

April 13, 2026



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President's Message

Mary Branca

Dear Quilting Friends,

Spring is here, and April is shaping up to be a busy month! I want to thank each of you for the energy, creativity, and generosity you bring to our guild.

We are focusing heavily on our upcoming fundraising events—**Little Red Hen and our Auction**. These efforts are vital to supporting our programs, facilities costs, speakers, philanthropy and all the activities that make our guild thrive. I encourage everyone to get involved—whether that means volunteering your time, donating items, helping promote the events, or simply attending and bringing a friend. Every contribution helps make our fundraising efforts successful.

We continue to emphasize one of our guiding principles for the year: maximizing our income while minimizing expenses. Careful stewardship of our resources and some restructuring will ensure that we can continue offering quality programs and opportunities for learning and sharing our love of quilting.

I'd also like to remind everyone to wear a name tag at meetings! It makes it easier for members to connect with one another and helps create a welcoming environment.



Happy quilting!

Mary



next meeting

April 13, 2026

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Meeting

In Person | Zoom Provided



Join us at the Stonefire Grill at 4:30 pm before the Guild meeting, to meet our speaker, be with other guild members, and relax before the meeting.



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Program Feature — Next Meeting

April 13 — Dawn Heese

Lecture: French Connection

In this program, **Dawn Heese** takes you on a journey through France—by way of fabric and thread. She shares the many quilts she has designed for French magazines, along with those featured in her book [From the Linen Closet](#). Through her stories and stunning quilts, Dawn offers a glimpse into the creative exchange between American and French quilting traditions, celebrating timeless design, color, and craftsmanship.



A fourth-generation quilter, Dawn grew up surrounded by needle and thread. She is the author of nine books, including [Geese in the Rose Garden](#) and [From the Linen Closet](#), and is well known for her fabric line with Marcus Fabrics. Dawn's company, Linen Closet Designs, is named for her grandmother's linen closet filled with vintage quilts. Her work regularly appears in magazines in the U.S. and abroad, and she has taught and presented in both America and France. With her warm, engaging style and love of appliqué and traditional quilting, Dawn brings the charm of French inspiration right to our guild.

Visit Dawn at www.linenclosetdesigns.com

And on Instagram at: [Quilterheese](#)



Program Updates — Coming Attractions

June 8 — Sandy Sutton



Our next program will be Monday, June 8 featuring **Sandy Sutton's quilt collection "250 Years of Quilting."**

This is a NO GUEST FEE night. Invite your family and friends for this amazing history lesson taught through quilts.



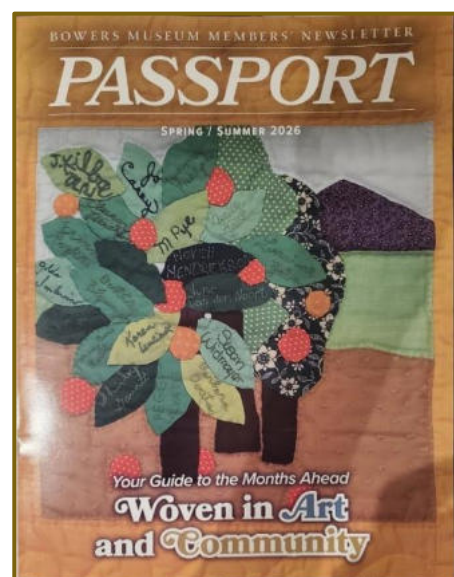
June 28 — The Bowers Museum “The American Quilt” Exhibit Tour

“The American Quilt: Cloth and Commerce” Exhibit is at Bowers Museum May 23 through August 30. **The exhibit includes a quilt from Past President MaryLu Booker!**

**JUNE 28 –
SAVE THE
DATE**

The guild has reserved a group tour slot for Sunday, June 28. Our own **Christine Dickey** will lead the tour. We will have 20 spots, and price is dependent on the number we enroll. Bower's members enter free depending on membership level.

Watch for an email with the details or contact Ellen Reibling for more information.



Program Updates — Essential Information

Changes in Workshop Dates and Locations for 2026

We are no longer offering workshops at Orange Quilt Bee, and unfortunately it is really difficult to find alternate facilities on Sundays. Please note the following changes in workshops for 2026. All registrants will be notified of these details by email. There is no October workshop, and the November workshop is by Zoom.

