



Stitches in the Sand

December 2025

MEETING DATE: December 8th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

Programs

December Beach Cities Holiday Party,
December 11

- This year's holiday party will have something for everyone.
- Visit with friends and make some new ones. Remember to wear your name tag.
- Fabric sale!
- Wear your ugliest or prettiest holiday sweater, Santa hat, reindeer antlers or slippers!
- Holiday Treats and Hot Cocoa—See the Hospitality section on page 5
Last name ends with A-K bring a dessert.
Last name ends with L-Z bring an appetizer.
- Bring your favorite holiday quilt to show and share.
- If you would like to participate in a round of Left, Right, Center – a fun and simple dice game - bring a sewing notion, home-made craft, gift certificate or fabric bundles valued at around \$10 – more if you're feeling generous. Anyone can play and everyone wins!



Upcoming speakers:

January: Joe Cunningham, My Life in Quilts
February: Rob Appell, Quilts from the Sea and Beyond
March: Gyleen Fitzgerald

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.

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

From the President

Is it just me or did the holidays creep up on us suddenly? They seem to get here so much faster than they did when I was a child. Our annual holiday party is December 11, and you really don't want to miss it. Norah Dopudja is putting together a fantastic, fun program for us and Laurel Hathaway's hot cocoa bar promises to be delicious and beautiful. Though not mandatory, she'd appreciate it if several of us chipped in to help defray the cost.

No matter what you celebrate, I hope it's happy and healthy, surrounded by good friends and loved ones. I'm looking forward to a happy New Year and 2026's roster of guest speakers.

Laura Chambers
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Visions Museum of Textile Art



Did you know that our guild donated to the Visions Museum of Textile Art in San Diego? I didn't and was pleasantly surprised when we were invited to celebrate their 40th Anniversary a few days before Halloween (hence my witch fascinator.) They had a lovely spread of food and drink and they gave us a certificate of appreciation.

The Museum is located in Liberty Station in San Diego. It's a great place to visit that was a Naval Training Center for over 60 years until its 360 acres were converted into a vast development of art studios, restaurants and retail shops. It's a wonderful place to exhibit textile arts. The museum features unique quilts, wall hangings and wearable art. Check them out at <https://vmota.org> to see their upcoming exhibits.



Membership

Membership Renewal December 11 Deadline to be in printed roster

Annual Membership runs from October 1 through September 30. You have lots of options for ways to renew! If you aren't sure whether you have renewed, email me, Kathy Hutchins.

- 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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Our next sew day is December 1, 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. Set up starts at 9:00. Meeting starts at 10:00 or when ever you get there. Show and tell is at 11:00. We usually start cleaning up around 2:30. Helpers are always appreciated at set up and take down. At our December meeting Juan Garcia will have a teddy bear workshop. He suggested if you have pinking shears and a long sewing tweezers, bring them as they are helpful.

All Christmas quilts should be turned in by Dec. sew day.

Hospitality

Dear Friends,



This year our Christmas party will feature a special Hot Cocoa Bar decorated in the Christmas spirit with loads of fun toppings. Customize your Hot Cocoa with your favorites, such as whipped cream, marshmallows, chocolate chips, peppermint crunch, caramel, Christmas candy sprinkles, cinnamon and more! No need to bring your own mug this year, everything will be provided.

This year, as part of our tradition, we ask that each member bring a dish to share-either a family favorite or a store-bought item-sized to serve approximately 8-10 people. Please bring your dish on a disposable plate if possible. If not, clearly label the bottom of your dish with your name and phone number so it can be returned afterward.

If your last name begins with A-K, please bring a dessert.

If your last name begins with L-Z, please bring an appetizer.

If you would prefer to contribute \$5 toward the Hot Cocoa Bar instead of bringing a dish, please text me with your name to 760-473-9322. I am able to accept ten more contributions of \$5 each.

I look forward to sharing another wonderful Christmas celebration together.

