

May 12, 2025



**Our Next Meeting  
will be on Monday,  
May 12, at 6:30 pm,  
in person. Zoom will  
be provided.**

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## President's Message

By Cindy Hinds

Our April Guild Meeting sent me home with a smile on my face! How about you? Did the evening seem lighthearted and filled with laughter to you? Did you sense the excitement and sense of accomplishment in our first, and most successful, Zoom speaker presentation?

I would like to thank our first VP Mary Branca for giving us wings! Not only did Mary bring us a wonderful speaker, David O. Hastings, who made quilt labeling interesting and inspiring, but she has opened the door for international teachers and speakers. Time Zones are now the only obstacle to bringing our guild the best, as Zoom presentations will eliminate the costs of travel, hotels, and meals!

Zoom presentations are new, different, and there is a change in the meeting format for us. But change can be a positive thing! This was an evening that exemplified "Better Together," and we all benefited from the collaboration of Mary Branca, Trudy Cleveland, and Eileen Wintemute! Thank you! And to our members, thank you for being open to trying innovative ideas and seeing the advantages they bring us.

Our May Guild Challenge again highlights the amazing artistry of our members and stretches our creativity with the theme of "What Goes Around Comes Around." I would like to thank everyone who participated, as well as Kathleen Quinn and her crew of volunteers. You all represent our guild so beautifully!

June will bring us Nancy Prince, teaching "Thread Painted Landscape," and I cannot think of a better skill to add to our "toolbox" for future challenges.

I look forward to seeing you in a workshop and at our next meeting.



**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

## Challenge Quilts “What Goes Around, Comes Around” May 12

Enjoy a little quilt show made up of Challenge Quilts completed by our members! Our theme is “**What Goes Around, Comes Around.**” You will hear from each participant as they talk about their quilt and what inspired and challenged them.

This will be a fun meeting to be dazzled by the creativity of our own members!

We thank Kathleen Quinn for heading up our Quilt Challenge this year.



# Coming Attractions—Program Updates



May is also our guild's 40th anniversary. We have a committee who has volunteered to plan a special anniversary celebration in December. Stay tuned for more information!

## Coming June 9<sup>th</sup>

We are excited to welcome award-winning quilter,  
**Nancy Prince.**

Nancy is an award-winning quilt artist from Orlando, Florida, specializing in thread painting. Her “anyone-can-do-it approach” to thread painting is fun, easy, and a new way for quilters to broaden their quilting experience.



Nancy's quilts have won numerous awards, the most prestigious being the 2014 Best of Show at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, the 2015 Best of World at Mancuso's Quilt World in New England, and the Marie White Masterpiece award at Road to California. Her quilts have also won 9 Best of Show awards, and 20 Viewer's Choice awards. Nancy is the author of two books: Simple Thread Painting and Thread Painting with Style. She has taped episodes for “Simply Quilts” and “The Quilt Show” with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims and has appeared in national magazines.

Nancy is addicted to thread painting and her enthusiasm in workshops can be contagious!!! Students comment on her commitment to one-on-one attention and her upbeat attitude. She travels the country teaching and lecturing to anyone who will listen to share the excitement and creativity thread painting brings to her quilting world. She excels in taking the mystique out of thread painting, making it easy for anyone to master.

## July 14<sup>th</sup> – Kathy McNeil

In July, we will welcome Kathy McNeil via Zoom. Kathy has retired from lecturing in person, and we feel so fortunate to be able to hear her live via Zoom.

Kathy McNeil is an internationally award-winning quilt artist, author, pattern designer, art quilter, and judge.

By hand appliqueing scraps of fabric together, she creates quilts that look like paintings. Often using over a hundred different fabrics in one composition, she revels in adding small details and surprises for the viewer to find. The quilting itself adds an extra element of texture to her work. Her quilts are often featured in museums, magazines, calendars, and international shows. Many of her quilts are in private collections.





