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Stitches in the Sand

February 2021

MEETING DATE: Zoom meeting in February due to COVID 19. See below

Programs

Meet our Speaker Carmen Geddes!

Our virtual February speaker is Carmen Geddes. Carmen was raised in a big family of 17 kids- 10 girls and 7 boys, which is why her business name is Tensisters Handicraft! From an early age she was taught to quilt by her mother and sisters. She has had a children's clothing business in Seattle, was a freelance educator for Viking and Pfaff for 15 years, is an award winning longarm quilter, and was named HMQS Teacher of the Year in 2013.

Something she often says in class is, "If it looks HARD, but is actually really EASY then that is my style!" Her classes focus on quilting techniques-- skill building and confidence building. She loves the traditional quilt patterns of days past, but loves new, easy techniques to make the process fun, faster, and successful. She has developed the Tensisters Piping Tool and the Tensisters Easy Piecing Grid with its companion book, "Ten Quilts for Ten Sisters". Although her favorite work is to be in the classroom teaching quilting techniques, her real love is her family of five kids, their spouses, her ten grand kids, and her husband of 36 years, Patrick. Our President, Wendy Price knows her and says she is truly delightful, so we hope you'll join us for what is sure to be a fun evening! Check out her website, tensisters.com to see some of her work.

Please join us as early as 6 PM on February 11th to chat with other members. The meeting will start at 7 PM. Feel free to share the Zoom link with friends who might be interested! The Zoom invitation is below. — Jennifer Morgan

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Upcoming Speakers:

March: Susan Cleveland

April: Members Showcase

May: Janis Rivera

June: Linda Sullivan

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

From the President

Yay! We picked a winner and the Treasure Chest of Batiks goes to Marilyn Hamilton! Congratulations to you and a big thank you for supporting our Guild and purchasing so many tickets.

Also, a big thank you to Margaret Gordon and Barb Gauntner who made it possible for me to recreate the tickets that I mistakenly combined with the Opportunity Quilt tickets. You both saved me the day.

Our speaker Elizabeth was great and really reflected the heart of our Guild.

Speaking of hearts, and looking forward to February we have a really fun speaker that I hope you will all enjoy.

Send a Valentine and bring your heart to the Zoom meeting, remember we are all in this life together.

- Wendy Price

Membership

Reminder: It is time to renew your membership, you can renew your membership or join our Guild by sending the completed membership form (available on our website or on the final page of this newsletter) along with your $40 check to:

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Please contact Barbara Robison if you have any questions.

Internet

There are many irons in the Internet fire, first we are working on a new website, many thanks to Carrie Donohoe, who has spearheaded getting the site up. We have most of the content running, but please bear with us as we tweak the colors and formatting.

The next iron is the Sew and Share, our next session is Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 10am to 2pm, yes 4 hours, woohoo!! We will schedule these events the last Saturday of every month going forward, even after we return to normal. Let's see if it remains popular. We will post the link to the event page on the BCQG Members Facebook Page, and we will send the link on the weekly email just before the event. Although we advertise this as a members only event, we are open to considering guests on a case by case basis, contact Liz Pickering or Jennie Fuller.

I am pleased to report that the BCQG Members Facebook page is doing very well, I am very happy that Jennie and I are not the only ones posting!! I loved Carol Silver's post asking us to share how we started quilting. And, of course, if you want to see Juan using his famous electric rotary cutter, that is one of the threads on that page. I challenge everyone currently on the page to post something - a photo, a question, a revelation, another challenge! - this month. It is amazing how one little post will start a loooong thread of thoughts, comments, and ideas.

We have made one change with the new website, the Zoom link to the monthly Guild meeting is no longer on the home page. However, we do want to encourage folks to come on, so we will send the link on every newsletter, and we will also send it on the weekly email just before the meeting, Often, I send a snippet right before the meeting, so there are multiple ways to get the link. Please feel free to share the link with friends, neighbors, anyone you think might like to join us. It would be helpful to know who they are, so we can greet them when they come in.

Looking forward to a more connected 2021!!

Liz Pickering Carrie Donohoe Jennie Fuller

P.S.
If you need to reach a board member or have a question please email beachcitiesqg@gmail.com and we will forward the email to the appropriate person.

