



Stitches in the Sand

April 2025

MEETING DATE: April 10th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

Programs



Meet our Speaker: Susy Nash

Susy believes that collage quilting is like a combination of a jigsaw puzzle and paper dolls. By selecting bright, cheerful, and whimsical fabrics you can create a new artistic design infused with your own personality.

She'll show us what tools and tricks are used to properly assemble multiple layers of fabric to achieve a seamless look. And there is no patchwork or sewing done until the very end when you are securing the layers. This workshop will help develop your "editing" eye.

For the rest of the year, we'll be hosting a meet the speaker dinner at California Pizza Kitchen in Mission Viejo. Please text me your RSVP no later than the Wednesday before our guild meeting at 310-994-4737



Don't forget to wear your name tag to 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

From the President



What a week! Or should I say last three days. First we had David Owen Hasting and his very interesting lecture. I followed it up with his workshop on Friday. It was jammed packed with ideas and helpful hints. One of the best workshops I have taken.

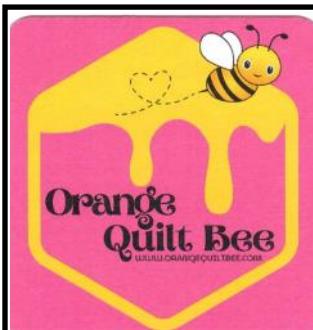
Friday night I went on the tour of all our lovely houses. Wow. That's all I can say. Wow. I just marveled at all the fantastic quilts. And the sewing rooms! So many ideas. I hardly had room in my brain from all the ideas I got from Friday.

The Tea was lovely. I was able to connect up to so many people that I haven't seen in a long time. The room was a buzz with lively chatter and everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time. Martha Hurlburt and everyone involved in putting on this lovely event should be very proud of themselves. Well done!

Next month we will have Suzy Nash, a certified Laura Heine collage quilter.

Now for some rest and putting all those great ideas to work.

Donna Wester
President



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From the Past President



Donna's President's Quilt: "National Parks"

Donna's fabulous theme is "National Parks" as she has hiked many of these beautiful parks!

You still have time to make a block for the President's Quilt!

The Quilt Blocks are due back at the May 2025 meeting.

How to Make a President's Quilt Block

1. **Pick up a free 7" background square of fabric (this is the unfinished block size) at the President's Quilt table at the April Guild meeting.** Fabrics have been preselected from specific colors for the background. (If you attend via Zoom or missed the meeting then please email me and I will send you a block by mail.)

2. **Your design must fit within the middle of a 5" square.**

I suggest drawing a 5 inch square in the middle of the 7 inch square. Any design outside of that 5 inch line will not be in the final block. Important: do not trim or square your block down. This will be done by the committee after all the blocks have been collected.

3. All methods of appliquéd, paper piecing, embroidery etc... are welcome. If you use raw edge appliquéd, please zig-zag the edges down.

4. Embellishments are welcome, just do not attach them to the block. Please put them in a small baggie with your name on it and staple it to the edge of your block.

5. **Sign your block close to the edge of your design**, so Donna will know who created the block. I will have Pens at the table for anyone needing them. Your signature means so much to the President, and I have enjoyed looking at each one of the blocks on my President's quilt and knowing who created it!

