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Stitches in the Sand

January 2024

MEETING DATE: January 11th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

Programs

In the New Year, we will be welcoming **Diane Knott Vandiver** of Butterfly Threads Quilting.

Diane was born and raised in south Louisiana, graduated from college in NC and later became a flight attendant for American Airlines for 10 years. After living in NYC and San Juan, Puerto Rico, Diane got married in 1993 and moved to Georgia. In 1997 she had a baby girl and in 1998 she had identical twin boys and was a homeschooling mom to them for years. Diane lost that job when the kids went to public school 2011, so she decided to put my extra energy into quilting.

Diane made my first quilt in 1997 while expecting my first child. In 2012, and many quilts later, she created the online pattern company and website called Butterfly Threads Quilting to distinguish myself from the other Diane Knott (who is a talented fabric designer in the quilting industry.) Diane has published over a dozen patterns, created three templates, been featured in Quilt Magazine, Primitive Quilts and Patchwork, Fons and Porter Easy Quilts, and the American Patchwork and Quilting Calendar.

In addition to traveling and teaching from her two books published by C&T, Scrap Quilt Secrets and Strip Quilt Secrets, Diane enjoys making custom quilts for hire and longarm quilting for others. Now that her nest is empty of children, it is filled with fabric!

Join us for at 4:00 pm for "Dinner with the Speaker" at Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill located at 28016 Greenfield Drive, Laguna Niguel, CA. Please text your RSVP to Donna Wester 949 584-3210 by
Jan 9th.

Donna Wester
VP Programs

Upcoming Speakers:

February: Christa Watson

March: Maria Shell

April: Jennifer Sampou

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Or Members Only Group
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

Happy New Year 2024

"May this New Year be full of Adventure
Growth and Excitement !"

The December meeting was a fun and relaxing night with yummy food, beautiful quilts, and conversations with lots of friendly quilters!

January is filled with much excitement for the BCQG Quilt show April 26-27! We need all of our members to get involved to ensure that this is a Big Success ! There are so many ways to become part of this fundraiser which provides us with the financial means to hire fabulous speakers, and teachers for workshops and have a beautiful place to meet each month and so much more! Especially if you are new to the guild, this is an excellent way to get to know so many members and have lots of fun! One of the easiest ways to support the Quilt Show is to pick up your Opportunity tickets for the "Celebrate Color Quilt " and keep them for yourself or sell them to others! I have bought a lot of tickets and sure hope that I or someone who I gifted a ticket to wins that beautiful quilt ! Remember there is no Quilt Show without Quilts to view! I encourage everyone to enter a quilt in the show this year! Download the form today from the BCQG website and submit before the deadline date of January 11, 2024 !

Finally if you haven't renewed your membership please go online and renew today as I don't want you to miss out on this Fun and Exciting year!

Wishing all of you a very Happy New Year filled with lots of time for Quilting!

Margie Bushaw
President 2023-2024

Photos from the December Meeting

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Quilt Show—Celebrate Color

A PRIZE AWAITS YOU…YES, YOU!!!

We are asking everyone to buy/sell one more bundle of 42 opportunity quilt tickets. The enormously talented Jan Hirth will be appliquéing a special pillow for this contest. When you pick up your second set of tickets, you can enter your name for a special drawing for this prize. This drawing will take place at the April Guild meeting after the break. There will also be a prize for the person who sells the most tickets.
We truly need every single person to buy at least one bundle and want to reward those of you who purchase/ sell two. Opportunity quilt ticket sales are the single biggest fundraiser the Guild has for two years. It is important to do this.

May I suggest that you sell tickets to non-guild members? I know you are laughing but email is your best friend. Email your book club, bible study, pilates class, and any other group you belong to asking them to buy tickets whether it is for $1, $5 or more. Neighbors and adult children should also be included and asked.
If you are unable to attend the next meeting, contact Elaine Pappas-Puckett who will put your name and phone # on the tickets. Include a note that tells how many tickets go into the Opportunity Quilt box and how many into the Treasure Box of Fabric. She is in the directory. Payment accepted is cash, check or credit card.

