



Stitches in the Sand

September 2026

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

Programs

Meet our Speaker: **Cindi McChesney!**

*A quilt artist, author, long-arm quilter, teacher and lecturer who revels in finding simple solutions to complex questions about quilt making and quilt design. I am the author of **Fun with Panels and Playful Panel Quilts** C&T Publishing, available now directly from me or at your local quilt shop!*



If you would like to join us for dinner with the speaker before the guild meeting, RSVP with Norah at (949) 636-2790 no later than Wednesday. Dinner will be at the California Pizza Kitchen on Marguerite Parkway at 4:45 pm.

Upcoming speakers:

October: President's Quilt Presentation

November: Kestrel Michaud

December: Holiday Event

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/672436387018111>

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

My time as your president is almost over and it's been an honor to represent all of you amazing, creative and philanthropic members. Extra kudos goes out to Laurel Hathaway for all of the work she did representing our guild at the Bowers Museum Quilt Fair on August 16. As of noon that day, they had checked in 600 people! It's the most well attended event they've ever had at the Bowers. In case you didn't get a chance to see it in person or on our Facebook page, here are a couple of pictures from the day:



The winner of our quilt

Our booth- Philanthropy facts really impressed folks.

I know that Norah is going to be a great president. She's found some really varied and interesting speakers for 2026-27.

I will be on vacation and won't be at our September meeting but want to urge as many members as possible to attend because we'll be voting in the new members of the board and also our budget so it's important that we have a quorum.



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2026-27 President



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From the Parliamentarian

Beach Cities Quilters Guild

Executive Board Nominees for 2026 - 2027

The following candidates have been approved by the Board of Beach Cities Quilters Guild to be presented to the membership at the September general meeting for a vote to accept:

President-		Norah Dopudja
1st Vice President -	Programs	Susan Probst
2nd Vice Presidents-	Membership	Kathy Hutchins and Val Hutchins
3rd Vice President-	Facilities	Anna Ahmed
Secretary-		Cathy Kelley
Treasurer-		Judy Ward

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the September meeting, provided that prior written consent of the nominee has been obtained and submitted to the Parliamentarian. A quorum of the membership is required for voting. Please plan to attend the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nominating Committee
Marian Mapes, Parliamentarian



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August Meeting Photos



Philanthropy News

In August 173 quilts were donated to the following: Person in need, Dana West Yacht (Marines), Silverado Memory Care, United Cerebral Palsy, VA Long Beach, Vets in Hospice, Village of Hope, UCI Oncology, Priority Center and Showers of Appreciation.

63 Pillowcases were donated to: CHOC , Vitas Hospice, Project Foster and Royal Therapeutic.

58 other items were donated including Fleece Wraps, Placemats table toppers and NICU blankets.

Our next sew day will be September 14 due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday. Please join us 10:00 - 3:00. We meet at Presbyterian Church of the Master, 26051 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo (corner of Marguerite and Oso - park in the lot close to Oso). We set up at 9:00 and usually start to clean up around 2:30. Help is always appreciated for set up and clean up. There is a great show and tell at 11:00. We provide irons, ironing boards, mats, cutting supplies and batting. Kits for quilts, pillow cases and NICU blankets are available to work on or bring your own project. Hope to see you there.

Ways and Means

SEPTEMBER WAYS AND MEANS

We will have all NEW fabric, you haven't seen any of this before!

Also, Halloween and some for the Winter Holidays.

Only \$2.00 per yard, Bring your Friends!

Julie Kemmerer and Marty Ryncarz

Membership Renewal Time

We are now taking Membership renewals for the upcoming 2026/27 year. (Annual Membership runs from October 1 through September 30.)

There are several ways to renew:

Renew at any Guild meeting (pay by cash, check or credit card).

Print the membership renewal form online and in this newsletter, then mail it to the address listed on the form, along with a check for \$40.

Or, even easier, fill out a membership form online and pay with PayPal or credit card.

You can renew online by clicking [HERE](#)

Or click [HERE](#) to pull up the membership renewal form

Spring Tea & Tour 2027



SPRING TEA & TOUR 2027

Saturday, April 24, 2027

The date has been confirmed, the committee is hard at work, and the creative juices are flowing. BCQG Spring Tea and Tour 2027 is officially underway.

If you are new to the guild or just never knew the history behind the Tea and Tour, I hope I can shed some light on the subject. Back in the 1990s, our fore sisters decided it would be nice to have a day where we could give back to all guild members, share some comradery while enjoying an afternoon tea together. As the guild grew, so did the ideas for the Tea and Tour. The Tea became a full-blown catered luncheon with great selections of foods and desserts. But, somehow the “tea” portion got lost along the way and substituted with coffee and waters. We hope to bring back the Tea with some new ideas. Stay tuned.