# Coming Attractions—Workshop Updates

## Thread Painting with Nancy Prince – June 8

Our next workshop will be on June 8, 2025, with **Nancy Prince** teaching “Thread Painting”. Nancy is an award-winning quilt artist, known for her unique form of free-motion Machine Embroidery. Nancy will teach us how to create her amazing thread painted “Woodlands” design on fabric. The project will finish approximately 7” x11”.



This workshop offers a hands-on introduction to free-motion machine embroidery, a creative way to “paint” or embellish your quilts. With Nancy’s “anyone-can-do-it” approach, participants will learn how to use their sewing machine as a “paintbrush,” with the quilt top serving as the “canvas,” and thread as the “paint.” A printed photograph will be supplied to boost your confidence in creating this project.

This is another great skill to add to your toolchest! All skill levels are welcome!

A kit is required for this class which costs \$19. This includes custom-printed background fabric, 3 pieces of stabilizer, instruction booklet and practice products. A 6” machine embroidery hoop is also required. If you need this, you can order it for an additional \$11.50 when you sign up.

The cost is \$40 for the workshop and \$19 for the required kit for a total of \$59. If you also want the optional machine embroidery hoop for \$11.50, the total is \$70.50.

The workshop will be held at Orange Quilt Bee from 10am to 4pm. To sign up, please contact Gail – check the directory for contact information.

## Bag-Making workshop with Yvonne Webb – July 13

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, we are offering a fun “Bag-Making” workshop with our own member **Yvonne Webb**. Have you ever wanted to try your hand at bag-making but felt unsure of your skills? Then this workshop is for you!

The project Yvonne has chosen is called “Stash and Dash,” a “By Annie” pattern for a fold-over organizer bag. In this workshop, you will learn how to use Soft and Stable, attach zippers to mesh, make a zippered pocket, cover strapping with fabric, work with vinyl and tips for making professional-looking binding.



# Coming Attractions—Workshop Updates Continued



After mastering the skills in this workshop, you will have the confidence to make any other By Annie bag or project.

Required for the class is the “Stash and Dash” pattern which is available at Orange Quilt Bee or online at By Annie or Amazon. Orange Quilt Bee carries the supplies required for this organizer. Yvonne will supply the vinyl as we only need a small piece.

In this workshop you will learn so much and end up with a handy bag that can be used to organize sewing supplies, first aid supplies, car necessities and more.

The workshop will be held at Orange Quilt Bee, 628 E. Katella Ave., Orange, CA 92867 from 10am to 4pm.

The cost is \$40 for the workshop. To sign up please contact Gail – check the directory for contact information.

## Material Matrix with Sandra Bruce – August 10-11

In August, we have an exciting change! **Sandra Bruce** is offering a two-day workshop on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. She will be teaching her specialty, “Material Matrix,” inspired by painter, Chuck Close. This method involves using a gridded photograph and interpreting each 2-inch square into fabric, using piecing to achieve the effect. Sandra’s project for us is her new “Pelican” design. Everyone in the class will work on this project. You will be provided with a template and handout so the piecing can be finished at home with confidence.

In this workshop Sandra will also teach what makes for a good photo to use, color and value, curved piecing and how to grid your own photo.



Sandra will be in our area visiting three other quilt guilds in August and we are fortunate that she will be offering something unique for us.

The class will begin on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Orange Quilt Bee, 628 E. Katella Ave., Orange, CA 92867 from 10am to 4pm.

It will continue on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at University United Methodist Church, 18422 Culver Dr., Irvine CA 92612 from 10am to 4pm.

The cost of the two-day class is \$80. Sign-ups will begin at the next guild meeting on May 12, 2025.

# Quilt Show Committee News

By Sue Glass

## Flying Geese 2025 Quilt Show

Oct 10 (setup) and  
Oct 11 (open to the public 9-4)

### Committee Meetings

Show committee meetings will resume on May 5 on Zoom at 7 pm and will continue on the first Monday of every month until the quilt show. Anyone is welcome to join in the meetings. Contact Sue Glass for the Zoom info.

### Open Position

We have a couple of important positions open on the committee: We need someone to help manage the hanging and takedown of the quilt displays. You will have a staff to help, and Judy Swytak has volunteered to be a co-chair.