2024 QUILT SHOW - CELEBRATE COLOR

We hope everybody had a wonderful holiday and is ready to gear up for our upcoming Quilt Show. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Friday April 26th – Preview Night ($25) from 5:30pm to 8pm

- View the quilt exhibit and shop vendors without a crowd
- Participate in our fun Wine Pull
- Includes a light dinner and Saturday admission

Saturday, April 27th – Quilt Show ($10) from 10am to 5pm

- View the quilt exhibit
- Shop our vendors and Boutique
- Try to win some Raffle Baskets
- Bid on Silent Auction items
- Quilt Auction starting at 2pm
- Opportunity Quilt drawing
- Catered lunch available

YOUR ENTRY FORM IS DUE JANUARY 11th Entry forms are available on the website. We will have forms at the Quilt Show table at the Guild meeting but be sure to bring a picture of your quilt and samples of the fabric if you intend to fill out the form at the meeting. If you will not be at the January meeting you can mail your completed form to the address on the back of the form. You have until April to finish your quilt, but entry forms must be completed and turned in no later than 7pm on January 11th.

QUILT CARD PHOTOS: If you have submitted a quilt to be exhibited at the show, we need your photo for the quilt card displayed with your quilt. Photos will be taken at the January Guild Meeting. Instructions will be forthcoming for anyone who is unable to attend the meeting. Contact is Valerie Hutchins.

ADMISSIONS: We will begin sales of admission wristbands at our January meeting. Deadline to purchase Preview Night wristbands and to pre-order the Saturday meal is April 11th. Contacts are Anne Tracy and Marsha Burns.

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Quilt Show—Celebrate Color

CATERING:

A light dinner will be included with your Preview Night admission. You must have a wristband to receive a meal.

Jay's catering will provide the following menu:

- Choice of a turkey sandwich on Jay's Famous Baked Cheese roll, or a vegetarian Palm Sandwich (with lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, avocado, artichoke hearts, mixed greens, red onion, and pepperoncini)
- Fruit salad (cantaloupe, honeydew, pineapple, grapes, tangerines, and blueberries tossed with agave nectar)
- Caprese skewer with pesto drizzled with aged balsamic and olive oil
- Cobbler bars
- Water and 2 glasses of wine

Saturday's lunch menu will be available at the guild meeting. We encourage you to pre-order your Saturday meal. You must turn in a check with your order form. Contact is Julia Renaud.

VOLUNTEER: We will begin volunteer signups at the January Guild meeting to help set up and work the Quilt Show. There will be many opportunities in different areas so be sure to sign up early to get your favorite spot and time! Contacts are Diana Jacobs and Barb Gauntner.

We need volunteers to travel to other guild meetings with the Opportunity Quilt. You can sign up at the Guild meeting or contact Patricia Pardoen, Carol Gobrogge or Kelly Counseller. Even more dates are coming!

Tuesday 1/9/24	Valley of the Mist – Temecula (evening)
Monday 1/15/24	Canyon Quilters – San Diego (evening)
Friday 1/26/24	Citrus Belt – Riverside (morning)
Tuesday 2/20/24	South Bay – Torrance (evening)
Thursday, 3/28/24	Night Owls – Upland (evening)
Tuesday 4/9/24	Surfside – San Clemente (morning)
Monday, 4/15/24	Friendship Square – La Habra (evening)
Monday, 4/22/24	North Cities – Placentia (evening)

DONATE AT THE JANUARY GUILD MEETING:

