

Stitches in the Sand

June 2025

MEETING DATE: June 12th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

Programs

Our speaker will be Marjan Kluepfel!

Fabric is Majan Kluepfel's Art.

She's held quilting and creativity workshops and lectures for more than 25 years and loves teaching her techniques to inspiring budding artists and meeting quilters from all over the world.

Marjan is an artist who uses fabric and thread as her medium instead of paper and paint....and a sewing machine instead of a brush. The texture, color and prints of fabrics fascinate her and often give her inspiration for a new design. She seldom draws out a quilt plan, instead allowing the fabrics and textures to lead her.

Most of her designs are organic. They're influenced by her love of nature and all its wonders.



She grew up in the Netherlands and has lived in Florida, Hawaii, South Carolina and Australia. She now makes her home in Northern California. Her inspiration comes from all the natural wonders she's encountered through her travels.

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

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Or Members Only Group
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BCQG's Board Meeting is held the Third Thursday of the Month via Zoom.

Don't forget to wear your name tag at the meeting!

Need to speak to a board member—Email beachcitiesqg@gmail.com

From the President



We had a lot going on at our last meeting.

I loved hearing from Jim Duggin about the Family Camp that we have donated quilts to for the last four years. It makes me appreciate all that I have. I am so proud of our guild for helping such a worthy organization.

I am so excited for Susan Probst and Rosie Beck stepping up to be our Quilt Show Chairs.

I know they will do a wonderful job. The Quilt Show is so important to the health of our guild. Please be thinking of what you can do to help Susan and Rosie make this a great show. The Opportunity

Quilt is just stunning. A big Thank You to everyone who worked on it. I know it is going to do very well.

In June my husband and I will be going on an Alaskan Cruise with my three siblings and spouses. One more National Park on my list as we will also be going to Denali National Park. I can't wait to go and see all the park has to offer. I am hoping that we will be able to see all of McKinley/Denali Mountain. I know most times it is cloud covered. I am also hoping to see lots of bears and maybe try my hand at dogsledding! Definitely taking a helicopter ride to a glacier. Hope to have lots to tell you about next month.

Happy Quilting,
Donna Wester
President



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From the Past President



President's Quilt: Help Finish Donna's National Parks Masterpiece!

Our fabulous President Donna chose “**National Parks**” as the theme for her quilt—an inspiring tribute to her many hiking adventures! The blocks created by BCQG members are absolutely beautiful, and this quilt is shaping up to be a true work of art.

Now it's time to bring it all together—and **we need your help!**

Join a Quilting Bee!

Stop by the **President's Table** at the **June Guild Meeting** to sign up for a hand quilting session. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or a total beginner, you're welcome!

New to hand quilting?

No problem! Friendly members are ready to show you how. It's a great way to learn, connect with others, and experience the joy of quilting the traditional way—by hand!

This is a special moment to honor Donna and be part of something meaningful!

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

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.

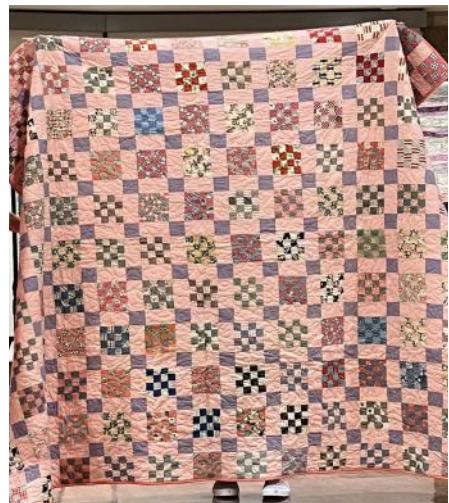
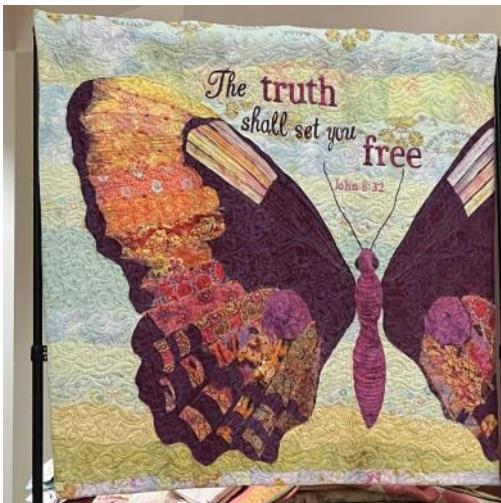
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Photos from May's Meeting



