

Stitches in the Sand

May 2025

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

Programs

In May we'll welcome Gwen Weedon to our guild meeting. She has been Quilting for over 25 years on the Central Coast of California and started teaching Quilting workshops 20 years ago. She's taught at San Luis Obispo Adult Ed. quilting classes, local quilt shops and many California Quilt Guilds.



Gwen is an artist who has attended art schools and Long Beach State University. She was a professional graphic artist for 10 years and has won several ribbons for her quilts throughout the years. Her lecture will feature a trunk show and the story of her quilting journey.

The workshop, "Ocean Art Quilt" is a free motion curved piecing advanced technique All students will have one on one assistance in learning this new technique Gwen developed over the years. By the end of class all students will have successfully finished a quilt top.



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



Spring is in the air and I have been enjoying our wonderful southern California weather. Makes me want to get out and do some hiking. There are so many trails to enjoy in Orange County, from a nice stroll to more strenuous. I'm afraid I am starting to like the nice strolls more than the strenuous ones.

Suzy Nash was a kick. Her workshop was equally as funny and informative. I started the sewing machine and should be able to finish it at my retreat this week. The Laura Heine method is so quick and easy, making for a completed project in a jiffy.

Next month is Gwen Weedon who will share her many ocean inspired quilts.

I am still looking for someone (or two) to chair the Quilt Show. This is a very important event for us as we make all our money to fund two years of speakers and rent of our awesome Murray Center. Please dig

down deep and see if you can't chair this with a friend or two. Once you get your "staff" it is just a matter of coordinating meetings. The Opportunity Quilt is almost done (a beauty) and I have already had people telling me they will head certain committees.

Happy Quilting
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 April's Meeting



A Note from the Programs Chair

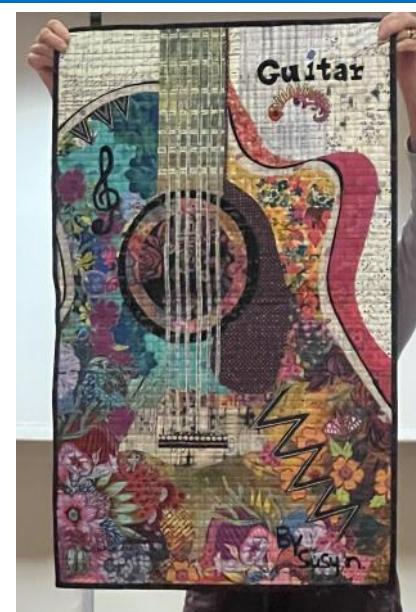
Calling all Beach Cities Quilters:

We have such a wonderful variety of quilters in our guild. Some of whom have been quilting for years and others whose quilting journey has just begun. I'd like to feature a few of you at our July meeting where we'll showcase some of your quilts and find out about your journey. If at least four members volunteer, we'll probably need you to show a half a dozen quilts and talk for 5-10 minutes.



You can email me at laurachambers@me.com or text or call me at 310-994-4737

More Photos from April's Meeting



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 Cathy Miller, the winner of the April vintage Dresden table top.

Stop by the monthly mini table during the May guild meeting for the chance to win this 16 3/4 x 18 1/2" batik flower wall hanging (with a sleeve on the back). Kathy Hutchins picked up the *Little Bits - Think Spring* pattern by Cindi Edgerton from the guild's freebie table. Thank you, Kathy!

Opportunity tickets will be on sale for \$1 each, six tickets for \$5, or 13 tickets for \$10.



Friendship Circles

Hi Everybody,

Friendship Circles are off to a great start this spring. Quilty Pleasures just had a 'Methods of Dying Fabric' get-together. Judi Nagel showed us another method (yes, she has shown us techniques before), and we all got to dye multiple scarves and/or fabric in her back yard.

Sew Happy is planning a project with another friendship circle to create a couple challenge quilts. They have also put together a mini quilting retreat that is happening this month

We have recently added a machine embroidery group, called The Hoopers, that had ten members at their first meeting! They are all so enthusiastic and ready to share so much with each other, techniques, favorite tools, their favorite U-Tube videos. These folks got together and just jumped into being best buddies!



If any of this sounds like something you would like to be part of, meet please send me a text or an email and I will get back to you a.s.a.p. It doesn't matter if you don't know anyone in the guild. It doesn't matter if you don't really know how to quilt. It doesn't matter if you work full time, or if you only hand sew... We can make a group with a specialty, like hand embroidery or long arm quilting. Friendship Circles can be a few people or a lot of people. Friendship Circles exist so we can make friends and learn from each other.

I am looking forward to hearing from You!

Karen Bean
BCQG Friendship Circles
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Philanthropy News

Quilts this past month were donated to: CHOC Mission Viejo and Orange, Person in need, Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center, Special Olympics, United Cerebral Palsy, VA Long Beach, VFW, Vets in Hospice. Pillowcases went to: CHOC in Orange, Hospice - Vitas Community Connection, Royal Therapeutic Center. We sent 10 fleece wraps to CAST (Child Abuse Services Team). We donated 7 lumbar pillows to Vets in Hospice.

Mary Kay Fitzpatrick shared her flange binding how to with us this last month.



Next Meeting dates: May 5 June 2 July 7

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.