- WINE PULL – We would like donations of red or white wine valued at $15 or more. On Preview Night, each bottle will be wrapped and for $10 guests can take home a "mystery" bottle of wine valued at over $15. Contact is Debra Halverstadt.
- BOUTIQUE – Donations have started rolling in and we are so excited with the creations from our generous members. We welcome all handmade items. Check out the Boutique table at the guild meetings and Philanthropy Sew Days for new and creative ideas of items to make. Contact is Laurel Hathaway.
- RAFFLE BASKETS – We appreciate complete raffle baskets fully wrapped but are also happy to accept loose items with which we can create baskets ourselves. We are also collecting gift cards of any type and denomination for our traditional gift card tree. Contact is Coleen Gormly.
- SILENT AUCTION – Donations of larger, higher value or unusual items could be appropriate for our Silent Auction. Items such as sewing machines, larger quilt kits, antique quilts, etc. Contact is Janet Crothers.

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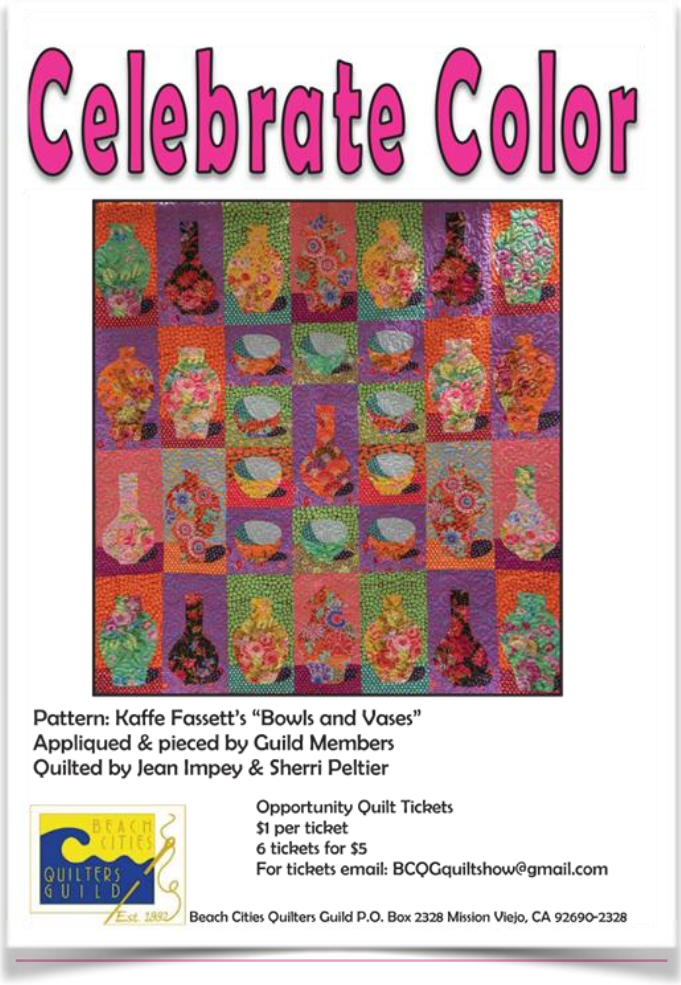
Quilt Show—Celebrate Color

- QUILT AUCTION – We would love one of your beautiful quilts for the auction, any size, traditional or modern! For planning purposes, we would greatly appreciate if you could let us know what you are planning to donate. Please contact Julie Greenspan or Jennifer Morgan with details.

We need your help and appreciate your support. We can't do this without you!

Check out the FAQ section of the QUILT SHOW page on the BCQG website for even more information.

If you have any questions or comments, please visit our table at the Guild meetings or contact one of our Co-Chairs, Karen Brewin or Margaret Gordon.



Hospitality News

THANK YOU to everyone who brought sweets and savories last month, you made the Holiday Party a success!

NEWS FLASH !!! Beginning this month, ANYONE and EVERYONE is welcome (and encouraged) to bring refreshments to the meeting, no longer just the birthday month people. Are you testing a new recipe? Test on us! Do you have leftover cookies? Bring them!