The tour portion is just what it sounds like: a tour. We ask a few guild members to open their sewing rooms for members to visit. On the morning before the Tea, you’ll have the opportunity to tour three or four homes. It’s a wonderful chance to see how others organize their sewing spaces, admire items they’ve made over the years, and perhaps gather fresh ideas to try in your own space.

The introduction of the challenge project also blossomed. Each year our members pushed the boundaries of the challenge, and it became more creative and fun. Today’s challenge consists of a kit which must be purchased. It includes specially chosen fabric, a few accessories and a list of rules which must be adhered to. From there, you are only bound by your own imagination. The challenge projects then become the decorations around the venue for our luncheon. It’s truly amazing what our members can do. You don’t want to miss it.

Challenge kits will be sold starting at October’s general meeting and Ticket sales will begin after the first of the year. We are still looking for someone or a group to be in charge of the raffle baskets. It sounds daunting, but it’s really not. And I’m willing to help anyway I can. If you think you’d like to help or volunteer, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Cheers,

Martie Huben-Wagner

949.637.2435

Workshops

SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP

Panel Palooza with [Cindi McChesney of Cedar Ridge Quilting](#)

Date: September 11, 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (doors open at 9:30 am)

Location: Murray Center, Juniper Room



In this six hour workshop, quilters will take that panel they fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. We'll discuss how to square up your panel segments, add interesting block treatments and borders and we'll cover the basics of graphing, adding coping strips and more, all guaranteed to make your panel project a success. There will be an overview of other techniques to create a beautiful project and time to begin designing your quilt! This is a process class with no sewing involved. Each participant is required to purchase a book for the class: Fun with Panels or Playful Panel Quilts (C&T Publishing, \$25). Instructor will bring books and patterns for purchase.

Registration is open. Email Janet Crothers (crothers10@hotmail.com) to register or register online.

Workshop fee is \$35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email as of August 13 and the fee is \$35.

[Use this link to sign up online](#)

NOVEMBER WORKSHOP

Improv Beach Scene with [Kestrel Michaud](#)

Date: November 13, 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (doors open at 9:30 am)

Location: Murray Center, Juniper Room

In this workshop, students will create an approximately 5" x 7" beach scene using fusible-backed fabric and a reference image of their choice. Kestrel will provide compositional guidelines to follow before turning students loose.

This class is particularly exciting because there is no pattern and no set kit, so every student produces a uniquely different result.

The kit will include an

assortment of fabric, but every kit will be different and students are encouraged to trade and share fabric amongst themselves.

To finish the artwork, each student will receive a picture mat and cellophane sleeve for easy framing and transportation of their art.

Registration is open. Email Janet Crothers (crothers10@hotmail.com) to register or register online.

Workshop fee is \$35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email as of October 13 and the fee is \$35. [Use this link to sign up online](#)



Block Party

Block Party 2026

Pattern: <https://windhamfabrics.com/search?options%5Bprefix%5D=last&q=Welcome+Home>

Project ends. October 2026

Quilt parade: January guild meeting 2027

Stop by table at guild and see a couple of finished quilts

This is a very easy pattern.

You can make it anytime. Guild would love to see your creativity in January's parade.

Orphan blocks Oct 2025-26

This month I've made 20 tops. As of this writing, they are not quilted yet!

This project has contributed to philanthropy quilts, table runners, place mats, jackets, vests, advent calendars.

Totaling 145 items in 9 months.

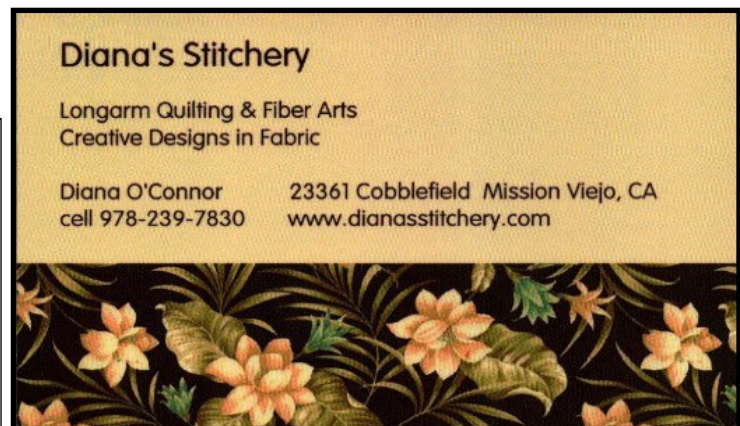
So.... Your donations are moving along.

Good News - orphan projects/ blocks will continue for 2026-27. YAY...

I look forward to helping you declutter, honoring the makers and supporting philanthropy.

Sharon Farley

714-376-5072



Monthly Mini



Congratulations to Our August Winner!