### Help needed – Credit Card Sales



We also need several more people to be trained in credit card sales. This process has been improved and streamlined by credit card companies, so it is fairly simple to do. You will need a smart phone to help with this important task. So many people are only paying by credit card that we have to have a full staff to work in this area. Talk to our Treasurer Kathleen Quinn if you can help. This is NOT an all-day job. We hope to have enough volunteers so that we can have the same 2-hour shifts as for other areas being staffed at the show.

### July – Staffing Signups Begin

Staffing signups will begin at the July guild meeting. Sign up early to get your preferred work assignment!



**IMPORTANT:** The show entry application database will open **May 1 and close on July 14.** You do not have to have your quilt finished by July 14 to enter it. However, you must be sure that you will be able to finish the quilt in time to meet the following schedule:

**September 20** – all quilts entered for judging will be turned in by taking them to Pam Hadfield's home or by bringing them to Bonnie Bennett's church parking lot where they will be gathered and transported to Pam's home. We will have more information about the turn in process as we get closer to the date. There will not be any quilts turned in at guild except by special arrangement.

**October 10** – all non-judged quilts and all Creative Arts items will be brought to the quilt show setup at the Murray Center in Mission Viejo by their owners or representatives. Information about this new process will be provided well before the date. Email Jeanne Stone for quilts or Joanne English for Creative Arts items if you have questions.

# Quilt Show Committee News—Continued



If you find that you will not be able to complete your quilt or other entry by the deadlines above, please contact Ellen Reibling, Gina Whitelaw, or Joanne English (for Creative Arts items) as soon as possible so that we can find a replacement. (It is particularly important to let Jeanne or Joanne know ahead of time if your nonjudged quilt or item will not be ready, as it may take some time to replace it in the show. If you tell us right before the show, we may have to pin a sign to the space to say, “Quilt Withdrawn.” It will still be in the program.)

Darla and Cindy are taking items for the quilt sale (no quilt auction this year) and boutique. See their article elsewhere in this newsletter. We need your absolute best work for both of these activities.

Eilleen Wintemute is in charge of our raffle baskets this year. She is asking for complete baskets with lots of goodies in them. Please see her separate article about the baskets.

Postcards with the new opening time for Saturday, Oct 11 and the change from a quilt auction to a quilt sale will be available starting at the May guild meeting. Please see Mary Lu Booker or Michelle Howe to get some to pass out to your friends.

Email or text or call Sue Glass with questions.





# Quilt Show Committee News—Continued

## 2025 Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales Recap

By Michelle Howe

[Have you bought your Opportunity Quilt tickets yet?](#)

If you can't make it to the guild meeting, contact Mary Lu Booker and she will fill out the tickets for you.

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 May meeting.

- Fabulous prize for the top seller
- Monthly drawings for a \$25 gift certificate to Orange Quilt Bee for those turning in \$35 worth of ticket sales. Anyone picking up and paying for their packet is entered into the evening's drawing.



**Ruth Honer** was the April 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 the wonderful speakers you love to hear.

Michelle Howe  
Mary Lu Booker  
Opportunity Quilt Sales Co-Chairs



# Quilt Show Committee News—Continued

## Raffle Baskets for 2025 Quilt Show

By Eileen Wintemute

We are excited about the baskets and other items being donated this year for our quilt show raffle. We are up to 13 raffle items. We still need more items though (baskets or other items) and we are hoping more friendship groups or individuals will help us out with donations. We would like to get at least 20 raffle items for the Quilt Show.

This is a list of items that are being donated so far:

- Christmas Holiday Basket – A Team
- Summer Picnic Basket – Calendar Girls
- Sunday Brunch Basket – Proper Piecers
- Red and White Basket – Wee Bees
- Bias Tape Maker – Darla Cox
- Cutting System – Darla Cox
- “Laundry Basket” Basket - Zoom Group
- Family Game Night Basket - Sew Fun
- Juki TL-98-E, sewing machine, tote bag, 2 sew steady tables, insert for the table, all the feet, Karen Ericksen
- Halloween Basket – Woolies
- Tu Tu Bag (sewing machine case) – Vicki Johns
- TBA – Sue Glass
- Autumn basket- Scrappy Divas



If you, or your Friendship Group, pick a theme for a basket, please let me know so I can advertise that, so we don't get baskets with the same theme.

