

December 9, 2024



Our Next Meeting
will be on Monday,
December 9 at
6:30 pm, in
person. No Zoom
provided.

FLYING GEESE QUILTERS GUILD

FGQG Goose Tracks

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President's Message

By Trudy Cleveland



Happy Holidays to all of the members of the Flying Geese Quilts Guild. December is always a busy month for quilters because we are the people who love to make handmade gifts. Our love language is to create handmade gifts for the special people in our lives. It's about expressing our love in a way that feels meaningful and authentic. The love and care that a handmade gift symbolizes is the true gift that is given. Keep this thought in mind when you are sewing on that binding at midnight to have it completed on time!

Don't forget to treat yourself to some enjoyment during the holidays by attending our December holiday party and "**Get Your Jingle On.**" We have activities planned that will remind us of the joy this time of year brings.

See you in December!



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Coming Attractions — Next Meeting

Get Your Jingle On!



December 9, 2024
Guild Holiday Party

Dig out your prettiest (ugliest) holiday sweater, dust off your reindeer antlers and put on your elf slippers!



It's time to ring in the holiday season!

Review 2024's classes and accomplishments and get excited for another year of friendship and fun, as we support our craft, our guild, and our community in 2025.

Join us for an evening of crafts, laughter and holiday surprises.

Calling all elves who want to help put the ho-ho-ho
in the ho-ho-holiday party.

Contact **Cindy Hinds** (see the Guild Directory for contact information)



Coming Attractions — Program Updates Continued



January 13, 2025 – Program

Featured Quilter of the Guild

Showcasing
Bretta Gunther

Join us for an exciting evening as we present our Member Showcase of longtime guild member **Bretta Gunther**. Bretta will share her quilts and insights into her unique journey as a quilter.

Bretta is known for her precision and while some say they strive for progress over perfection, for Bretta perfection is the hallmark of her work. Be ready to immerse yourself in a collection of truly wonderful quilts. You will discover new skills and find inspiration directly from this accomplished member of our Flying Geese Quilters Guild.

February 10, 2025

Panel Palooza Cyndi McChesney

Pre-printed panels! We love them, we buy them, and then what? **Cyndi McChesney** will take us through many ideas to solve this problem with her lecture, Panel Palooza. Cyndi is an author, teacher, long-armed and loves to design quilts using panels. She loves to find simple solutions to complex questions about quilt design. She is the author of two books, Fun With Panels, and Playful Panel Quilts. Her trunk show will inspire us to get out our panels and get those creative juices flowing!



Coming Attractions — Workshop Updates

February 9, 2025—Cyndi McChesney

On Sunday, February 9th, 2025, we present Cyndi McChesney who will teach us how to enhance printed fabric panels with her class entitled “Panel Palooza.” In this workshop, quilters will take that panel they fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. Cyndi will discuss how to square up your panel and add interesting block treatments and borders. She will cover the basics of graphing, adding coping strips and more —everything guaranteed to make your panel project a success.

Cyndi’s book, Fun with Panels, is required for the class, so please order yours on-line ahead of time.

The class will take place at Orange Quilt Bee from 10 am to 4 pm. The cost of the class is \$45.

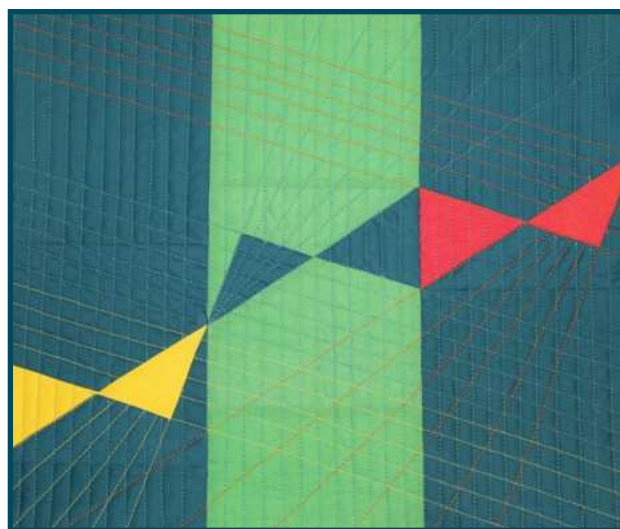


Currently, the class is full. But please get on the wait list. Frequently, everyone on the wait list gets into the class.

