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Orange Grove Quilters Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

by Jan Horton, Guild President

I look forward to seeing everyone soon at our August Guild meeting!

We have so many exciting activities this month! We'll have a table at the Bowers Museum for their quilt exhibit, our Sew n Go retreat, our quilt show, and an opportunity to have your quilt appraised. On top of all that, our regular meeting will feature members sharing their quilting journey, along with a fun Make & Take workshop. Phew!



A big thank you to everyone who made quilt squares for the Bowers Museum event! If you're interested in volunteering at the event, please let me know. We have openings for 6–9 volunteers, depending on whether we schedule 2- or 3-hour shifts. Our table activities include demonstrating how a featherweight machine works and how it is different from machines today; children will be able to add their artwork to our prepared blocks; and we will have our Opportunity Quilt there to sell raffle tickets!

I hope you've all had a restful and rejuvenating summer break. I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone and kicking off another wonderful season together!

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Guild Program

by Martha Bieser, First Vice-President

Hope everyone has enjoyed their hot summer so far. August will be a busy month. The August 12th meeting will have presentations by our very own Guild members: Sharon Closson, Kathy Harvey, Britta Laski and Sharon Sutton. The Workshop on August 13th will be Make and Take with Pam Boozan, Susan Contreras, Carol Macy and Pat Sommers sharing their skills and talent with us.

On August 16th we will have a table at Bowers Museum Quilt Fair. We will have quilt blocks for the children to decorate and they can either take it home or leave it so we can make a quilt for donation.

The Sew and Go Retreat will be held August 17th-20th at the Residence Inn Los Alamitos.

The Annual School Supply Donation Pickup will be at the August 12th meeting so remember to bring your donations. Don't forget that there are also older students, including the Marine parents so gift cards are welcome and appreciated!

Our Fabulous Quilt Show, Stars, Stripes and Stitches 1776-2026 will be held on August 19th at the Christ Lutheran Church 760 Victoria St., Costa Mesa from 9am-4pm. Buy your tickets now!

September is coming up fast! Pam DiSalvo will be our guest speaker, her presentation topic is The Magic of Mixers on September 9th. Workshop, September 10th, will be Sun, Sand and Sea Turtles. Pam is a certified Judy Niemeyer instructor. If you haven't already signed up, do it soon!

Sun, Sand and Sea Turtles



Marine Gator Bash



In July, we had the privilege of attending the Marine Gator Bash at Del Mar Beach at Camp Pendleton. We had a great location, beachfront with great shade. Our team was set up and ready for the onslaught of grateful Marines, some with their families. I think we set a record for the fastest time for quilt distribution, essentially done by 11:45. The end number of quilts distributed are: **Adult-77, Child-67, Patriotic-26 and pillowcases-100.** We also donated 14 baby baskets and 61 crochet or knitted blankets to the Navy/Marine Relief Corp. Quite impressive I would say! The smiles on their faces warmed our hearts. It is truly a rewarding event. Next year we are hoping to provide even more quilts especially patriotic. Thank you all for providing the quilts and pillowcase that allow us to provide the number that we do. The generosity and talent from our guild is what is so special and makes me proud to be a member of this guild!

Marine School Supplies

The annual School Supply event will take place at our August 12th meeting.

It's that time again!

The Guild will be supporting the Marine 3rd Battalion with school supplies. The supplies will be picked up at the August 12th meeting. The school supply list is below. Keep in mind that there are also adults that may be attending school. Gift cards are also welcome.

I hope you are enjoying your summer!

School Supply list



#2 pencils	erasers	small sharpeners
scissors		markers
post-its		crayons
loose paper		tabbed dividers
notebooks		folders
composition notebooks		highlighters
permanent markers		backpacks
pencil cases		planners
glue sticks		gift cards
blue, black & red pens		index cards
colored pencils		3 ring binders
rulers		calculator

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Calendar

2026	Time	Event	Location
8/5	9:30 am -2:30 pm	Philanthropy-Sew Day	Ronald MacDonald House
8/12	8:30 am doors open 9:00 am – 11:30 am	Guild Meeting, Snacks N-S	GG Elks Lodge
8/13	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Workshop: Make and Take	First Presbyterian Church
8/17- 8/20	8:00 am – 10:00 pm	Sew n Go Retreat	Cypress Residence Inn
8/21	10:00 am –11:00 am	Board Meeting (<i>please RSVP if attending</i>)	Jan Horton's
8/26	10:00 am	Quilt Show Meeting	Pam Boozan's
9/2	9:30 am -2:30 pm	Philanthropy-Sew Day	Ronald MacDonald House
9/9	8:30 am doors open 9:00 am – 11:30 am	Guild Meeting, Snacks N-S Quilt show Entries and Opportunity Baskets. No Ways and Means nor Library	GG Elks Lodge
9/10	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Workshop: Sun, Sand & Sea Turtles	First Presbyterian Church
9/18	3:00 pm --???	Quilt Show Set up	Christ Lutheran Church
9/19	9:00 am -4:00 pm	Quilt Show	Christ Lutheran Church
9/25	10:00 am –11:00 am	Board Meeting (<i>please RSVP if attending</i>)	Wendy Nomura's

2027 Special Events: Save the Date

1/20- 1/23		Road to California Quilter's conference & Showcase	Ontario Convention Center
4/19- 4/21	10:00 am Monday to 2:00 pm Wednesday	Sleep Over Retreat	Temecula Retreat Center
5/1	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Yardage Sale	First Presbyterian Church



2026 Snack Schedule

August: Last names starting with N-S

Please bring snacks to the meeting to share with the guild, healthy or treat, it helps to make our meetings a place to gather and spend time together. Buy or make your choice.

