine! I have set aside my Tea and Tour Challenge, but realize I need to get back on it.

I don't have much left to do, but the deadline is near. Have you got your ticket and Challenge fabrics? You won't want to miss this fun event. You can get your ticket at our general meetings.

Laura Chambers has planned a fun packed event for our December meeting. It will be a time to relax and enjoy your Quilty friends!

Have a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season.

Donna Wester
President 2024-2025

# From the 1st VP of Programs

It's almost the end of 2024 and our President Donna has booked a wonderful group of speakers for 2025. As your new Vice President of Programming, I'm searching high and low looking to find interesting speakers for 2026. If there's a quilter you'd like me to reach out to, please send me an email at laurachambers@me.com and I'll see if they're able to join us.

# Photos from November Meeting

# Monthly Mini

Again, Donna Sparks was the lucky winner of the monthly mini! Congratulations. And thank you, Lupe Maher, for donating the festive turkey table runner.

Although we will not have a monthly mini opportunity draw during the December holiday guild party, you're going to love the beautiful pieced 17" X 30" wall hanging (complete with damage-free wall-hanging hardware) Laurel Hathaway donated for January. Thank you, Laurel. Stop by the monthly mini table during the January guild meeting for a chance to win.

Happy holidays!

Norah

# Hospitality News

HOLIDAY PARTY
Hospitality will provide Hot Cocoa and marshmallows for the December meeting.

If your last name begins with A-I, please bring an APPETIZER and if your last name begins with J-Z, please bring a DESSERT. Bringing your own mug will be helpful, but not mandatory.

See you soon!
Julie Kemmerer

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# Spring Tea and Tour

**With a Little Kindness from My Friends**

The Tea and Tour Committee is working to create a lovely day for all of us on March 15. Our four hostesses, Karen Brewin, Barb Gauntner, Debi Martin and Becky McDaniel will have their homes open for the tour starting at 9:00 a.m. After the tour we will all gather at the Murray Center for the quilt challenge display and the tea beginning at 12:00 noon.

Don't forget to pick up your Challenge Kit for $18 at our December general meeting. Also, you can still purchase tickets for the event of course and tickets for the Raffle Basket drawing.
It's going to be a lovely event - don't miss it!

If you have any questions, please email or call me.
Martha Hurlburt

# SCCQG News

Tradition with a Twist

Here's a call out for quilt entries for the a special exhibit to Road 2 CA in January 2025. The quilts will be hung as an exhibit from all Southern California Council of Quilt Guild member guilds. Beach cities needs to be represented by as many quilts as possible. The theme is traditional quilt patterns with a more modern twist. Please see the information and requirements shown below. The quilts don't need to be completed or turned in until mid-January, but the deadline for submitting entry forms is **December 14th.**

**Call for Entries SCCQG 2025 Special Exhibit**
***"Tradition with a Twist"***
**Road to California Quilters Conference January 22-25, 2025**

This exhibit is will display how quilters take a "traditional" pattern, give it "a twist," and create an interesting new work.

Group and individual made quilts accepted for consideration.
Quilts of all styles and techniques are welcome so long as they fit the requirements below.

Entry requirements are as follows (please read carefully):

- The quilt must have been finished in 2023/2025 and be in good condition.
- Size constraint: perimeter should not be larger than 240" overall and no smaller than 60" overall. Items that don't meet this criteria may be accepted and may be folded for display purposes. 40-48" width is preferred to help with displaying quilts.
- Embellishments must not protrude more than ½" from the surface of the quilt.
- The quilt must be made of fabric and quilted either by hand, or machine, or both.
- It must be constructed of three layers and bound or closed around all quilt edges.
- Quilt/hanging must have an attached 4" hanging sleeve (basted or safety pins allowed).
- Entrant must be a current member of an SCCQG Member Guild or an Affiliate member.
- Enter by email. Entries must include a separate digital **jpeg** photo named as follows: entrant's last name_(underscore)name of quilt_(underscore)guild initials.jpeg. For example: "Weber_chubby_LBMQG.jpeg" Each entry must have a short paragraph describing how the entry is a twist on a traditional pattern. (The Exhibit curator reserves editing rights.)

**Timetable**

August 28, 2025 Zoom meeting: open to current member of an SCCQG Member Guild or an Affiliate member
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81345361362?pwd=NQO0W8JRUnayb0HsesAaN0OIfrH71F.1

December 14, 2024 **(Saturday) All entry forms and photos due.**
Entries need to include a current email address for confirmation of receipt.)See instructions above.