Month	Workshop	Date	Location
April 12	Dawn Heese	Same date, new time is 9AM – 2 PM	Irvine Water District Community Room
June 15	Sandy Sutton & Joanne Florence	New date	United Methodist Church
July 14	Minki Kim	New date	United Methodist Church
August 10	Christa Watson	Same date	United Methodist Church
September 18	Kristie Naranjo	New date	Los Lomas Community Center

Sign Up to be a VIG (Very Important Goose)



Thank you to the VIGs who helped with the March meeting. So many pitched in and it makes the production so much easier! VIGs helped with set-up, quilt hanging, holding, and folding, lighting, and take down. **Special thanks to our talented President Mary Branca!** She figured out how to manage the microphones and jumped to the stage when we needed spotlights!



Nancy Chocek
Trudy Cleveland
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Mary Howland
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You're
The
Best

Pat Longman
Carol Moore
Peggy Sue Phillips
Tom Stevens



HELP IS STILL NEEDED! We are also recruiting for help with the zoom equipment. Zoom is the only attendance option for several members, but we need a bigger team to support that function. It is not as hard as it looks and like everything else if we sign up more people you might only need to manage 1 or 2 meetings.



Looking forward we also need a team for the June meeting to help Sandy Sutton hang so many historical quilts. **Keep June 8 in mind!**



Contact Ellen Reibling to join VIGs. Tasks will be assigned by comfort level (standing or sitting, etc.) so sign up now!

Workshop Updates

Dawn Heese — April 12

In April, spend a creative day in class with **Dawn Heese** of “Linen Closet Designs” who will teach wool applique. This class is for beginners to advanced appliquers.

Dawn will be teaching the “Bird” block from her “Botanical Sketchbook” quilt. The finished block is 12” square which is great for framing, hanging on a stand or making into a pillow.

Dawn will teach techniques for wool applique on a cotton background, including easy embroidery transfer methods and essential stitching techniques.



Pattern & Kit

Dawn will provide the pattern at no charge. A kit is available, which includes background fabric, hand dyed wool, embroidery floss and needle, and costs \$22. The kit is not required if you wish to use your own fabrics. If you would like a kit, please let Gail Larderuccio know by March 25, 2026.

Workshop Location Details

The workshop will take place on Sunday, April 12 at the Water District Community Room, 15500 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine, CA 92618 from 9 am to 2 pm. The cost is \$45 plus \$22 for the optional kit.



Workshop Updates — Coming Attractions

Sandy Sutton & Joanne Florence — June 15

In June, we welcome our own **Sandy Sutton and Joanne Florence** for a workshop you won't want to miss! In honor of the **USA's 250th Birthday**, they will lead us in creating an original patriotic reproduction quilt design.

Pattern Details

Sandy and Joanne have designed two different quilts, “**Eagle**” and “**Stars**.” “**Eagles**” has an appliqued eagle and stars in the center, while “**Stars**” has a pieced star and flags in the center. The quilts are based on a medallion style, with different borders surrounding the central motif. Participants will be able to choose which quilt they want to make and can choose their favorite borders to create their own unique quilt.

Sandy and Joanne will provide a pattern for whichever quilt you choose to make. They also have some historical fabrics to share.

Workshop Details

This workshop is suitable for all skill levels, providing step-by-step instruction, creative inspiration, and collaboration.

This workshop will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026. This is one week after our guild meeting. It will be held at University United Methodist Church from 10am to 4pm. The cost is \$40

You can sign up for these workshops by contacting Gail Larderuccio.



Minki Kim — July 14

In July, we welcome fabric and pattern designer, **Minki Kim**, known for her distinctive, storybook style, as she guides you through creating her charming **Flying Geese Zipper Pouch**.

This project uses stitch-and-flip foundation piecing and quilt-as-you-go techniques to create the flying geese patches on each pouch. Minki will also demonstrate how to apply the zipper and share helpful tips for using tools like the fabric folding pen and temporary spray adhesive.

These pouches are fun to make, practical to use, and the perfect gift for any occasion.

Workshop Details

This workshop will take place on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, from 10 am to 4 pm, and will be held at University United Methodist Church, 18422 Culver Dr., Irvine, CA 92612.

You can sign up for Minki Kim's workshop at the next guild meeting.



Little Red Hen



May 11

Little Red Hen is Coming!

Kathy Keefer

Little Red Hen Collection in April!

Thank you for the many bags and boxes of quilting fabric, notions, patterns, and books in March. It is a great start for our sale on May 11. But **we need more!** Do you have extra fabric, kits, UFOs, or tools hiding in your sewing room? Give them a second life by donating them at the April guild meeting.

