

February 10, 2025



Our Next Meeting will be on Monday, February 10 at 6:30 pm, in person. Zoom will be provided.

FLYING GEESE QUILTERS GUILD

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President's Message

By Trudy Cleveland

As I sat down to write my last President's Message I tried to reflect on the last year. We have had so many positive outcomes throughout the year. Our membership grew, our fundraisers, Little Red Hen and The Auction, were huge successes and all of our workshops sold out!

Interestingly, looking back on the last year made me also look toward the year we have planned for 2025. We have exciting things planned for the coming year as The Flying Geese Quilt Guild continues to grow. Our opportunity quilt is getting great reviews from other guilds and is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Our Quilt Show is a source of pride for our guild, and it is shaping up to be another exceptional event sponsored by our guild. And, we have an exciting schedule of programs/workshops for the next year.

Cindy Hinds and her board members are poised to continue with the Guild's ongoing projects, and I feel the guild will continue to be a thriving part of the Orange County quilt scene under her leadership.

 Thank you to my Board for always being there for me, I couldn't have navigated this year without your help.

And thank you to all the members of the Flying Geese Quilters Guild for your positive and encouraging input and making 2024 a great year for the guild.

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

Coming up Next!



In February, we welcome **Cyndi McChesney**, author of Fun with Panels and Playful Panel Quilts.

Cyndi has taught recently in Houston and on “The Quilt Show” and we are excited to have her at Flying Geese!

We all love to buy pretty and cute panels—but then what? Cyndi McChesney will take us through many ideas to solve this problem with her lecture and trunk show, “**Panel Palooza.**”

Her trunk show will inspire us to get out our panels and get those creative juices flowing! I bet we all have several panels that are just waiting for inspiration!



Coming Attractions — Program Updates Continued



Engineer Your Quilts—March 10, 2025

In March, we welcome modern quilter **Karen Bolan**. She is drawn to the layers of design and expression possible in quilting and loves the learning that comes from experimenting. Her designs are out of the box, and integrate a love of geometry, experimentation, interconnection, depth, and texture.

Her work has been featured in magazines and exhibited at local and international quilt shows.

She will show us how to free ourselves from the need to use someone else's pattern and appoint each of us head of own design empire.

We will see a gallery of original quilts and learn how to apply the engineering design process to your quilts. We will learn to find and use sources of inspiration, harness nifty software and manual tools, and get inspired by approachable improvisational techniques



Quilt Labels to Love—April 14, 2025

David Owen Hastings is a graphic designer and quilter. In this live stream Zoom lecture, he will show us how to combine computer-printed custom labels with a woven logo label on our quilts, providing them with a professional finish, and documenting important details for posterity (or for the recipient).

Quilts are a wonderful art form, and he feels you should sign your work with a distinctive label. It's a great opportunity for you to consistently brand your quilts, especially those you gift to others on holidays or other special occasions.

It's also an opportunity to weave in the story of your quilt, so the story doesn't get lost. Was the quilt made for a special occasion? Was it made from a pattern, based on tradition, or is it a unique design? Who were the makers, and where was it made? Are there special fabrics used that require particular care? Imagine someone seeing your creation in the future: what would you want them to know?

David will walk participants through the steps to create these beautiful labels and will share alternate labeling methods that draw from his graphic design background.

In David's live stream Zoom lecture he will share a template with us for making simple and stylish labels for our quilts, as well as links to the materials and suppliers he recommends. The template includes his top tips for producing beautiful quilt labels.

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, all 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.



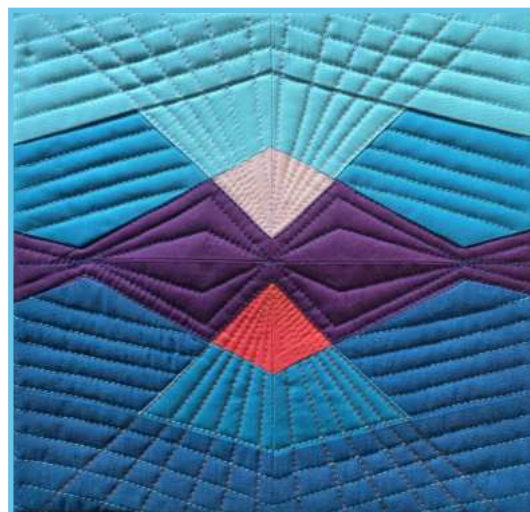
Currently, the class is full. But please get on the wait list if you’re interested. And if you don’t get into the class, Cyndi’s book is full of wonderful ideas to create your panel quilt on your own.