Quilt Show Update

Happy February All,

Update! Due to the Covid-19 situation, the Spring Event will be moved to the Fall in 2021. We are *now* working on a terrific event that will be different from what was previously planned. The Fall Event will be a fundraiser-focused day at the Norman P. Murray Center that will raise money for our Guild's necessary expenses through the fall 2021 (and hopefully beyond if possible.) Quilt entries will not be part of this event, but rather we will focus on the Quilt Auction, Opportunity Baskets, Boutique. It will also have a fantastic Philanthropy display, along with our Past Presidents' Quilts. We want to tell the story of who we are as a Guild, to friends and guests, and why the raised funds are so important, such as supporting Philanthropy's needs, etc. More details are in the making!

Committee Members: Every Quilt Show Committee member is still needed in some capacity for the new event and more details will be shared in the coming months. If you would like to be a part of this fun group, please contact me. We would be happy to have you.

How can you help? Three ways:

Please keep creating lovely items that can be sold in the **Boutique** to help raise funds the Guild. This includes sewing and non-sewing related things. Think of what you like to shop for at a boutique! The event will be held before the October-November-December holidays, so there are lots of possibilities. If you have questions, please contact Wendy Price wendy@pricepowell.com, or Mary Arntz denarntz@flash.net.

Stay positive and healthy. Being creative can help lift your spirits, as we all work hard to do our part during this time. Check on your friends with a FaceTime call over coffee just to say hi and say that you are thinking of them. Share your recent projects. Here is a fun way:

*Join the Guild's "**Sew n' Share**" Zoom sewing time each month – the last SATURDAY morning each month. It really is fun and is just for Members and their friends. I loved the one in December and will be on the future ones. No, you don't have to clean your sewing room.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Happy Stitching,

Keri Follmer
Fall Event Chair

Philanthropy Report

Philanthropy is still going strong! We were not able to have our monthly drive through in January. Nancy picked up finished quilts & dropped off projects on people's doorstep. Her closet is overflowing with quilts.
Without knowing what the COVID-19 numbers will be, the February drive through has not yet been scheduled. Watch for an email update.
However, if you would like something to do, I suggest this may be a good time to clean out your stash. Make a quilt of two. We have baby kits & NICU blanket kits available. We, also, have an abundance of quilts that need quilting - long arm or machine.
Contact Nancy Myers

Some people have been making NICU blankets. We are including the directions, if you are interested.

2 Layer NICU Blanket 40"

Cut 2 pieces of flannel (approx. 36" X 40") one print and ***one solid darker color such as dark grey or dark blue**. Pin & sew the label on the solid piece of fabric. After sewing the label, pin right sides together. Sew edges with a ½" seam, leaving an opening of about 12". Turn inside out. Make sure you can see the label. Turn unfinished edges in, press and/or pin as needed. Final step is topstitch to close the opening and around all sides. Thank you!!

**The blankets are placed over the incubator with the solid side down. The darker color helps to calm the babies.

Happy quilting,

Nancy & Pam

ZOOM SHOW AND TELL…

WE WANT QUILTS AND QUILT-RELATED ITEMS…well, we don't want the items but we would like photos of your work and a short description for the February Show and Tell. Show and Tell is always everyone's favorite part of every guild meeting. It's even more important to keep those "connecting threads" during quarantine. When you email your photos, please use the largest image when given a choice. Get your photos and description to Janet Cowart by Friday, February 5.

Monthly Mini

I'm looking forward to being the Monthly Mini Chair, but this year has not been "normal", and we simply don't know when we will be able to meet in person again; however, we need to stay optimistic and be prepared for when we are free to be out and about doing all the things we love, including being together with our friends and family.

To make the Monthly Mini Committee successful, we need donations of mini quilts (one quilt is needed for each monthly meeting). If you are able to donate/make a mini quilt, please call or email me so that I can add your name to the list for any month you choose. We don't need the quilt right away as we have 3 quilts donated by Kathy Stolhand, Julie Greenspan, and Deb Komatsu (thank you ladies) that we can use for the first three months when we go back to having meetings; however, at least 7 more quilts will be needed at some point. If, for some reason, we meet fewer months than are currently planned, then we'll save the quilts for next year.

My contact information: Lupe Maher, Monthly Mini Chair

Sunshine and Shadows

Sunshine!

Becky Reed became a Grandmother again! Congratulations on the birth of another Grandson, Parker Reed Banning born January 9th! Becky now has 2 granddaughters, 2 grandsons and a step-granddaughter.

And Wow! to Sharon Scolfield who had a Great-Grandson born in December!