Your unneeded items can inspire another quilter and help the guild raise funds to support our continuing programs. So, take one more look at your supplies and see if you can part with those unused yards of fabric, cutters, mats, thread, patterns, kits, UFOs, and other quilting treasures yearning for a new life.

Quilting Fabric

Tools

Notions

Books

Patterns

Kits

UFOs



This final drop-off will be at the April 13th meeting. Please separate your items into Fabric, Notions, Kits& UFOs, and Books. These will go into the open car trunks in the first row of parking starting at 5:30 pm. The LRH team will assist you. Patterns go to Michelle Howe at check-in.

Join us for the Little Red Hen sale on May 11. Even better, bring a friend for free! This will be a perfect chance to introduce someone new to your quilting passion while getting amazing bargains and lots of fun!

Kathy Keefer, LRH Chair

2026 Quilt Auction News You Can Use

Sue Glass

2026 Flying Geese Quilt Auction and Dessert Boutique and Buy It Now Sale

Saturday September 26, 2026, 1 PM - 4 PM \$5 admission for everyone
Clifton C. Miller Community Center, 300 Centennial, Tustin CA.

Be Part of the Team

Our auction committee will be forming in May after the Little Red Hen sale at guild, but here is what we need now.

Your Quilt Entries Matter

- Please call, email, or text me if you or your friendship group have an auction quilt finished or in progress. I really need to know. We are counting on at least 30 wonderful quilts of all sizes and styles to auction off. We will accept quilts at the June, July, and August guild meetings. If you need to turn in your entry at a different time, let me know and we will make some arrangements with you.
- All quilts must have a sleeve on the back at the top so that we can hang them for showing prior to the auction.
- Also, all quilts must be accompanied by a completed information form and a photo of the quilt. The information form is an important tool for the auctioneer as she prepares her remarks to use when your quilt comes up. The photo is used to arrange the quilts for viewing and for laying out the auction itself. A photo taken by your phone or tablet is just fine. The information form for quilts is attached elsewhere in this newsletter or may be obtained by contacting me. I will also have them at guild meetings including the Little Red Hen.

Boutique Contributions

We will focus our boutique items on Fall holidays, such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. If you have an item that would make a good gift like a baby blanket or covered box, or whatever, we will be happy to take those as well. The information form for Boutique items is found elsewhere in this newsletter or by contacting me. All boutique donations must have a form, although if you are making multiples of something like ornaments or coasters, etc., you may put them on one form.

Calling All Holiday Workshop Elves



There will be a really fun **all-day workshop on May 19th** at the Rec room where Darla lives, and we can accommodate about 6 more elves. If you would like to make holiday decorations including Snowmen and Santa Tree ornaments, Santa Gnomes, and other fun items, call me to get on the list. We will furnish the required materials, although we may ask a few of our elves to bring their sewing machines. We will furnish drinks and dessert. You are welcome to bring your lunch.

2026 Quilt Auction News You Can Use — Continued

Storybook Quilt Kits

Do you remember the book Olivia The Pig or perhaps the book I Lived Inside A Whale which are possibly two of the cutest children's books I have ever read? I will have a kit to make a small quilt to go along with each book. These will be available at the June meeting or earlier by contacting me. These will be very simple quilts made of 4- or 5-inch squares, so no applique or little pieces. Thanks to Holly Batterman for taking the kit for The Ghost Who Was A Quilt!

We will have several kits for making Holiday table runners at the April, June, and July meetings.

Save the Date & Volunteer Help

Please be sure to mark the date for our auction. We will need lots of hands for the auction preparation and on auction day, so if you would like to help, contact me.

Quilt & boutique entry forms continued on the next page

2026 Quilt Auction — Quilt Entry Form

2026 Flying Geese Quilt Guild Auction and Dessert
Saturday, September 26, 2025
Quilt Donations

Name of quilt or donated item:

_____ Photo Attached _____

Description: Please list any information important for the bidders to know (we may edit information as space permits).

Quilt size: Width _____ Length _____ Sleeve on quilt? _____

Circle techniques used: Machine pieced, hand pieced, hand quilted, machine quilted, machine applique, fused applique, hand applique, embroidery, beading, other embellishment.