Laurel Hathaway

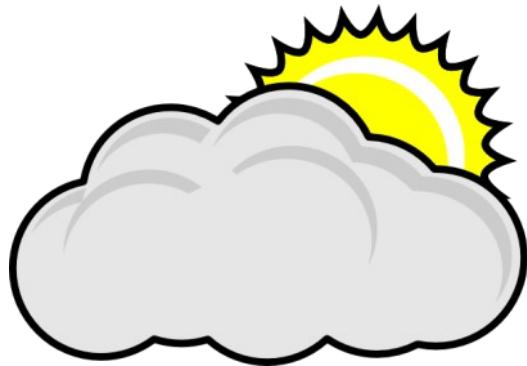
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Sunshine and Shadows



Longtime Guild member and dear friend Veronica Dibble has passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was very active in the Guild, both on the Board and in two friendship groups before moving to Arizona. She also worked at Material Possessions for several years and was an avid quilter, she loved making quilts with tiny pieces! Her Celebration of Life will be held in January. She will be missed.

Notes can be sent to her family at the following address:
Jim Dibble (and family)
1792 E. Savannah Bend
Lake Havasu, AZ 86404



Ways and Means

Ways and Means will be Open at the December Meeting

Bring your friends! We will be open for sales beginning at 5:30.

Only \$2.00 per yard !

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A HUGE Thank you to everyone who donates to Ways and Means

and makes this possible!

Quilt Show 2026

It is time to enter your quilt in the 2026 Quilt Show. We would love to showcase the talent of all of our BCQG members in the Quilt Show. Each member is encouraged to enter one quilt in the show. The quilt should be made by the BCQG member and completed within the last 2 years. Further instructions can be found on the Entry Form. See the “How to Enter your Quilt” steps listed below. All Entry Forms are due by January 8, 2026.

IF we have room to show additional quilts, we will be showcasing quilts made at workshops over the past 2 years (since the 2024 show). Please fill out a second entry form for one of your workshop quilts that you would like to display. Be aware that the workshop quilts will only be shown if we have enough wall space to hang them. Members' first entries will take priority as we curate the quilts for the show.

Please email Joella Russert with questions. joellar@cox.net

How to Enter your Quilt In the 2026 Quilt Show

(Due by January 8th, 2026)

1. Print out the Entry [Form](#)
2. Read all Instructions & Rules
3. Complete the Entry Form
 - Include a photo of your quilt
 - Sign the form
4. Return the form to Joella Russert
5. Ways to Return your Entry Form
 - Turn in paper copy at Guild Meeting
 - Mail paper copy to Joella
 - Email a pdf or jpg to Joella
 - Address information is on the Entry Form

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 a lot 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.

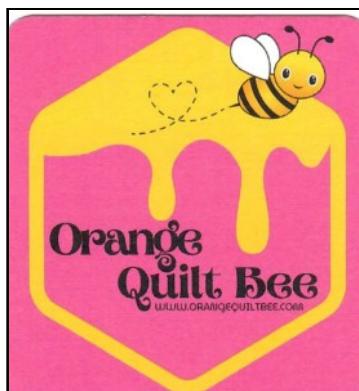
I spent time with Laurel, last year's boutique chair, and I have been invited to a few friendship groups to make items with you = LOVE this idea.

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

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

Quilt Show Opportunity Tickets

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE...all the way to the Opportunity Quilt ticket table to pick up your tickets. We encourage you to pick up a second set of tickets for free—you bring your money and any remaining tickets by April when you have sold them. During holiday gatherings, email your relatives and neighbors a photo of the quilt and ask how many they would like. (remember all the gift wrap jog-a-thons you have supported.) Together we can do this! If you have questions, call Elaine Pappas-Puckett or Janet Cowart.



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Workshops



Our November workshop was Pretty Pineapples with the fabulous Barb Vedder. Barb's method for pineapples produced beautiful and accurate pineapple blocks without needing any foundation or paper piecing.



Our January 9th, 2026 workshop is Rock the Block with the amazing Joe Cunningham.

Joe has been shaping the modern quilt world since 1979. A nationally known artist, speaker and instructor, his work has been featured on PBS's award-winning Craft in America, HGTV's Simply Quilts, and The Quilt Show with Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson. His quilts are in the permanent collections of the

DeYoung museum, The Shelburne Museum, The Newark Museum, The San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles and many private collections. He is the author of ten influential quilting books, including Men and the Art of Quiltmaking — the first of its kind — and Quilting with Style, considered a definitive guide to quilt marking. Joe has received prestigious grants and residencies, including a Shulte Grant from the Fort Mason Foundation, he has been an artist residency at the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco, and has studied with the Gees Bend quilters in Alabama. Joe lectures and teaches across the U.S. and online. We are very excited to have him teach his Rock the Block Album Style workshop for us on January 9, 2026. This is a machine sewing class and you will need 4 fabrics to create this amazing quilt. Sign up on the website, direct with Janet Crothers or at the workshops table at the next guild meeting. If you would like to join us for dinner with Joe before the guild meeting, RSVP with Norah at (949) 636-2790 no later than Wednesday January 7. Dinner will be at the California Pizza Kitchen on Marguerite Parkway at 4:45 pm. Please note there is no workshop in December.