More Photos from May's Meeting



Photos from May's Workshop



QUILTERS' MARKETPLACE

Welcome new members to the Quilters' Marketplace! We oversee the most fun job ever! We receive donations from members and others, sort, fold, and label the fabric. Then we resell it at a huge discount to our members and guests for a mere \$2.00 per yard. Proceeds support our philanthropies throughout the year. Please be sure to visit the back tables at our Guild monthly meetings to shop and support our goals. Cash or checks for members.



June: This month's Guild meeting is going to be very exciting as we have received so many donations these past few months. Lots of new lovelies to add to your stash! We also will focus on holiday fabrics to help those who plan in advance.

July: We will be out of town so there won't be a fabric sale this month. Buy in June! ☺

Donations are always accepted. Either bring them to us at a meeting or we can pick them up at your convenience.



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Monthly Mini



Congratulations to Susan Nawa-Raridon, the winner of the batik flower wall hanging donated by Kathy Hutchins.

Stop by the monthly mini table during the June guild meeting for the chance to win a two-sided table runner donated by Mary Kay Fitzpatrick. Thank you, Mary Kay!



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

Thank you does not express how grateful Philanthropy is with all the quilts that are donated. We received over 50 quilts at our last sew day. and the pillowcases keep coming. You are all such a generous group that it warms my heart to know so many people care and do something about it.

We donate this past month 131 adult and children's quilts to: Choc Mission Viejo and Orange, Ignite Hope, Person in Need, child in need, Pretend City Auction, Priority Center, Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center, UCI Laguna Hills/Irvine, UCI Oncology - Orange, VFW, Vets in Hospice, Village Of Hope, Vitas Hospice. Pillowcases went to: CHOC-Orange, My Own Case For Kids, Hospice-Vitas Community Connection, Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center. Fleece wraps went to CAST and lumbar pillows went to Vets in Hospice.

Our Sew Day was amazing! Debi Martin showed how to quickly put together the Zebra Parade pattern, you can find it on the BCQG website on the Philanthropy page. Thank you Debi, it was great!

Next meetings: June 2 July 7 August 4 September 8 (due to Labor Day holiday)

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.

Thank you all for the manly pillowcases that have been coming in, we love them and the men in the facility we donate to appreciates them also. Keep them coming.

Baby blankets are always needed. Kits are always available, and are an easy size to try your hand at machine quilting on your domestic machine.

If you are making a Philanthropy quilt from your stash, we can help with backing and batting. We have a form to be filled out for our long-armers, also on our Philanthropy page of the website. Please attach it when turning in your quilt sets.

I hope you all enjoyed Jim Duggin's talk, from Royal Family Kids Camp Mission Viejo, thanking you for the quilts and pillowcases we donate, I know I did. We all have so much, it's great to be able to give to those who need some love.

Happy Stitching
Janice Trumbauer
Philanthropy Chair

THE TREASURE BOX NEEDS HELP!



That's right...the Treasure Box that accompanies our Opportunity Quilt needs to be filled with fabric... red, white, blue, or patriotic fabric. Please help us by bringing a fat quarter to the June meeting and looking for Janet Cowart or Elaine Pappas-Puckett at our table. We thank you.

Photos from the New Member Gathering

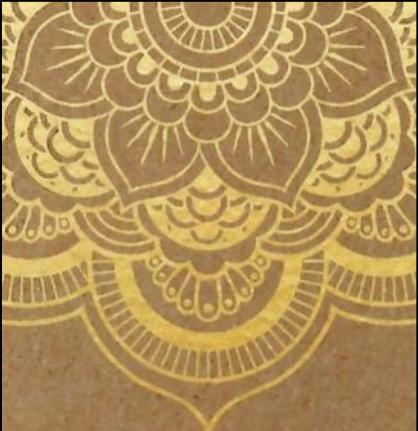
We had a fabulous response with 28 attending. The board members were very enthusiastic about sharing their position on the guild. The mixer game gave us an opportunity to mingle and the new members shared their sewing skills. It was a successful day.