Made by: (individual or group members' names, continue on back if needed)

Donated by: (individual's name or name of the group)

Quilted by:

Contact name, email, and phone number for information about this quilt:

Sue Glass, 2026 Quilt Auction Chair

2026 Quilt Auction — Boutique Entry Form

2026 Flying Geese Quilt Guild Auction and Dessert
Saturday, September 26, 2025
Boutique Donations

Name of donated item:

Description: If you are donating a number of the same item to the boutique (for instance, two tote bags, or several of the same ornament) list the item name and how many you are donating. Only one form is required for each group. Give a general description of the item (for instance “6 red and white stuffed Santa heads” or “3 needle cases with Ghost applique.”

Circle techniques used: Machine pieced, hand pieced, hand quilted, machine quilted, machine applique, fused applique, hand applique, embroidery, beading, other embellishment.

Made by: (individual or group members’ names, continue on back if needed)

Donated by: (individual’s name or name of the group)

Quilted by:

Contact name, email, and phone number for information about this boutique item:

Sue Glass, 2026 Quilt Auction Chair

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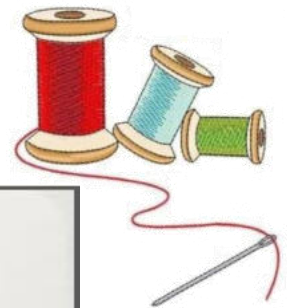
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Last Meeting Highlights

Monthly Creation

Katie LeFlore

Last month the beautiful mini spring wall hanging, hand appliquéd by Sandy Sutton, was won by **Michelle Howe**. **Congratulations, Michelle!**



SNEAK PEEK: In April, our Monthly Creation is a beautiful coordinating set for your sewing space including a sewing mat with pockets, a pin cushion, a pouch, and a project bag. All were made by Lori Maze.



Zoom

Eileen Wintemute



We had 13 people on Zoom for the March meeting. The equipment worked well and Zoom viewers enjoyed the trunk show.

The Zoom Committee is looking for more members to participate in the Zoom presentation of meetings. Working on this committee would not require you to be at every guild meeting. The process of setting up the Zoom equipment has been streamlined and does not require any special technical skills. It can be done by anyone casually familiar with a computer.

Working on this committee also will help members who are ill or homebound and can only enjoy the meetings remotely. These members have repeatedly mentioned how much they appreciate being able to see the guild meetings on Zoom.



If you are interested in helping us in the Zoom Committee please contact Trudy Cleveland.

Eileen

2026 Orange County Fair

Darla Cox

Calling for OC Fair Entries!



If you've never entered a quilt in the OC Fair, you should give it a try. The 2026 Fair theme is *Your Adventure Awaits*.

The Fair runs from July 17 through August 16, and there are many different quilt categories to choose from. The deadline to submit your entry is May 15 by 6:00 PM.

Their website is ocfair.com/competitions, where you'll find all the information you need

Darla Cox
Community Education Chair

Birthdays & New Members

Happy Birthday to our April Flying Geese!



Bonnie Bennett
Sauni-Rae Dain
Kathy Hall
Janet Haynes
Fay Kerneen
Katie LeFlore

Dorie Miller
Char Raffetto
Pam Shaw
Barbara Story
Roseann Tennison
Suzanne Watkins

*Cheers to you for another
trip around the sun!*



Please Welcome our Newest Flying Geese Member
Brenda Eley



March Meeting Attendance

Members	67
Guests	5
Zoom	13
Total	85

Show & Tell

Eileen Wintemute – Mini Baltimore

This was based on 2 mini-Baltimore patterns. I shrunk it further and added a lot to it.



Rae Lynn Nelson – Sea World Dreams

Tee Shirt Quilt.

Gale Slagle – Baby Quilt

This quilt is for my new granddaughter. It was made from blocks from Peter Rabbit.



Barbara Kerns & Tom Stevens – Patriotic

Made for Military Christmas Party.

Show & Tell — Continued

Diane Healey - Table Runner

This table runner was from a class with Krista Moser.



Dorothy Bullard - Abandoned Bargello

UFO finally finished but smaller than planned. Original concept was waaaaay too big!



Dorothy Bullard - Row by Row 2017

I pieced all the blocks and then never assembled them until now.

UFO Challenge

UFO Challenge Finale!

Kathleen Quinn

We currently have **27 members participating** in the UFO challenge! **Yes, a new member joined last month!**

What is a UFO? UFO stands for **Unfinish Objects**. This means that you have purchased the pattern and the fabrics to get started but never got around to getting it started. It's that partially completed top that you started at a class but haven't finished. It's a finished top that still needs to be quilted. It could even be that quilt that just needs binding and a label, but it's been sitting around a while waiting for you to make them.

