



Stitches in the Sand

August 2025

MEETING DATE: August 14th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

Programs

Our speaker this month is **Sandra Bruce**.

Sandra began her love of sewing at about age 8 when her mother taught her to use her treadle sewing machine. She got her own machine as a teenager and never stopped sewing. In 1988, while living in the San Francisco Bay Area, she started a quilting “bee” with quilt artist Therese May and discovered the fun of working on collaborative projects.



She lives in Grass Valley, California with Gary, her partner of 40 years. Her son, Matteo, is one of her favorite quilt subjects. Her Gammill, a 14-foot-long arm machine named Dixie, is located in her quilting studio in historic downtown Grass Valley.

She thinks teaching is very rewarding, loves sharing her knowledge of quilting and is going to show us her “Scrap Vortex” in her workshop.

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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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

This year is flying by. I can't believe it is already the end of July.

Our Member's Showcase was fabulous. We have such incredibly creative women in our guild. I loved seeing Judi Nagel's quilting journey, Victoria Crayne's wonderful art quilts and Anne Hicks quilting ability. You ladies Rock! I hope you, too, loved seeing these ladies journey.

Our Quilt Show will be upon us soon. Have you started your Quilt Show entry? Or thought what you would like to enter? I would like to see everyone in our Guild participate. It is fun to see your quilt on display. I am always surprised at what you all are working on.

Also, think about what you can do to help put this show on. It really is an exciting time and so much fun. Grab a friend on check with Rosie Beck or Susan Probst to see what is needed.

Stay cool this summer. See you in August.

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.



By the time you read this, I'm confident the President's Quilt will be well on its way to completion!"

A Big Thanks to these Fabulous Members for Hosting A Quilting Bee !

Karen Brewin Hosting: July 1, 2, 5th. 10 AM - 4 PM

Phyllis Parente Hosting: July 14, 15, 16 . 10 AM - 4 PM

Margie Bushaw Hosting: July 7, 8, 21, 22. 3 PM -7 PM

Janice Trumbauer Hosting: July 28, 29, 30, 31 10AM - 4PM

Thank you to all the BCQG members who attended a Quilting Bee !

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

Questions: Call or text

Margie Bushaw (949) 233-3350

Janet Crothers: (949) 945-3495

BCQG Nominating Committee

Board Positions for 2025 - 2026

We need your help. We are in search of candidates for the open positions on the Executive Board for Beach Cities Quilters Guild.

To make this organization possible, we need volunteers for the Board and the Standing Committee positions. All Board meetings are via Zoom and communications are email and phone calls. These positions can even be co-chaired. We can only continue to operate if we have member participation.

The next term starts in October, but we need to identify candidates by **July** to be presented to the membership for approval. This year we will be filling VP- Facilities and VP- Membership.

More information is available on the BCQG website under About Us/Bylaws and in the back of the Membership Roster. I'm happy to answer any questions or provide additional details you may need. Feel free to speak to the current members in those positions, also.

Please contact me if you are interested and/or know someone who might be interested in being on the Board. I'm happy to take their information and contact them directly if that's easier. **Sometimes people just need to be asked.** Help us find those people.

My contact information is available in the Membership Roster.

Thank you,

Marian Mapes

BCQG Parliamentarian



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Judi Nagel



Anne Hicks

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Quilt Show Help!

The Quilt Show team is looking for someone to help out! We are looking for a volunteer to chair **Advertising**, and someone to chair our **Quilt Auction**, for our upcoming quilt show. It can be an individual, it can be a pair of friends, or it could even be a Friendship group! This can be a lot of fun! Please contact Susan Probst or Rosie Beck if you have any questions or are interested.

Susandprobst@gmail.com

rkcamp@hotmail.com



Quilt Show Boutique Items Needed

Bags, placemats, aprons, holiday items, quality notions, etc. etc!!! Oh my!!! Christi Valley, Boutique chair is excited to get your handcrafted items to place for sale at our famous April Quilt Show Boutique. She will be at the guild meeting, sew day or call her to drop off at her house. 949-633-7198. Thanks so much in advance for your time and effort in helping our boutique continue the tradition of quality products with lines out the door.

If anyone would like to help with this effort, I'd love to have you part of our team - just reach out for more information.

Christi Valley





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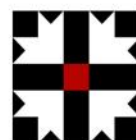
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Monthly Mini



Congratulations to Janet Crothers, the winner of the California bear pillow and felt candle mat/pincushion donated by Deb Komatsu.

Stop by the monthly mini table during the August guild meeting for the chance to win a spacious 16" X 18" Flamingo print tote – lined with an interior zipper pocket - donated by Liz Pickering. Thank you, Liz!

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



Friendship Circles

Hi Everybody,

You will be seeing a new face at the Friendship Circle table next month. Judi Nagel will be replacing me as Friendship Circle Chairman for the coming year. If you think you don't know Judi, I am betting than you will recognize her when you walk by the Friendship Circle table at the guild meeting. She is a long-time member of Beach Cities and was one of our Showcase speakers at the July meeting.

If you are currently a member of a friendship circle, please stop by the table and introduce yourself, tell her the name of your F.C. and what you do at your meetings. If you are not a member of a friendship circle but would like to know more about them, Judi is the one who can answer your questions. She is such a friendly person and an incredibly talented crafter.

I hope you all have a great rest-of-your-summer and I will be sitting with you in the audience in September.

Signing off!

Karen Bean

Your former Friendship Circle Chair.