December 28, 2024 Notification will be e-mailed by this date. Accepted entries will receive instructions for quilt shipment. Entrants will be responsible for all shipping and insurance costs. All entries are required to have a 4" hanging sleeve. Sleeves may be basted or safety pinned in place. Entries must be in a cloth bag or pillow-case with entrant's name and phone number.

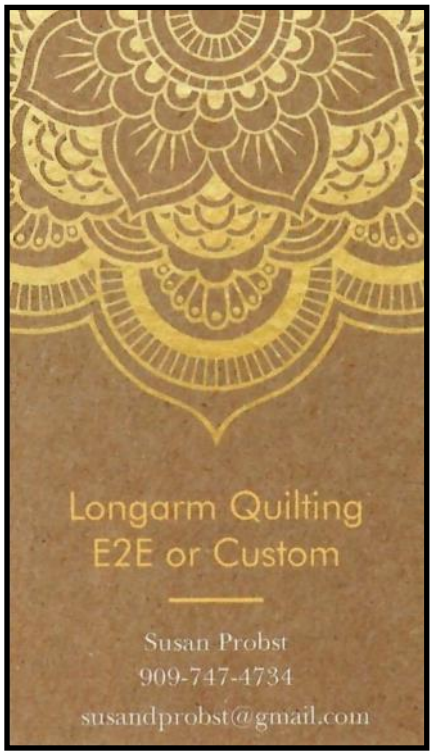
January 15, 2025 Deadline for receipt of exhibit quilts. Accepted quilts must be received by the SCCQG Road2CA Curator (Kate Weber) for exhibition.

January 22-25, 2025 Quilts will be displayed as part of the SCCQG "*Stitching a Community Together*" Exhibit at Road to California, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, California.

January 25 – February 15, 2025 Quilts will be returned according to prior arrangements. Unclaimed quilts will be donated to a charity.

**Entries and Questions:** SCCQGRD2CA@gmail.com

SCCQG and Road reserve the right to reject quilts not suitable for hanging.

# Philanthropy News

Wow! Our last Philanthropy Sew Day was our largest ever! We had 42 people in attendance! Thank you to all who came for the day or just dropped by to see what's going on.

So many of you make Philanthropy successful, and I want you to know how much you are appreciated.

Thank you to Mary Arntz for her demonstration, tips and tricks on how to put on binding.

Thank you to all who made and donated a Patriotic quilt for the Marines Christmas Party. In all we donated over and above what Maggie Bell had asked for. Good job group!

This past month quilts were donated to: CHOC, Innovative Housing Opportunities, Person in Need, UCI Oncology, UCP, and Vets in Hospice. Pillowcases were donated to: CHOC, My Own, a Case for Kids and Royal Therapuetic Treatment.

Next Sew Day:

**December 2nd** - January 6 (It Doesn't Matter-Rachel Maus) - February 3 (Zebra pattern-Debi Martin) - March 3 (Cotton Rag Quilt-Rachel Maus)

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!

We are in need of baby quilts for the January delivery to Showers of Appreciation.

We are accepting "Winter" quilts and pillowcases for babies and children now through January.

Now is the time to get ready for our January meeting - Rachel Maus is going to share her "It Doesn't Matter" quilt pattern. From Rachel " Explanation of title: when I taught this pattern to my friendship group, they would ask a question and the answer was always, “It Doesn’t Matter.” So they always refer to this quilt by that name. Are you a quilter who has tons of scraps left over from years of quilting; a quilter who bought fabric that turned out to be not as great as you originally thought; or have leftover quilt blocks? Do you have scraps you can’t bear to throw away? At the end of a busy day would you like to work on a mindless, relaxing project where you don’t have to match points? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this is the quilt pattern for you. All you need to make this quilt is a pile of scraps and two square rulers of different sizes. I will have rulers that anyone can use and patterns. And fabric scraps." So gather your scraps and join us for some fun!



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# Philanthropy News Continued

Sew Day will have quilt and pillowcase kits, and batting. There will be irons, ironing boards, cutting boards, tables and chairs. Bring your sewing machine, extensions cords, sewing tools, and a lunch. Come for the whole day or just drop by!

