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Stitches in the Sand

April 2021

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

Programs

Members Showcase

April is one of my favorite times of the year, because it means Member Showcase! That time we get a few members to show us their quilts, and hear their quilting stories.

Angela Miller

Growing up on the East Coast, Angela learned to sew at an early age and created those fun 60s bohemian looks, graduating to sewing a sheepskin jacket in the 70s and even to a tuxedo for one of her son's in the 2000s (luckily it was used for a few proms plus with a lion's head added for Beauty and the Beast.) She made a few quilts along the way but took a bigger step when she reconnected with a high school friend at her 30th reunion who invited her to a quilt show .

Angela's favorite quilts are the ones that she designs using her own photos to capture her best memories in fabrics and threads. Moving to California 5 years ago sparked more quilts with her favorite subjects, the ocean, sunny beaches and palm trees. It is cold and snowy back in Vermont.

Kathleen Walker

Kathleen is a longtime guild member. She tends to lean towards traditional quilts, and her hand applique is phenomenal. She was born and raised in Santa Ana, has been married 48 years, and has 2 sons, 2 lovely daughters in law and one grandson, who is the apple of her eye.

She started sewing in junior high school, which started her love affair with fabric. She joined the guild in 1997, after working at Leah's Fabrics for a couple of years. She has also been active in the guild, most recently being responsible for volunteers at our last few quilt shows.

Please join us on April 8th for what is sure to be a fun evening. You can join as early as 6 PM on Zoom and the meeting will begin at 7.

Jennifer Morgan, Programs

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Upcoming Speakers:

May: Janis Rivera

June: Linda and Carl Sullivan

July: Timna Tarr

August: Katie Pederson

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

From the President

Can you believe it? It's been exactly one year since we had our last in person guild meeting! Wow a lot has happened, we've all had a birthday and some celebrations and some sad times too. I think we have all learned a lot during this year. I for one never thought I would become a "Zoom Master" and yet here we are holding strong as a guild and as individuals. Being able to see up to 115 members at our meetings has been wonderful, however there are many of you who do not log on and I have missed seeing you. We have had some great speakers and really special workshops allowing us to learn many new techniques from the comfort of our jammies and our homes.

All year I was the optimist that soon we would be able to go back to the Murray Center perhaps the end is in sight. Many have been able to get their vaccines and we have been diligent in following the protocols so that the cases have been declining dramatically so I continue to be hopeful.

Keep a lookout for a fun in person event in April and our Zoom Guild meeting on the 8th of April, I hope to see you at both! The Zoom room opens at 6 for chatting freely and then the meeting starts at 7 with everyone muted so we can all easily hear the people speaking.

Watch out for those April Fool jokesters!

- Wendy Price

President's Quilt

The theme for Wendy's President Quilt is "I Love California, from the mountains to the sea"

We will be working on light blue squares, representing all the beautiful and interesting things to see and do in California.

Next month we will begin distributing the squares - watch for the details in a Snippet and plan to get an early start on your block for this quilt for Wendy.

More information and ideas coming soon.

Internet

Latest news from the Internet Team!

Friendship group Zoom meetings
We now have three Guild Friendship groups using our Zoom account to meet regularly to sew together! I think we have this working well now, please send me the name of your group, and the day and time of your meeting. I create a meeting with a customized passcode, then I send the meeting information to you to forward to your team. At the time of your meeting, the first person who logs in becomes the Host! Everyone with the link or meeting ID and passcode can come in without waiting to be admitted. As always, call me if you run into a snag, and we will figure it out.

Sew and Share
Wow, folks, we love this time together with you! Please join us the last Saturday of the month, from 10:00am - 2:00pm. We have our regulars now, who often stay for the full 4 hours. There are a few people who pop in for a little bit, sometimes to simply ask a question, get an answer, sigh, and pop back out again. It is a time for inspiration, comradery, and conversation. The link goes out on the snippet just before the event, and it is always on the BCQG Members Facebook page, check the Events section. Or call us!

Facebook
I am happy to report that our Facebook pages continue to be a great place to share information! Need help setting up access? Contact us at beachcitiesqg@gmail.com

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.

