

GOOSE TRACKS

President's Message

Mary Branca

Hello Fellow Quilters,

Summer is passing quickly and it's hard to believe that our auction will be next month! Sue Glass, our auction chair, is still in need of many, many helpers.

Katie LeFlore is in charge of getting volunteers for the auction, and I encourage you to contact her to find out how you can help. As with most of our fundraising events, we cannot be successful without the help of our many volunteers.

Our budget committee will most likely meet in October and we plan to have a budget to present to you at the November meeting. We can expect to have another budget where our costs exceed our income. We are in a years long pattern of deficit spending, where our expenses are more than our income. Our fixed costs for facilities rental, the storage unit, insurance, travel and lodging for our speakers remain high and continue to rise. These fixed cost items take a significant part of our budget.

Please know that we are making cuts wherever we can and we are closely monitoring our budget. It would be my goal to have a balanced budget within three years, but that will involve making changes, while also making sure we are maximizing our fundraiser income. The ad hoc committee has generated many ideas on ways to cut costs. Their future meetings will focus on possible ways to maximize the income from our current fundraisers and to generate ideas for possible new ways to raise money.

This year Little Red Hen exceeded its goal. We were planning for \$6,000 and we actually made \$7,200. Thank you to Kathy Keefer and her team for their hard work.

Also, our Monthly Creation goal is \$100 per month and we have exceeded that each and every month. Thank you to Katie Le Flore for being in charge of Monthly Creations this year. Last month was our highest at \$179! We intend to incorporate the ticket pricing structure that Gina implemented at the last meeting of "13 tickets for \$10". It's an even better bargain than 6 for \$5! We have had high-quality donated items that people want to purchase-so we appreciate those who donated items as well as everyone who buys tickets. If you have a donation, please contact Katie Le Flore.

We are hoping that our auction will also meet its goal. This will again depend on bidders for our quilts who are looking for a way to make a generous donation to our guild in exchange for getting a wonderful quilt for themselves. We will also have opportunities for silent auction baskets, kits, boutique items, and some "buy it now" items. There is a way for everyone to help support our guild and to take home some quality items.

I know my message this month is filled with lots of money talk, but I wanted to assure everyone that we are looking at every possible way we can to cut costs and to maximize our income. Many guilds, as well as many households, are facing the same issues.

Mary Branca
President



next meeting

August 10, 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

August Program

In August, we welcome Christa Watson, a modern quilter known for her bold use of color and approachable quilting style. In her lecture and trunk show *One Pattern, Many Possibilities*, Christa explores how a single quilt pattern can take on endless variations with changes in layout, fabric, and quilting design.



Program Updates — Coming Attractions

September Preview

Kristie Naranjo will introduce the *Scrappy Appliqué* method, a crowd-pleasing approach that is simple, fun, and accessible for all skill levels. She will walk attendees through the basics of this raw-edge, collage-style appliqué technique and share a trunk show filled with inspiring examples. Members will leave excited to try their own versions and see how this playful method can transform scraps into striking, one-of-a-kind works of art.



Coming Attractions

Sign Up to be a VIG (Very Important Goose)



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Thank you to everyone who helped with the July meeting! Please consider helping out at meetings this year.

We are in need of an audiovisual expert to manage the meeting announcements and projector. This is different than the Zoom function. This person would support the speaker presentation by focusing on links to the overhead projector. Training is available but consistency will be key.

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

RSVP for the Summer Sew In #2 – Sunday, August 30

An open event to hang out and sew together.

3:30 PM – 9 PM Come for as long as you can!

Irvine Ranch Water District Community Room

15500 Sand Canyon Ave.

Irvine, CA 92618

No charge! Bring some food to share or there are also lots of fast food options around the corner. Bring a board game you like. Bring some favorite music. Feel free to bring a friend.

Our first Sew In was a blast so we are doing it again! The Sew-In is an open sew that can accommodate 20 sewing machines and even more with handwork! Join us to work on a UFO or sew for the Auction boutique.

Workshop Updates

If you want to know the answer to the daunting question, “How do I quilt this quilt?”,

Christa Watson will be here on August 10, 2026, to help with solutions. Christa will be teaching “Walking Foot Wonders” and “Free-Motion Favorites”. In this workshop, Christa shares her favorite fast, fun and forgiving quilting designs for all skill levels. Students will explore a variety of easy-to-learn fills and foolproof motifs. With Christa’s friendly and encouraging teaching style, students will gain confidence and learn practical tips for beautifully finishing their quilts.