There will be a slight change for our December Guild Meeting. We will ONLY be accepting completed items. We will not have any kits at the meeting so we can enjoy the festivities along with everyone else. We will NOT be accepting fabric donations at the Guild Meeting either. If you can deliver these to the Sew Day, December 2nd or contact me and we can set a date/time to get your donations.

Reminder: when you take a quilt kit; make the top, piece the backing if necessary with 1/2" seams, pressed open, (making sure you trimmed off the selvedge), make the binding. All of these things are in the kits you can pick up. If you're making them from your stash, finish your top, need batting, backing and binding, Let's get you to storage to get what you need and have batting cut at sew day. These can be turned in and we will find a quilter for them.

Philanthropy has many quilt patterns, easy for anyone to make including beginner quilters. This is a favorite -

Again a huge thank you to you all for all you do for Philanthropy!
Janice Trumbauer
Philanthropy Chair

# 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
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# Philanthropy Pattern

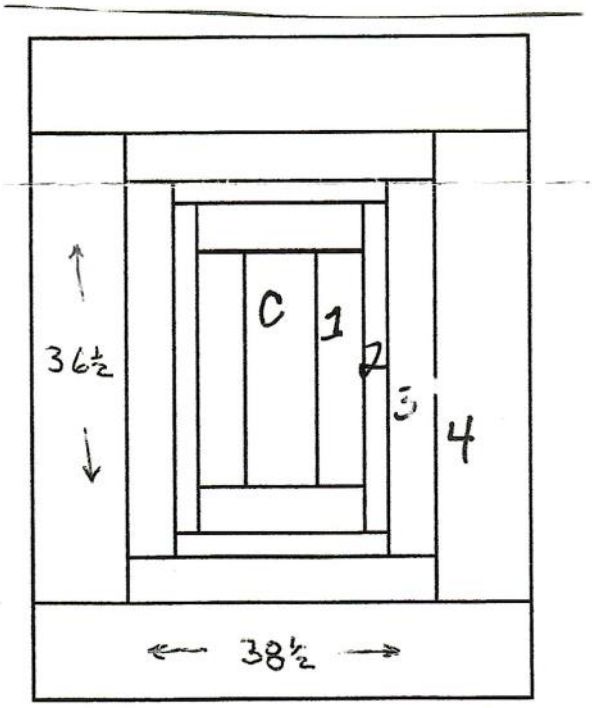
## THE LITTLE EASY

## 38"x 48"

**CUT:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Center Block: | 5 ½" X 16 ½" |
| First Border: | Cut 2 WOF by 4 ½" (Sub-cut 2 @ 16 ½" + cut 2 @ 13 ½") |
| Second Border: | Cut 3 WOF by 2 ½" (sub-cut 2 @ 24 ½" + cut 2 @ 17 ½") (you may only need 2 WOF) |
| Third Border: | Cut 3 WOF by 4 ½" (sub-cut 2 @ 28 ½" + cut 2 @ 25 ½") |
| Forth Border: | Cut 4 WOF by 6 ½" (sub-cut 2 @ 36 ½" + cut 2 @ 38 ½") |
| BINDING: | 5 strips cut 2 ½" (sew strips together on diagonal, press seams open, Carefully press strip in half. |
| BACKING: | 2 Yards |

Please piece backing and binding so this
Quilt is ready for machine quilting.
Thanks!



# 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, January 10, 2025 Workshop "Cluckers" with Charisma Horton. 10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center**

We're not supposed to count our chickens before they hatch, but in this fun workshop,
we'll be doing just that! Our guest teacher, Charisma, will teach us how to assemble adorable chickens using various shades of colorful fabrics and half square triangles. This project is very fat quarter friendly.
Part of the quilt pattern calls for paper piecing and Charisma will share her tips, tricks
and techniques to take the worry out of executing perfect points.

You may purchase her pattern on her Etsy page (@charismascorner) and once you register
for the class, you'll be given a discount code to purchase it.
Registration is open. Email Mary Kay Fitzpatrick or (click here) *to register online.
Workshop fee is $35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email as of
November 15 and the fee is $60.

**Friday, February14, 2025 Workshop "Mandala Kaleidoscope" with Kyra Reps 10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center**

Taking on the "Lions and tigers and bears, Oh my!", idea, Kyra will have us looking at using "Circles, triangles and shapes galore!". Here is your opportunity to explore a new process to create your unique and personal mandala.