March 9, 2025—Karen Bolan

On Sunday, March 9th, 2025, we welcome modern quilter Karen Bolan whose workshop is entitled “Design an Original Modern Quilt.” For all of our creative quilters, this is your chance to shine. You will turn your original design into a mini quilt by drafting your own foundation paper piecing pattern. You will learn tricks for efficient use of fabric. Karen’s freezer paper method makes for easy construction.

For more inspiration and information, check out Karen Bolan’s website or Instagram page.



Sign ups begin at the December 9th guild meeting.

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By Julia Renaud



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Last Meeting's Highlights

Monthly Creation

By Diane Jardon

Congratulations to Diane Healey who was the winner of the November Monthly Creation. Diane won a beautiful rope bowl created by Eileen Thiessen. It's a perfect piece for the Thanksgiving holiday and more!

Thank you, Eileen, for this piece! (You can also try this technique. Check out [Zigzag Rope Sewing Projects](#) by Katherine Lile.)

I look forward to seeing you all in December!

~Diane



Zoom

By Eileen Wintemute

We had 11 Zoom attendees at our November guild meeting. The Zoom attendees were able to vote on budget related motions.

There were some sound level issues at this meeting. It may have been due to the distance between the PA speaker and the Zoom microphone. We used the Guild's PA system at this meeting. In the future, when using that system we'll try to be closer to avoid that issue.

Our Zoom presentation of the meetings is live, and no recording is made of the meeting. Our contracts with speakers do not allow for recording of programs.



December Birthdays & New Members

Happy Birthday to our *December Flying Geese!*



*May your day be filled with joy -
Wishing you a blessed birthday*

- Holly Batterman
- Mary Alice Blanchard
- JoEllen Cox
- Cindy Crowell
- Christine Dickey
- Dru Farrell
- Ellen Gentling
- Karen Gibson
- Tanya Goffman
- Diane Healey
- Julianna Huffman
- Amy Hutto
- Kathleen Irvine
- Diane Jacob
- Marian Mapes
- Sandra Jo Roberts
- Stephanie Schneider
- Tom Stevens
- Sandy Sutton



Please welcome our 2 newest Flying Geese

- Karen Smith
- Judi Hasselkus

November Meeting Attendance

Members	72
Guests	6
New Members	2
Zoom	11
Total	91

Show and Tell

Kathleen Quinn—Harper's Star

Kathleen's special quilt, Harper's Star, is dedicated to the memory of her service dog of 9 years, Harper. She took a class in "small friends" in order to make this small wall-hanging. There is a photo of her dear Harper on the back.



Holly Batterman—Modern HSTs

Holly made her quilt, Modern HSTs, from scraps sorted by value and then sewn into HSTs. It is her original design created on EQ8. It's a UFO begun in 2019 and finished in 2024.

Joanne English—Sorbet Sunset

Joanne's Sorbet Sunset quilt is a paper-pieced pattern by Veruschka Zarate of Pride & Joy Quilting. She used a fabric bundle designed by Jennifer Sampou. The pattern description "beginner friendly" inspired her to take on this project.



Show and Tell—Continued

Julie Layne—Unicorn Garden

Julie made her Unicorn Garden quilt as part of a quilt-along by designer Apples & Beavers. She had no good reason to make a unicorn quilt, as her children are grown and she has no grandchildren, but why not make it for fun anyway? She described making it as Legos for grown-ups!



Vilma Bagdasarian—Dragon

Vilma made her quilt, Dragon, for her 10-year-old granddaughter at her request. She is grateful for much, much direction by her dear friend Judith Karabelnick. Her granddaughter's name is Luna, which means moon, and was quilted with a moon and stars design.