We are now down to our final UFO quilt turn in at our April Meeting. There will be drawings for everyone who has been turning in their quilts since last September, and a special drawing for those who have completed all five of their UFO Challenge quilts. **(Sorry, you must be present for these prizes).** I also have a special gift for all of the UFO participants. Please come to the meeting to get your special gift.



🌟 Appreciation for Everyone's Participation

I want to thank everyone for participating in this UFO challenge and it is wonderful to see all the beautiful quilts at the show and tell!

🇺🇸 Gratitude to Tas Whitmore for Her Support

Many thanks to Tas Whitmore for stepping in to help measure, record, and give out all those raffle tickets!!

📅 Thanks to All Our Dedicated UFOers

Thanks to all UFOers for joining in on the fun, your patience, and helping inspire others to get their UFOs completed.

HAPPY QUILTING!

Kathleen Quinn & Tas Whitmore

Virtual Sew-Ins via Zoom

Join us at our Zoom Sew Ins - we want to meet you and have you meet us. You don't have to stay for the entire time, just pop in and say "hello." Our guild meetings are jammed packed and don't offer much time for socializing, so this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other.



Flying Geese Quilt Guild continues to have "sew-in" Zoom meetings. Members sign on for whatever length of time their schedules allow. We sew, iron, and chat while we get to know each other.

We ask questions and often another quilter has an answer. We share about new tools and/or gadgets we just had to buy. Of course, we show our fabric purchases, too. It's really a fun-filled time.

We'd love to see you!

If you have questions, please call or email **Mary Howland**. She will host these meetings.

Mondays from 9 a.m. - 12 noon

March 23, 30

April 6, 13, 20, 27

May 4, 11, 18, 25

Fridays from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

March 27

April 10, 24

May 8, 22



Philanthropy

Mary Howland



It's March - St. Patrick's Day is tomorrow! It's the day when everyone is Irish. I remember going to family reunions every summer - large gatherings of people who I only saw a few times a year. Most of the older relatives had been born in the 1800's and a few still had their Irish accents. Of course I didn't think about that as I was running around with my cousins. Now I wish I had asked them questions about their journeys to America and learned about their lives. Ireland is on my bucket list!

So, this reminds me of our guild and all its opportunities to learn and be of service to others. We are blessed with our members and their unique talents - and - their willingness to share their time, talents, and stash!



Thank you for all you do to make our guild vibrant and giving. Each time you share, you are giving love. Thank you!

Sew Day Highlights

Join us for Sew Day at our new location on April 15th from 10a - 1:30p. Bring your machine and work on a project or be someone's assistant. We'll have Show 'n Tell of all the quilts ready for donating to the various organizations we support. Don't forget to sign in whenever you donate at the guild meetings or at Sew Day - you could win a \$10 gift card.

Ways to Support Our Philanthropy

Please keep us in mind as we're always in need of adult sized lap quilt tops. We have lots of kits available, too. Just choose a kit to make a quilt, pillowcase, burpee, flannel blanket, or placemat.

Any questions or suggestions, please contact Cheri Carey-Whitman, the philanthropy chair.

HAPPY SEWING. I hope to see you soon.

Mary Howland

Philanthropy — Items Donated This Month



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Bowers Museum Exhibition

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The Bowers Museum in Santa Ana is featuring a special exhibition: **Global Threads: India's Textile Revolution**. This exhibit is about the history of India's chintz production, starting with the cultivation of cotton over 4000 years ago. Indian women spun cotton yarn on whorls and

India is credited with the invention of the spinning wheel. Artisans in India developed methods to

adhere natural dyes to cotton cloth, using mordants for some dyes, and resists for other dyes and processes. The exhibit traces the growth of India's chintz production as chintz became the first global trade commodity in world history. Ultimately, desire for chintz for home furnishings and clothing challenged established wool and flax industries in Europe and led to the manufacture of machinery that launched the Industrial Revolution. Today, there is a movement among artisans from families who hold the secrets of their ancestors, to revive the ancient traditions and materials that created these magnificent textiles.