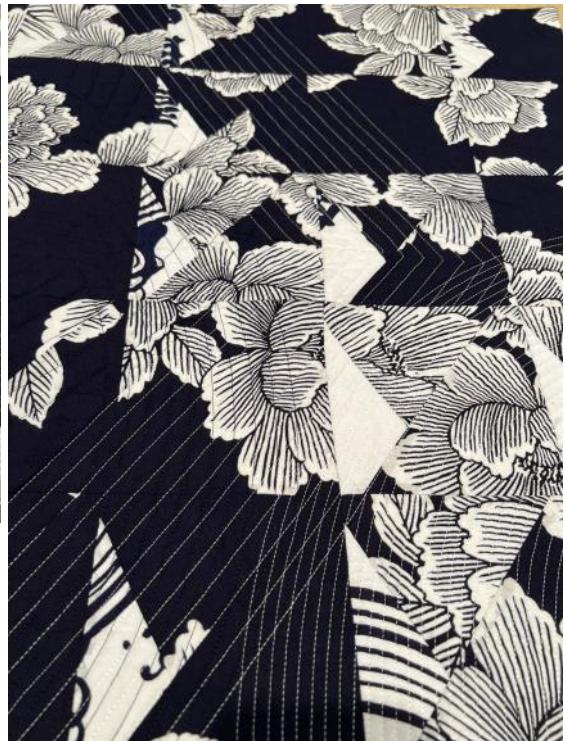
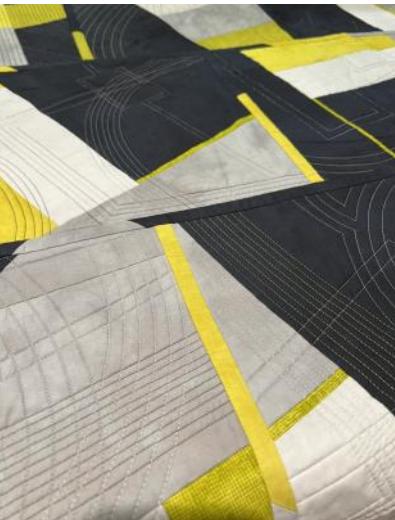
6. Turn in your block to the President's Quilt Table at the April or May Guild meetings.

Finally, I am looking for members who would be willing to host the Quilting Bees in their homes .

This quilt is going to be Fabulous because BCQG members are so creative and talented!

Questions: Call or text Margie Bushaw (949) 233-3350
email: marbushaw@gmail.com

Photos from March's Meeting



SCCQG News



The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2025. This meeting is on zoom and will be the “Meet the Teachers” presentation. It was recommended to have multiple members attend this meeting so they can attend the breakout rooms with the teachers they might be interested in getting in the future.

If you'd like specific details the meeting notes will be posted on the SCCQG homepage. <https://www.sccqg.org/>

Thank you,
Helene Born
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714 504 2614

New Member Gathering Tea—Hold the Date

The Welcoming Committee will be hosting a new member gathering tea on Saturday, May 17th. If you joined the guild before October 2024, but have never been to a new member gathering, please reach out to Catherine Huebscher (imhuebsch@att.net) or Barb Gauntner (barb4golf@cox.net) so we can get you on the invitation list.

The gathering will not only bring together the group of new members to meet, but many of the board and committee members attend. It is a fun event to learn more about the guild and expand friendships.



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Monthly Mini



Congratulations to Pat Reese, the winner of the March monthly mini donated by Jan Shaw.

The April monthly mini, a sweet spring Dresden flower table topper, was created and donated by Sharon Farley. Stop by the monthly mini table for a chance to win.

Tickets are on sale one for \$1, six tickets for \$5, or 13 tickets for \$10.



Hospitality News



For Hospitality, April it's April already! SPRING! Let's celebrate spring with tasty sweets and savories at the Hospitality Table.

Thank you for always making the table so full!

Friendship Circles

Are you curious about Friendship Circles, or do you need more information? Joining a Friendship Circles is an easy way to make new friends within BCQG and a great chance to learn new skills from others in a small group setting. Most circles meet at least once a month and work on group projects, learn new skills together, or just gather to enjoy each other's company.

For instance, the Needle Little Therapy Friendship Circle meets once a month for an afternoon of sewing and sharing. There are some very talented folks in this circle who do long arm quilting for Philanthropy, and other members donate some of their work to the Guild. It's all for a good cause, and a great way to work together.

If you are interested in belonging to a Friendship Circle, please stop by the Friendship Circles table at any Guild meeting for more information. Or contact Karen Bean at karen@beanscounters.com (714-504-5426) or Cathy Kelley at cmkelley51@gmail.com (949-468-6319).