Darla Cox—Tahoe

Darla's quilt, Tahoe, is a Laundry Basket pattern by Edyta Sitar. She told us that it's an understatement that this quilt is complicated—she never wants to make another! Darla included piped binding and quilted it herself.



Show and Tell—Continued

Lori Maze—Yuletide Spruce

Lori saw this Yuletide Spruce Fig Tree & Co. pattern in Dru Ferrell's trunk show. Since she had never made a Christmas quilt, she simply had to make it! There was lots of cutting, which Lori isn't fond of, but it was fun to make. She finished it with a flanged binding.



Becky Silvaggio—Parker's Dinosaurs

Becky's 3-year-old grandson, Parker, likes dinosaurs and bright colors so she made Parker's Dinosaurs for his big boy bed. After 54 years of quilting, this is her first and LAST pieced back. She hand quilted it with large (for her) stitches. It is not a masterpiece, but she doesn't think that he will care.



Linda Nitzen—Winter Pillow

Linda's Winter Pillow is a free pattern download from the tildasworld.com website.

Show and Tell—Continued

Cindy Sutherland—Gratitude

Cindy's patriotic quilt, Gratitude, was made for the Dana Point Yacht Club's Veteran's Dinner next month.



Linda Nitzen—Ocean Breeze

Ocean Breeze is a quilt pattern that Linda offers on her Sewing101 website. It's an illusion—there are no real circles in the pattern! Tom Stevens quilted it.

Julie Liedahl—Peppermint Twist

Julie was delighted to show her version of our speaker Sujata Shah's Peppermint Twist quilt. What a lovely surprise for Sujata to see it!



Show and Tell—Continued



WIP—Works in Progress from
Sujata Shah's Workshop



A sampling of Sujata's creations . . .



New Year's Eve Sew-In Update!

By Mary Howland

This year's **New Year's Eve Zoom Celebration** will be from 6pm - 12 midnight on December 31st. Please join us for an evening of chat, sewing, games, and fellowship.



If you're a new member, I'd like to give you a little history on this celebration. Remember when we were stuck at home during the pandemic? Members of the guild began meeting on Zoom on Monday mornings and Friday evenings. It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time chatting with others who loved quilting and sewing. It gave us time to chat and get to know each other.

When December rolled around no one was going to be out celebrating the new year, so we decided to have a Zoom celebration. We asked members to donate prizes as we were going to play games as well as sew and chat. We collected the prizes (FQs, puzzles, books, sewing tools, thread, patterns, etc.). We played Zoom-O which is like Bingo except our cards didn't have numbers, they had quilting/sewing words. Plus we had other games which we played throughout the evening.

So, we're planning for this New Year's Eve Zoom celebration and hope you'll join us, too. You can drop in for a while or stay for the entire time. Any questions, just contact me.



You'll need to print a copy of the Zoom-O card or draw it on a piece of paper. Then fill in the boxes with your favorite words taken from the list of Zoom-O quilting/sewing words. If you have an idea for a game or activity, let me know.

Zoom-O card and
Word List found
on the next page.

I hope to see you on December 31st!



New Year's Eve Sew-In Update! — Continued

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ZOOMO Word List

Thread. Scissors. Pins. Fabric. Safety pins. Seam ripper. Shears. Basting
1/4 inch seam. Rip out. Rotary cutter. Cotton. Wool. Binding. Batting. Quilt.
Guild. Pattern. Road trip. Oops! Purple thang. Appliqué. Patchwork. Piecing Buttons
Zoom. Philanthropy. Sew in. Sew Day. Meeting. Shopping. Quilt show. Needles
Bobbin. Bernina. Pfaff. Singer. Featherweight. Janome. Husqvarna Viking.
Color. Value. Friendships, Chocolate. Bolt of fabric. Fat Quarter. Yard. Fat 1/8th.
Layer Cake. Jelly Roll. Jolly Bar. Workshop. Quilters. Baby Lock. Brother. Elna. Juki

Philanthropy

By Mary Howland

Hello to All,

I was at the grocery store a couple of days ago and passed a huge display of frozen turkeys. I thought, "What in the world is going on that there are so many turkeys for sale?" I won't tell you how long it took before I realized that it was two weeks until Thanksgiving. Oh my, I did vote so I knew it was November, but I guess - well, I don't really know what to think!