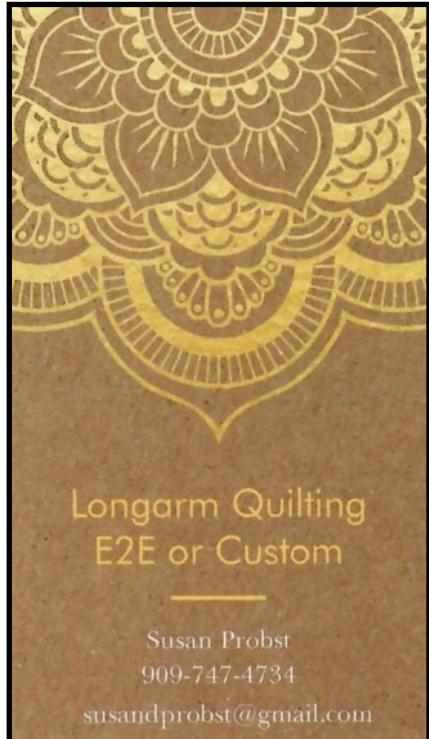
BCQG Workshops are generally held on the Friday after our monthly Thursday Guild meeting at the Norman P Murray Community Center in Mission Viejo. Registration fee is \$35 for members and non-members. (Non members can only sign up 30 days ahead.) (Annual BCQG membership is only \$40 and members sign up first.)



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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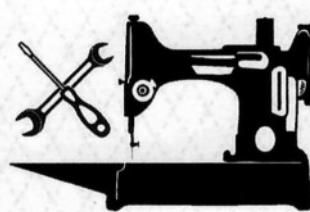


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Block Party

Block Party congratulates Andrea Lawson, the winner of the gift certificate for the Block Party grand Prize. Her quilt will be quilted and part of the block party parade at the January guild meeting.

To everyone who joined in to the "What's Old, Is New" sewing challenge, thank you.

Now it's time to finish them and show them off at the January guild meeting. If for some reason you are unable to attend let me know, I can arrange for someone to hold your quilt for you. Everyone will delight in your talent and effort this past year!

Mark your calendar January Guild meeting- now finish them up!

Btw. Go to <https://www.beachcitiesquilters.org/block-party.htm> and download your pattern for this years project.

You are designing and creating the neighborhood you dream of being in, surrounded by those you love, those who bring you joy, those who care and lend helping hands and those who inspire. Each house will tell stories. Can't wait to hear them. Bring your blocks to guild to show them off.

Orphan Block October summary: donated 21 items (3 were table runners and a couple of table toppers). Thank you for your orphan donations. I will delight in making something beautiful of them.

Block Party Notes for the Month:

1. Perfecting your 4 Patch skills
2. Making 4 blocks
3. Sub unit 1 measures 5.5 unfinished make 2
4. Sub unit 2 HSTs finish at 3 inches add corners make 2. instructions and photos are pretty straightforward for this month.

Contact me if you have questions

Sharon Farley, Block Party

Sharon@surfcitylocals.com

7143765072 text or call

Monthly Mini



Congratulations to Kathy Hutchins, winner of the fabulous quilt ladder crafted by Jim Peters. Thank you Jim!!!

Our next Monthly Mini Raffle will be in **January**. Don't miss the chance to win a lovely silk scarf hand dyed by Judi Nagel. Judy uses marbling on a water table to create these wonderful colors. The effect is amazing!!

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



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Things to Do

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**



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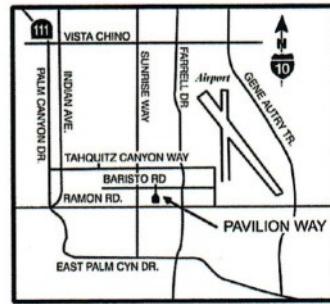
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Check Box to indicate that Beach Cities Quilters' Guild has permission to use your photo in hard copy and on-line publications. (for Example use of Show & Tell picture in the newsletter)

- 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

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