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. Have you ever seen a photo, drawing or piece of artwork and wondered, “How can I make that into a quilt?” Then this class is for you!

This is a technique workshop that can be used for modern, as well as traditional quilts which will elevate your quilting skill level. It will be one more tool in your toolbox so you can create your own interpretation of an image.

Karen’s quilt is an example of what you can create. You will turn your own original design into a mini quilt by drafting your own foundation paper piecing pattern. Karen’s method uses freezer paper instead of the traditional foundation paper piecing which makes easier for construction. You will also learn tricks for efficient use of fabric.



The class will be held at Orange Quilt Bee and costs \$40. **This class is almost full**, so be sure to sign up at the next guild meeting.

There is no workshop in April.

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

2025 Membership Renewal

By Michelle Howe

It's Membership Renewal Time!

For both new and returning members, annual dues of **\$50** are due no later than February 10th at our guild meeting for your information to be included in the directory. You may include all, part, or none of your information in the membership directory.

Please either bring your cash or check to the February 10, 2025, meeting or mail your check (made payable to Flying Geese Quilters Guild) and the membership form to:

Flying Geese Quilters Guild
Attn: Membership
PO Box 14271
Irvine, CA 92623-4271

Please review your name, address, email, phone, etc., listed in the 2024 guild directory – (it's the yellow one).

If you have no changes to your information just print your name on the membership form and check the "NO CHANGES" box. The Membership form follows on the next page.

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REMINDER**

2025 Membership Renewal Form

Flying Geese Quilters Guild
February 1st Through January 31st
Membership Form

Due on or before our February meeting date (to be included in directory)

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name: _____

Today's Date: ___/___/___ New Member? Renewing?

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Important Information: As a Flying Geese Quilters Guild member, your name and contact information will appear in the guild's printed directory, (available only to members.) The guild's website, newsletter, or email announcements will NOT LIST your contact information unless we have your permission.

2025 Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

By Michelle Howe & Mary Lu Booker

2025 Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales Have Begun!

Our stunning 2025 Opportunity Quilt was on display at our January 13th guild meeting, and we began selling Opportunity Quilt tickets to our guild members.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 with this beautiful quilt and we are off to a good start. Mary Lu handed out 40 packets and collected \$1,295 towards our goal!

The packet of tickets is \$35 – (7 sets of 6 tickets, our usual \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5).

To make things easier for everyone, we are asking you to pay for your tickets when you get them. Then, if you wish to sell them, you may. No prepay is necessary for any additional packets you wish to sell.

Please bring your \$35 cash or check (make check payable to Flying Geese Quilters Guild) to our January meeting.

- Fabulous prize for the top seller.
- Monthly drawings for a \$20 gift certificate to Orange Quilt Bee for those turning in \$35 worth of ticket sales (which includes January's meeting). Anyone picking up their packet is entered into the evening's drawing.



Eileen Wintemute was the January winner of our Orange Quilt Bee gift card.

We need all of our guild members to buy a packet of tickets and support the guild as we fundraise to keep bringing in all of the wonderful speakers you love to hear.

Michelle Howe
Mary Lu Booker
Opportunity Quilt Sales Co-Chairs

2025 Opportunity Quilt—Continued

Raffle Baskets for 2025 Quilt Show

Hello Everyone!

We are asking Friendship Groups (and anyone else who is interested) to put together themed baskets for the Quilt Show Raffle again this year. If you or your group plan to put one together, please let me know so I can announce the themes. The date for turning the baskets in will be late July or early August.

Thank you and feel free to contact me with any questions.

-- Eileen Wintemute



Fire Victims' Donations Update

By Ruth Honer

THANKS FOR FIRE VICTIMS' DONATIONS

Hello, My Kind and Generous Quilting Friends—

First, THANK YOU for your generous quilt donations to Hoffman Fabric's quilt drive! Your 29 beautiful quilts will bring much cheer to fire victims.