This exhibition was created by the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. **It will be on view through April 5, 2026. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



Over 150 Quilts on Exhibit
Opportunity Quilt Drawing
Raffle Baskets
Boutique & Vendors
Auction Saturday 2:00pm

Quilt Show

April 17-18, 2026
Friday 5:30pm — 8pm
Fundraiser Preview \$25
(includes access to Saturday Event,
Wine Pull, Appetizers & More!)
Saturday 10am — 5pm
General Admission \$10

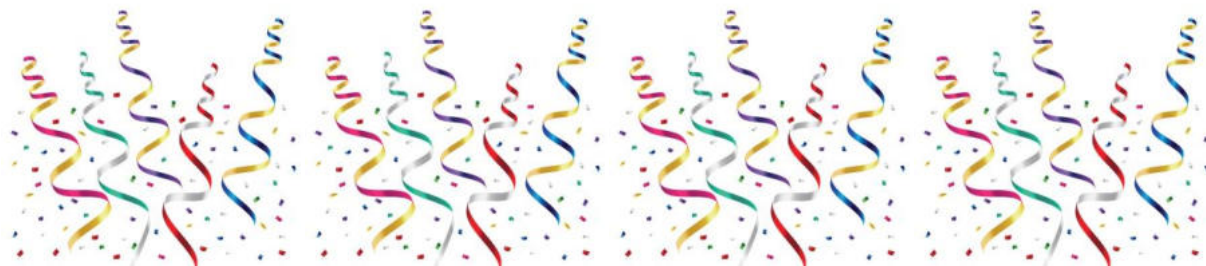


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Beach Cities Quilters Guild
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Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692
Air Conditioned—Free Parking
No strollers please

Quilty Happenings



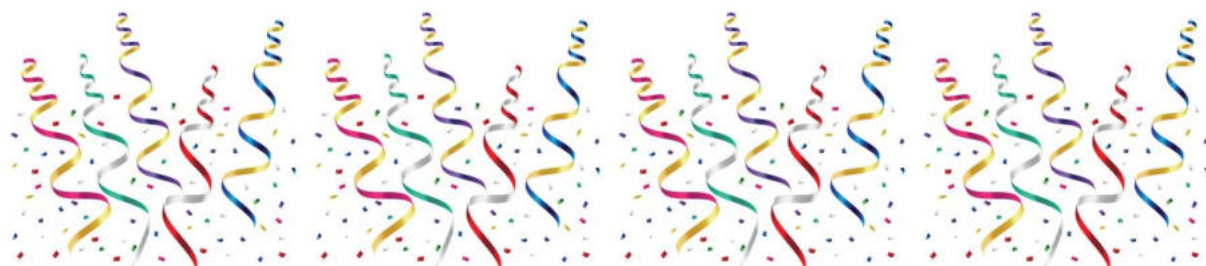
Celebrate Quilts Quilt Show 2026

The **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild** is delighted to announce our **2026 Celebrate Quilts Quilt Show**! Join us for two inspiring days on **Friday, May 8**, from 10am to 5pm and **Saturday, May 9, 2026**, from 9am to 4pm. Each day will be filled with creativity, color, and craftsmanship.

We're excited to introduce our **new venue** for 2026: **Sports Basement Long Beach**, located at **2100 N. Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90815**. This spacious new location offers the perfect setting to showcase an extraordinary collection of quilts.

Just in time for **Mother's Day**, this show makes a wonderful gift and a memorable outing. Spend the day with your mom while enjoying stunning quilt displays, trying your luck with **Opportunity Baskets**, bidding in the **Silent Auction**, shopping at the **Vendor Mall**, and hunting for treasures at the **Quilter's Flea Market**.

Come celebrate quilting, community, and creativity with us—we can't wait to see you there!



Quilty Happenings



Little Red Hen - Flying Geese Quilters Guild

RUMMAGE SALE

Find your next fabric crush at *bargain bin* prices

Monday, May 11, 2026
6 PM – 8:30 PM

Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
4861 Michelson Drive, Irvine 92612

Ready, set, rummage!
Come early — the best bargains go fast!
Bring a friend and double the fun!

- Free Admission •



Our Next Meeting

April 13, 2026

6 pm Social

6:30 pm Meeting

In Person | Zoom Provided

Meeting Location

Rancho San Joaquin Middle School

4861 Michelson Drive

Irvine, CA 92612



Please Note:

School rules allow only bottled water in the Multi-purpose room. Food and other drinks are not allowed.



- Come to the meeting
- Check in at the Membership Desk
- Wear your Name Tag
- Introduce yourself to someone new
- Carpool with a friend
- Bring Show & Tell projects to share
- Sign up for a Workshop
- Volunteer

Please be kind to those sensitive to perfumes, and refrain from wearing your fragrances to the Guild meeting.

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