We have some items in the Guild Storage that would be nice to help fill baskets with these themes:

- Southwestern
- Red, White, and Blue
- Reproduction Fabric
- Child

If you would like these items for your basket, let me know and I will bring them to a guild meeting or make other arrangements.

Thank you for all of your support for the Guild. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Eileen Wintemute (see the directory for contact information).

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By Julia Renaud

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- Started quilting in college to “zen out” between organic chem labs.
- My other hobbies include yoga, mountain biking, and gourmet cooking—of which I have attended classes hosted by world-class chefs.
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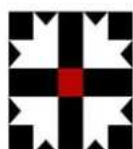
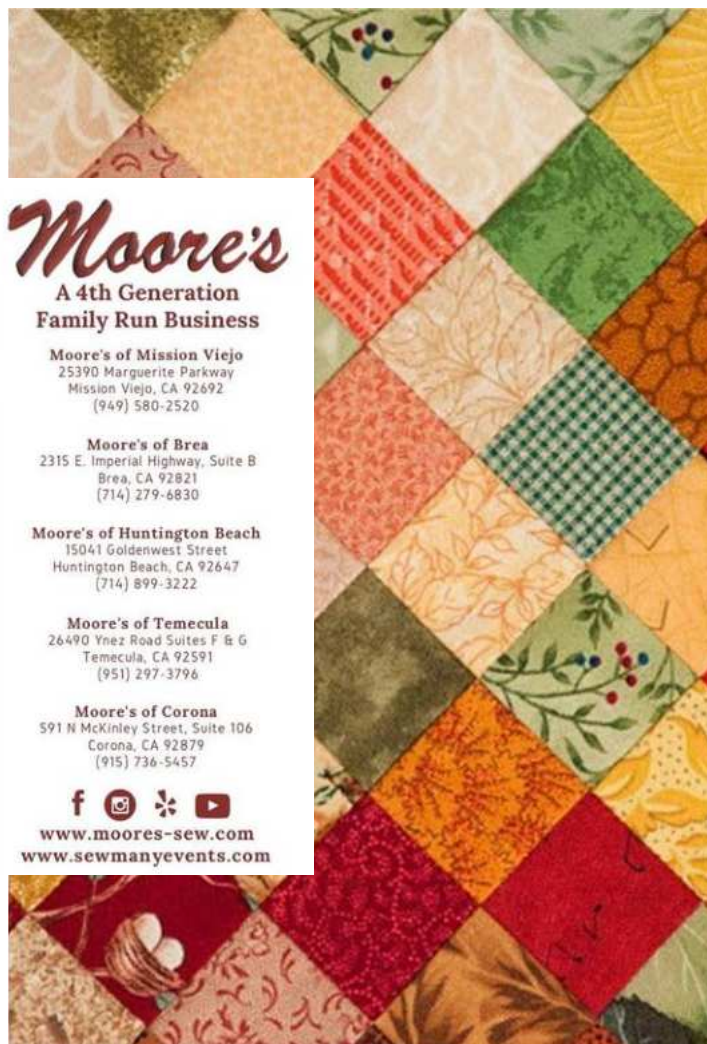
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# Quilt Challenge

By Kathleen Quinn

## WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND



**Are you Ready?**

**Are you ready** to come and see the **big reveal** of our Guild Challenge quilts at our upcoming May meeting? You must come and see our wonderful group of quilters with their unique talents to come together with the theme, What Goes Around, Comes Around and show you what they can do and find out what was challenging for them in the process.

We added a new challenge block, Drunkard's Path, and Ruby red fabric this year to celebrate the guild's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary along with our traditional Flying Geese blocks and two other fabrics, Blue and White/Cream.