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Quilters' Marketplace

(Previously known as the Fabric/Rummage Sale)

- January Focus
- Organizing Tips
- 2024

January:

We have received so many donations this past month! Many thanks to those who have been so kind to part with their wonderful fabrics. We have out grown our storage unit and will bring as much as we can to the meeting in January. Mark your calendar for Jan. 11th, glance at your quilt patterns and goals for this next year, and come fill your project list with amazing fabrics at only $2 per yard!

If I stitch fast enough, does it count as aerobic exercise?

Organizing Tips:

Here are some useful tips she on organizing your fabric by Melissa Mortenson, the Polka Dot Chair: Please enjoy the article in full on her website. https://www.polkadotchair.com/how-to-organize-fabric/

- Use quilt rulers to fold the fabric so that it is all the same size.
- Organize it by color, not the designer.
- There are a few fabrics are better stored elsewhere. Keep a separate area for large-scale novelty prints, stripes, and basics. Easy to grab and go.
- Keep Christmas, Holiday, Halloween fabrics separate from the rest the stash, folded into labeled storage containers. Also, keep fabric scraps in Ziploc bags with the fabrics.
- Fold new fabric and sort it as soon as you get it. Also try to refold what you don't use after each project.
- And any unwanted fabric, please donate to our guild and it will bring in revenue for our philanthropies!

Nancy's Notions has great info and there are so many wonderful tips and tricks online to find what works for you. https://nancysnotions.com/fabric-storage-101-tips-for-organizing-your-quilt-stash/

2024:

The Quilters' Marketplace will be back in business in January! Be sure to stop by and say hello. May your machine keep on stitching, your scissors stay sharp, and may you always have thread in your bobbin. Looking forward to another productive creative year! Please share what a wonderful guild we have. Bring your friends in 2024! Happy New Year Quilters!

Creating your world colorful,

Patti, Donna, and Elaine

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 for workshop.) 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.
You will receive an email reminder with supply list 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.

January Workshop – Under the Mistletoe with Diane Knott
Friday, January 12th 10AM-4PM
Norman P Murray Community Center, Juniper Room

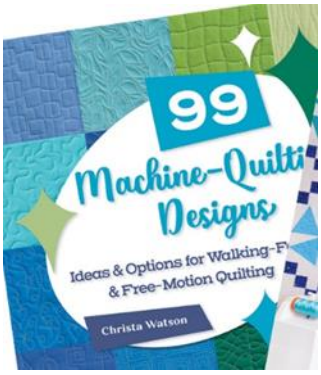
Diane's approach to strip quilting promises that you will learn tips for cutting, storing, and piecing fabric strips in a variety of widths. By the end of the process, you will have turned precut strips, sliced yardage and selvages into innovative strip-quilt projects. The pattern will be needed for the class. You may purchase it for $10 on her website.

More information about Diane is available on her website http://www.butterflythreadsquilting.com/

February Workshop – *Machine Quilting: Walking Foot and Free Motion* with Christa Watson

Friday, February 9th from 10 am-4 pm in the Juniper Room and Norman P Murray Community Center

Take your quilt to the next level by adding depth and dimension to your designs, using your domestic sewing machine. The secret to success here is the willingness to let go of perfection, creating asymmetrical and free-form designs that create pleasing textures to your quilt. This technique requires minimal marking of the quilt. You will practice free-motion quilting and walking foot (or dual feed) techniques. Prepare for class by sandwiching and pre-basting leftover blocks or scrappy blocks made from your scraps. The class requires purchase of Christa's book, ***99 Machine Quilting Designs***, ($29) available for purchase ahead of time at shop.ChristaQuilts.com



This Workshop is full. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please text or email Mary Kay Fitzpatrick.

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Workshops

March 15, 2024 Workshop – Game of Improv with Maria Shell
10 AM – 4 PM at the Norman Murray Center, Juniper Room

Roll the dice, spin the wheel, pick your category. This workshop is a full exploration of letting go of expectations and embracing the unknown. Improv piecing is a method of creating that involves work, chance, technique, exploration, and tenacity. We are going to explore all of these things within the perimeters of a game.

