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President's Message

Mary Branca

Happy July, Quilters!

As summer settles in, I hope you are finding time to enjoy the sunshine, spend time with family and friends, and, of course, work on a few quilting projects!

I am still in awe of the incredible wealth of knowledge that Sandy Sutton has and shared with us at our June meeting. I learned so much! Thank you to our Very Important Geese team who helped so much! We could not have done it without you.

A big thank you to Ellen Reibling for organizing our Bowers Museum tour. We will be able to see many quilts and will enjoy seeing Mary Lou Booker's President's Quilt that so many of you helped create. I am also excited for our summer sew. Ellen has found a wonderful venue with air conditioning at no cost to us! Win-win! It should be a fun evening of sewing and friendship.

This month I'm pleased to welcome Minki Kim. Her topic, "How Sewing Saved My Life," should be very interesting. I'm sure for many of us, me included, sewing has played a big role in our lives as we navigate the highs and lows.

I hope you are enjoying our new addition of Goose's Toolbox after the break. This month, Sauni Rae Dain will be sharing insights on the Cherrywood Challenge. She has been extremely successful with her entries over the years and won Staff Choice with her 2026 entry. I will be entering for the first time this year, as the theme is Jane Goodall and I greatly admire her. Also the fabrics are gorgeous!

Looking forward to seeing you soon! **Happy Quilting!**

Mary Branca
President



next meeting

July 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

July 13 – Minki Kim

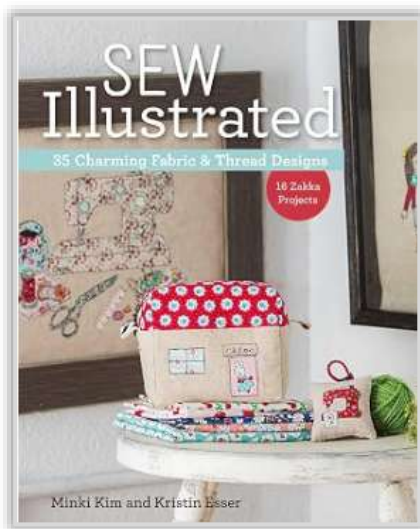
Lecture – “How Sewing Saved My Life”

We’re delighted to welcome the talented **Minki Kim** to our July meeting! Known for her whimsical designs and charming sewing illustrations, Minki has inspired quilters and makers around the world with her creative approach to fabric art.



Minki Kim is a fabric and pattern designer celebrated for her distinctive storybook style. A formally trained sculptor and self-taught sewist, she discovered that designing fabrics and creating art with fabric and thread were natural steps in her artistic journey. During her program, “How Sewing Changed My Life,” Minki will share photos and projects that trace her creative evolution.

The author of *Sew Illustrated*, *Diary in Stitches*, *Zakka from the Heart*, and *Zakka Wool Appliqué* (all from C&T Publishing), Minki has also designed several fabric collections for Riley Blake Designs. She creates popular patterns for purses and pouches, beloved by sewists for their clever construction and charming details.



Program Updates — Coming Attractions

Sign Up to be a VIG (Very Important Goose)



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



We need 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 – July 11

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 your dinner and/or something to share. Bring a board game you like. Bring some favorite music. There are also lots of fast-food options around the corner. Feel free to bring a friend.



Our first Sew In will be Saturday, July 11 from 3:30 to 9 PM. 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.



Please RSVP at [HERE](https://www.cognitofirms.com/FlyingGeeseQuiltersGuild/SewInReservation) (or copy <https://www.cognitofirms.com/FlyingGeeseQuiltersGuild/SewInReservation> into your browser) to help us plan for machines.



Contact Jennifer Rowe with questions. Please come even if you don't RSVP, we want to make this an easy, drop-in event.

August 10 – Christa Watson

Lecture – “One Patten, Many Possibilities”

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.



Workshop Updates

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 is full**, but you can sign up on the wait list. There is a good chance of getting in.
- 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. The cost is \$45.