This class is product specific to the APLIQUICK tools and method where you will learn how to use the APLIQUICK Rods, and APLIQUICK one sided fusible shapes to create perfectly turned edge applique resulting in a beautiful kaleidoscope mandala as unique as you are!
This will be done on a 42" X 42" background fabric. Your kit ($40) will include all your pre-cut APLIQUICK one sided fusible shapes and instructions.

# Upcoming Speakers – Beach Cities Quilters

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| January 2025 | Charisma Horton | https://charismascorner.com/ |
| February 2025 | Kyra Reps | https://quiltingtranquility.com/ |

# Workshops

Registration is open. Email Mary Kay Fitzpatrick or (click here) *to register online.
Workshop fee is $35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email as of December 15 and the fee is $60.

**$35 workshop fee**
**$40 kit- that includes all apliquick one sided fusible pre-cut shapes and instructions**
**$46 for necessary apliquick rods**
**$16 for 12-inch quarter circle stencil**
**$137 total**

**Friday, March, 14, 2025 Workshop "Inspired by Architecture" with David Owen Hastings**
**10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center**

David will guide you through a creative process for designing your own modern abstract quilt, taking inspiration from architectural photos to develop dynamic and unique designs. This workshop will offer quilt-as-you-go method by which you sew the top pieces, batting and backing simultaneously. It is very satisfying to accomplish this task. David will further guide you with machine quilting using your walking foot. Learn to connect multiple quilted units using a gusset join technique, then add a simple face binding to finish.
For class, choose 1 to 2 photos of a favorite building. A complete supply list will be sent to you.

Registration is open. Email Mary Kay Fitzpatrick or (click here) *to register online.
Workshop fee is $35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email as of January 10 and the fee is $60.

# Sunshine and Shadows

Sandy Corbin, a long time member of BCQG, is recovering from back surgery at home. She would love to receive text messages or cards. At this time she is not ready to received phone calls or visits.

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. Barb Gautner and Catherine Huebscher

# Friendship Circles

Has your Friendship Circle worked on a group project together? Have you joined a challenge together? If your group has news to share, or projects to support, please stop by the Friendship Circles table at any Guild meeting and fill us in on what your Friendship Circle has been working on so we can spread the news to other Guild members.

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# Block Party 2024-25

Sharon Farley and her team have assembled a new block of the month for you….

Instructions

These block are available on the BCQG website on the Block Party or get there directly by Clicking here—

BOM #1

BOM #2

BOM #3

# Quilters' Marketplace

- December

**December** will be a fun guild meeting therefore we will not be having fabric sales that evening. Please enjoy the holidays and we will come in strong in the New Year! 2025!

# Show and Tell

What a joy it is to share our quilting talents with one another For our December meeting, bring your favorite (just one please) holiday quilt or sewn item to share.

So we can read your notes, please print clearly and include the following: The Maker, Owner, Quilted By, Quilt Name/Pattern, and a Brief description.

Happy Holidays

Christi and Tami

# November Show and Tell

Barb Gauntner – Fall Foliage

Catherine Huebscher – Quilt your Life

Janet Cowart –
Dinosaurs in the cabin
Let's Read
Ducks Hockey Bibs

Mary Kay Fitzpatrick – I love bears

Val Hutchins

# October Show and Tell Continued

Patricia Pardoen – Pumpkin village

Judy Dimmick
Fall Stash Buster
Fly the Flag for Quilts of Valor

Joella Russert – Seasonal Trees

Holly Batterman – modern ½ square triangles

Jan Hirth – Scrapbaskets

Patrice Lambourne
Black and White
Oriana with Tula Fabric
Oriana with Batiks

# Classified Ads—For Sale by Quilter

Little Rebel and Cutie Breeze frame for sale - $2200. Comes with all items in picture, including Extension table, ruler base, ruler feet, Grace bungee clamps, instruction manuals, etc. Got it in May and used a few times last few months so still in wonderful condition – I even still have the Little Rebel box.

Please contact me at 949-633-7198 or cvalley@cox.net with any questions.

# Time to Renew

We are in our new membership year. Please plan to pay for membership renewal at the November meeting or pay a guest fee at the Welcome Table. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to renew! 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.**

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| Name | | | ☐ $40 New Member<br>☐ $40 Renewal<br>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.* | | | ☐ Check #_____<br>☐ Cash<br>Date _____ |
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- 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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