Maria's book, *Improv Patchwork: Dynamic Quilts Made with Line & Shape*, is on her supply list and available through her website or on Amazon. See her website, www.mariashell.com, to learn more about Maria and her projects.

2023-24 Workshop Schedule

Date	Instructor	Workshop Location
1/12/2024	Diane Knott	Norman Murray
2/9/2024	Christa Watson	Norman Murray
3/15/2024	Maria Shell	Norman Murray
4/12/2024	Jennifer Sampou	**Laguna Hills CC**
5/10/2024	Cindy Lobec	Norman Murray
6/14/2024	Jack Edson	Norman Murray
7/12/2024	Jean Impey	Norman Murray
9/13/2024	Arlene Arnold	Norman Murray

Upcoming Speakers – Beach Cities Quilters

January 2024	Diane Vandiver	www.butterflythreadsquilting.com
February 2024	Christa Watson	christaquilts.com
March 2024	Maria Shell	mariashell.com
April 2024	Jennifer Sampou	jennifersampou.com

Philanthropy News

Thank you so much for answering the call for baby quilts. Anne Hicks was amazed at the number of quilts turned in. We are in good shape for the Showers of Appreciation in January.

November was a great month! We delivered 52 adult quilts, 31 children/teen quilts, 15 NICU blankets, 10 fleece blankets and 75 pillowcases!

The January Sew Day will be moved back one week due to the holiday. So we will meet Monday, January 8th.
10 AM - 3 PM
Presbyterian Church Of The Master s
26051 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo, CA 92692
Corner of Oso and Marguerite

February 5th
March 4th
April 1st - that's no April fool!!

Sew Day will have quilt, pillowcase and NICU kits, and batting. Show and Tell starts at 11! Join in the fun! 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!

Helpers are always appreciated at Sew Day especially with set up and take down.

We are still looking for lumbar pillows for Veterans. They are cut at 13 1/2 by 6 1/2, stitched at 1/4" finished at 13 x 6. Any fabric can be used and we will stuff them for you. Bring yours to sew day.

If you're looking for ways to finish those quilt kits you take, and you only have your domestic machine to use. Join us March 4th at sew day. Rachel Maus will be showing you how easy it is to straight line quilt those baby quilts. Bring your quilt already sandwiched and your machine and you'll be done in no time.

Happy Stitching
Janice Trumbauer
Philanthropy Chair

Monthly Mini

This month's mini is from the fabulous Liz Pickering. This Tea Cup Table Runner could you be yours! It only takes one ticket to win. See Carrie at the monthly mini table at the guild meeting.

Sunshine & Shadows

Sunshine

Exciting news!!! Karen Brewin received an early Christmas present with the early arrival of her granddaughter - Sunny Brewin Gonzalez. Mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations Karen!!!

Shadows

Cathy Urratio's mom, Pauline Hurley, passed away in November. Pauline lived to be 105 years old. She was a feisty tiny Italian lady who wore her makeup every day and made sure her hair and nails were always done. She was one of 6 children and a proud WWII Veteran. She married after the war, had 7 children, worked and stayed active in the church, schools and multiple women's groups. Pauline was a breast cancer survivor. Although she didn't teach Cathy to sew, she gave Cathy her first Kenmore sewing machine as a graduation present from 8th grade (Circa 1972). If you asked Pauline for her "secret" for living so long, she'd say, "Stay Involved. Don't Overindulge. Pray Often"
Our thoughts are with Cathy and her family.

Please contact Debra Halverstadt with any questions or to report other guild Sunshine and Shadows.

The only source for gathering information is through you. If you have something you would like to include 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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Block Party

Block Party: December 2023

We're on to block #2. This is a simple A-Frame for the busy month of December. The block will finish at 10.5" x 14.5" which allows for quarter inch sewing when connecting later.