Workshop Updates — Coming Attactions

Christa Watson — August 10

Christa Watson will be here on August 10, 2026, to help answer the question, “*How do I quilt this quilt?*”. 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.

Workshop Details

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.



This workshop is open for sign-ups.

Workshop Updates — Coming Attractions

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.

2026 Quilt Auction News You Can Use (July 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

Auction Donations

We have decided to wait until the August meeting to accept your auction items so that they can stay comfortably in your home and not stacked up elsewhere. However, I will still take your filled out forms at the July or August meeting. Please DO NOT send your photos to me as a text or message. They need to come to me attached to an email so that I can download and print out them out for our use in laying out the show. I will also give a copy to our auctioneer, Elaine, so that she can prepare her comments when your quilt comes up for bidding.



Publicity

We've sent publicity to about 30 nearby quilt guilds, including postcards for their members, and I've also emailed their newsletter editors and social media managers. Please stop by my table at guild to pick up a stack of postcards to share in your area or with other organizations. I'll also have a few posters that can be left at antique shops, sewing machine dealers, craft stores, and other places that have room to display them. My local Hobby Lobby even took a stack, so they're worth a visit. If your church or club has a bulletin board—or a fellowship hall—you may be able to post a flyer or postcard there as well.



Our event is also listed on the SCCQG website, and I'll have additional postcards and printed flyers available for anyone who can place them at community centers or other public spaces. As we get closer to the date, NextDoor is another great place to spread the word. We'll be posting photos of some of the quilts and other auction items on the FG Open Facebook page—when you see those posts, please share them with your friends. **Let's get the word out!!**

Speaking of Social Media

The Quilt Guild Council is having a special meeting on June 27 over Zoom to help us learn how to use Social Media to publicize our events more efficiently. The speaker is well versed in this topic and has been the social media person for The Traveling Quilters and other groups for several years. If you are interested in attending, let me know and I will send the invitation to you. As always, Council requires each attendee to register individually, but it is very easy and quick. This information can be used for any club or organization's social media needs.



2026 Quilt Auction — Continued

Boutique and Holiday Projects

Darla Cox is our chair for the boutique and Buy It Now sale. We are aiming for having a small, holiday-themed boutique which includes Fall holiday décor, gift items such as quilts & books in a lovely tote ready for giving to that favorite child or grandchild, some holiday themed table runners, and more.



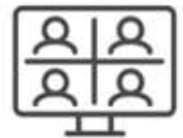
Silent Auction Baskets

We have several baskets promised so far, but of course we can use more. We need to know what your theme is if you are preparing a basket and we will arrange and wrap all of the baskets, so you just need to bring them in the basket.



Committee Positions to fill

We need to fill some very important positions: Acquisitions, Layout, Installation, and Silent Auction are open at present. **Can you help?** We would really appreciate it! Thanks to Mary Branca and Cindy Hinds for chairing the job of arranging our refreshments.



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)

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

FGQG Quilters Retreat

Flying Geese Quilters Retreat August 13 – 16, 2026



We are now taking applications for the August retreat!

Guild members have an opportunity to spend up to three nights and four days at the relaxing Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula.

This fabulous retreat will give you a chance to get caught up on your projects and party with your girlfriends! We always have a wonderful time together.

The dates are Thursday, August 13 to Sunday, August 16, 2026.

You have the option to choose whether you want to stay 1, 2, or 3 nights. Please be sure to indicate **which nights**, should you choose less than 3.

We have **20** confirmed spots available. Once we have reached that number, anyone wishing to sign up will be placed on a waitlist. You will be notified of your placement via email.

The retreat center does have one triple occupancy room at a lower price per person. Please call me if you are interested and I can find out if it is available during our stay.

All meals and lodging are included in the cost of the retreat.

2026 Prices are as follows:

4 Days & 3 Nights

Double Occupancy \$650
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3 Days & 2 Nights

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Single Occupancy \$600

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Single Occupancy \$350
Day 1 Meals: lunch & dinner
Day 2 Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner

Day Campers

\$50/day (including lunch)
Extra Meals \$25/each

A \$100 deposit is required with your application. You can also make full payment if that is easier for you.