**Come and enjoy the quilt show and have some fun!**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



# UFO Challenge

By Kathleen Quinn

## UFO Challenge is Back!

Now that the Quilt challenge is over, here's an opportunity for you to finish up your fabulous quilts that you have been putting off, so you can put them in the next Quilt Show. (UFO stands for Unfinished Objects or Unfinished Projects. It can also refer to your PHDs which stands for Projects Half-Done.)

The UFO challenge will begin officially on May 12th! You can join any time after this date. Look for the sign-up sheets at the next Guild meeting to take home and you can list from one to five projects that you would like to finish throughout the year. You can choose how many you would like to submit and which month they will be due. Your projects must have been started prior to December 2024 and must be a minimum of 200 square inches (example 10" x 20"), quilted and with binding. Bring back the form and a \$10 fee to the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to start on your journey in getting these quilt projects done.

**There will be prizes!** Raffle tickets will be issued on a point system based on timely submission, number of square inches, and all other components such as binding, sleeve, and labels. All raffle tickets will continue until the final drawings, so you have many chances to win until the final drawings!!

I am looking for volunteer(s) to help at the general meetings to measure and tally up the points and issue ribbons/buttons and raffle tickets.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Let's get out all of those UFOs and get them done!**

Kathleen Quinn  
UFO Challenge Chair



# UFO Challenge—Sign Up

## UFO CHALLENGE 2025-2026

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**What is a UFO?** You've 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. Must have started prior to December 2024 and a minimum of 200 square inches (Example 20in x 10in.) Whatever the case, let's dust off those older projects and complete some UFOs. You could even win a prize for doing so!

We want this to be fun and doable for everyone so here's how it's going to work. You choose from one to five UFOs you'd like to complete by April 2026. You tell me which month on which quilt will be done. A completed UFO is quilted and bound. We would really like to see labels and hanging sleeves as well, but for this challenge it's not necessary. You sign up below and pay a \$10 entry fee (no matter how many quilts you submit). You will get a ribbon to get started and will earn a special pin for each quilt turned in.

There will be a drawing each month a UFO is due among those who turn for that assigned month. There will be a special drawing for a "Grand Prize" for those who completed all five quilts on time! Additionally, tickets will be awarded for random drawings throughout our challenge period. Tickets are earned as follows:

- 1 Ticket for each UFO turned in (up to 5)
- 5 Tickets for turning in your UFO on time or earlier
- 3 Tickets for turning in your UFO late
- 1 Ticket if UFO has label
- 1 Ticket if UFO has a hanging sleeve

- 5 Tickets if UFO is older than 2008
- 4 Tickets if UFO is older than 2012
- 3 Tickets if UFO is older than 2016
- 2 Tickets if UFO is older than 2020
- 1 Tickets if UFO is older than 2024

### Quilt Sizes:

- 1 Ticket – Smaller than a Baby Quilt – 2,475 sq in or under
- 2 Tickets – Baby/Crib/Lap – 45" x 55" = 2,475 sq in and higher
- 3 Tickets – Afghan/Throw – 55" x 65" = 3,575 sq in and higher
- 4 Tickets – Twin – 70" x 90" sq in = 6,300 and higher
- 5 Tickets – Double, Queen, and King – 80" x 90" = 7,200 sq in and higher

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen (check the member directory for contact information).



# UFO Challenge—Entry Form

## FLYING GEESE QUILTERS GUILD

### UFO QUILT CHALLENGE 2025-2026 – ENTRY FORM

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee: \$10.00: Rcvd on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

(Make check payable to Flying Geese Quilters Guild). **Please make a copy of this form for yourself.**

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UFO Project	Description of UFO	Month Due	UFO Started When
UFO #1		July 2025	
UFO #2		September 2025	
UFO #3		November 2025	
UFO #4		February 2026	
UFO #5		April 2026	

# Last Meeting's Highlights

## Monthly Creation

By Diane Jardon

Congratulations to **Mary Lu Booker** who was the winner of the April Monthly Creation. Mary Lu won this beautiful Easter Bunny wall hanging – just in time for the holiday! A special thank you to **Darla Cox** who donated the wall hanging.



