



# The Dispatcher

Orange Grove Quilters Guild Newsletter

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## President's Message

*by Jane Oglesby, President*

Our Home Tour and Lunch was a wonderful event. Each of the homes was a unique experience. Martha Sterbens displayed many of her beautiful modern quilts and even included the patterns. Then we got to see her mother's original sewing machine and table. Karen Garrity showed us her more traditional quilts, including my favorite Christmas trees with Santa. Then she shared her closet full of baby quilts ready for future great grand babies. How awesome to be that prepared!

Penny Martin wowed us with her machine embroidery and her amazing doll making. And we were greeted with a beautiful quilt made from old handkerchiefs. Finally Sharon Sutton greeted us with a front yard display of quilts and signs that showed her knowledge of the quilter's point of view. Her scrappy quilts are a delight and her backyard garden of quilts is so welcoming.

Lunch at the Newland House Barn was great. We had a boutique organized by Linda Monsen, opportunity baskets, a silent auction quilt, and challenge quilts. And, of course, a picnic lunch and delicious dessert table. So many of you volunteered your time to make this event possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed. And a special thank you to Evelyn Pelkey for chairing the event. Your many hours of labor truly paid off.

Now we start planning for next year's Quilt Show!!!

## October Guild Speaker

*by Martha Bieser, First Vice-President*

### Speaker: Kristie Naranjo



Kristie is a quilt teacher certified in teaching the Scrappy Appliqué technique developed by Shannon Brinkley. Her main goal is sharing her love of quilting with others and to help them feel confident and comfortable to do anything with the skills they currently have. Her belief is everyone has potential, and she loves unlocking that by helping each person tap into the creative side they may not realize they have. She loves seeing faces light up with joy when they learn, understand, and execute a new technique. There's nothing better to her than sharing her love of quilting with others and watching them execute it. Her workshop is Scrappy Applique.





# 2025 Home Tour

We thank our wonderful hostesses:

Penny Martin, Karen Garrity, Sharon Sutton, and Martha Sterbens.



# WORKSHOPS

*by Kathleen Jones, Workshop Chair*

Workshops are held at:

First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove

11832 Euclid St.

Garden Grove, Ca 92842

Directions: From the 22 Freeway, exit Euclid St. Go north. The church is just past Chapman Ave. on the right. There is plenty of parking in the rear.

Set up begins at 9 AM. The teacher will begin at 9:30. Bring your own lunch or go out. We will end about 3:00 PM. You may bring a seat cushion, but not your personal iron. Please wear your name badge.

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## Upcoming workshops:

**October** is Scrappy Applique, taught by Kristie Naranjo. This is a Raw Edge Applique technique where you collect scrap fabrics to create your applique pieces. The process is quick, fun, simple to pick up, and every level of quilter will enjoy it.

Optional Supply Kit - \$25.00

Pattern - \$8.00 It can be purchased on her web site, [Kristienaranjo.com](http://Kristienaranjo.com)

**November** – Color Confidence with Arlene Velis. Do you find your fabric palettes easy to do? Or do you feel insecure with your color choices and being able to mix and match fabrics? Fortunately, having an “eye for color” is not just something you are born with; it is something you can develop! Choosing fabric for your next quilt will be so much easier.

# Orange Grove Quilters Guild

## Member Workshop Sign Up Sheet, 2025-26

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

You are not enrolled in a workshop until you have paid. Workshop fees will not be refunded.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11/13/2025 Color Confidence \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Arlene Velis

\_\_\_\_\_ 2/12/2026 Quilty Dreams Wall Hanging \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Jessica Rose

\_\_\_\_\_ 3/12/2026 City Girl Chevron \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Krista Moser (Use CGC50 for promo code 50% off)

\_\_\_\_\_ 4/9/2026 Lucy Zina Clark \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern required—Stripology ruler recommended but not required