Second, THANK YOU for helping my daughter's girls and boys water polo players! Her John Muir H.S. Pasadena/Altadena students and families are appreciative, indeed.

For the moment, clothing donations are paused but, if you would still like to help, here are three direct ways:

- Gift cards in any denomination—ex., Trader Joe's/grocery stores, Target, Walmart, Amazon, etc.
- Ongoing need for new or gently used bed blankets (to go under quilts)
- Quilts, of course, are always treasured!

Here is the first "quilt story" about our donated quilts:

Saturday, 18 January 2025

My husband and I drove the first truckload of items up to my daughter's house. One of my daughter's displaced water polo girls is living with them. (Alas, her family is separated, staying in three separate places.) I had stacked our quilts on a table. We told her "first come, first served." She loves sunflowers. Her eyes lit up when she found two quilts featuring them. She chose one, then mentioned that her grandmother also loves sunflowers. I told her to please take the other one! To which she replied, "I can't. My grandmother's house burned down, and she has nowhere to use it." We insisted. My daughter texted me later: "She was absolutely overjoyed and grateful!"

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Fire Victims' Donations—Continued

Here is the second “quilt story”:

Sunday, 19 January 2025

My daughter hosted a picnic for 100 of her team members and families at which she displayed all 18 of our lovely quilts. Here is what she described:

“THEY LOVED, LOVED, LOVED THEM! It was so beautiful! Grown men were in tears over seeing their kids receive a special quilt. Only the kids who lost their homes took them, and they were really into them. They would love to have more!”



Our caring truly makes a difference! Thank you from the bottom of my heart and theirs,

Ruth Honer



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By Julia Renaud

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Guild Member - Quilters by the Sea

Quilt Challenge

By Kathleen Quinn

WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND

- We have sold all of the 50 kits for the Challenge, and now it's time to create!
- Many people indicated they were working on their entries at the January meeting, and I am excited to see the finished projects.
- Below are the links if you want to see the prior challenges and need some ideas:
https://www.flying-geese.org/challenge_quilts.html
<https://www.pinterest.com/tclevelandrdh/what-goes-around-comes-around/>

Enjoy and have fun!



Currently, I am working on getting a judge for the April judging. I am going to need 6 volunteers to help stack and sort the quilts by categories and 2 volunteers to write down the judge's comments on each quilt. I will donate the lunches for the judge and all of the volunteers. It is either going to be on April 19th or 26th (waiting for confirmation on the judge's availability).

I will also need several volunteers to make ribbons for the winners of each quilt category and attach ribbons to the winning quilts before the May meeting. You and your team can prepare these at your convenience. I have some ruby red (40th anniversary) fabrics. And I will also need several volunteers to help hang all of the quilts on the stands before the May meeting starts.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me—(See the member directory for contact information).

Last Meeting's Highlights

Monthly Creation

By Diane Jardon

Congratulations to **Sue Watkins** who was the winner of the January Monthly Creation. Sue won this wonderful basket full of fabric, patterns and a variety of other goodies put together by Eileen Wintemute and Julia Renaud. Thanks Eileen and Julia!

I look forward to seeing you all in February!

I have collected a variety of items for monthly creations during 2025. I'll circulate a list (and bring it to the February meeting) so that we can make sure we have items for the entire upcoming year. Please keep us in mind if you have something that you're thinking of making!

Thank you,
Diane Jardon



Zoom

By Eileen Wintemute

We had 12 people watch the program on Zoom. Several of the viewers were Bretta Gunther's family and friends. It was enjoyable to read their comments in the Zoom chat.

The audio and video seemed to work well.

The February meeting will be available on Zoom.



February Birthdays & New Members

Happy Birthday to our *February* Flying Geese!

Karen Barry
Judy Ann Dimmick
Joanne English
Kelly Gallagher-Abbott
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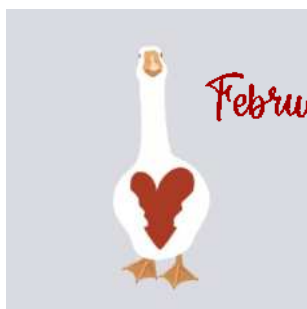


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Emily Mueller Peer
Erin Rindenau
Jeanne Teeter
Nancy Ypma

May your special day be as incredible as you are!