Fabric Sale

We are getting ready for our next Fabric Sale. The sale will be on Wednesday April 21 from 10 to 2:00 pm. We will set up in St Kilians LOWER parking lot on Marguerite between Oso and La Paz. You will be able to see us from Marguerite. We have lots of beautiful fabric from fat quarters, Holiday fabric and assorted backing fabric. After a year of not going out this will be a great opportunity to get out in the fresh air and shop for fabric. Wendy will also be handing out the Roster and Kathy Stolhand will have the fabric for the next President quilt. Please come one and all to visit us.

Fall Event Fundraiser Update

The Fall Event Fundraiser will be a one-day event that focuses on raising monies for the Guild to cover hard costs through the fall of this year, and/or beyond. The Norman P. Murray Center is not open at this time, but I am on "their list" to work with them as soon as they come back. We will be choosing a Saturday in September for the fun event. In the meantime, there are some important things that you can do now to help the Guild get ready for a terrific fundraiser:

- Pencil in your calendar that our event will be on a Saturday in September, as we would love to have you attend the event with friends and family. We will also need some help setting up and then packing it up at the end of the day. This will be a smaller set-up, like the Spring Tea and Tour events that we have had in the past years. *We will announce the event date as soon as possible to help everyone plan.

- 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 and connecting with your quilting friends online can help lift your spirits and boost your mental health. Take a **Zoom class** offered by the Guild (they are fun!) and join the monthly **Sew n' Share** on the last Saturday of the month. The information is on the BCQG Membership Facebook Page. You can use your desk computer, a laptop, an iPad, or smartphone. Let Liz Pickering know if you would like help with Zoom and someone can assist you. It is much easier than you think, and you will be glad that you joined in.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Happy Stitching,

Keri Follmer
Fall Event Chair

Philanthropy Report

Since our last drive through, Pat Price delivered a total of 23 quilts to UCI oncology. 14 of those quilts were done by Philanthropy and 9 from UCI Stars, a friendship group that began on the UCI campus in 2002. These wonder- ful women have retired but still meet and donate quilts.

Julia Renaud delivered 26 NICU blankets and Barbara Green delivered 65 baby quilts to Showers of Appreciation.

A total number of Quilts delivered since Nancy and I took over have been 519 quilts, 162 pillowcases, 136 NICU blankets, 12 blankets, 2 TaggieLovie's, 3 crocheted blankets, 10 burp cloths and 3 stuffed toys!

As always, we thank each and every one of you who has contributed to our efforts, whether it is donating time, material, or funds for the Philanthropy Team.

We are continuing our Philanthropy Drive Thru days for the foreseeable future, we still need to schedule a time to come so we can properly socially distance ourselves. Our next Drive Thru will be at Peggy Revel's on Friday April 16th, from 10m to 12pm. We ask that you call or email Nancy Myers to schedule a time to come drop off completed quilts, quilt tops, pillowcases and NICU blankets. Also to pick up kits, piece quilt tops, quilt our completed quilt tops, pillowcase, NICU, and Care Bear Kits. If you need batting, let Nancy know and she will have it cut and ready for you as we will not have batting that day. Thank you for helping us help others!

Nancy & Pam

ZOOM SHOW AND TELL…

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MORE…

Show and tell for Beach Cities Quilters. We so love looking at what you have completed during this last month. Quilts are the threads that bind us and bring us joy in community.

Please email photos of your quilts to **Janet Cowart by April 2**. Any photos that arrive after that date will be included in the following month's Show and Tell.

A note: When you email your photo, we try to respond to you within a day or two telling you we have received it. We seem to not get some people's photos. If you have not heard from us within 3-4 days, please email or call. We don't want you left out.

Sunshine and Shadows

Sharing from Bear Creek Quilt Company:

"I hear some people are starting to feel stressed in lock-down! Actually I was just talking about this with my sewing machine, and she seamed to agree. But when I asked the elastic, it just snapped back! I think it was stretched to its limit. So I tried to talk to the cotton, but it shrank away. The linen was in a bunch. The scissors were snippy. Even the stuffing was down. When I cam around to ask the buttons, they just gaped. The snaps suggested I get a grip. Thankfully the iron gave it to me straight and reminded me this will all be smoothed over soon."

So glad we are coming to the end of lockdown!

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

Welcoming

Attention all New Members! We will be having a zoom meeting to welcome you into our Guild and introduce you to our Board Members. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 17, 1:00. Information will be emailed to you along with the link for the zoom meeting.

Looking forward to meeting you all!