Block #2: A-Frame Birdhouse

BACKGROUND PIECES - C and D

C – make 2 with paper template attached. Make with fabric right sides together

D – make two 5x5 squares (these will be a tad bigger than needed and will be cut to correct size when squaring up at the end of the project)

TREE EDGING - B – use template to make 2 by putting fabric right sides together

TREE BOTTOM EDGE – F 10.5" x 1.25" rectangle

TREE – A - use template on fold of fabric to create one tree

TREE POST - E - 2" by 5" rectangle

STEP ONE – cut out template shapes on the dotted line. Watch for fold lines that will be placed on a fold of fabric to minimize piecing. The solid line is your sewing line.

STEP TWO – Iron and then....

Connect tree center A to tree edges B. Your edge point will go to the point of the tree. Don't worry. It will look cattywampus but will end up straight when ironing flat. Sew both side edges.

STEP THREE – Connect the two corner side pieces C. Iron seams open.

STEP FOUR – Connect skinny rectangle edge F to bottom of tree.

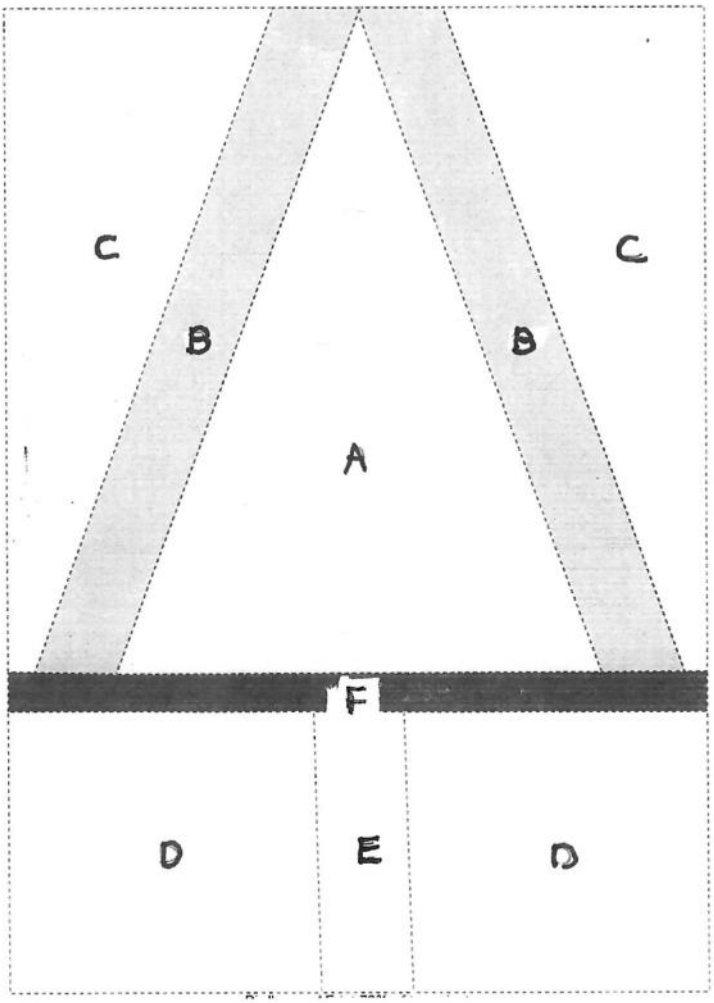
STEP FIVE – Connect the two D background pieces to the E post piece. Iron seams.