Congratulations to the lucky winner of our August Monthly Mini Raffle! She took home the darling table centerpiece handcrafted by Deb Komatsu. Thank you, Deb! We so appreciate your lovely donation to our Guild.

One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish...

This month's Monthly Mini raffle prize is perfect for the Dr. Seuss fans in your life! We have eight fun and brightly colored placemats that are sure to please. These playful and sweet placemats were generously handmade and donated by Mary Kay Fitzpatrick. Thank you, Mary

Kay, for creating such a fun prize for our raffle!

Raffle tickets will be available at the meeting:

1 ticket — \$1

6 tickets — \$5

13 tickets — \$10

Be sure to get your tickets for a chance to win this delightful handmade creation while supporting our Guild.

Good luck to everyone!



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Show and Tell from August



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**Saturday,
September 19, 2026
9 am to 4 pm**

**Christ Lutheran Church
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**Tickets are \$10 at the door
Info at:
Orangegrovequiltersguild.org**

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Saturday September 26, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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FRIENDSHIP SQUARE QUILT GUILD

2026 Quilt Show

Kaleidoscope of Quilts

Saturday, September 19, from 10am - 5pm

Sunday, September 20, from 10am - 4pm

La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra

Admission: \$10.00

Large Quilt Display - Merchant Mall - Boutique/Quilt Sale

Breast Cancer Quilt Raffle - Silent Auction



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Date: Saturday, September 26

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Hephatha Lutheran Church

\$5 per pound of fabric (cash or credit accepted)



Don't need fabric, but still want to
donate to Ronald McDonald House?
Scan the QR code.

Have fabric to donate? Drop it off in
the church office by September 15.

Call Carol Rangel at 714-612-3932
for more details or questions.

More Things to Do



Canyon Quilters of San Diego
Presents



The 2026 Canyon Quilters Marketplace

WHEN
October 24, 2026
10 am – 2 pm

WHERE
City View Church,
Fellowship Center,
8404 Phyllis Place
San Diego, CA 92123
- Located off 805 & 8
- Plenty of parking

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HI DESERT QUILT GUILD “STITCH IT - DON'T DITCH IT” QUILT SHOW OPPORTUNITY QUILT

This quilt, a “Dear Jane” quilt, was showcased at the 2016 AQGS Quilt Show in Paducah, Kentucky.
One attendee described it as “perfectly done!”

Jane A. Stickle patiently crafted the original quilt in 1863 using fabric sample swatches from her local country store.
HDQG member, Linda Anderson, pieced, quilted, and donated this quilt to the HDQG.
Each block in this quilt was hand appliquéd.
The quilt measures 80 inches by 80 inches.

The winner of the quilt will be announced after the prize drawings beginning at 3:30 pm on Sunday, March 14th.
The winner does not need to be present.

Tickets are priced at \$5.00 Each or 3 for \$10.

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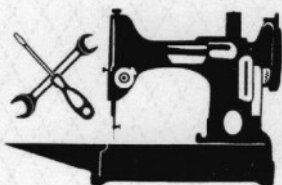
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As for PAL's in Costa Mesa, the end of August started a showroom reimagining to make room for a new classroom area. There is a wonderful new teacher looking to host great sewing classes for both beginners and seasoned sewers alike. We aim to create an environment where you just want to hang and create. New thread lines, new classes and a reimagined showroom will make for a very exciting environment to explore your creativity.

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While most sewing stores are closing or moving online, we remain committed to serving our community in-person with honesty and expertise. Believe it or not, in the sewing machine world, the best machines and the best deals are found in-store, not online. The best and newest machines are forbidden to be sold online, and good luck with a trade-in or machine support when purchasing a machine online.

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Time to Volunteer



BCQG VOLUNTEER SURVEY

Our Guild has been successful because of the time, energy, and generosity of its volunteers. Please take a few moments to review the descriptions of the various Board positions, printed in the Bylaws section of your BCQG Roster. These are just a few of the many ways you can become involved and get to know other members. Please include your name to indicate your interest or submit recommendations for the following offices and committees. Please return your completed survey or send me an email with your interests by July 20th. Please call or send an email if you have any questions. Marian Mapes, Parliamentarian, mmapes1231@aol.com or my number is in the roster. Thank you!

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Workshops	_____	_____

Membership Form



BEACH CITIES QUILTERS GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

The information you provide will be used in the Beach Cities Guild directory. A completed membership application must be submitted no later than the December general meeting to be included in the directory for the current membership year. The directory is distributed to guild members and is not made available to other sources.

Name			☐ \$40 New Member ☐ \$40 Renewal Membership # _____ ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Cash Date _____
☐ <i>If you are renewing your membership, please review your information in the last directory. Include any needed changes below or check the box to indicate that your information is current.</i>			
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Emergency Contact (if desired)		Emergency Contact Phone Number	

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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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