September: T-Z

October A-G

November: H-M

December: N-S

Dellchilds@yahoo.com



Guild Ambassadors Needed

by Jan Horton, Guild President

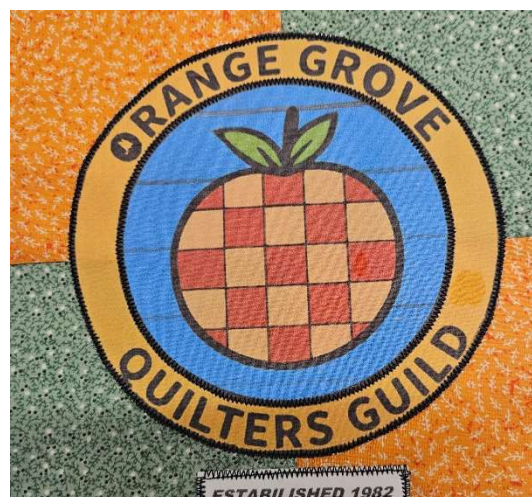
We're asking seasoned members to take turns introducing new members to everything our guild offers. We need one volunteer each month to gather that month's new members at the meeting, give a brief tour of the room, and explain guild activities, committees, workshops, and ways to get involved. If you can help (one meeting a month), please contact Julie our membership chair, or Jan.

Don't forget to welcome a new member identified by their name tag, all of us can contribute to making them feel welcomed.

Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds (SCCQG)

Sharron Sutton created and submitted this block to SCCQG so this year our Guild will be represented in the SCCQG quilt, you can view it at the 2027 Road to California.

Thank you Sharron.



August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Our August Orange Grove Quilting Guild Members

	August
Anna Carlson	1
Kathy Stolzenburg	2
Judith Stamper	3
Lynette Ashton	8
Susan Conteras	8
Ann Leibovitz	8
March Berg	13
Nancy Fujioka	16
Carol Logue	18
Susan MacVicar	20
Joann Schaum	21
Liisa Sandoval	22
Cristi Kolisnyk Von Heydenreich	23
Bonnie Lippincott	23
Claudia Viola	23
Mary Slavik	24
Judy Smith	26

Another year of your amazing journey around the sun deserves to be celebrated with joy, love, and all your favorite things.

Don't forget to pick up your free Fat Quarter at the back table.



Community Clipboard

Shadows:

Yvonne Jackson's father passed away.

France Imagaw's husband passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Sending our support



Update:

For those of you who attended the Carol Ziogas Workshop, I am providing her contact information since it was missing from your kit:

Kimonomomo: etsy.com/shop/kimonomomo kimonomomo-shop.com,
theardentthread.com and kimonomom@gmail.com

Community News:

- **Road to California Class Information Posted**, priority registration August 4th, General Registration August 14th. <https://online.roadtocalifornia.com/>
- Until Aug 8 - Tues thru Sun from 10 am - 4 pm; **Bowers Museum Quilt Exhibit- The American Quilt: Cloth and Commerce:** <https://bowers.org/index.php/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions/the-american-quilt-cloth-and-commerce>
- October 10 **Idyllwild Mountain Quilters Quilt Show**, 10 am – 4 pm
<https://sites.google.com/view/quiltersofidyllwild/quilt-show?authuser=0>
- October 24-25. **Santa Carita Valley Quilt Show** 10 am – 4 pm
<https://scvquiltguild.org/2026-quilt-show>
- November 10 from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. **Surfside Quilt Guild November Fest: Quilt Auction, Boutique, Baskets:** <https://www.surfsidequiltersguild.org/>
- November 7 **Quilters Piece Corps Quilt show** from 9 am – 4 pm
<https://quilterspiececorps.com/quilt-show-%26-craft-fair>
- Jan 20-23, 2027 **Road to California** <https://online.roadtocalifornia.com>
- September 2027, Submission deadline for quilts for **Threads of the Games**
(information will be posted at SCCQG.org in September)

*Please send any Sunshines, Shadows, or Community News to
Wendy.Nomura@gmail.com*

Workshops

Upcoming Workshops

By Pam Chiapparine, 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 at the rear.

The Workshop form can be found at the end of the newsletter, or you may register online at

<https://www.orangegrovequiltersguild.org/workshops>

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

Reminder workshops open to those outside of our Guild four weeks before the workshop. If you want to assure yourself a place, sign up and pay ahead of time. You are not registered until payment is received.