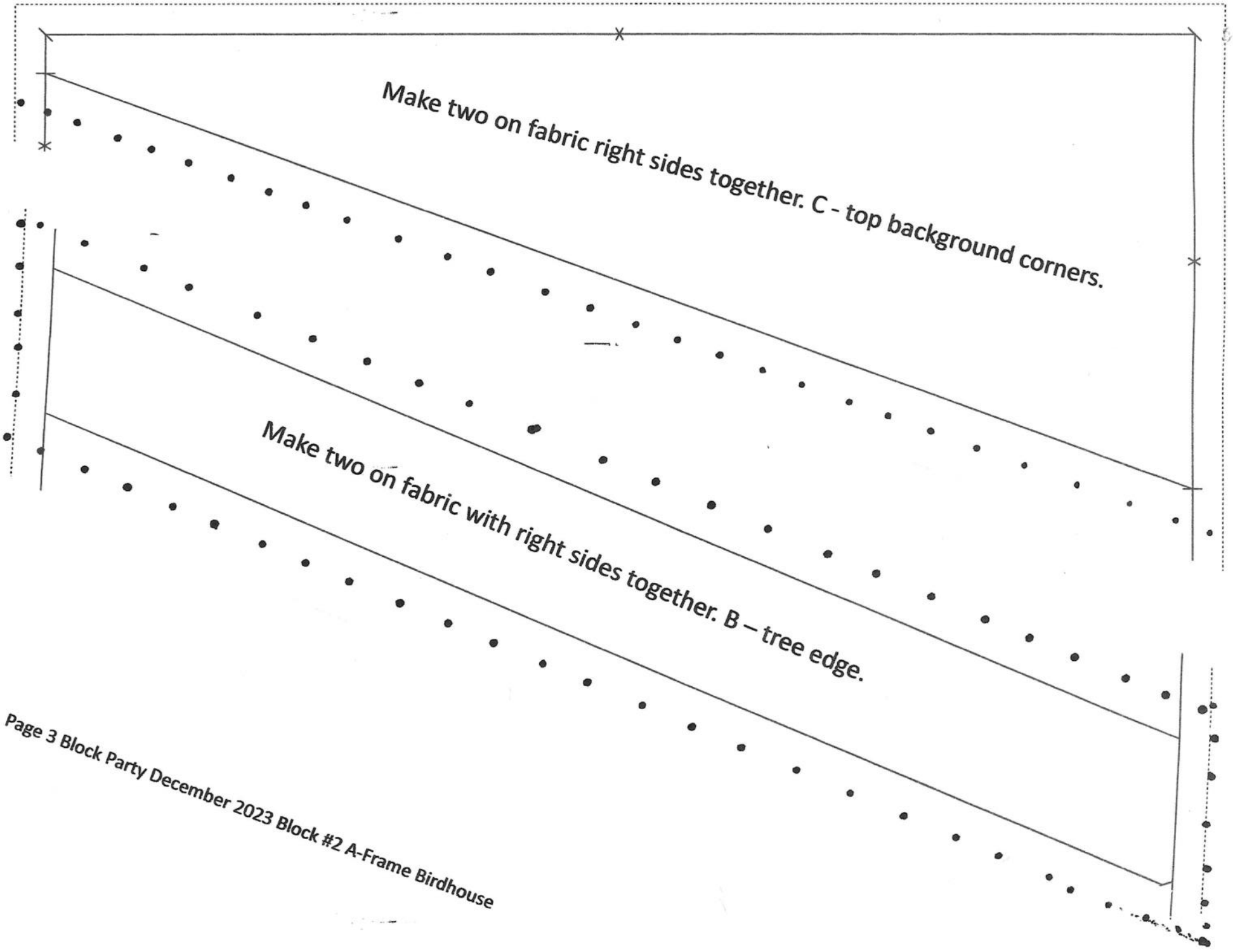
STEP SIX – Connect the finished bottom to the finished top and square your block to measure 10.5" x 14.5"

Wha-Laa. Treehouse #2 is finished. Need help? Have a question?

Call Pat Ballard 949-636-0151

Place edge on fold to make tree A




Make two on fabric right sides together. C - top background corners.
Make two on fabric with right sides together. B – tree edge.