Barb Gauntner and Catherine Huebscher



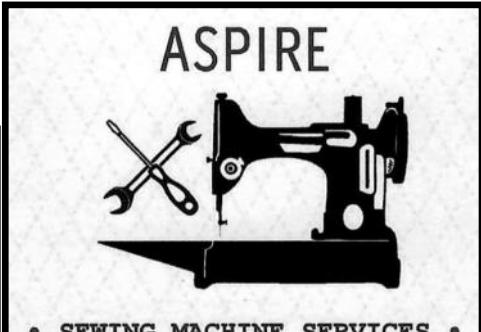
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BCQG Workshops are generally held on the Friday after our monthly Thursday Guild meeting at the Norman P Murray Community Center in Mission Viejo. Registration fee is \$35 for members; \$60 for non-members. (Annual BCQG membership is only \$40 and members sign up first.)



**Friday, 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**



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

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Sunshine and Shadows



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

Hi Everyone - Block Party is rolling along. Thank you for "Blocking" with me

If you haven't started, what are you waiting for? All you need is on the website. We will be having a drawing to get quilt quilted for those that finish their tops. So get to cracken so you can be considered for the grand prize.

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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Hello!

I'd like to introduce our June Featured Advertiser- [The Orange Quilt Bee](#) !

We want to quilt with you! Buzz down to the city of Orange and check out a whole new Orange Quilt Bee. Our recent transition of ownership in November 2024, has breathed new life into our little shop. As one of the last full-service quilt shops in Orange County, our #1 goal is community and all the joy and comfort that comes with that when we can come together to quilt. Just last weekend we made the decision to open for Mother's Day, where we hosted homemade baked goods, Joe's Italian Ice Cream, and a classroom full of quilters. What an amazing day we had sharing love and friendship and good food!

Not only is community important to us, but let's not forget about all the pretty things! We've made an effort to expand the range of fabric lines we carry, so we still have all of your familiar favorites like Moda, Free Spirit, Riley Blake, Dear Stella, Andover, Windham, Hoffman, and Northcott, but now we've also brought in Art Gallery Fabrics, Ruby Star Society, Figo, Cloud 9, Dear Stella, Fableism, Paintbrush Studios, and more. We just got in over 100 bolts of Halloween fabric and there is more on its way! Don't blink because the Christmas fabric is trickling in too!

Keep an eye out for our newsletters, Facebook, and Instagram posts because we are having so much fun with all our different promotions every week. We have the new Tula Pink line Full Moon Harvest II, plus our shop is enrolled in the special Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements Monthly Palette Collection program (Teal is Coming Soon!), and right now you can get a free Tula Pink or Tim Holtz tote bag with a \$100 purchase or more of any of their fabrics. We have a plethora of precuts like 5", 10", 2 1/2" strips, and fat quarter bundles as well as fun kits. So come down and quilt with us. We can't wait to see you!

Quilt your heart out!

Jenny & The Queen Bees

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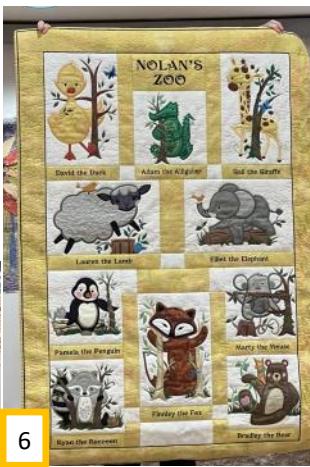
Show and Tell

Can you believe its almost July 4th!! Bring your festive holiday quilts to share - and please, if you bring more than one, keep your notes brief. We do our best to read your notes and appreciate the clear writing.

Christi and Tami

April Show and Tell

1. Christi Valley
2. Tami Quan
3. Susan Probst
4. Susan Probst
5. Sandy Corbin
6. Gail Brunell
7. Haley Nagel
8. Pat Ballard
9. Mary King



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Show Tell Continued

1. Maggie Bell
2. Janet Cowart



Things to Do

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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:

Beach Cities Quilters Guild - Membership
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