



# Stitches in the Sand

## January 2026

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

## Programs

### Our Guest Speaker: Joe Cunningham

Our speaker for January 2026 is 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.

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. Dinner will be at the California Pizza Kitchen on Marguerite Parkway at 4:45 pm.

### 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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*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](mailto:beachcitiesqg@gmail.com)

## From the President

2026! A new year and time to make resolutions. It's best not to give yourself too many unreal expectations, though. In the past, I've vowed to lose weight, exercise more, eat healthfully and on and on and I've accomplished a few with limited success. What I will try to do is finish one UFO per month- that means 12 out of about 50! I'm going to have to live to a very old age just to finish all the projects I've started.

We have an incredibly talented group of quilters in this guild who bring their projects to meetings to be shown on stage during our "show and tell" portion. It usually takes 10-15 minutes, so I hope one of your New Year's resolutions will be to stick around and give them the attention their creations deserve instead.

January's speaker, Joe Cunningham, is world renowned and his lecture and workshop should be fascinating.

In case you're new to the guild or you just need a refresher on what happens during our meetings, here's the *approximate* schedule:

5:30-6:15- Rummage Sale and Hospitality set up. This isn't time for early shoppers.

6:15-7:00 PM- Social time and Rummage Sale where there's lots of beautiful fabric for purchase at very reasonable rates.

7:00 – 7:20 PM- Meeting is called to order and we deal with guild business.

7:20-8:10 PM- Guest speakers lecture about their quilting journey. Some bring products to sell at the end of their lecture.

8:10-8:25 PM- 15-minute break PLEASE DON'T LEAVE THEN IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

8:25- 8:45 PM- Show and Tell- Guild members display their handiwork. It's always fun and inspiring to see what everyone is working on.

8:45-8:55 PM- Monthly mini drawing and every quarter, door prize drawing

9:00 PM- Meeting adjourns.

Laura Chambers  
2025-26 President



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## December Meeting Photos



# Membership

## Membership Renewal January 8 Deadline to be in printed roster

We've extended the deadline for your name to be in the printed roster. The deadline is now January 8 and that deadline is firm!

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.
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Please join us for our next sew day to be held on Jan 5. We meet at Presbyterian Church of the Masters. 26051 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo, 92692. (Corner of Oso and Marguerite park in lot closest to Oso). Set up starts at 9:00. Meeting at 10:00 (or when ever you get there). Show and tell is at 11:00. We usually start cleanup around 2:30. Helpers are always appreciated for setup and take down. Irons, ironing boards, cutting matts, rulers and cutters are provided. We also have kits for quilts, NICU blankets and pillow cases to be worked on. Batting is provided for quilts to be donated to Philanthropy.

At the January meeting we will have a demo to make a Bowl Cozy using a Accuquilt GO cutting machine. There will be fabric and wrap-n-zap for you to sew after the demo. Please be sure to have 100% cotton thread to use. If you use our supplies we ask that you donate the finished bowl cozy to the boutique. You are welcome to bring your own fabric and batting to cut on the machine and sew up for yourself. You will need: 2 - 9 1/2 " squares of 100% cotton fabric, 2 9 1/2" squares of 100% cotton batting , 100% cotton thread. **WARNING:** Anything other than 100% cotton can catch fire in the microwave. Do not use insulated batting or batting with scrim.

## Ways and Means

### Ways and Means

Wow! We sold a lot of fabric last month! **THANK YOU!!**

However .....

Believe it or not, we are running low on fabric.

A whole lot more is going out than coming in.

If you are thinning out your stash,

Ways and Means can use it!

Is it too much for you to bring in? Julie and Marti will gladly come to you.

Thank you!

Julie Kemmerer (949) 813-5986 and Marti Ryncarz (908) 229-2136

# 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](mailto: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

We are getting closer to our exciting quilt show and boutique. I've enjoyed talking to many of you and excited to see what items will be turned in the next few months. Remember - it can also be a non quilting item - there are lots of hobbies out there and its time for yours to shine. Fun art, wood working, embroidery, painted items, etc.