Philanthropy News

A huge thank you to all who made and donated quilts this month. We donated to: American Legion (1), Choc Orange (13), Adult in Need (2), Priority Center (14), Royal Therapeutic Center (14), UCI Oncology Orange (10), UCI Oncology Laguna Hills/Irvine (9), Cerebral Palsey (2), Bets in Hospice (3). Pillowcases went to: CHOC Orange (20), Hospice Vitas Community Connection (19), My Own, Case for Kids (14), Royal Therapeutic (7). We also donated 10 CAST wraps and 9 lumbar pillows to Vets in Hospice.

A huge thank you to Rachel Maus for her inspiring cotton rag quilts. This woman came prepared! She cut squares and batting for many to take home pre cut pieces to sew together for the rag quilt. THANK YOU!



Our next sew day is Monday, April 7th. Mary Kay Fitzpatrick will be demonstrating her binding with piping. For the demo on the flange binding:

If you would like to put a quilt sandwich together to try this process for yourself while I am present, please feel free to do so. I recommend a 16-20" square or a rectangle with at least 2 sides 16-20".

Quilt the three layers together. Straight lines will be fine. Then sew the outside edges with 1/4" seam. If need be, square up your sample.

Bring 2 pieces of fabric (1/4yd each is plenty) for the binding. I will guide you through at the demo.

You will need your walking foot, thread that matches the flange/piping color, a 4 or 6" square ruler, a pencil or marking pen and a few pins. If you like to use quilting gloves, bring them, too.

Next Meeting dates: April 7 May 5 June 2

We meet each month at:

Presbyterian Church Of The Master 26051 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo, CA 92692
Corner of Oso and Marguerite (park in the lot closest to Oso Parkway)

Set up starts at 9:00 am! The main meeting begins at 10:00 or anytime you get there. We usually start cleaning up around 2:30. Helpers are always appreciated at Sew Day especially with set up and take down.

Show and Tell starts at 11:00! Join in the fun!

We will have the usual things at sew day; irons, ironing board, cutting mats, etc. Not bringing your sewing machine, we will have projects you can work on, either cutting or hand sewing. There's always something to keep you busy.

Philanthropy News

In May, Debi Martin will show you how to make the Zebra Pattern the easy way. Information will be coming out soon. If you have already chosen a card sample to use, great. We will have card samples at our April meeting also.

So many quilts were turned in at our last meeting, it was so impressive. We had 54 people signed in. Just a few of the quilts.



cotton rag quilt



zebra pattern



hashtag quilt

Please join us for more fun in the coming months. There is room for all!

Happy Stitiching,
Janice Trumbauer
Philanthropy Chair



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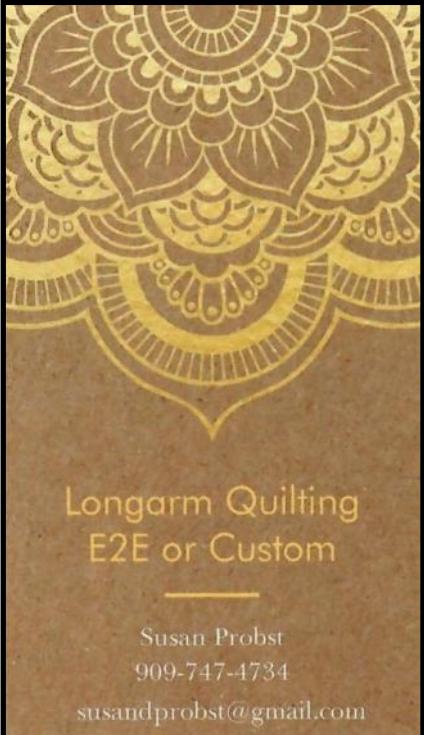
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Workshops

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; \$60 for non-members. (Annual BCQG membership is only \$40 and members sign up first.)