Linda Smith had a quilt featured in Alex Anderson's "The Quilt Show" which I am guessing was online and it was in the Houston Quilt Show. The following is her story with pictures.

"I had no idea they were going to share my quilt on the quilt show! What an honor. And what an honor to have my quilt hanging in the Houston show!! This quilt was across the aisle from Susan Carlson's quilts! Holy cow!! The inspiration for the quilt was used by permission from a print by Elizabeth St. Hilaire. She not only gave me permission, but posted the quilt and its journey on her website. The quilt is called A New Beginning - it was created for a Flying Geese Quilters Guild challenge. I worked on it after my husband had some life changing health issues, so we were creating a new normal, so to speak. The fun part was selecting nesting material. I printed scripture and songs on fabric and cut it up, there are pieces of my granddaughters dresses, ribbons and other shiny things. The challenge fabrics are on the top of her head/tail, legs and underbelly. Thank you!"

The only source for gathering information is through you. Please do not hesitate to let me know. Don't think that someone else will do it. It is better to get 20 messages than not hear at all.

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.
Janice Trumbauer

Teddy Bears on Parade

Interested in helping to sew teddy bear is gaining enthusiasm. These bears are being donated to both philanthropy and some, we hope, will be sold at our Quilt Show in May.

Thank you to the members helping in their construction and I hope to have more available at our next drive through in January. I will have kits available then.

For those of you who have been working feverously sewing together quilts may find a change in making a bear. They are simple to make and satisfying once they have been sewn together.

If you are interested in joining the Teddy Bears on Parade friendship group, please email Juan Garcia.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and remember "The Sew Must Go on."

Things to Do

February 2021 South Bay Quilters Guild 2021 Virtual Quilt Show “Welcome to our Home” on February 13 -14, 2021. Opportunity quilt “Quilters Village” drawing Feb 14th at 4pm on zoom. In the works: Quilt Exhibits - Featured quilter Pat Bryan and our talented members, quilts for sale after Nov. 1st, opportunity quilt tickets on sale thru Feb 1st, and vendor mall. Check our website for more information at: http://qs.southbayquiltersguild.org

Workshops

Until further notice we are planning on having online workshops.
We will let everyone know if we are able to meet in person.

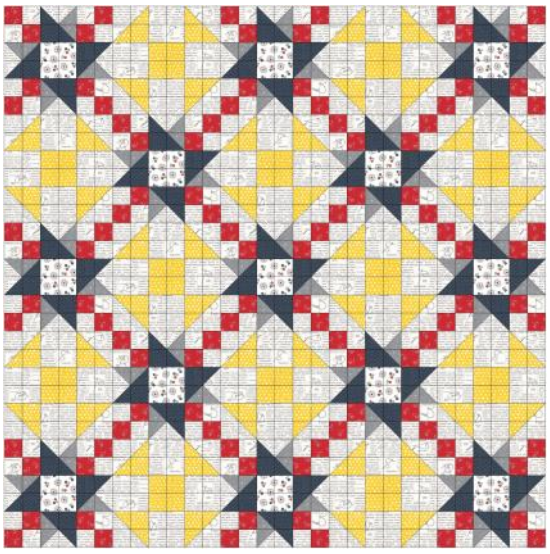
FEBRUARY: We are planning on a virtual workshop.
Carmen Geddes has a great story and tells it on her website, tensisters.com. From the name of her website you may have guessed that Carmen comes from a big family. Carmen will be bringing us her unique technique for piecing quilts that look complicated, but her technique makes it very easy and very precise.

We have two different classes to choose from for February. The **SPOOL** class is a half day introduction into Carmen's technique and it will make this adorable wall hanging for your sewing room or for a great gift. Since it is a half day class the fee for the class is only $25. There is a small materials fee which includes the pattern and instructions, as well as a product that Carmen uses to make her quilts come together perfectly. Materials fee is $10 for this class. **This workshop is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2021. Friday's class will be from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM.**

Email Kathy Hutchins to sign up. Cost is $25.
Contact Gail Brunell or Sandy Corbin if you have questions.

You should have received an email if you are signed up to order your kit. Contact Gail Burnell.

