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President's Message

Mary Branca

Dear Quilting Friends,

As we move into the beautiful and cooler days of fall, I want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who helped make our auction such a wonderful success!

An event like this takes a tremendous amount of teamwork, and our guild members truly came together. Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped organize and set up, worked during the auction, participated in the bidding, helped with clean-up, and supported the event in so many ways. Whether you were involved behind the scenes or simply came ready to have fun and support our guild, your contribution mattered.

We also had our biggest ever monthly creation sale last month! Two members donated a brand-new bungee chair and we raised over \$300! Wouldn't it be great to have a big item similar to that donated a couple times a year to our monthly creations? Let me know if you'd be interested in being a donor.

The things we have done together this year—by exceeding our monetary goals for Monthly Creations and Little Red Hen, and the success of the new event at the Bowers Museum—have really contributed to our success.

In January, I hope you will be pleased to see our beautiful Opportunity Quilt. You can support our guild by purchasing tickets, selling tickets, and showcasing our quilt at other guilds to which you may belong. Our opportunity quilt has also been accepted by Road to California for Wednesday, January 20 and will be an additional chance for us to meet our goals.

Warm quilting wishes,
Mary Branca



next meeting

October 12, 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

October 12 — Rose Rennick-Parr

Lecture: *Sew Smart - The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting* by ZOOM

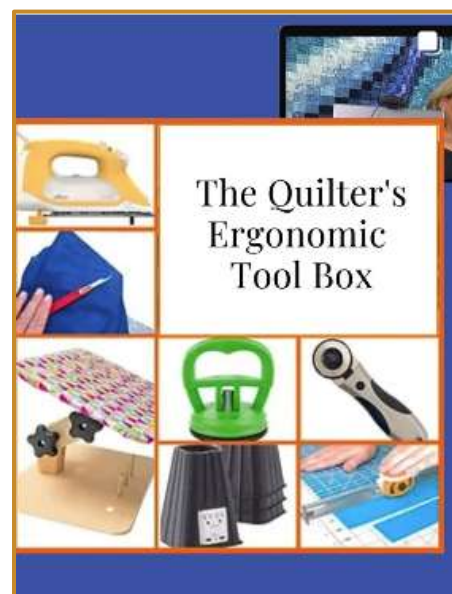
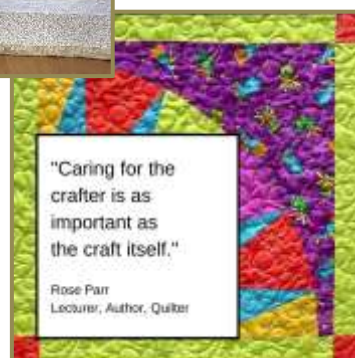
Our October speaker will present on Zoom from Canada! We are still meeting together at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School.

We are looking forward to an informative and encouraging Zoom presentation with **Rose Rennick-Parr**. A longtime quilter, Rose brings practical insights into ergonomics and wellness to help us stay comfortable, creative, and happy while stitching away.

A professional longarm quilter and founder of Max-It Forward, Rose is also the author of [Sew Healthy & Happy: Smart Ergonomics, Stretches & More for Makers](#), available through your favorite quilt shop or bookseller.

www.healthyquilting.com

Instagram at: [healthyquilting](#)



Program Updates — Coming Attractions

November 8, 2026 — Carolina Oneto

Lecture: *The Power of Color Composition* by ZOOM

In November, we're delighted to welcome **Carolina Oneto** on Zoom for an inspiring look at *The Power of Color Composition*.

Color is an important element in art, understanding how to use it can be a strong tool to create contrast, balance, focal point, and many other important principles when it is time to compose your own work.

Carolina is an internationally exhibited modern quilter and instructor whose work has appeared at major quilt festivals around the world, including QuiltCon, Quilt Week, the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham, and the European Carrefour du Patchwork. Originally trained as an engineer, she discovered quilting while living in Buenos Aires, where she studied with renowned Argentinian quilters and began



exploring a wide range of techniques. Carolina continues to refine her craft through ongoing study, including annual classes at QuiltCon and coursework in color theory. Now based in São Paulo, she teaches quilting and design through live and on-demand online classes.

LOCATION CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER! The live presentation of this zoom meeting will be presented at the Guild Meeting - At a new location; Creekside Learning Center - Room 1 at 3387 Barranca Parkway in Irvine, CA 92606 .

Sign Up to be a VIG (Very Important Goose)

Thank you to everyone who helped with the September 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!

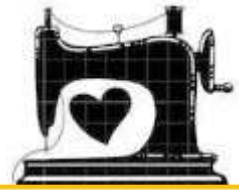
Program Updates — Coming Attractions

October 11 – RSVP for the Fall Sew In Sunday

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



Fall Sew In Sunday

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

The Sew-In is an open sew that can accommodate 20 sewing machines and even more with handwork!