This workshop is open for sign-ups.

This workshop will be held on Monday, August 10, 2026, from 10am to 4pm, at University United Methodist Church, 1842 Culver Dr., Irvine, CA 92612. The cost is \$45.

Workshop Updates — Coming Attactions

Kristie Narango — September 18

In September, we are pleased to present **Kristie Naranjo** who will teach her workshop called “Scrappy Applique Intensive” which is suitable for all experience levels. In this lively, hands-on workshop, Kristie will guide us through the cheerful and creative world of “Scrappy Applique”—a raw-edge applique technique, developed by designer Shannon Brinkley.

Using collaged fabric scraps, participants will learn how to transform simple templates into vibrant, one-of-a-kind applique designs. There are 300 patterns to choose from on Kristie’s website. [Kristie requests that students use one of her patterns to learn this technique.](#)

At the workshop, the emphasis will be on creating your collage which requires an IRON. NO sewing machine is needed. Kristie will give detailed instructions on how to sew your template to your background fabric. But you can do the sewing at home.

Because this technique encourages playful color choices, unexpected fabric combinations, and personal expression, each student’s project becomes uniquely their own. It’s fast, forgiving, and wonderfully addictive—perfect for anyone looking to explore a fresh, modern approach to applique.



Sign-ups are currently being accepted.

Workshop Date, Time, Location & Cost

This workshop will be held on Friday, September 18, 2026. That's the Friday following the guild meeting. It will be from 10am to 4pm, at Las Lomas Community Center, 10 Federation Way, Irvine, CA 92603. The cost is \$45.

How to Register

You can sign up for any of these workshops by contacting Gail Larderuccio. You can pay at the next guild meeting, mail a check or by Zelle.

Carolina Oneto – November 8

On November 8, 2026, we are happy to have Carolina Oneto who will be teaching "Curves and Transparencies". Join us for a fun and skill-building workshop where you will explore how color, value, and fabric selection work together to create striking transparency effects in your quilts. In this workshop, participants will make a mini quilt top designed from scratch. Carolina will introduce key concepts in color theory and explore how transparency effects can be created through color and fabric choices. She will also teach how to cut fabric with complex shapes and join curved pieces by machine.

Carolina is coming to us from Brazil via Zoom. If you've never taken a zoom workshop from home, you'll love how convenient and fun this is!

This workshop will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2023 and the cost is \$50.

Sign-ups will begin at the guild meeting on August 10, 2026.

You can sign up for any of these workshops by contacting Gail Larderuccio at glarderuccio@gmail.com. You can pay at the next guild meeting, or by mailing a check to Gail, or by Zelle.

2026 Quilt Auction News You Can Use (August Edition)

Sue Glass

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

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 1 PM - 4 PM
Clifton C. Miller Community Center, 300 Centennial, Tustin, CA

Our Quilt Auction is less than 2 months away, and we have many beautiful quilts on our list for our Auctioneer Elaine Pappas-Puckett. Elaine has many years of experience with guild quilt auctions, and we are very glad to have her with us again in 2026. Please remember that everyone attending the auction must pay the \$5 admission fee, even if you don't plan to bid. This applies even if you are working at the auction.

Date to Remember

August 10 (August Guild Meeting): All quilts must be completed and turned in to the show committee chair, Sue Glass at this meeting.

All donations for the boutique are to be turned in to Darla Cox unless other arrangements have been made with Darla.

All Baskets for the silent auction as well as items to be added to a basket are to be turned in to Sauni-Rae Dain unless you make other arrangements with her. Her information is in our new directory. We also ask that everyone preparing a basket fill out the Basket Form using the Google Form found at the link at the end of this paragraph. Do not wrap your basket as we will do that just before the 26th. Sauni will prepare the basket labels from your information so we ask that you are thorough in your description of the contents. We would appreciate it if you would send this to Sauni as soon as possible.

Basket donation form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNrMFYscaiVfZPTLu8O0zcOMWrESDoRIADtiQIRyTj4Yy03Q/viawform?usp=sharing&oid=111464328880193683350>

Sauni-Rae Dain is our silent auction chair, so contact her if you have questions.

Publicity

We continue our publicity drive to reach as many people as possible. Thanks to Tom Stevens and Ray Lynn Nelson for getting our social media publicity going. They are posting on both the public facing Facebook pages and the private, member only pages. Be sure to share with all of your friends and followers and ask them to share with their followers as well. Sue will have postcards at the August 10th meeting so be sure to come get some and give them to your friends and neighbors, women's fellowship at church, other guilds, etc.