Christi Valley, Boutique Chair

## Quilt Show Opportunity Tickets

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION... save more money to support BCQG! One way to save money but help the Guild is to pick up an extra bundle of OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKETS to sell to family and friends. You are not required to pay in advance for these tickets. After you have sold your second bundle (even if you haven't sold them all) bring money, ticket stubs, and any leftover tickets to our table so we can include you in the prize drawing. Just a reminder...all Guild members are obligated to purchase one bundle for \$35. Call Elaine Pappas-Puckett or Janet Cowart with questions.



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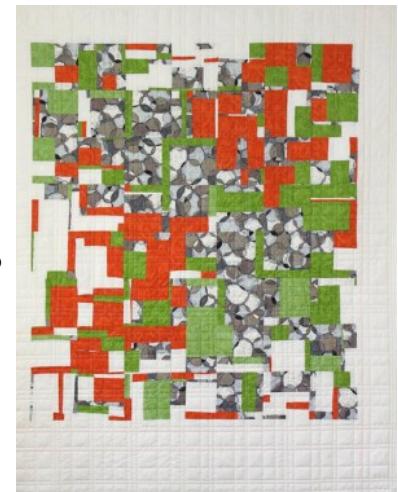
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# Workshops

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 and non-members. (Non members can only sign up 30 days ahead.) (Annual BCQG membership is only \$40 and members sign up first.)

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

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.



**February 13th, 2026** Workshop Rob Appell - Double Tumbler Rob Appell is one of California's most recognizable quilting personalities—a dynamic textile artist, designer, and educator whose bold creative energy has inspired makers around the world. Known for his distinctive machine-quilted art, Rob infuses every piece with a sense of motion and artistic freedom. His work frequently celebrates nature and wildlife, reflecting his deep advocacy for conservation .

Growing up in California, Rob was surrounded by needle arts from an early age. While he is celebrated for his exceptional machine-quilted creations, Rob's talents extend far beyond quilting. He expresses his creativity through embroidery, knitting, woodworking, and pen-and-ink.

Rob is a natural teacher, with a gift for making every student feel capable, confident, and excited to create. His highly successful YouTube channel, **Man Sewing**, has earned a loyal following thanks to Rob's energetic teaching style, clear instruction, and infectious enthusiasm for all things quilting and sewing.

As a designer, Rob has collaborated with major fabric companies such as Free Spirit and Benartex. He is also the inventor of the innovative **Shark Applicutter**, a specialty quilting tool.

Whether he's designing fabric, crafting unique artwork, or sharing his talents with audiences around the world, Rob Appell continues to elevate the quilting community with creativity, heart, and an unmistakable passion for the craft.



# Monthly Mini

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!!

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## Block Party

Reminder: bring your sampler from last year block party to Jan 8 guild meeting and strut your stuff!

January 2026 takes us to the bow tie block we learned last year (page 7/8) of our pattern. Some sew and flip corners. I don't have any suggestions regarding instructions; it is pretty straight forward. When assembled, it should measure raw edge to raw edge (unfinished) 10.5 inches.

I hope as you construct this block/ house you are thinking of who occupies this house in your "neighborhood".

### Orphan Block Challenge 2026

The new year comes with recited commitments of "this year I will do . . ."

If you have orphan blocks or projects that linger in your space waiting for "SOMEDAY", the time has come. Bag them up, bring them to guild or sew day, or give me a call for pickup. I delight in finishing up projects. And.... Our Philanthropy recipients thank you.

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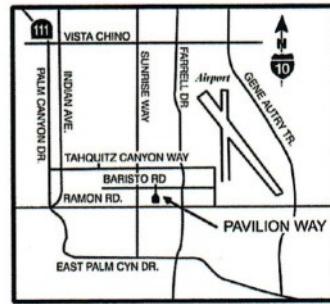
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The information you provide will be used in the Beach Cities Guild directory. A completed membership application must be submitted no later than the December general meeting to be included in the directory for the current membership year. The directory 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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