Final payment is due before the August 10, 2026 guild meeting.

If you plan to attend this retreat, please email Michelle Howe to let her know as soon as possible so she can add you to the list and email you an application.

You can also contact Michelle if you have any questions. (Her information is in the guild directory.)

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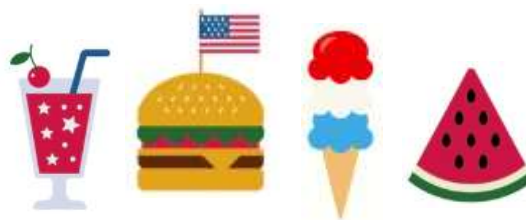
Monthly Creation

Katie LeFlore

We had two different creations to choose from in June but just one lucky winner. **Darla Cox** won both the patriotic wall hanging made by Trudy Cleveland and the wall hanging kit donated by Ellen Reibling. **Congratulations, Darla!**



'Tis the Season



Zoom

Eileen Wintemute

We had 13 people on Zoom for the June meeting. The equipment worked well and Zoom viewers enjoyed the USA 250 Anniversary Quilt presentation. There were several nice comments about Sandy's quilts and information.



The Zoom Committee is looking for more members to participate in the Zoom presentation of our 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.

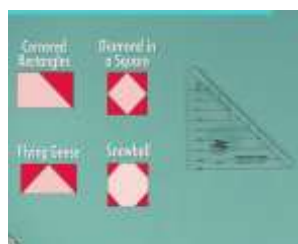
If you are interested in helping us in the Zoom Committee please contact Trudy Cleveland.

Eileen

Last Meeting Highlights

The Goose's Toolbox

Cheri Carey-Whitman and Ellen Reibling presented favorite notions that were shared at the April retreat.



Creative Grids Folded Corner Clipper Ruler - no need to draw pencil lines first when adding triangles to corners of rectangles or squares, making flying geese units, snowball blocks, and diamond in a square blocks.

Acorn Easy Press Pen - easy-to-use pen makes it easy to create accurate, flat seams every time you quilt! Use this pen in conjunction with the Easy Press Solution. Seams are precise and flat.



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Birthdays & New Members

Happy Birthday to our *July* Flying Geese!

Anita Adriano
Mary Branca
Nancy Chocek
Marcie Engel
Sheryl Hitt

Anna Lee
Debbie Mountford
Karen Smith
Linda Smith
Paula Sweet
Shaunna Webb

Hooray for another year celebrating you!



Please Welcome our Newest Flying Geese Member
~ Amy Anderson ~



July 4th

Celebrating America's 250th Birthday

June Meeting Attendance

Members	68
Guests	2
Zoom	13
Total	83

Show & Tell



Susan Culhane – Repair Quilt

Pattern is by Brooke Shankland. I took her class at Road 2 CA. She will be teaching at our guild in 2027!



Holly Batterman – The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt

This charming kit was assembled for the auction and will be paired with the book.



Joanne English – Sew America

I purchased this patriotic panel designed by J. Wecker Frisch as a kit in honor of America's 250th birthday.



Raelynn Nelson - Pink, Orange, and Yellow

Started project in Latifah Saafir's workshop.

Show & Tell — Continued



Sauni Rae Dain – We the People

The star blocks are from a friendship circle swap.
The eagle is my take on Grace Errea's pattern.



Darla Cox – Trip Around the World

Made from a Laundry Basket kit that I
borrowed from Dorie Miller.



Peggy Sue Phillips – Barn Quilts,
"Thistle" and "Cats"

I took the barn quilt workshop by
Bohemian Folk Barn Quilts, and did the
cats design (change the colors to match
my current and previous fur babies). I
love the process so much that I came
back for the second workshop and did
the thistle design for a friend who owns a
barn. Every barn needs a barn quilt.