January Meeting Attendance

Members	70
New Members	2
Zoom	12
Total	84



February 14th - Valentine's Day

Show and Tell

Julie Layne—Fall Foliage

Julie started her quilt, Fall Foliage, during the workshop with Krista Moser. She used Jennifer Sampou's Sky Ombrés and quilted it with overlapping crop circles E2E.



Joanne English—Come Fly with Me

Joanne's Frog Prince quilt was a quick pattern to piece since it is designed so that there is no matching of points to be done in any of the blocks except for stitching the tongue unit together. It's truly her kind of pattern. Don't miss the back . . . it's cute too! Ribbit! Ribbit!



Judi Karabelnik—A Pile of Fun in the Meadow at Mohnton

Judi's quilt A Pile of Fun in the Meadow at Mohnton represents her three grandsons playing in the first field of their house in PA. It is her entry in this year's Hoffman Challenge. There is no theme, but you must use at least 5/14 of the new Hoffman batiks.



Show and Tell—Continued

Holly Batterman—Bejeweled Peacock

Holly is participating in this year's Hoffman Challenge for her first time after Joan Curtis finally talked her into it! The pattern for her Bejeweled Peacock is by Flaurie & Finch. She quilted it with metallic thread and embellished it with sequins and crystals.



Trudy Cleveland—Under the Sea

Trudy is our third quilter participating in the Hoffman Challenge this year. The inspiration for her quilt Under the Sea came from a 3" x 3" sticker. "That'd be a great quilt!" She found the original artist online and within 4 hours he had given her permission to use his image, telling her to "Go for it!" Trudy used all 14 of the Challenge fabrics.

Linda Nitzen—Sanctuary Cottages

Linda's quilt Sanctuary Cottages uses Tilda's fabric from her book Sewing by Heart. She's not usually drawn to lavenders. With much laughter, her sister Carol piped up: "Give it to Carol who loves purple, and her birthday is coming up!"



Show and Tell—Continued

Karen Smith—Heirloom Hearts

Karen showed us her very first quilt, a very large Heirloom Hearts. She says, “Go big or go home!”



Lori Maze—Orange Quilt Bee 2023 BOM Companion Quilt

Lori made her quilt from her stash when she was making the Orange Quilt Bee BOM Saturday Sampler Quilt in 2023. It was her first time using red, white and blue and her husband wanted it!

A sampling of Bretta’s stunning quilts - our featured program speaker



Virtual Sew-Ins Via Zoom

By Mary Howland

New Year's Eve Gala Zoom Celebration



I think this was the best NYE! Celebration ever although the 1st one was special, too. You all remember 2020 and how we were limited in traveling, shopping in brick/mortar stores, etc. Our Sew In Zoom sessions had started in October and we were enjoying being together on Zoom and getting to know each other.

2024 was our 5th celebration complete with 35 prizes and lots of games. We had 16 participants at one point - one potential new member and a few people who won multiple games, so they have lots of new fabrics, tools, or books to use. One member won a \$100 gift certificate for long arm quilting! It was fun chatting while some members sewed but we didn't do any online shopping. Quite a few of us lasted until midnight and then it was a "Happy New Year!" and we logged off.

We hope you'll join us next December 31st, 2026.

Mary

Mondays from 9 a.m. - 12 noon

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24

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

January 10, 24

February 14, 28

March 14, 28

Philanthropy

By Mary Howland

Happy New Year to All,

Each month I wait for a bit of a writing thunderbolt to strike me, so I'll know what to write in this article. So, as I sat here waiting for an idea, I was thinking of everything in the news - here in CA, in the USA, and in the world. Wow - so much has happened in just two weeks of 2025. I was reminded of driving along a street and then encountered a rotary (roundabout or traffic circle). You need to know where you're going so you drive in the correct direction.

A rotary is just an intersection without a traffic light. You can go right, straight, or left - you just need to keep driving without stopping. Of course, the three rotaries near me in Irvine are in residential areas so no one is speeding through them - quite different than some rotaries I've driven through in other cities. Plus there's usually something pretty in the middle of the rotary circle - in one there's a beautiful Jacaranda tree with large purple blossoms every Spring.