Please RSVP at [HERE](https://www.cognitoforms.com/FlyingGeeseQuiltersGuild/SewInReservation) (or copy

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/FlyingGeeseQuiltersGuild/SewInReservation> into your browser) to help us plan for machines. Contact Julie Layne with questions.

Holiday Meeting - Mary Poppins Sing-along and Bring-a-Friend



December 14, 6 PM

NOTE LOCATION: Tustin Area Senior Center

Join the Flying Geese Quilters Guild for a delightful evening of singing and savoring at our **Mary Poppins Sing-along & Potato Bar Holiday Meeting**. We'll enjoy a cozy baked potato buffet with all the fixings, followed by a cheerful singalong to everyone's favorite magical nanny. It's the perfect blend of comfort food, community, and creativity—so bring your voice, your appetite, and your quilting spirit for a night that's practically perfect in every way.

Buy a \$10 guest ticket to include a non-Guild friend (available at November meeting).

More details to follow! Spit Spot!!



Workshop Updates

Carolina Oneto — November 8

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



[You won't want to miss this workshop--it's full of new skills and fresh inspiration for your next project!](#)

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

Workshop Details

This workshop will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026, from 10am to 2:30pm and the cost is \$50. This is quite a bargain compared to her class at Empty Spools for \$1600! Sign-ups are being taken at the guild meetings or by contacting Gail Larderuccio.

January 2027 — Edyta Sitar

In January we're starting off the new year with a bang by offering a workshop with **Edyta Sitar**! She's fun, inspiring and has a magical way of turning even tricky techniques into, “Oh! I can totally do that.”



The project for Edyta's class is her **Winter/Summer Village**, available in two color ways. In this class you will be making a table runner based on this beautiful design. You will love creating these charming house blocks in this fun and informative class. **There is a mandatory kit fee of \$60** which includes fabric for the table runner, binding, backing, and pattern.



The class will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2027, at the Cypress Park Community Center, 255 Visions, Irvine, CA 92620, from 10am to 4pm. **The cost of the class is \$60.**

Sign-ups will begin on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 6pm, either in person at the guild meeting or by Zoom. The Zoom people need to send a text message to Gail Larderuccio (check the guild directory for contact information). Once confirmed, they need to send a Zelle payment to hold their place. Only current guild members may sign up in October.

Featured Guild Events — 2027 Quilt Challenge

2027 Quilt Challenge



[The 2027 Quilt Challenge Is Coming!](#)

At our October General Meeting, we'll reveal the theme for this year's Quilt Challenge!

The Challenge is a fun opportunity to stretch your creativity. You'll create a quilt using a few specific guidelines and fabrics—then add your own style and flair to make it uniquely yours.

Challenge Packets are \$15 and include:

- Challenge guidelines
- Three fat quarters
- Important dates and information

[All you need to add is your creativity!](#)

Completed Challenge quilts will be revealed and displayed at our May General Meeting. It's always exciting to see how many different ideas can come from the same challenge.

Challenge Packets will be available at the October meeting, and quantities are limited—so be sure to get yours before they sell out!

[We can't wait to see what you create!](#)

The Challenge Committee

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Last Meeting Highlights

Monthly Creation

Katie LeFlore

Our Monthly Creation drawing was a wonderful success!

Thanks to everyone's enthusiasm, we raised an impressive \$300 for our guild. **Bonnie Bennett** was the lucky winner of the bungee chair, generously donated by two of our guild members.

A true **WIN-WIN** for our guild.



Zoom Update

Trudy Cleveland



Our Zoom presentation for the September meeting included 10 members. We were honored that Peggy Sue joined us all the way from Ohio!

We were in a different location, which always presents new challenges. We are aware that the slide show was difficult to see for our Zoom followers due to lighting at our location. We do the best we can.

Next month our speaker will be on Zoom, and her presentation will be fed directly to our Zoom participants... it should be an improved result. The meeting will be in person and by Zoom... everyone gets to hear our speaker. It should be great for everyone.

Membership & Birthdays

Please Welcome our New Members



Marian Drum

Happy Birthday to our October Flying Geese!

Dorothy Bullard
Trudy Cleveland
Sandra Harper
Valerie Henry
Shelby Hicks
Diane Jardon
Tina Kelly
Jeanne Krinsky



Lori Maze
Cynthia H. O'Donohue
Peggy Sue Phillips
Pamela Schoenbachler
Kathy Taylor
Tas Whitmore
Sheri Woodard

May your year be filled with warm stitches, cozy nights,
and a magic all its own—no hocus-pocus required.