Janice Trumbauer and Carrie Donohoe

Welcoming Committee

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 Fall Fundraising Event.

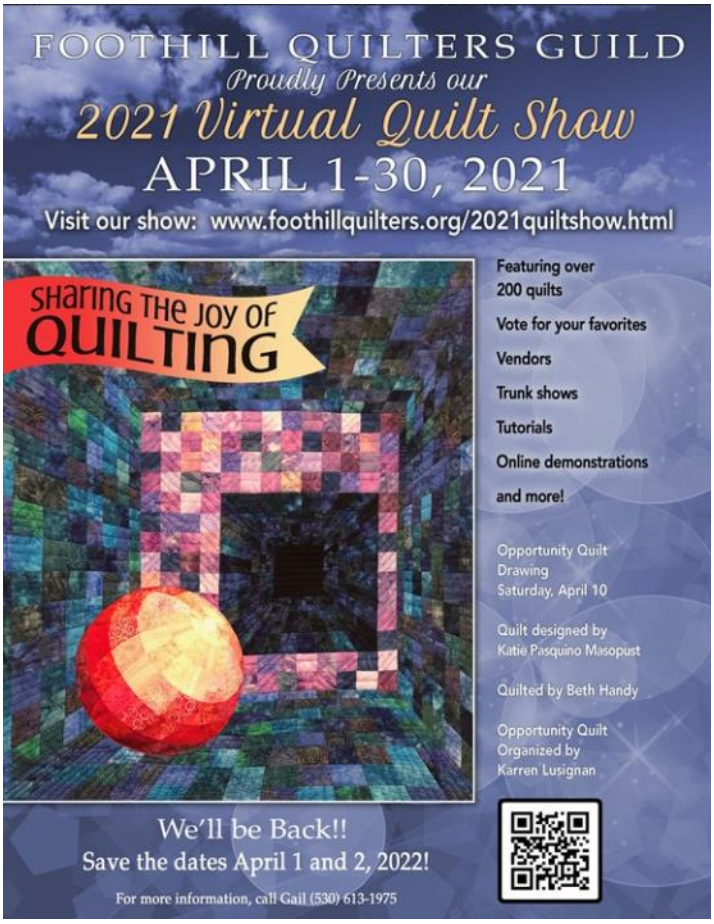
Thank you to the members helping in their construction and I hope to have more available at our next drive through in January. I will have kits available then.

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



Workshops

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

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 wonderful work of Laura Heine, review her spectacular work online.

You will purchase group #5 of patterns for $25 ($20 with discount) which includes three projects (refer to the pictures). If you would also like to purchase a kit for **one** of the patterns, that will be an additional fee of $35 ($28 with discount). Janis is also selling the Steam-A-Seam Two for $7.00 a yard ($5.60 with discount). Everyone in our guild will receive a 20% discount on your order. The project is a 16"x20" collage. That is without borders. The patterns say "Teeny Tiny", but 16"x20" is a good wall hanging size.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Kathy Hutchins will take a check or PayPal for the class, **BUT** Gail Brunell will be taking a check (made out to Gail Brunell) or cash for the supplies you would like to order. Janis has asked us to make one large order so Gail will take your check and then she will write a large check to Janis. Gail will be emailing specific information about ordering to those signed up for the class

This workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021. Saturday's class will be from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Email Kathy Hutchins to sign up. Cost is $50.

Contact Gail Brunell or Sandy Corbin if you have questions.

JUNE: Get ready for a fun and festive workshop in June. Check out Linda and Carl Sullivan from https://colourwerx.com/. You will love the colors (or colours) and the fun projects.

We will be doing the Colourbug which gives you **TWO TECHNIQUES** in **ONE WORKSHOP!** We will learn liberating and fancy free slash 'n sew while making the colourbug. Stress free piecing! Next we will learn how to sew perfect curves with Linda's handy tips and tricks. The ColourBug pattern will need to be purchased for $12 for this workshop.

This workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2021. Saturday's class will be from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Email Kathy Hutchins to sign up. Cost is $50.

Contact Gail Brunell or Sandy Corbin if you have questions.