\_\_\_\_\_ 5/14/2026 Fabulous Faces \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Jean Impey

\_\_\_\_\_ 6/11/2026 Japanese Sashiko & Boro Basics \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Carol Ziogas

(Kit includes all tools needed except scissors) \$23.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 8/13/2026 Make and Take \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 9/10/2026 Pam DiSalo—TBA \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 10/15/2026 Whimsical Garden—TBD \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Tina Curran

\_\_\_\_\_ 11/12/2026 Pet Portraits. Jane Haworth. Her workshop  
consists of 2 hrs. after Guild Meeting AND the \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

standard workshop times on 12/13

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## SUPPORTING OUR MARINES

*by Martha Beiser, Liaison*



This is a reminder that we will be supporting the Marines with our Santa Toy Drive. Please bring your toy donation to the November meeting. We don't want to forget the older children. Gift cards are great.

Thank you in advance for your very generous contributions to support our Marines! You are the BEST!!

## WAY AND MEANS

*by Susan Contreras, Chairperson*

First thing: I purchased a new alarm clock from Sharper Image. Am planning on appearing at the October meeting.

I have been organizing the vast array of donations from the August meeting. While thrilled with the volume, a gentle reminder to members of donation requirements:

1. Please mark the length of EACH fabric piece donated. Marking a full bag with length of fabrics inside is inadequate. I have to mark each fabric when this happens and it makes my job harder. Masking tape or paper pinned on fabric works wonderfully.
2. Please do not donate fabric that has been fussy cut. No one wants to buy fabric that looks like Swiss cheese when you unfold it. We will be featuring Halloween fabrics, Fall fabrics, Christmas fabrics and a lot of assorted kits and patterns at our October sale; plus some fun new items in the miscellaneous bin. Our request for the October meeting is for more Christmas fabrics, panels, winter-themed fabrics, sewing notions and sewing room decor.

# UFO UPDATE

*by Dana Cox, Chair*

## UFO Challenge

Okay!! Your final UFO is due. It's been quite a year! Over 103 unfinished objects have been turned in and we know there will be a bunch more this month.

Remember - to be eligible for the \$ money drawing you need to have all five UFOs done...Looking forward to congratulating three lucky winners. But let's face it, anyone that finished all their UFOs is a Winner!!

Now is the time to start looking for next year's UFOs. We will start the sign-ups in November. Take a look in your closet or drawers—Something special might just be waiting for your attention.

Happy Quilting!

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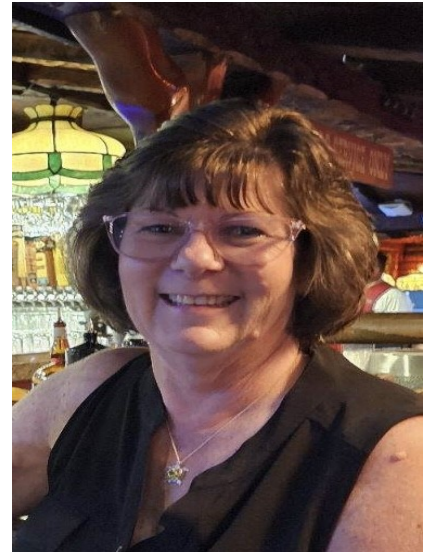




## Member Spotlight

*by Judy Hughes, Newsletter Editor*

### Janine D'Anna



Janine has been a member of our Guild for six years; she's active in Philanthropy and has participated in a couple of the Gator Bashes. One of her quilts, "Lucy," received 1st place for Patchwork and Piecing at the 2025 Ventura County Fair.

She began quilting in the early 80s, attending one of Eleanor Burns' Quilt in a Day workshops. Life got too busy to quilt for awhile and then in 2003, she discovered a Parks and Recreation quilting class held in Irvine and was a passionate attendee every Wednesday night for fifteen years. After she retired from 45 years working at a variety of positions for Vons, she joined our Guild.