By now - if you're still reading this, you're probably thinking I thought this was the update on philanthropy. It is. Let's think of our philanthropy projects as what's in our rotary circle. You drop by the table or come to Sew Day and pick up some items. Then you continue on, make some other stops, and eventually head home, again through the rotary. Meanwhile the philanthropy team has gathered up all the finished items, delivered them to various organizations, and created new kits to replenish the rotary center. Next month you return, do a drop off, choose something to work on, etc. - you get the point.

The rotary doesn't change but what's in the circle does due to you, our members, taking items, finishing them, returning them, and repeating the process with new items. The organizations continue to have individuals who need the quilts, flannel blankets, pillowcases, burpies, and placemats and you keep sewing and giving - sharing your talents and showing your love to others.

*thank
you*

Thank you! Thank you to each of you for your contributions - your fabric donations, your sewing, your quilting, your binding, and your willingness to keep doing this month after month. Also, I want to thank the Philanthropy team for their work in preparing everything for our members, for distributing the finished items, for picking up from storage and returning items to storage. It's each of us working together to accomplish our goals!

Please join us on Wednesday, February 19th from 10 am – 2 pm at Orange Quilt Bee for the next Sew Day. If you have ideas or would like to join the Philanthropy planning team, contact Jeanne Stone.

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Philanthropy—Continued

By Mary Howland

Watch for an email Zoom link for a new time to join a Philanthropy Sew Day at night. Yes, we'll be Zooming on Monday, February 24th at 6 pm – 9 pm. You can log on and sew your philanthropy items and chat with others. Or come and ask questions. We plan to do this on the 4th Monday of each month (except December) in 2025.

Did you know that each time you contribute to our guild's philanthropy efforts you can sign up for an opportunity to win a \$10 gift card from Orange Quilt Bee? Look for the tickets and bowl at the Philanthropy table during guild meetings or at Sew Day. The drawing occurs at the end of Sew Day at OCB. This month's winner was Cheri Carey-Whitman. **Congratulations Cheri!**



I'm off to sew. Nothing else to write until next month. Thanks for reading but more importantly for your contributions to Flying Geese Quilters Guild!

Mary Howland

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Philanthropy—Some of the Beautiful Items Donated This Month



Philanthropy—Some of the Beautiful Items Donated This Month, Continued



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Philanthropy—Some of the Beautiful Items Donated This Month, Continued



Quilty Happenings



Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show

February 7-8, 2025
10 am to 4:00 pm

Valley Wide Recreation Center
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"Our Quilt Garden"

February 22-23, 2025
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Beach Cities Quilters Guild

would like to invite members of the Flying Geese Guild to join us on **March 15** for our bi-annual **Tea and Home Tour**.

In the morning we will tour four lovely homes including their sewing rooms and then meet at the Murray Center for lunch. There is also a quilt challenge and kits are still available for purchase.

The cost of the Tea and Tour is \$45 and the cost of a challenge kit is \$18. As always the lovely kit fabrics have been provided by Hoffman Fabrics.

Please contact Jennifer Morgan at (949)-412-2792. She can work with you to get tickets. Hope to see you there - Martha Hurlburt

Spring Tea and Tour 2025
With a Little Kindness from my Friends

Our Spring Tea and Tour will be held on **March 15, 2025**. If you are new to Beach Cities, this event is held opposite years from the Quilt Show. This year, we have four lovely homes to tour. Karen Brewin, Barb Gauntner, Becky McDaniel and Debbie Martin have graciously agreed to open their homes and sewing rooms.

Tour: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Lunch: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Quilty Happenings



OCQG Opportunity Quilt Sleep Under the Stars

*\$5 per ticket
Limited to 100 tickets*

Winner Drawn
Saturday, May 3, 2025
at our Quilts in the Garden Show

For more information:
www.orangecountyquiltersguild.org



Our Next Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2025

**Meeting: 6:30 PM
In Person. Zoom will be
Provided.**

Meeting Location:
Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
4861 Michelson Drive
Irvine

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.

Come to the meeting
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
Volunteer

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