August 13th: Make and Take

Angel Ornament with Carol Macy

Origami Shopping Bag with Patt Summers

Flanged Quilt Binding with Sussan Contreras

Snowman with Pam Boozan



October 15th: Whimsical Garden by Tina Curran

This pattern uses two techniques -- regular piecing to make the background and raw edge appliqué to make the foreground. What's fun about these quilts is they all come out differently, based what the students bring to class.

Supply list at [Tina Curran's website](#) or below



September 10th: **Sun, Sand and Sea Turtles** by Pam DiSalvo

Learn how by making this unique Quiltworx pattern designed especially for the Quilt Passions shop by Quiltworx Certified Instructor, Pam DiSalvo. Prep time after the General meeting on September 9th. Pattern (\$40) and kit (\$75) may be purchased at the guild meeting or workshop. Pam DiSalvo Quiltworx page:

<https://new.quiltworx.com/instructors/pam-disalvo/>

Foundation Paper Piecing, no prior FPP experience required



November 12th: **Pet Portraits** by Jane Hawthorn

Using a variety of fabrics we will trace and fussy cut these fabrics and apply in my raw edge fabric collage technique.

<https://janehaworth.com/>



Supply Lists for Make and Take

Snowman Ornament: Basic sewing supplies: scissors, light color #8 thread, needle. Wool Felt and small buttons and beads will be provided, small Christmas buttons or embellishments can be brought to personalize your snowman.

Faux Flange/Piping Demonstration:

- Sewing Supplies: Sewing Machine, Cutting Mat, 12" or longer ruler, Rotary Cutter, Pins, Plastic Clips
- Fabric: two prep choices:
 - A. Bring a quilt that is ready for binding. Select two colors that make your quilt "pop." Bring a minimum of ½ yard each of fabrics chosen and matching threads/bobbins.
 - B. Choose two colors or prints of fabrics: a minimum of ½ yard of each. The instructor will have long quilted strips, 4"-6" wide 9two fabrics with batting) for you to practice technique.

Origami Bag:

- Sewing Supplies: Sewing Machine, Thread, Rotary cutter and 6" x 24" ruler.
- Fabric and a marking pen will be provided by the Instructor. If you want to use your own fabric- 1 yard for outside and 1 yard for lining/folds.

Christmas Angel:

- Sewing Supplies: Scissors, Sewing machine is optional you can hand or machine stitch.
- Fabric:
 - 2-6" squares of different colored material, solid or with small print.
 - 1-2 ½" flesh colored square for the face
- The instructor will furnish the rest: wings, threads, batting, circle form, templates, needle, pinking scissors, pen, head trim, and glue gun,

Supply List for Tina Curran's "Whimsical Garden" Workshop

(for a piece finishing approximately 24" x 24")

- A collection of floral fabrics featuring flower heads that don't overlap each other (or minimally overlap); flower heads can range in diameter from 1" - 7"; flower heads can be realistic, cartoonish, somewhere in between or ideally a mixture of all three. Depending on the size of the flower heads, you'll want between 20 and 40 with which to work. (Please note that I can provide packets of flower heads for purchase if attendees can't source enough on their own -- an assortment of 30 flower heads for \$10)
- Light blue fabrics (for the sky); will need about 20 - 25 strips measuring 4" - 6" wide and varying in length from 12" to 24"; a mix of fabrics is encouraged.
- Yellow fabrics (for sunbeams); will need about 10 strips measuring 3" - 4" wide and varying in length from 12" to 24"; again, a mix of fabrics is encouraged.
- Medium and dark green fabric (for stems): will need about 10 - 20 strips measuring 1" - 1-1/2" wide and varying in length from 12" to 24"; again, a mix of fabrics is encouraged.
- A yard of bleached white muslin (for use as a preliminary backing fabric and to line any flower heads where the background fabric is showing through)
- Sewing thread to match the yellows and blues or a neutral thread
- Clear thread for raw-edge appliqué
- Fusible web (if you need a recommendation, I like "Lite Steam-A-Seam 2", which comes in packages of five sheets measuring 9" x 12"); depending on how many flowers in your composition will need 1 or 2 packages
- Batting of your choice measuring a bit more than 24" x 24"
- Scissors to fussy-cut flower heads
- 45mm rotary cutter
- 6" x 12" and 6" x 24" (or longer) rotary cutter rulers
- Rotary cutting mat(s)
- Tape to temporarily combine rulers and/or mats in order to cut long strips
- Teflon ironing sheet
- Sewing machine in good working order and with the ability to do a zigzag stitch
- Any other supplies you usually use while sewing
- To finish the project, you'll need a final backing fabric (measuring a bit more than 24" x 24") and binding fabric
- Portable design wall (optional)



SUPPLY LIST FOR SUN, SAND AND SEA TURTLES

- Sewing Machine with 1/4" foot
- Scissors
- Cutting Mat (large for cutting out pattern, can be smaller for class)
- Rotary Cutter with new blade
- Seam Ripper
- Pins
- 6" x 12" Ruler
- **12" Add-A-Quarter Ruler** (mandatory)
- High Quality Cotton Sewing Thread
- Size 70 Needles (recommended)

- Fabric Glue Pen (Fons and Porter or Sewline recommended)
- Fabric Glue Refills
- Large and Small Paper Clips
- Large Ziplock Plastic Bags

Instructor WILL SUPPLY

- 3" x 12" Piece of Plastic Template (used to fold back paper)
- Re-Positional Glue Pen (Scotch Brand recommended)

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS FOR SUN, SAND AND SEA TURTLE WORKSHOP

The 57" x 57" Sun, Sand and Sea Turtle Quilt sample only requires five fabrics.