She has three kids and a hubby (they've been married 44 years), plus four little grandsons: twins that are one, a three-year old, and a six-year-old. She's spent a lot of time in the past several years babysitting them. She's made quilts for each boy, plus wedding quilts for her two daughters, but she loves the ninety quilts she's made and most are in her house. She's told her daughters to take what they want when she's gone and donate the rest to our Guild.

Something unique about Janine as a quilter is that she has participated in four quilting cruises and has another one lined up for 2026 in Norway. The first, in 2009, was organized by Bears Quilt Shop; to Bali with Hoffman Fabrics in 2017; from San Diego to Hawaii in 2023; and in 2024 to Ireland. She sometimes roomed with a perfect stranger and got along fine. She highly recommends travel combined with quilting.

Her favorite quilts are two Vintage Windmills she made. She likes traditional quilts, but enjoys attending workshops, so she can learn new things.



## **Nominating Committee**

A BIG THANK YOU to the nominating committee!

Chair: Pat Summers

Members:

Yvonne Jackson

Sherry Lincoln

Kathleen Jones

Fran Bodle

The following slate of officers for OGQG Board 2026 is as presented:

President - Jan Horton

1st VP - Martha Bieser

2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Becky Meekhof

Secretary - Dana Cox

Treasurer - Sharon Sutton

This slate of officers will be presented at the October General Membership meeting and will be voted on at the November meeting.

Again—Thank you Nominating Committee!

Dana Cox, Parliamentarian

## 2025 OPPORTUNITY QUILT



This beautiful quilt, made by Jane Oglesby, is our raffle quilt for 2025.

The Guild anticipates that each member will sell or purchase twenty raffle tickets. These were available beginning at the February meeting. Please turn your money in to Dolores Gilbert. She would appreciate getting back any unused tickets.

## 2025 SNACK SCHEDULE

**OCTOBER H-M**

**NOVEMBER N-S**

**DECEMBER T-Z**

# COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD

*By Judy Hughes, Newsletter Editor*



*We welcome new member:*

Leslie Hunsaker

*Shadows:* none to report

*Sunshine:* John Boozan (Pam's husband) recently had successful brain surgery.  
Sherry Lincoln's husband had successful knee surgery.

*Community news:*

The Fallbrook Quilt Guild will host their biennial quilt show "**Quilted Treasures**," on November 7–8, 2025, at [Son Rise Christian Fellowship, 463 S Stage Coach Ln, Fallbrook, CA](#) from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The show and auction will feature more than 300 quilts made by talented members—from timeless traditional designs to bold, modern innovations. Admission cost is only \$10 and children under 12 are free with an adult. Free parking is plentiful.

Flying Geese Quilters Guild is presenting their 2025 quilt show, "Quilts for All Seasons," at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center in Mission Viejo, 24932 Veteran's Way, on Saturday, October 11 from 9 AM to 4 PM.



# Membership News

*by Julie Carman, Membership Chair*



Fall greetings to our fellow quilters! We continue to have a new member join at each meeting and I am happy to report our membership is 192. It is also lots of fun to greet our guests and find out how far they have traveled and who their special connection is with our guild. Keep inviting!

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is here and, of course, that means membership is getting ready for our 2026 renewals. The 2026 renewal forms will be available at the October General Meeting for pickup and you may start turning them in at the November General Meeting.

How about adding your renewal, with some more fabric, of course, to your holiday wish list? It is truly a gift that keeps on giving as seen through philanthropy and show and tell. "Sew" come pick up a form and get a head start filling it out. Still need a 2025 Roster Book? We have some extras for pickup. Didn't get your Quilt Guild Anniversary Mug - we have those also. Membership is full of treasures - don't miss out!



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# PHILANTHROPY

*by Sherry Lincoln, Philanthropy Chair*

It is hard to believe that we only have two Philanthropy Sew Days left this year, October 1 and November 5. We will not meet in December because the first Wednesday in December is our Guild Meeting.