At our May meeting, Debi Martin will be showing you how to put together the Zebra pattern easily. The pattern is on our Philanthropy page on the BCQG website. Debi will have patterns at the meeting and we posted one on our page of the website.

I want to thank all of you who are using your stash fabric to create beautiful Philanthropy quilts. We can help you with backing and batting. If you're making a baby size quilt, we'd love for you to try your hand at quilting it on your domestic machine, but you can always turn it in, ready for long-arming.

To ready your quilt for longarming:

*the quilt top should be finished with a scant 1/4" seam around the perimeter.

*Your backing should be at least 4 inches larger than your top on all sides - please press your seams, square off the edges.

*Your batting should be at least 4 inches larger than your top on all sides

* binding pieced and ironed

*include a label

We are creating a form you need to fill out with the sizes, your name and phone number so if the quilter runs into a question or problem you will be contacted.

We are working on putting quilt sizes on our page of the website, along with quilt patterns we use.

Philanthropy News

We have collected 35 quilts for camp and the pillowcases to go with them. If you are turning in quilts we will keep them for next year. We are in need of men's pillowcases. I don't have much in storage that is very manly, it's mostly kids and flowers. Baby quilts are always needed as we deliver them quarterly.

We look forward to having you all come to our next sew day!

Happy Stitching!

Janice Trumbauer

Philanthropy Chair



Star Baby



Zebra Quilt



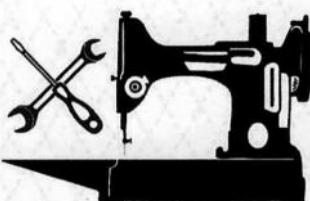
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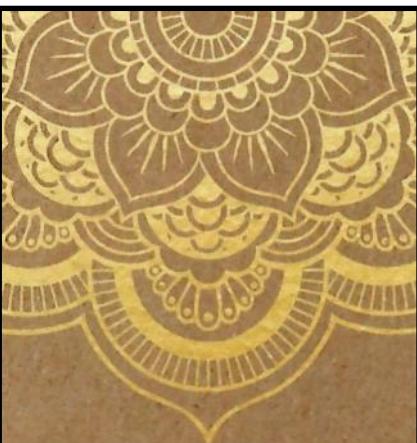
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Workshops

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, 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 (mkfitz1066@cox.net) 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 mkfitz1066@cox.net. Workshop fee is \$35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email after May 8 and the fee is \$60.

There is no July Workshop. Our General meeting is our Members’ Showcase. We always look forward to hearing the stories and seeing the quilts of a couple of our very talented guild members.



Friday, August 15, 2025 Workshop “Scrap Vortex” with Sandra Bruce
10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center



Workshops Continued

Here is your opportunity to learn some new techniques for making a scrappy quilt using a selection of those scraps from your own collection. Try curved piecing, wonky log cabin blocks and fussy cutting to make personalized, one-of-a-kind blocks and a fun, unique finished piece.

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Sunshine and Shadows



Shadow

Cheryl Lea passed away March 20. A memorial service will be held in mid July. More information to follow. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Cheryl was an active member of our guild participating in Sew Day and a friendship group.

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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Fun Facts About Me

- I pride myself as being an artistically technical quilter, given my engineering background
- I was accepted to art and engineering schools; I took the engineering route while focusing on one of my many passions – sewing
- I've been sewing since I was 8, and as a teenager, came in second for an apparel design with Teen Magazine
- Started quilting in college to "zen out" between organic chem labs
- My other hobbies include yoga, mountain biking, and gourmet cooking—of which I have attended classes hosted by world-class chefs
- I'm an engineer by day, and a creative by night. I manage Automation projects along with a machine shop
- My engineering skills have fostered precision in my work, and that carries over to quilting



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Show and Tell

April showers got you quilting inside more (one can wish right)? We'd love to see your scrappy quilts or 4th of July themed ones. Thanks again for clearly printing your notes, or even preparing it in advance.

Christi and Tami

April Show and Tell

1. Tami Quan - Pyramids
2. Sharon Loftus - The Bear by Laura Heine
3. Donna Wester - Seed Pods
4. Patricia Pardon - Old Blue, Jack, Nick
5. Kathy Hutchins - March Workshop - David Hastings
6. Crystal Anderson-Cunanan - Baby Quilt and other quilt
7. Judy Bethe - Made it Up
8. Gail Kibby - Michigan Beauty
9. Anna Ahmed



Things to Do



**Wednesday, May 14, 2025
9:30 am to 12:00 noon
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Bankson Hall
33501 Stonehill Dr. - Dana Point**

An event you don't want to miss...right here in SouthOC!

Robin Pickens will be there selling her MODA line and patterns, Cecile Choi will be there with Sewing Party, Judy Nunn will have her shop there. And, Surfside Quilting Guild Members, as vendors, selling fabric, patterns, thread, and all sorts of other sewing and quilting items.

Come and hang-out with other quilting enthusiasts!

If you park in the lower parking lot, you can walk across the church courtyard and take the elevator up to the third floor to enter Bankson Hall.

Registration is not required to attend the Surfside PopUp Quilt Shop Sewcial, and there is no charge to attend.

Membership Form



BEACH CITIES QUILTERS GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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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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