Please make sure all fabrics are cut WOF (width of fabric) strips ONLY. No fat quarters, layer cakes, scraps or remnants. Paper templates are laid out and cut using only WOF strips. You can use any cotton fabrics, but I recommend using batiks. If you are using the turtle fabric in the kit we will fussy cut the turtles so they swim in a circle. If you are using your own fabrics, you can do this, too, if your fabric has a design you wish to focus on in the center. Be mindful of color value and contrast. Using the picture as a reference (substituting your own choices of fabrics in place of what is shown) please cut and label your fabrics as follows: (If you purchase a kit, it will be cut and labeled for you)

Light Tinted Blue Fabric in Picture Cut:

- Two (2) - 5 3/4" strips Label these strips BB1
- Two (2) - 20" strips Label these strips B1
- Two (2) - 8 1/2" strips Label these strips BB5

Turquoise Fabric in Picture Cut:

- Four (4) - 4 1/2" strips--Label these strips B2
- One (1) - 8" strip--Label this strip BB7
- One (1) - 5 3/4" strip--Label this strip BB2
- Two (2) - 7" strips --Label these strips BB8

Purple Fabric in Picture Cut:

- One (1) - 8" strip-- Label this strip BB6

Pink Fabric in Picture Cut:

- Four (4) - 9 1/2" strips-- Label these strips B3
- One (1) - 5 3/4" strip --Label this strip BB3

Multi-colored Green Fabric (It is the turtle print in the quilt sample) Cut:

- Four (4) - 9" strips-- Label these strips B4
- One (1) - 7" strip --Label this strip BB4



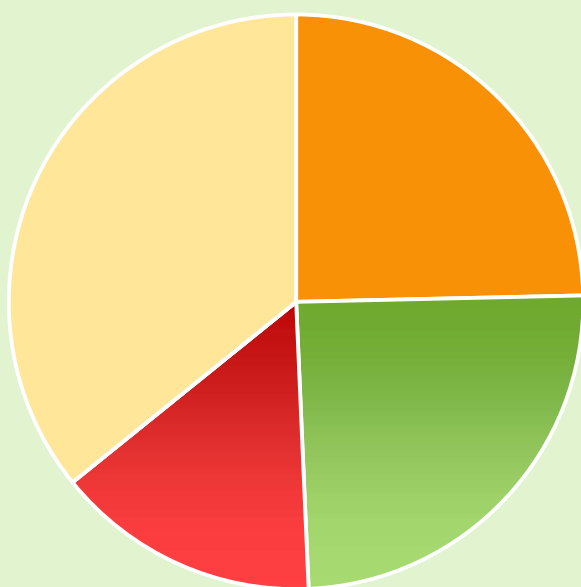
UFO Update

Bring your UFO's to the August Guild Meeting

Forty-three guild members are in the UFO challenge and as of June 145 UFOs have been submitted. **The next assigned turn in date is August 12** where there will be another drawing. Only two more UFOs to go.

Leslie Cripps

UFO's Completed



- December-February
- March-April
- May-June
- August-September
- October
- Goal (215)

Remaining 2026 Due Dates:

August 12

October 14



2026 Opportunity Quilt

The Guild members are encouraged to support our guild by purchasing and/or selling opportunity quilt raffle tickets, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets will be available at the Guild meeting. Dolores Gilbert will be distributing and collecting tickets at the back table of the Elks Lodge.



Sew-N-Go Quilting Retreat: Where Creativity Meets Community

Martha Sterbens, Retreat Chair

There's something truly special about stepping away from the demands of everyday life and spending time surrounded by people who share your passion for quilting. The **Sew-N-Go Quilting Retreat** is only weeks away so come prepared for a welcoming space to create, learn, relax, and connect with your fellow quilters.

Whether you're working on unfinished projects, starting something brand new, or simply looking for uninterrupted sewing time, Sew-N-Go provides the ideal environment. Spacious workstations, plenty of room to spread out your fabrics, and a comfortable atmosphere make it easy to focus on what you love most—quilting.

But the retreat is about more than sewing. It's about friendships formed over shared ideas, laughter during late-night stitching sessions, and the joy of celebrating each other's accomplishments. Participants will leave with not only completed projects but also new techniques, fresh inspiration, and lasting memories.