2026 Quilt Auction — Continued

We had our postcards at the Flying Geese table at the Orange County Fair on July 24 when the guild staffed a booth there with demos and information about our guild.

We will also have our postcards and guild bookmarks in our booth at the Bowers Museum Quilt Fair on August 16th. We hope to see you at fun Bower event.

Volunteers

Katie LeFlore will manage our volunteer list again this year. Since Katie is busy at meetings with monthly creations, the signup sheets for the auction will be at Sue's table. Like any other big event, there are a number of volunteer slots to be filled for a variety of positions, ranging from helping to hang the quilts on the day of the auction, holding the quilts up while the auctioneer takes bids, helping with refreshments, etc. We have many jobs that need volunteer support. **Please, when Katie calls, say YES! We need you.**



Call me if you have questions or want to volunteer.

Sue Glass

Quilt entry form on the next page

2026 Quilt Auction — Quilt Entry Form

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

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Quilted by:

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Sue Glass, 2026 Quilt Auction Chair

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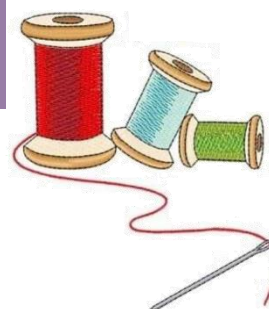
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Last Meeting Highlights

Minki Kim brightened our July meeting with her talk on “How Sewing Saved My Life.” In appreciation, Minki sent the guild a 20% off coupon, valid through August 31, 2026
Coupon Code: [FLYINGGEESE2026](#)

Minki’s online shop is sewingillustration.com



Goose’s Toolbox

Sauni Rae Dain shared her insights on the Cherrywood Challenge.



Monthly Creation

Katie LeFlore

Back by Popular Demand! In August our monthly creation will be one of Bretta Gunther’s wonderful ironing trays. Be prepared to buy lots of tickets for this much-in-demand item!



Birthdays & New Members

Happy Birthday to our August Flying Geese!

Mary Lu Booker
Cindy Cooksey
Victoria Crayne
Brenda Eley
Sue Glass
Bretta Gunther

Gail Larderuccio
Julie Layne
Amira Mansour
Kathy Ranabargar
Yvonne Webb
Gina Whitelaw

Hooray for another year celebrating you!



July Meeting Attendance

Members	75
Guests	8
Zoom	13
Total	96

Show & Tell



Cheryl Herbstman - Darjeeling carrier bag –

it's a gift that I started three years ago.
I'm hoping Minki will show me how to finish it so I can give it to my friend.



Becky McDaniel - Crossbody bag –

I love this bag, but wanted orange peel for mine instead of flying geese.

Bloom Way is Minki's newest pattern. Perfect for my Halloween fabrics. This will go to my grandson Jack who will be two years old on Halloween.

flying geese basket - I made this for my bonus/sewing room. Perfect for the various cords we always need handy.

Show & Tell — Continued



Joanne English – Sew America



Kathy Hartmann - Rainbow Goblins - a spontaneous creation, emphasizing color, all scraps leading from focus point to focus point.



Gail Larderuccio - 250th Birthday USA - I made this quilt top in Krista Moser's workshop 2 years ago. When America's 250th birthday came up I was inspired to finish it. The scalloped edge was also inspired by Krista Moser



Julie Layne - Slim Phone crossbody bag - I made this from a pattern by Minki Kim using a FPP pattern by Quiet Play.
Teddy and the Bears Slippers - I made these slippers during a workshop with Minki Kim last summer.



Michelle Howe - Lost in Space - Paper pieced pattern by Jacqueline de Jorge, started in a class at Asilomar/Empty Spools in 2022.



Becky Silvaggio - Happy 250 - I wanted a quilt to celebrate the 250th year so I made this.



Holly Batterman - Memories of Botswana - made for quilts on the wall "travel log" challenge. Timna Tarr, turned appliqué and pieced technique.

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 jam 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

August 3, 10, 17, 24

September 7, 14, 21, & 28

October 5, 12, 19, & 26

November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

December 7, 14, 21, & 28

Fridays from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

August 14, 28

September 11 & 25

October 9 & 23

November 13 & 27

December 11 & 18 (a week early)

December 31st - Gala New Year's Eve
celebration



Philanthropy

Mary Howland

Our philanthropy team continues to change as we say goodbye and then welcome new members. It's all part of life and elicits both happy and sad tears.