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

June 22, 29

July 6, 13, 20, 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24

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

June 26

July 10, 24

August 14, 28



Philanthropy

Mary Howland

Hello Sewists,

From Blah to Beautiful

Each month I try to think of something that is connected to sewing or quilting. Last week I had an appointment with someone I see on a regular basis.

My mood was blah when I walked in but looked forward to our meeting. Usually the person I meet has interesting shirts which I enjoy seeing for their colors, patterns, or prints. That day when I noticed his shirt, I was so disappointed, his shirt was dull and matched my mood.

Instead of making me imagine taking a pair of scissors to cut a large square of fabric to use in a scrap quilt, I wondered why he would ever choose such a dull, unappealing shirt.

Later I asked him what he liked about the shirt and he pointed out the background lavender gray color and then the small vertical stripes in a darker lavender with a thin gold stripe that created a separate pattern and accentuated the other colors. Other muted colors ran through it in wider stripes which helped to bring all the colors together. How had I not seen this?

When I first noticed the shirt I was about six feet away and it wasn't until I was close to the shirt that I could see how interesting the pattern was and how it wasn't a blah fabric, but rather a very interesting fabric and one which I would like to use my scissors on.

So, as I look back on this experience I thought about when I might judge something by an initial impression rather than waiting to learn more about what I was seeing and then evaluating the whole situation. I imagine I've walked past quilts that didn't catch my attention, and now I wonder what I might have noticed if I'd paused to study them a bit more. Hopefully, I'll remember this in the future.

Let's Sew Into Summer Together

Please come and sew with us at one of our sew days this summer. Bring your machine and sew on a project or help with making kits. **We meet from 10a - 2p at Jeanne's clubhouse.** The next dates are:

Wed., July 15th	Wed., August 19th	Wed., September 16th
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Don't forget you can drop off finished items or pick up kits to take home to sew. We have Show 'n Tell of all the quilts submitted, too, so you can see them up close rather than waiting for the photos in the newsletter.

Last month's \$10 gift card was won by **Julia Renaud** and today's drawing was won by **Sonia Nelson**. Sign in whenever you turn in an item. You could be our next winner!



We're always in need of more quilt tops especially those sizes for adult lap quilts. We'll be making lots of placemats for holiday gifts at the Senior centers so sew up one or two or grab some kits.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer filled with everything you'd like it to be.

Thank you for each stitch you sew, each fabric you donate, and for sharing your sewing skills to brighten someone else's life. You are special!



~Mary Howland

Philanthropy — Items Donated This Month



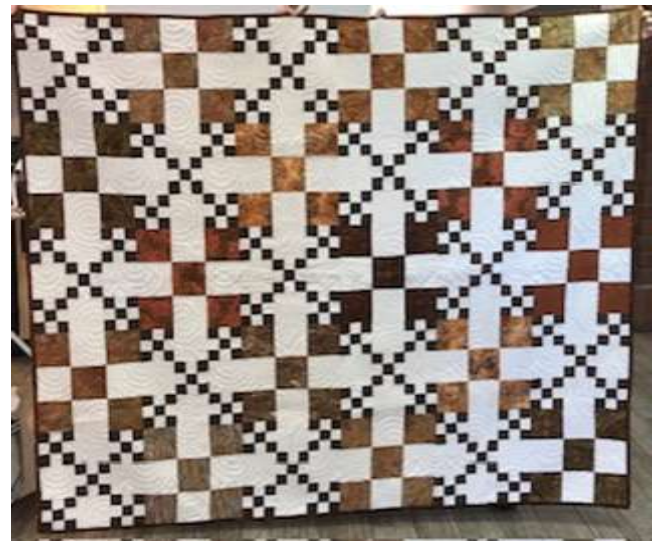
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Quilty Happenings

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Vendors!
Raffle Prizes!

JOIN US FOR SEW MUCH FUN!
Admission \$3.00
Children 10 and under free

Quilted Treasures

Quilt Auction • Holiday Boutique • Dessert



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

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Live Auction of Beautiful Quilts

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

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Our Next Meeting

July 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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