The Sew-N-Go Quilting Retreat is also a chance to recharge. Taking time away from daily responsibilities allows creativity to flourish, making every stitch more enjoyable. It's a reminder that quilting is not just a hobby—it's a way to relax, express yourself, and build meaningful connections.

Pack your sewing machine, gather your favorite fabrics, and get ready for a fun-filled experience of quilting, friendship, and inspiration. We can't wait to see what you'll create!



2027 Guild Retreat

Jane Oglesby, Past-President

Our Guild will be having a retreat at the Temecula Retreat Center from April 19 - 21, 2027. We can set up and start sewing at 10:00 AM on Monday. Then our first meal is lunch that day. We then get dinner that night, breakfast-lunch-dinner on Tuesday, and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday. We can work up until 2:00 PM on Wednesday. There will be lots of sewing and show and tell. In the evenings, we have games to play and a door prize drawing. There are both single and double rooms. The cost for a double is \$425 and \$525 for a single. The facility is beautiful and I just love having someone else take care of all of the meals for a few days. Registration is open and we would love to have you join us. The deposit is \$85 for a double room and \$105 for a single. If you do not have a roommate, you can still sign up for a double and we will match you with another quilter.

Final payment is due at the March 2027 Guild Meeting. The address for the center: Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center 39300 De Portola Road Temecula, CA 92592



President's Recognition

by Jan Horton, Guild President

I was pleased to recognize **Fran Bodle** as our June Guild Member of the Month.

Fran is the kind of person who prefers to stay out of the spotlight, yet she is always actively involved in our guild. For many years, she served as co-chair of the Philanthropy Committee, where she was often found at the philanthropy table collecting completed quilts and distributing quilt and pillowcase kits. She also spent countless hours at Sew Days preparing those kits for our members.

What many people may not realize is that Fran also chaired the Boutique Shop at our Quilt Show and Home Tour. She organized the collection of our handcrafted items, assembled a pricing committee, and managed the boutique throughout the event. Thanks to her dedication and hard work, the shop delighted many customers while generating a significant profit for our guild.

Thank you, Fran, for your years of dedication, generosity, and quiet leadership. Our guild is stronger because of your many contributions, and we are grateful for all you do.



Stars, Stripes & Stitches 1776-2026 Quilt Show Update

Pam Boozan, Quilt Show Co-Chair



The OGQG Quilt Show, - Stars, Stripes & Stitches, 1776 - 2026 is getting closer. I am so excited to see what our guild has to offer.

The **August Guild meeting** has multiple items due and available (Details for each follow):

- Turn in
 - Quilt Stories Entry Form (at the end of the Newsletter)
 - Challenge Quilt Blocks
 - Boutique Donations
 - Opportunity Baskets Donations
- Sign up to Volunteer
- Purchase Pre-sale Tickets (\$10)
- Submit Faces Story to Wendy (optional)

September Guild Meeting

- Turn in Quilts (*please contact Jane if you need to submit your quilt before the meeting*).
- Buy Opportunity Basket tickets and make selections (\$20 for 26 tickets)
- Submit your Challenge Quilt Block
- Sign up to volunteer
- Purchase Pre-sale Tickets (\$10)

Mark your calendar for the LAST Quilt Show Planning Meeting to be held **Wednesday, August 26th, 10 a.m.** at Pam Boozan's house.

Opportunity Baskets

Evelyn Pelkey



Opportunity baskets Donations should be turned in by the August Guild meeting. The baskets will be displayed at the September Guild meeting and you can purchase your opportunity tickets and make your selections. Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for six or \$20 for 26 (*including printed labels when you spend \$20*).

Challenge Quilt Blocks

Dolores Gilbert

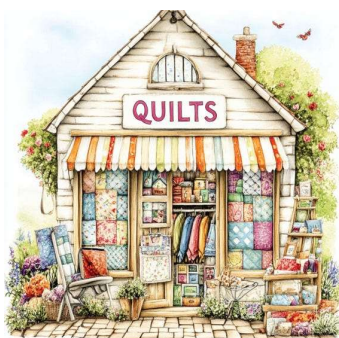
Kits are \$5, only 6 left. Get yours at her table, located against the back wall at guild meetings. A challenge quilt is a fun way to participate. Challenge Quilt entries need to be submitted by the **September** Guild Meeting.



FABRICS FOR THE QUILT CHALLENGE

Quilt Show Boutique

Boutique items will be due at the August Guild meeting. All items should be handmade (what other skills do you have?) and please limit to 10 of any given item. Some possible items for the boutique:



- Placemats, table runners, napkins and other house wears
- Fall and Christmas ornaments and decorations
- Totes and bags
- Children's gifts
- Smaller wall hangings

If you have questions on if an item is appropriate, please check with *Dena at Dnapool3@gmail.com*

Quilt Stories

Judy Hughes

We still need more Quilts for Quilt stories. Please submit your form (at the end of the Newsletter at the August Meeting.)

Do you own a quilt with a wonderful story? Perhaps it belonged to your great grandmother or a friend gave it to you when you were undergoing chemo treatments. Maybe it was found in a trunk with a bunch of old stuff and its providence is a mystery; or it was a wedding or birthday gift.