Also, a reminder that we're seeking out items for Monthly Creations during 2025 – specifically the month of September. If you have something in mind to donate, please contact me to let me know at the May meeting so that we can make sure we have items for the entire upcoming year.

I look forward to seeing you all in May!

Thank you,  
Diane Jardon



## Zoom

By Eileen Wintemute

The Guild meeting in April was the first time that we presented a speaker to the Guild via Zoom. People attending in person saw the live presentation on the screen in the meeting room and those on Zoom saw the same presentation on their computer. It was a successful use of Zoom, and it opens up opportunities for us to have speakers from distant locations as our speaker, without incurring travel costs. We are thrilled about this! We had 18 people on Zoom for the Guild meeting.



# Birthdays & New Members

## Happy Birthday to our *May* Flying Geese!

Jennifer Boda  
Sue Campbell  
Lenet Derksen  
Karynn Dittmar  
Joanne Florence  
Cindy Hinds  
Michelle Howe  
Rose Hughes



Jan Kirby  
Sharon Ludwig  
Judy Maxwell  
Kathleen Quinn  
Alice Sering  
Gale Slagle  
Jane St. Pierre  
Diana Thompson

*May your birthday be filled with smiles and cake!*



**Please welcome our newest Flying Geese members:**

Leslie Lenardson  
Hope Sandoval

### **April Meeting Attendance**

Members	55
New Members	2
Zoom	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>



*Mother's Day - May 11<sup>th</sup>*



*May 5<sup>th</sup>*

# Show & Tell



**Anita Adriano** – Monster Trucks

I purchased 2 of these kits to make this quilt and ended up with enough fabric to make 3 of them.

**Gail Larderuccio** – Turbo the Turtle

I made this for my grandson for Easter. The turtle has a zippered pouch on the belly and can carry eggs.



**Gail Larderuccio** – Ombre Confetti Flower Bouquet

I wanted a spring quilt, and I'm not too crazy about pastels, but I found this beautiful ombre fabric which is fresh and bright.



## Show & Tell—Continued



**Julie Layne** – Birdsong by Sew Kind of Wonderful

I made this quilt during a workshop at The Sewing Escape. I quilted it using a walking foot and curved circles.

**Vicki Johns** – Whales for Jalen

This is a baby boy quilt for my cousin's new grandson named Jalen. It's a combination of piecing and applique. It will be sent to Montana.



**Vicki Johns** – Butterflies for Sylvie

This is a baby girl quilt for my cousin's new granddaughter named Sylvie. It will be sent to Colorado.



# Virtual Sew-Ins Via Zoom

By Mary Howland

## Hello New Members of FGQG!

Please come 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/gadgets we just had to buy. Of course, we show our fabric purchases, too. It's really a fun-filled time. **Please join us. We'd love to see you!**

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

**Mondays** from 9 a.m. - 12 noon

April 28

May 5, 12, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Fridays** from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

April 25

May 9, 23

June 13, 27



# Philanthropy

By Mary Howland

Hello,

Usually, by now, there's something in my life that triggers how I start this article, but it has been an unusual week. I could focus on the negative, as each day had its challenges, but let's not.

One challenge, which triggered many acts of kindness, was when my car stopped on Hawthorne Blvd. near the top of the hill in Rancho Palos Verdes. Cars were zooming in the lanes on either side. plus many cars pulled up behind me before they were able to move. A woman, two lanes over, got out of her car to see if I needed help and then wanted to push my car uphill and off to the side. A man pulled up alongside and asked if I needed help. Then another man approached the other side of the car with another offer to push me. Those acts of kindness were so meaningful! Eventually, AAA's tow truck arrived, and their driver was both kind and thoughtful. After a quick stop at Honda, I was off for my first-ever Lyft ride. Again, a pleasant driver who shared his family's Easter celebration complete with Rose Jam. The next day a friend chauffeured me to Long Beach to retrieve my car after its spa treatment. There were others who offered help or kind words, too.