The other offering in February is **PRETTY PATCHWORK**. This wonderful pattern makes a 60" x 60" quilt. This class costs HAS BEEN REDUCED TO $30 with an additional $30 materials fee, which includes the pattern and instructions as well as the **p**roduct to **p**roduce the **p**erfect **p**atchwork. Your family and friends will think you are an expert **p**iecer after this workshop. **This workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2021. Saturday's workshop will be from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM with a break for lunch and then the workshop will begin again at 1:00 PM and end at 4:00 PM.**



Email Kathy Hutchins to sign up. **THE REDUCED FEE IS $30.**
Contact Gail Brunell or Sandy Corbin if you have questions.

MARCH: We are excited to announce that Susan K. Cleveland from www.piecesbewithyou.com will be our March speaker and teacher. Susan is a quilt designer, author, teacher, and inventor. You will love her quilts, the design, colors and precision and she will be sharing all of her techniques with us.

PRECISION & PANACHE: This is our workshop if it is Zoom. This class is packed full of tips and tricks that Susan utilizes in this eye-catching quilt. Details galore, including fancy prairie points, embellishing, piping and hints with helpful tools and lots of quilts will be displayed showcasing these fantastic techniques..

This workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2021. Saturday's class will be from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Email Kathy Hutchins to sign up. Cost is $25.
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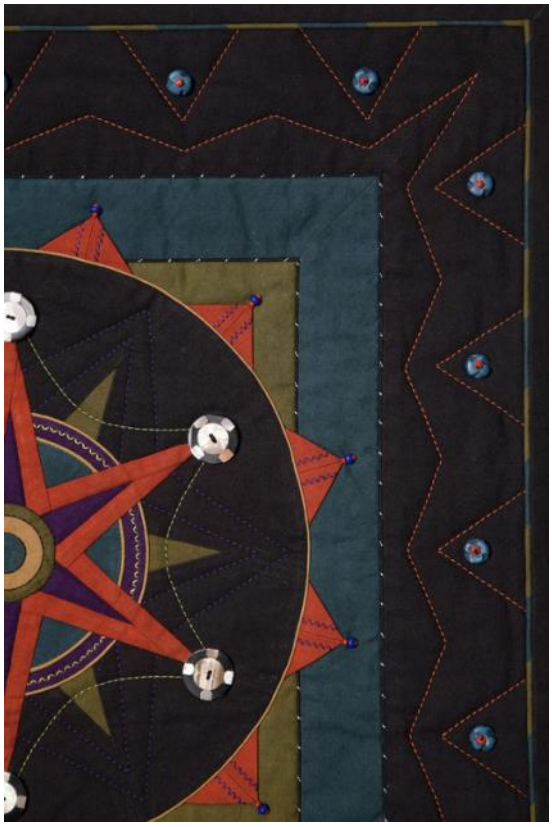

APRIL: We have Members' Showcase in April, therefore, there will not be a workshop.

MAY: You will not want to miss our May workshop with Janis Rivera. Janis is a certified Laura Heine instructor and she will introduce you to the art of making a collage quilt. If you are not already familiar with the wonder work of Laura Heine, review her spectacular work online. We will have more information soon about the details for this workshop.

WHY DO VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS COST THE SAME AS IN PERSON WORKSHOPS?

The workshop costs the same or more. Workshop fees have never paid for the cost of the workshop. The fees we collect are a contribution to the speaker's charge for the workshop. If workshops are full, they will usually cover the cost of the speaker, but not always. The Guild will save on travel, hotel, meals, and custodian with virtual workshops. While we will miss the fellowship of being together, we can still learn as much and make a virtual friend or two.

Workshops

GENERAL WORKSHOP INFORMATION

If not online, our workshops are held at Community Presbyterian Church, 32202 Del Obispo Street, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to set up your work space. After the workshop chair helps the speaker and sets up the classroom, she will be happy to help you if you need assistance. Remember to bring your lunch/drink/snack. You won't want to spend time buying a lunch since the lunch break is limited. Fees are usually $50 but can be more when the speaker is bringing supplies. All fees are noted in the newsletter. **Do not bring irons even if it is on the speaker's supply list.** The Guild will provide all irons. You may cancel and receive a refund if you let the workshop chair know by email 45 days before the workshop. After that time, you can only be refunded if there is a waiting list. We will wait until a check is received from your replacement before a refund request is made.

As soon as you see the announcement in the newsletter (usually 3 months before the workshop) you may sign up for the workshop by emailing Kathy Hutchins.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Brunell or Sandy Corbin.