Now is the time to share your quilt and its story. At the next quilt show we would like to pile up 15-20 quilts on a pseudo bed, display each one individually, and narrate its unique story. There will be two narrations of the Quilt Story during the day of the Quilt Show.

If you will loan us your special quilt for the day, please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter and turn it in at the August meeting. Don't worry about your writing style or grammar – I'll polish up whatever you write.

You will need to bring your quilt to the September meeting and pick it up at the end of the Quilt Show.

The Quilt Story



Tony Johnston and Tomie dePaola

Quilt Show Vendors



Pat Summers

Plan to do some shopping at the quilt show. We have 11 vendors lined up.



Cathy Van Bruggen Designs
Applique patterns and Notions



The Quilting and Stitchery Cottage

<https://myquilterscottage.com>



<https://www.besewbusy.com/>



<https://www.battylady.com/>



<https://grammysquiltsandmore.com/>



<https://www.sweetlemoncandy.com/shop>



<https://www.fantabulousbacks.com/>



<https://www.inngathering.com/>

Sewing 101

<https://www.sewing101.co/>

Sew Angela



<https://www.palssewvac.com/>

Quilt Show Volunteering

Julie Carman

Come one - come all! Volunteers are needed for our spectacular quilt show. Starting at our June General Meeting, the Volunteer Opportunities books will be passed around and can also be found at the Membership desk with Julie Carman. Please note all volunteers must buy a quilt show ticket as part of this fundraiser. This is a great one time to help as well as make a new friend.

Admissions/Ticket Sales	Kathy Harvey
Boutique Manager	Dena Pool
Challenge Quilt	Dolores Gilbert
Computer Work: Programs & Flyers	Susan Kalena & Elaine Ohgi
Fabric Strips & Philanthropy Display	Kathleen Jones & Martha Bieser
Facility Layout	Pam Boozan
Games	Jan Horton & Jane Oglesby
Hanging of Quilts	Bernice Day & Elaine Kaesler
Opportunity Baskets	Evelyn Pelkey, Sharon Closson, & Sherry Lincoln
Pre-Show Ticket Sales	Sandy Bloore
Publicity/Advertising	Catie Watson
Quilt Acquisition, Check in/out	Linda Monsen
Quilt Data Base, Cards & Receipts	Wendy Nomura
Quilt Layout	Jane Oglesby
Quilt Stories	Judy Hughes
Treasurer & Church Contact	Sharon Sutton
Vendors	Pat Summers
Volunteer Coordinator	Julie Carman



Volunteers are needed both Friday September 18th to set up as well as throughout the day of the Quilt show, September 19th.

Way and Means

By Susan Contreras, Ways and Means Chair

June sales total was \$429.50.

Not gonna lie, going dark in July was a lovely break from sorting and pricing and organizing wares for Ways and Means monthly sales events. But August is fast coming upon us and it's time to get my headspace focused on creating a happy and joyful shopping experience for my peeps.

Among the items for sale in August I have a GORGEOUS selection of fat quarter bundles, a whole bin of cat themed fabric, kits and notions.

Our requests for donations at the August meeting are fall fabrics, Halloween fabrics, Christmas fabrics, notions and fun stuff you need to purge so you can redecorate your sewing room.

Please note that we will NOT be having Ways and Means sale at the September guild meeting to make space for the Quilt Show Opportunity baskets ticket sales.

A huge virtual hug to those of you who contributed items in June. So many lovely fabrics and fun novelty fabrics. My cat, Ferrell Williams, and I have been having a blast going through everything, And, last but not least, please thank Justine Gentile and Pam Boozan for their work.



Membership News

by Julie Carman, Membership Chair

Welcome back quilters! Hope your summer has been full of stitching fun with lots of projects completed for both Show and Tell at our August meeting and our September Quilt Show. Our quilt guild has 195 members so there is sure to be lots to share.

Thinking about the Quilt Show, check in at the Membership Table for ways you can volunteer. We still have lots of openings and this is a great way to help support our guild. Remember lots of hands make light work.

Our Membership Table will continue to have our new pins for our members. Please note these pins are free and only one per member.

We are always happy to welcome guests so please invite a friend, neighbor, relative. We have a very active guild with the number of members who attend our meetings and participate in all our philanthropic activities. There is always something exciting to discover at our various tables and learn about from our speakers.

Summer Smiles

Please Welcome our New Members

Liisa Sandoval

Sandra Patel



The Membership form can be found at the end of the newsletter

How to get your quilt ready for a Longarmer/Philanthropy

By Wendy Nomura, New Longarmer

I just started Longarming in February. As part of my learning process, like many before me, I have been doing lots of quilts for Philanthropy. Along the way I am learning what helps me, especially since I am new. Here are a few tips collected from multiple sources, and a little bit of why.