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

April 2021	Member Showcase	
May 2021	Janis Rivera - Collage Quilting	
June 2021	Linda and Carl Sullivan	colourwerx.com
July 2021	Timna Tarr	timnatarr.com
August 2021	Katie Pedersen	sewkatiedid.com
September 2021	Nancy Brown	nancybrownquilts.com
October 2021	President's Quilt Reveal	
November 2021		
December 2021	Holiday Party	

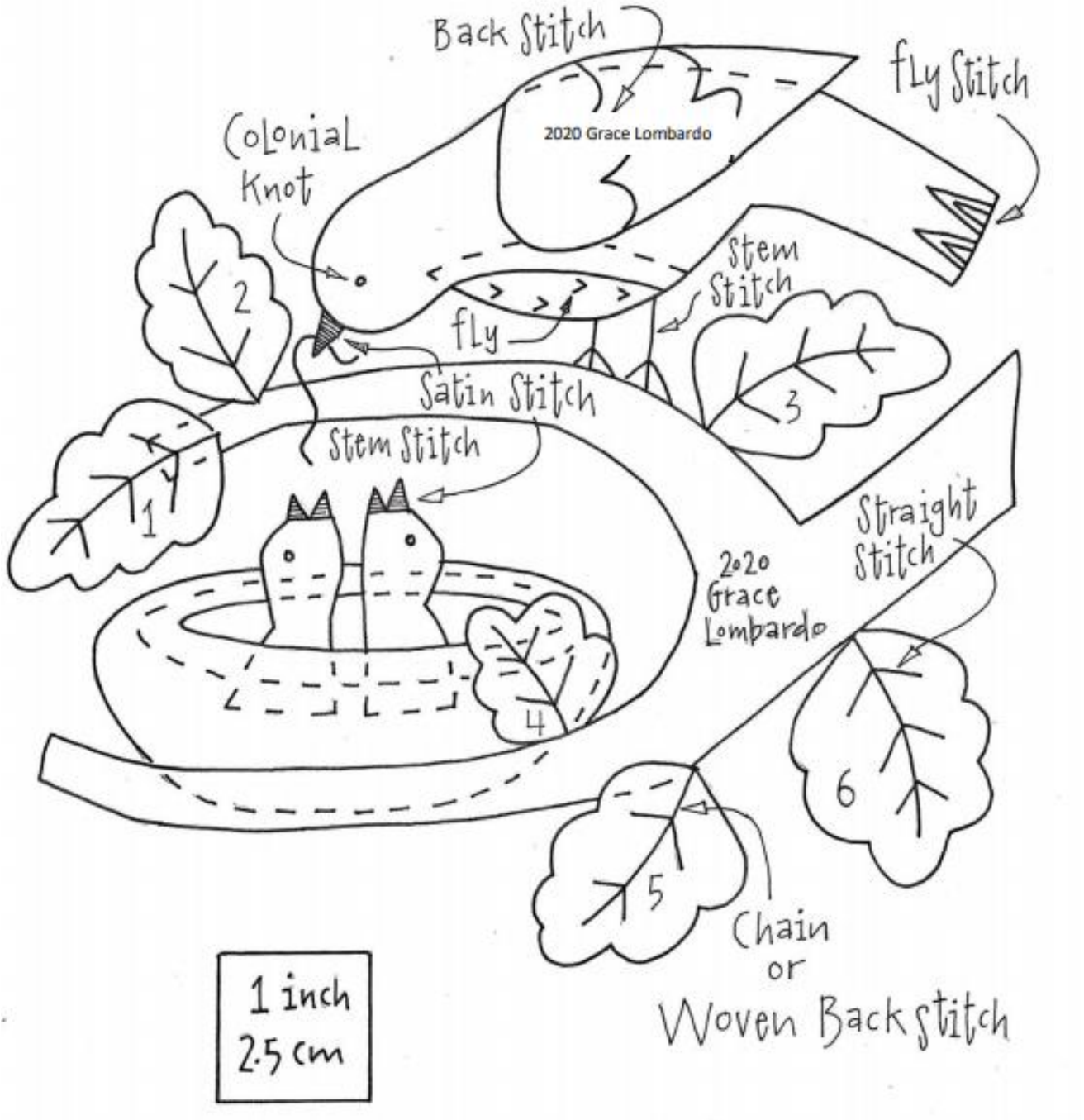
Block of the Month

Woolly Gals hopes everyone is enjoying the BOM. This one might be a bit more difficult because of the small pieces. If you have any questions or concerns check out Grace Lombardo at butternutplaid.com