This year our members have outdone themselves with so many wonderful quilts and pillowcases. Thanks to everyone that participated. I will give updates on the numbers we have donated after we have completed the year.

Please continue to donate backing fabric and children-themed fabric, but we will NOT be accepting quilt tops until we get caught up on our backlog. Don't forget to get a ticket at the Philanthropy Table for a chance to win a prize when you donate a completed quilt (quilted, bound and labeled).

Projects we will work on are the many quilt tops that have been donated and are ready for backing, binding and batting. We are behind in this process, so there are many beautiful tops just waiting to be completed. We are NOT going to accept anymore quilt tops.

Please consider coming to our Sew Day and help us get out of this backlog situation. We continue to meet at the Driftwood Mobile Home Park located at 15621 Beach Blvd., Westminster from 9:30 to 2:30. You can come and leave at your convenience. Bring a lunch and drink for lunch. Microwave and refrigerator are available for our use. The room is large with plenty of light and tables and chairs. Bring your machine if you like but there are other things we will be doing that a machine is not necessary.

The Philanthropy table at Guild has printouts of items needed for baby baskets, which organizations we donate to, and other information that you might find interesting. Don't forget the Mug Rugs, toys for the Marines, items for baby baskets, and blankets (not quilted, such as flannel, knitted, crochet, etc.) for the Navy/Marine Relief Society. There are so many ways to contribute.

As usual I want to thank all of you for your participation and help in making OGQG Philanthropy so successful.

## Happy October Birthdays

Elaine	Ohgi	10	2
Judy	Christian	10	3
Tammy	McClelland	10	3
Rosalie	Meyer	10	4
Eva	Jamar	10	8
Charlotte	Hauver	10	15
JoAnn	Gray	10	17
Leigh	Nelson	10	18
Diana	Marks	10	26
Pam	Schoenbachler	10	27
Marilyn	Crawford	10	30
Martha	Bieser	10	31



## SOCIAL MEDIA

*by Bonnie Lippincott*



Instagram

Wow! OGQG, don't forget to share your progress, completions and inspirations on Instagram (IG). Our Instagram account is [https:// www.instagram.com/orange\\_grove\\_quilters\\_guild/](https://www.instagram.com/orange_grove_quilters_guild/) to see what other members are designing, working on and completing. Additionally use a hashtag (#OGQGShare) to create great visibility for the guild, and help you reach other members or potential future members with your wonderful quilt creations. Using the hashtag enables us to connect with other members and other members can connect with each other.

OGQG Facebook Page Reminder! For those of you that are on the Orange Grove Quilters Guild Facebook Page, I want to remind you that you must be a member to join, and also to continue to follow the page. This is also not an appropriate place to advertise items for sale.



## Orange Grove Quilters Guild Web Site

*Catie Watson, Webmaster*

Access at: [orangegrovequiltersguild.org](http://orangegrovequiltersguild.org)





The ORANGE GROVE QUILTERS GUILD is a tax exempt group whose purpose is to educate, encourage and maintain high standards of design, technique, quilting and fiber arts and to inspire achievements in the areas of creativity, quilting and fiber arts.



MEMBERSHIP is currently open.

MEETINGS: The regular meeting is at 9:30 am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. (doors open at 8:30). December's meeting is on the 1st Wednesday. No meeting is held in July. Meetings are held at Garden Grove Elks Lodge, located at 11551 Trask Ave, Garden Grove, California.

### **Orange Grove Quilt Guild Officers, 2025**

President	Jane Oglesby
1st Vice President	Martha Bieser
2nd Vice President	Jan Horton
Secretary	Kathy Harvey
Treasurer	Sharon Sutton
UFOs & Parliamentarian	Dana Cox
Membership	Julie Carman
Philanthropy	Sherry Lincoln
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Webmaster	Catie Watson

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