1. The background must be 4 inches bigger all the way around—Long arms have these side clamps that hit the long arm if you get too close to them—thus the extra space is needed. Extra space on top and bottom accommodate the pinning.
2. Square up the quilt as best you can. Especially if the quilt is long by the end the design may be way off from the top.
3. Press your seams—not going to touch the debate of open vs. to the side, but a pressed top slides under the foot easier.
4. Centered designed backs don't work—the frame makes it harder to center. Make your pieced background asymmetrical.
5. Horizontal seams on the back are better than vertical seams—Vertical seams means the seam builds up on the take up bar and then changes the tension. This one may depend on the size of the longarm, they may be put on sideways to reduce the number of runs. So you may not be able to guess which way the quilt is going on the machine.
6. Cut the selvages off the seams. This one didn't make sense till I did one with the selvages still on a center back seam. It doesn't stretch the same way as the rest of the quilt back and I ended up with a tight center and floppy sides—tension issue again. Selvages on the outer edges are great (they hold the pins better so leave them there).
7. If your border/edge of your quilt is pieced, consider stay stitching. Quilts that go to Philanthropy often go through multiple hands before they get to the quilter sometimes those edge seams slip a little, stay stitching helps.
8. Clip dark threads so they don't show through light fabrics. This one is self-explanatory.



When you donate a quilt to Philanthropy consider adding some of your left-over yardage for the binding or to be added to the back. Even if you don't have enough it can help to make the quilt look more cohesive.

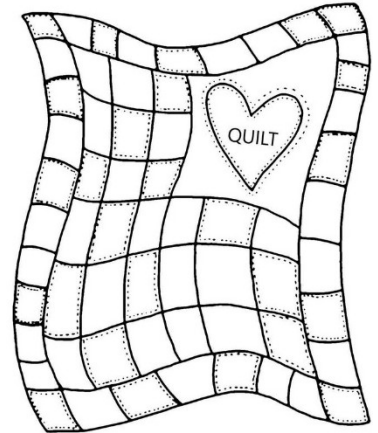
Philanthropy

By Judy Hughes, Philanthropy Chair

Sew Day: August 5th 3, 9:00-2:00

We had Sew Day at the Ronald MacDonald House three times and the staff was so friendly and supportive. However, there were a few issues and we will be moving to Orange Grace Church, thanks to Donna Ebnits, whose home church it is. We will have a large, well-lighted room, with plenty of power outlets and lots of off-street parking. Please join us there in August.

Orange Grace Adventist Church
12702 9th Street
Garden Grove, CA 92840
The Kitchen is upstairs



Drop by the Philanthropy Table at the Guild meeting to turn in or pick up projects. Copies of the pillowcase pattern and labels are available. If you like, fill out a ticket when you turn in a finished quilt, complete with sewn-on OGQG label. One winner will be chosen from those who contributed a quilt that day

Gator Bash

When you read this, another Gator Bash for the Marines at Camp Pendleton will be history! Twelve ladies from our Guild carpooled down to take 77 adult quilts, 67 kid's quilts, 26 patriotic quilts, 100 pillowcases, 14 baby baskets, and 61 knitted or crocheted blankets. You are the greatest – thanks for all the contributions!!!! It was so fun to give these items out to kids and adults, who really appreciated them.

Happy sewing!



Philanthropy Highlight:

Orangewood Children and Family Center

Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) opened in 1985 and continues to be a full-service center, owned and operated by the County of Orange Social Services Agency for children who are abused, abandoned and/or neglected. With the passage of recent legislative reform to ultimately eliminate long-term group home placements and transition foster youth to home-based care, OCFC has evolved to a temporary shelter care facility with a goal of reducing stays to ten days. OCFC includes the County's 24-hour Shelter Facility; Family Visitation Center, allowing parents to have more natural and frequent interactions with their children; Child Abuse Services Team, a multidisciplinary team conducting forensic investigations; Resource Family Approval program, with specialized staff who approve and support placement resource families; and the First Step Assessment Center (see below for more information). OCFC continues to be sustained through the dedicated efforts of a unique public-private partnership. OCFC is licensed to care for up to 216 children. During Fiscal Year 2024-2025, care was provided for an average of 72 children per day, from infants to teenagers. Three percent of the children were under age 1 year; 15% were ages 1 to 5 years; 30% were ages 6 to 12 years; and 51% were 13 years and older. 250 Volunteers contribute through direct and indirect services; some lead activities others sponsor field trips.

As infants generally only stay overnight before placement, most of the quilts go to older children. When thinking about quilts to donate to kids, don't forget the boys, or go gender neutral. We tend to have more female appropriate quilts than males.

Orangewood Children and Family Center Wish List:

<https://ssa.ocgov.com/how-do-i/give-or-volunteer/volunteer/orangewood-children-and-family-center#docaccess-e39bf94c000b73fb7dd0fdb1e336137a>

Video on the 40th Anniversary of Orangewood:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W37yW2SSkS8>



Staying Connected

Website

by Catie Watson, Webmaster

Access at: <https://www.orangegrovequiltersguild.org>

Online registration is available for your 2026 membership in the guild. \$40.00

<https://www.orangegrovequiltersguild.org/online-registration>

It just takes a couple of minutes and your information is safe thanks to Square and Google Forms. You can also register and pay for workshops on the Store page of the website.