Friday, April 11, 2025 Workshop "Journey Into the art of Collage" with Susan Nash 10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center

Susan Nash is certified to teach collage quilting in the style of Laura Heine. Choose from two patterns, "The Featherweight" or "The Pin Cushion". When you sign up and order your pattern, she will prepare a kit for you. All sign-ups must be made **before March 19, 2025**, to ensure a completed kit. Kits are \$50. **Let Mary Kay know (before March 19) which pattern/kit you would like and she will let the teacher know.**

Registration is open. Email Mary Kay Fitzpatrick (BCQ.Work@gmail.com) or register online. Workshop fee is \$35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email as of February 14 and the fee is \$60.



Friday, May 9, 2025 Workshop "Ocean Art Quilt" with Gwen Weedon, who has been quilting for over 25 years. This will be a free motion curved piecing project. You will have one-on-one assistance as Gwen teaches this new, advanced technique. Check out her website (sonshinequilting3.com)

Registration is open. Email Mary Kay Fitzpatrick (BCQ.Work@gmail.com) or register online. Workshop fee is \$35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email and the fee is \$60.

Friday, June 13, 2025 Workshop "Shimmering Dragonflies and Sparkling Flowers" with Marjan Kluepfel 10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center

Marjan will guide you through her techniques for producing a quilt with an oversized dragonfly or flower image, using innovative art techniques such as fusing, free-motion machine embroidery, thread painting and bobbin drawing. Choose poppies, rose, sunflower, daylily, calla, iris, daffodils, bird of paradise or dragonflies. Participants receive a free bonus pattern. Visit her website: <http://marjankluepfel.com>.

Register on the website or by email to BCQ.Work@gmail.com.

Workshop fee is \$35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email after May 8 and the fee is \$60.



Upcoming Speakers - Beach Cities Quilters

April 2025	Susy Nash	crazyaboutcollage.com
May 2025	Gwen Weedon	sonshinequilting.com
June 2025	Marjan Kluepfel	marjankluepfel.com

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Sunshine and Shadows



Shadows

Joanne Florence lost her older sister Carol after a brief illness. We send our condolences and may she find comfort in her fond memories.

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. [Barb Gautner](#) and [Catherine Huebscher](#)

Block Party 2024-25

The Block Party is moving right along. If you haven't started, it's not too late. If you have fallen behind, it's OK, pick it back up.

Hope you are learning and enjoying the Histories each month.

See you in April Guild Meeting with your Easter Basket Block!

Sharon Farley and her team have assembled a new block of the month for you....

[Instructions](#)

These block are available on the BCQG website on the Block Party or get there directly by [Clicking here](#)—

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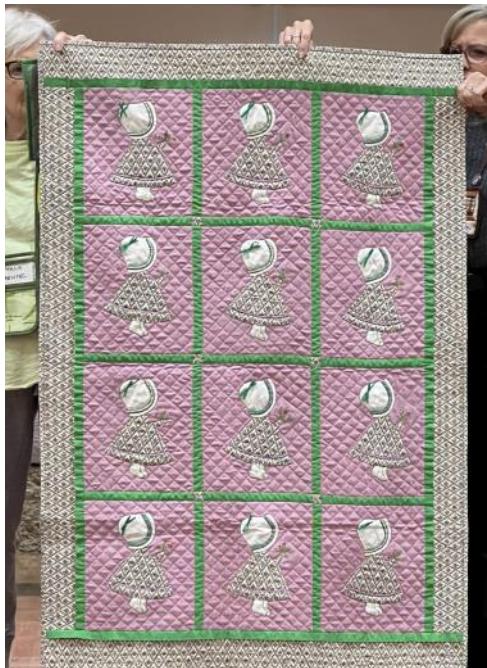
April already? We'd love to see your spring, Easter or summer quilts, table runners, wall hangings etc. Thanks in advance for clearly printing your notes, or even preparing it in advance. Scrappy quilting seems to be picking up steam - gather your scraps and we can share those quilts in a future month,

Christi and Tami

March Show and Tell



January Show and Tell Continued



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- 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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