Show and Tell

The beautiful holiday season has come to an end and we're all looking forward to 2024! Especially getting to all those quilts that are on our to do list.

What have you completed lately? What cozy winter quilts do you have to share? Have you completed your quilt for our upcoming quilt show? Or maybe you received a quilty gift?

We would all love to see whatever you have. It inspires all of us to get to work and complete our own projects.

We hope you'll bring any completed tops or finished quilts or other quilty projects to share. We have forms at the table for you to fill out, or even better, bring your info already typed up and ready to go. Please limit it to 5 sentences or less. We can't wait to see it all!

Happy New Year!
Polly, Lupe & France

1. Chrissie Down Under - Patricia Pardon
2. Wreath- Patricia Pardon
3. Christmas Tree - Barb Gaunter
4. Jillily Pattern - Barb Gaunter

Show and Tell

5. The Ole' Hockey Game - Terri Longley
6. Quilt to Honor Dr. Cheng - Charlene Lin
7. Anne Hicks
8. Christmas Lights - Crystal Anderson-Cunanan
9. Vintage Quilt - Sharon Farley

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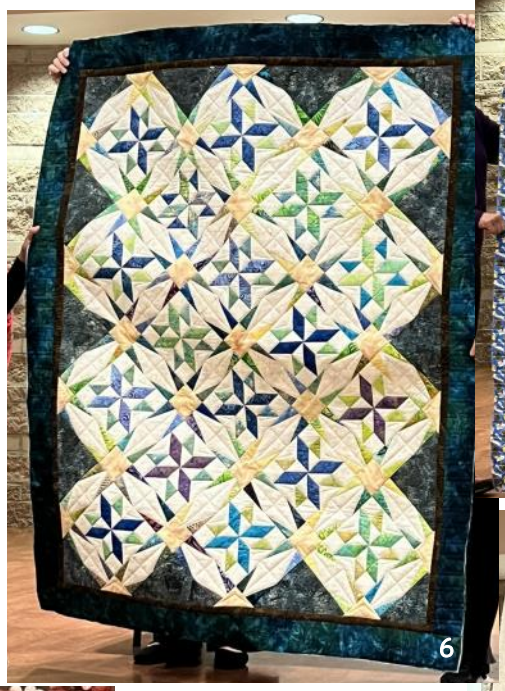
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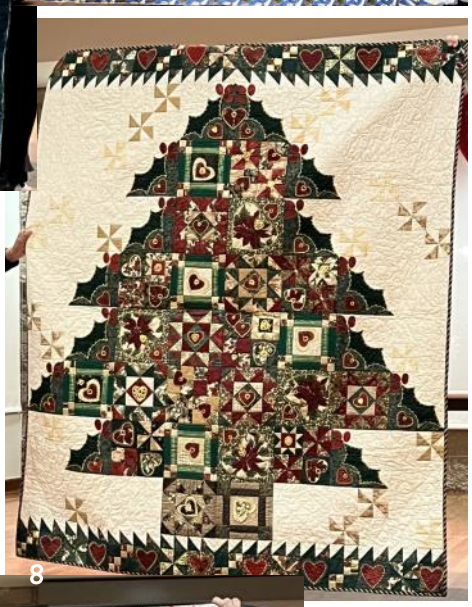
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Show and Tell (Continued)

10. Moda Blockheads - Christi Valley
11. Janet Cook for Wendy Price
12. Barb Robison - Ring Around the Posies
13. Judy Bethe - Candlelight Pattern
14. Midge Kincaid - More of My Favorite Things
15. Jean Impey
16. Susan Probst - Crazy Christmas Trees
17. Mary Artnz - Xmas Fun
18. Helene Born - A New Start on a Snowflake

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Time To Renew!

To join the guild please print, complete and bring this form to the next meeting. You can also 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.*			☐ Check #_____ ☐ Cash Date _____
Address			
City	State	Zip	
E-Mail Address			
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.**