BIRDS OF A FEATHER BOM

BLOCK #5 – LAYOUT

ACTUAL SIZE

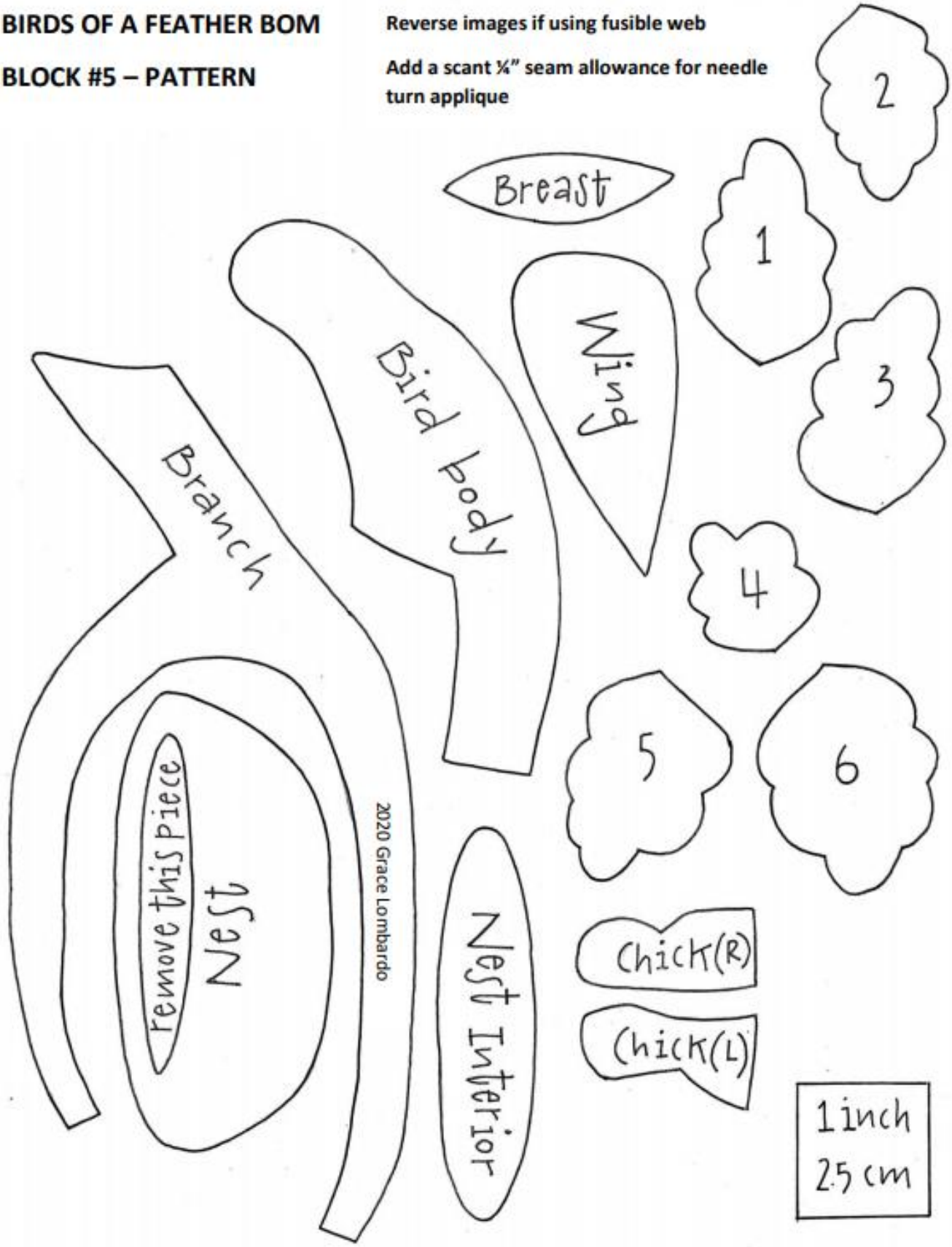


BIRDS OF A FEATHER BOM

BLOCK #5 – PATTERN

Reverse images if using fusible web

Add a scant ¼" seam allowance for needle turn applique



Block of the Month

Grace Lombardo

Marilyn Hamilton

Dana Foster

This one is done with fabric and belongs to either Martha Hurlbutt or Nancy McBride

Grace Lombardo with a finished front

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Name			☐ $40 New Member
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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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  P.O. Box 2328
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