You may have heard that Peggy Sue and her husband, Chuck, are moving to Ohio. Peggy Sue has stepped in to help philanthropy and the guild in so many ways. Her cheerful, let me help attitude has contributed so much to the guild and community. We will miss her but know that Ohio will welcome her warmly. (She might need that warmth this winter!).

Some of us joined together and made Peggy Sue a quilt which she can wrap around herself whenever she needs a little hug or California sunshine. Here she is with her quilt and many of the makers.



We'll miss you Peggy Sue!

Our next Sew Day is Wednesday, August 19th from 10a - 2pm at our new location - Park Paseo Clubhouse, 25 Christamon West, in Irvine.

We sew any of the numerous items available. It's a great opportunity to interact with other members of the guild as you sew and chat. You can also return items you have finished, pick up kits to sew at home, and stick around for Show 'n Tell which is usually around 12:30p. When we do Show 'n Tell, we separate the quilts into categories so we know which organization will get the quilts. At the end of Sew Day, all items being donated will be taken by one of our members, and then given to the organization.

Darla Cox won the \$10 gift card. Please submit your name when you return items and you might be our next winner. Drawing is held at the end of the Sew Day so you can enter at the guild meeting or at Sew Day.

It's August so we're in "sew forward mode" to complete enough holiday placemats by November. Please select a kit or more at the next meeting or use your own fabrics to make holiday placemats.

If you'd like to join the philanthropy team in planning or have questions, please contact Cheri Carey-Whitman.

Ok - I knew I forgot something and it's a biggie! Thank you - thank you - thank you! Our organizations wouldn't receive quilts, placemats, flannel blankets, pillowcases, burpies, etc. without your love, sewing, and support. Thank you so much.

Stay cool and hydrated!

Philanthropy — Items Donated This Month

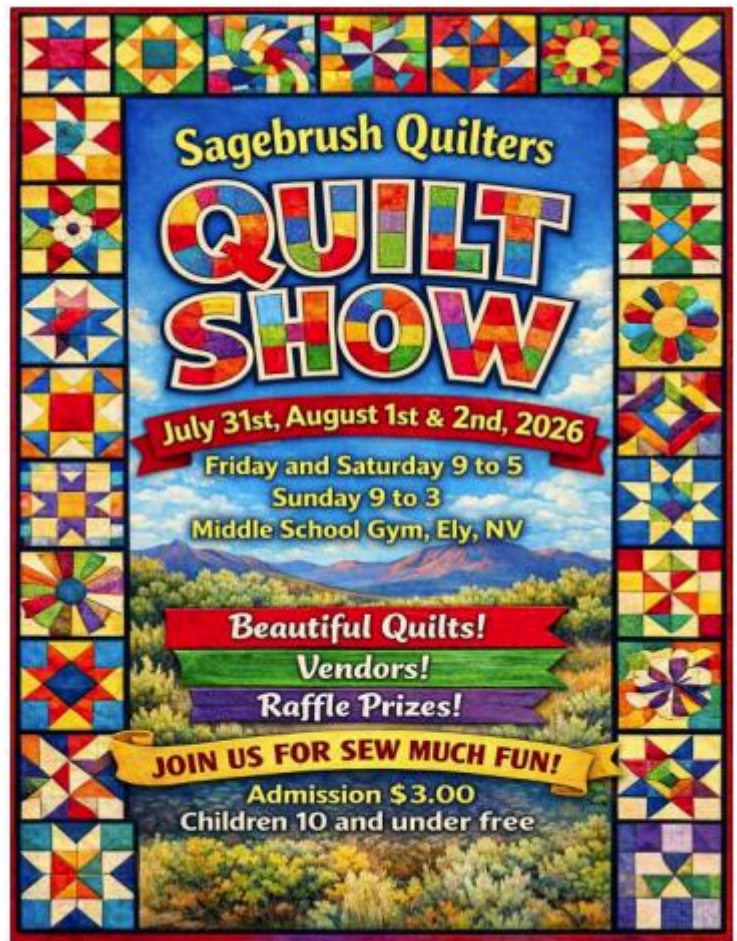


Philanthropy — Items Donated This Month





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Quilted Treasures

Quilt Auction • Holiday Boutique • Dessert



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

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Quilted Treasures

Quilt Auction & Dessert

Saturday.....September 26, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission \$5

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Quilt Viewing • Holiday Boutique
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1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.

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Our Next Meeting

August 10, 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
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- Introduce yourself to someone new
- Carpool with a friend
- Bring Show & Tell projects to share
- Sign up for a Workshop
- Volunteer

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