Philanthropy News

Every month I have the pleasure of reporting where our donated quilts go. Once in a while we hear back from those who received a quilt and it's so gratifying. Thank you all for making this possible.

Quilts donated this past month: Lighthouse Group, Showers of Appreciation, Person in Need (adult), Person in Need (child), Priority Center, Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center, UCI Oncology; Orange, Laguna Hills, Irvine, United Cerebral Palsy, Vets in Hospice, Village of Hope. Pillowcases went to CHOC - Orange, Hospice - Vitas Community Connection, Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center. CAST fleece wraps.

We have collected 37 quilts and pillowcases for Royal Family Kids Camp Mission Viejo. They will be delivered to them the last week of June. Thank you to everyone who participated in this venture. It was nice having Mr. Jim Duggin come talk to us about the camp.

Next meetings: 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!

Maggie Bell has asked once again for patriotic quilts to be donated to Dana West Yacht Club for their Christmas dinner for service men and women who have no family with them at Christmas. She is looking for 10 quilts; lap size 50 X 60 or 50 X 70. They will be due the end of November.

Our July meeting: we will be celebrating Christmas in July. CHOC hospital in Orange has asked for Christmas pillowcases, nothing religious. They use these pillowcases as gift wrap for the presents donated by companies. Quilts would also be welcomed. Just remember nothing religious. Any size would be fine.

I spoke with Patrice Lambourne and she said about 20 quilts have been donated to her for fire survivors. Please when you turn in quilts to Philanthropy let us know if you'd like them to go to fire survivors and if you donate them to one of the local quilt stores, drop me a line so we know. Many thanks. We love keeping track of how many quilts are donated.

So, Janet Cowart has a new quilt pattern to share. "3 Fabrics/3 Quilts" adapted from a pattern by Anita Grossman Solomon. She is going to demonstrate how easy this is. So gather 3 1 yards of fabric and join us for a quick lesson at about 10:30. Directional fabric will not work.

Looking forward to seeing all in July.

Thank you again for all you do for Philanthropy

Janice Trumbauer

Philanthropy Chair


Hospitality

THANK YOU for bringing sweets and savories to the Hospitality Table!

Remember, it doesn't need to be your birthday month anymore. If you make something, maybe make a little extra :)

Upcoming Speakers

September 2025	Linda Neal	lindanealquilts.com
October 2025	Donna Wester's President Quilt Reveal	
November 2025	Barb Vedder	https://funwithbarbandmary.blogspot.com/
December 2025	Annual Holiday Fun	



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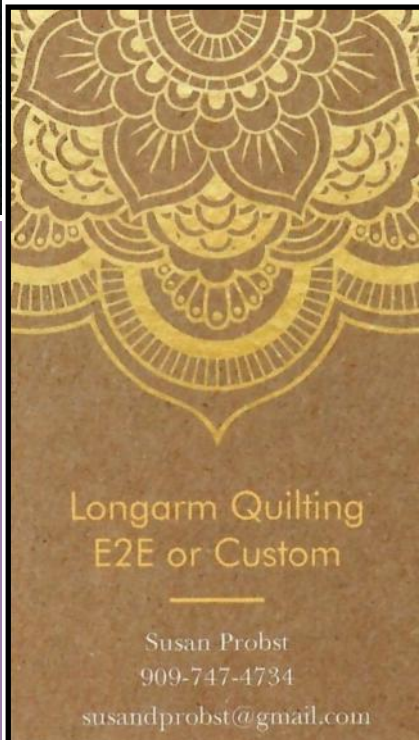
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Workshops

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, 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.

Check out her gallery at www.sandrabruce.com.

At this writing, there are a couple of openings in the workshop. To sign up, please contact Mary Kay Fitzpatrick by email at mkfitz1066@cox.net.

Workshop fee is \$35.

Friday, September 12, 2025 Workshop

“Four Fabulous Flowers” with Linda Neal

10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center

Linda loves to work with small things and has an eye for detail. She will bring pre-cut templates/pattern for each student (no extra fee). This class is jam packed with information the entire class time, with many demonstrations. Beside the basics, she teaches more advanced layering/wrapping techniques, fussy cutting ideas, etc.



Check out her website, www.lindanealquilts.com. There are a couple of links to some YouTube interviews with her about her award-winning quilts. Linda loves to work with tiny details and embellishments.

Register for this workshop at the Guild Meeting, on the website or by emailing Mary Kay Fitzpatrick at mkfitz1066@cox.net. Workshop fee is \$35 for members, \$60 for non-members.

Sunshine and Shadows



Annie Fitzpatrick would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes during her husband's brief challenge with cancer. He passed away peacefully on July 25. We appreciate the continued prayers and support.

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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Show and Tell

Lots of fun quilts lately - so neat to see all the variety. Remember Tami and I are more than happy to hold up your quilts for you and read your summary if you aren't comfortable stepping up to the stage. We do thank you for the wonderful writeups making it so easy to read to the group. Happy Summer!

Christi and Tami

July Show and Tell



Maggie Bell



Becky McDaniel



Holly Batterman



Mary Kay Fitzpatrick



Cathy Kelly, Christi Valley and Valerie Hutchins

Show Tell Continued



Janie Manary



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Things to Do

September

- 20 The Orange Grove Quilters Guild Presents— “Picnic in the Park” - see below for more info

October

- 4 Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild—Outdoor Quilt Show
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- 11 [Flying Geese Quilters Guild Quilt Show](#)—”Quilts for All Seasons”

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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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