Upcoming Speakers – Beach Cities Quilters

February 2021	Carmen Geddes	tensisters.com
March 2021	Susan Cleveland	piecesbewithyou.com
April 2021	Member Showcase	
May 2021	Janis Rivera - Collage Quilting	
June 2021	Linda and Carl Sullivan	colourwerx.com
July 2021	Timna Tarr	timnatarr.com

Block of the Month

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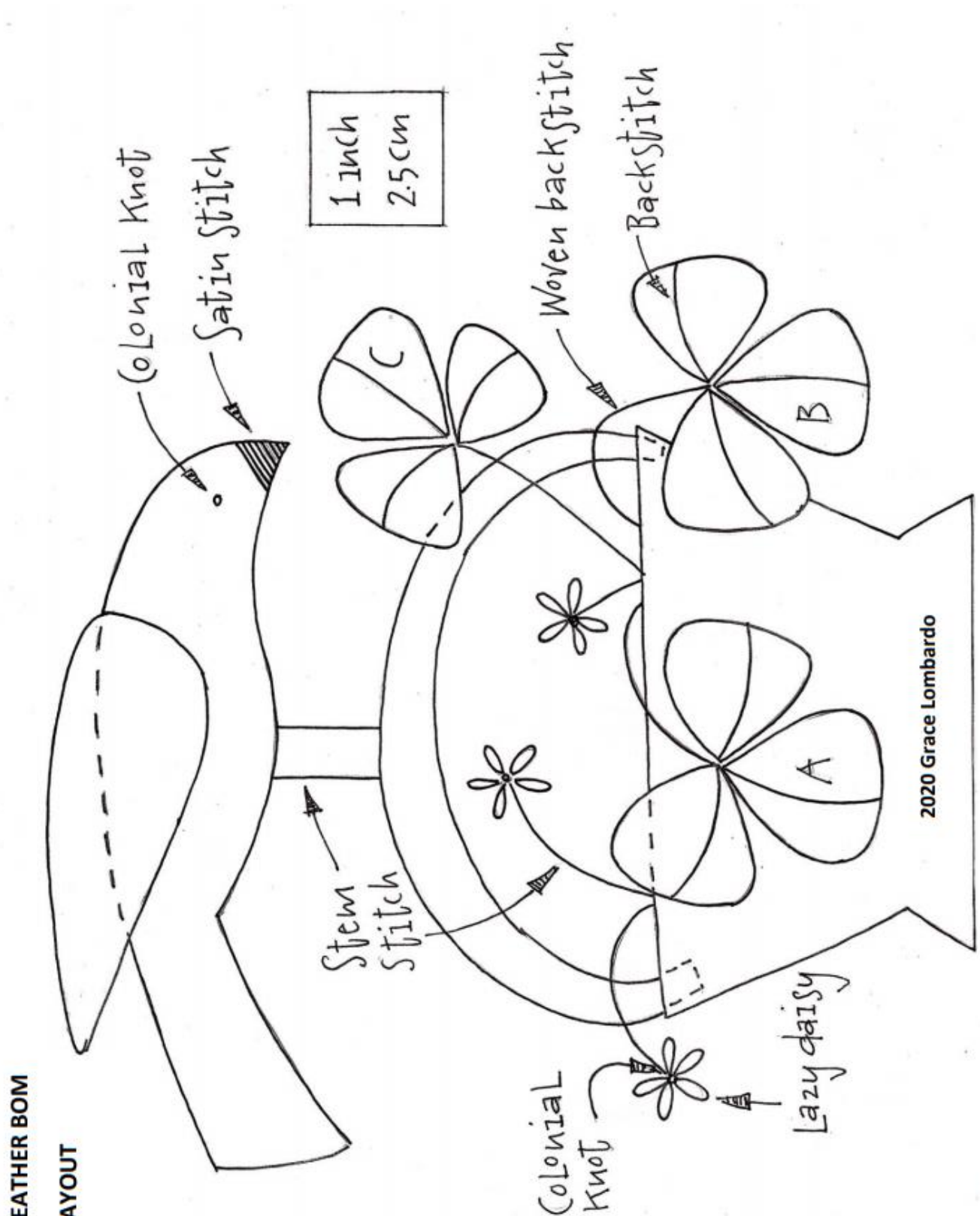
Marilyn Hamilton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BIRDS OF A FEATHER BOM

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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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Emergency Contact (if desired)		Emergency Contact Phone Number	

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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:

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