So, I realized how important what we do and say matters. Saying "hello" to someone at guild, picking up a project to make, and sharing your talents and skills by helping philanthropy donate all the items we do matters. Although, we don't see the smiles of gratitude, or witness someone snuggling under a quilt, or see how someone using a placemat cheers up their mealtime, our efforts are appreciated. Just think back over the last day or two and see how even the smallest thing someone did for you brought joy to you.

We'll have lots of opportunities for you to select something to work on. Just visit the philanthropy table at the guild meeting or [join us on Sew Day at Orange Quilt Bee on Wednesday, May 21st from 10a - 2p.](#) Also, we'll be sewing and chatting [online at our Sew Time from 6p - 9p on Monday, April 28th.](#) It's a great time to pick up a project and sew on it or pull out some scraps and make a block or two which could be the start of a placemat.



**Diane Healey** was the lucky winner of a \$10 gift card to [Orange Quilt Bee](#). Each time you participate in philanthropy either by bringing things back to our table at the guild meeting or participating in Sew Day, you have an opportunity to win the gift card which is drawn on Sew Day. **Congratulations, Diane!**

As always, [if you want to join the philanthropy team just contact Julie Layne.](#)



Last, but by no means least, thank you for everything you do to brighten someone's day. Your sewing and giving is so important so let's keep doing what we love.

Mary Howland



# Philanthropy—Items Donated This Month





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# 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](http://www.orangecountyquiltersguild.org)



### AN ONLINE EVENT

New Beginnings  
**SALE**

SUN April 13 to  
WED April 30, 2025

[Okan Arts Online Shop](#)

Japanese textiles + more

[okanarts.com](http://okanarts.com) >  
textile shop

**everything on  
sale for 50% off!**

### AN IN-PERSON EVENT



SAT May 10, 2025

10am to 3pm

FREE and open to all

**HUGE STUDIO SALE!  
at least 50% off  
everything!**

2315 E Seventh Street  
Long Beach | California

japanese yukata cotton +  
silk + kimono wool+ kasuri  
+ shibori + vintage goods +  
kokeshi dolls + lots more



# Quilty Happenings- Continued



**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

**9:30 am to 12:00 noon**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Bankson Hall

33501 Stonehill Dr. - Dana Point

An event you don't want to miss...right here in South OC!

Robin Pickens will be there selling her MODA line and patterns, Cecile Choi will be there with Sewing Party, Judy Nunn will have her shop there. And, Surfside Quilting Guild Members, as vendors, selling fabric, patterns, thread, and all sorts of other sewing and quilting items.

Come and hang-out with other quilting enthusiasts!

If you park in the lower parking lot, you can walk across the church courtyard and take the elevator up to the third floor to enter Bankson Hall.

Registration is not required to attend the Surfside PopUp Quilt Shop Sewcial, and there is no charge to attend.

**Antelope Valley Quilt Association's**

**Quilt Show & Auction**

**Festival of Quilts 2025**

**May 17-18, 2025**

**AV Fairgrounds**

Van Dam Pavilion  
2551 West Avenue H  
Lancaster, CA 93536

**Show Hours & Admission**

Saturday, 10am-5pm  
Sunday, 10am-4pm

**Admission**

\$12 per person for weekend  
Children under 12 free

[www.avqa.org](http://www.avqa.org)



**"Rhapsody in Blue"  
Opportunity Quilt**



## Quilty Happenings- Continued



The poster features a repeating pattern of teal, orange, and grey diamonds and stars on a light grey background. The text is overlaid on this pattern.

**Anaheim Craft  
&  
Vintage Fair**

**20**

**Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 9 AM – 4 PM**

**Anaheim Craft & Vintage Fair**

P.O. Box 3316, Anaheim, CA92801, Anaheim, CA



The poster has a background of a colorful patchwork quilt. The text is written in a mix of cursive and serif fonts, with some words in a larger, more decorative script.

*Threaded  
together*

a stitching experience  
featuring

**Amanda Murphy**

*September 29-October 1, 2025*

sign up now!  
*space is limited*  
early bird discount!

# Our Next Meeting

**Monday, May 12, 2025**

Meeting: 6:30 PM  
In Person  
Zoom will be provided

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**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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