September Meeting Attendance

Members	75
New Members	1
Guests	4
Zoom	10



Show & Tell



Kathleen Quinn - Blue Willow

Quilt is based on my grandmother's favorite book. Pattern is 2024 Stitchin Mystery Quilt.



Roseann Tennison - Patriotic Quilt

This quilt is being donated to the Camp Pendleton Marines's Christmas party.



Bretta Gunther - Bees

I saw this made up in a quilt shop in Washington about 10 years ago. I finally found the pattern and made it into a table topper for my round cherry table in my Great Room. It helps to protect the table from my grandkids.



Sue Glass - Orange Marmalade

Designed by Irene Black. She taught it at Road to CA 2 years ago.

Show & Tell — Continued



Marshaleen Keith – Christmas Quilt & Spellbound Hat

Finally finished my Christmas quilt! - Made most of the blocks when I was a newbie to quilting (in 2000). Moved (many times) and found this UFO in 2025 and decided to finish it. Tom Stevens expertly custom quilted it, and it won First Place in 2026 OC Fair. It is Bed size but larger than a twin.

Quilted Witches Hat - I purchased the Spellbound Hat Pattern and decided to make



Amy Anderson - Little Red Hen Jelly Roll Quilt

Thank you for the generous donations and to everyone who worked so hard to put the sale together — because of you, I was able to make this quilt.



Linda Nitzen – Wild Rose Embroidery

This was made from a free pattern on the Tilda website.



Ruth Honer - My version of the Minki Kim Pouch

I wasn't able to take the workshop, so I made this on my own. I enlarged it, added an inside pocket and handles. It's wild but fun! And it has a turquoise zipper with Black and white zipper teeth to match the colors inside and outside!

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

October 5, 12, 19, & 26

November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

December 7, 14, 21, & 28

Fridays from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

October 9 & 23

November 13 & 27

December 11 & 18 (a week early)

December 31st - Gala New Year's Eve celebration



Philanthropy

Mary Howland



Happy Fall y'all,

I don't think I've ever written that saying before. Does that mean there's a first time for everything? I'll need to ponder that a bit.

Meanwhile, I actually spend time thinking about what I'll write each month. I know some of you read this article, so I want to give you something other than the usual updates about what we're doing, how much you've sewn, where it's going, and so on.

Rain & Renewal - I was thinking about what I needed and what came to mind was - I need rain. My body feels parched, not dry which could be cared for with lotion. Rather, I feel depleted - my brain feels dull and I think I've lost my sewing mojo. When a niece in New York wrote that they were having more rain, I wanted to go to the airport and catch the first flight there so I could be renewed. In the east, the falling rain prepares the ground for winter. The rains may hasten the release of the leaves from the trees, and of course the cooler temperatures remind everyone that winter will soon be here. I loved the autumn colors and thought back to previous years to compare this autumn to other autumns. It might seem that one autumn is the same as another, but they're not. If we look at the first nine months of 2026 in comparison to the same time in 2025 we see that many things have changed, perhaps some for the best and some not so.

So what does all this mean to us? Some of our members are attending retreats this week and will come back rejuvenated and perhaps have a new quilt or two to share with us. I hope their energy flows throughout the guild so we all can finish a few UFOs. To me I can be rejuvenated by hearing a friend's excitement about a new project or skill learned. We know that these members' enthusiasm is contagious, and we know that they'll share what they've learned with us.

Holiday Placemats: Stitching Toward Our Goal - We're sewing holiday placemats and, at last count, needed about 100. There's still time to pick up a kit to sew before the November deadline. You know if we collect more than we need for this holiday season, we'll have a head start for 2027.

October Sew Day: Come Join Us - Our next Sew Day is Wednesday, October 21st from 10a - 2p at our new location in Irvine. Please drop in and sew with us, or we'll happily find something else fun for you to do. We bring lots of kits so it's convenient to choose one or two to sew on at home, too. We have show 'n tell and that's when we take the photos you see in the newsletter.

We're always in need of adult sized lap quilt tops. If you have suggestions or questions, please contact **Cheri Carey-Whitman**.

Monthly Drawing Winners - The winners of the monthly drawings were **Ann Boughey** in August and **Jeanne Stone** in September. Don't forget when you return something at guild or a Sew Day, sign in so you could be the lucky winner that month. We draw a name at the end of each Sew Day.



Ok, I've run dry on things to say except — I/we always want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to each one of you and for all the love you give to others by sharing your sewing skills.



Mary Howland

Philanthropy — Items Donated This Month



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In quilting, fabric is the paint, and the needle is the brush.
Together, they create a masterpiece of warmth and comfort.

— *Unknown*

Quilty Happenings

Old Town Temecula 27th Annual Outdoor Quilt Show

When: The 27th annual quilt show will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: On Front and Main Streets in Old Town Temecula

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Live Auction at 1 p.m.

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Our Next Meeting

October 12, 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

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