Moving on - you sewed and sewed to exceed the goal of 300 placemats for our holiday gift giving. Wow! Thank you so much.

Now let's look at our totals as of the end of October. Again, you've been busy.

Quilts	417
Pillowcases	195
Placemats	267
Burpies	329
Flannel Blankets	45
Plus other misc. items	

Your efforts are so appreciated by the people we serve.
Thank you!

We hope to see you in January on our first Sew Day of 2025. We'll be at Orange Quilt Bee from 10a - 2p on Wednesday, January 15th. Come and sew with us or help to make kits or be someone's ironing helper.

Don't forget - we'd love to have more volunteers on the planning team. Just give Jeanne Stone a call or send her a text.

Have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends. We know we're blessed to be able to share our sewing talents with others in the community --- and --- we're blessed to know and support each other now and throughout the year.

Happy Thanksgiving!

~Mary Howland



Philanthropy—Some of the Beautiful Items Donated This Month



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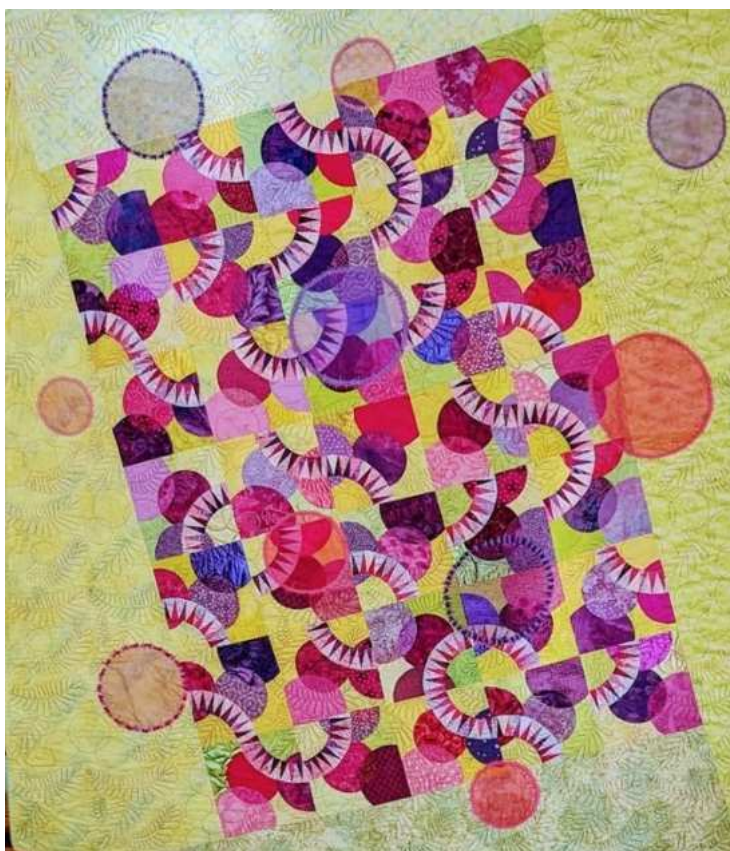


Quilty Happenings

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Opportunity Quilt 2024

“Emilee’s Bubble”

Original Design by Rene Jennings

Pieced, quilted and binding by

Rene Jennings

Measurements – 60" x 68"

Drawing Date: December 17, 2024

<https://www.centralcoastquilters.org/opportunity-quilt-2024>

Quilty Happenings



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February 7-8, 2025
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South Bay Quilters Guild 2025 Quilt Show

"Our Quilt Garden"

February 22-23, 2025
10am-4pm

Opportunity Quilt
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Drawing Feb 23th, 4pm

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Feb 22nd, 3:30pm



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Meeting: 6:30 PM

In Person—No Zoom provided

Meeting Location:

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

Covid 19 Precautions: The guild will be following the guidelines set up by the school district and in accordance with the local and state government. We will not be checking for your immunization record at this time. You are on the honor system.

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

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