We now have a QR code!

If you'd like quick access to our guild website, just use your camera to scan the code. It will take you directly to the Orange Grove Quilt Guild website, where you can find meeting locations, current and past newsletters, workshops being offered, online sign-ups, and so much more.

A big **thank you to Catie Watson** for creating this for us!

We hope you'll check it out and share it with your friends!



Social Media

by Bonnie Lippincott



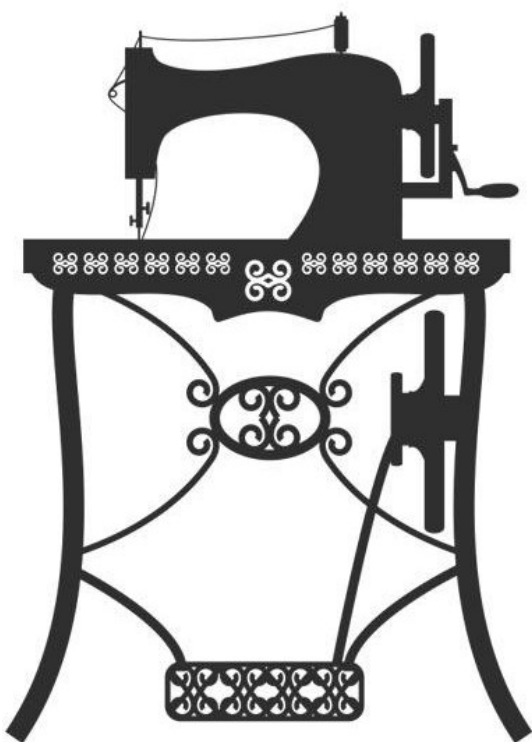
Many of you are members of our private OGQG Facebook group. It's a great place to share your quilting projects and ideas. We now also have a public page titled, "Orange Grove Quilters Guild," to help promote OGQG to the outside world and I'll be posting there a few times a week to build a following. Suggestions for posts are welcome.

Newsletter Entries

Wendy Nomura, Newsletter Editor



If you have any additions or corrections or would like to contribute to the next newsletter, please email me at Wendy.Nomura@gmail.com or you may find my phone number in the 2026 *Membership Roster*. The deadline for submissions is the day after the board meeting (generally the third Friday of the Month). Early submissions are always appreciated.



Orange Grove Quilt Guild

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). November and December's meetings are on the 1st Wednesday (for 2026). No meeting will be held in July. Meetings are held at Garden Grove Elks Lodge, 11551 Trask Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92846.

Orange Grove Quilters Guild Officers, 2026

President	Jan Horton
1st Vice President	Martha Bieser
2nd Vice President	Becky Meekhof
Secretary	Dana Cox
Treasurer	Sharon Sutton
Parliamentarian	Sandy Bloore
Membership	Julie Carman
Philanthropy	Judy Hughes
Ways and Means	Susan Contreras
Newsletter	Wendy Nomura
Quilt Show Chairs	Pam Boozan & Susan Contreras
Past President	Jane Oglesby
Historian	Patt Summers
SCCQG Rep	Sherry Lincoln
Workshops	Pam Chiapparine
Social Media	Bonnie Lippincott
UFO Chairs	Judy Ortiz & Leslie Cripps
Webmaster	Catie Watson



ORANGE GROVE QUILTERS GUILD 2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

All members need to complete this form in its entirety even if your information has not changed from the prior year.

Membership is \$40.00 for the year and can be paid by cash, check, credit card at the General Meetings. Please note: Credit card transactions will be accepted with a **\$2.00 convenience charge** added on.

Make check payable to OGQG.

Form and payment can be mailed to:

Orange Grove Quilt Guild
9912 Silver Strand Drive
Huntington Beach CA 92646

The **Membership Roster/Yearbook** will only be given to members and will not be published online or used for any other purpose. To be included in the 2026 Roster/Yearbook, this form with dues paid needs to be returned to Membership by the **February 2026 General Meeting**.

_____ Please check here if you **DO NOT** want your information in the Roster/Yearbook.

CHECK ONE:

I am a New Member

Assigned Membership Number

This is for Renewal

Membership Number

Lifetime Member

Membership Number

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name I wish to be called: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Please print Legibly. If no Email, please write "None")

Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

Chairperson's use only:

Date Received _____ Cash: _____

Amount received: _____ Check #: _____

Credit Card Payment: _____ Bank Name: _____

Orange Grove Quilters Guild

Workshop Sign-up Sheet 2026

Member Name _____ Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____ *Please Print*

You are not enrolled in a workshop until you have paid. Workshop fees will not be refunded. Workshops open to those outside of the Guild 4 weeks prior to the workshop. Sign up ahead of time to reserve a space.

Select	2026	Speaker	\$\$\$
_____	8/13	Make and Take Angel Ornament with Carol Macy Origami Shopping Bag with Patt Summers Flanged Quilt Binding with Sussan Contreras Snowman with Pam Boozan,	\$ 25.00 _____
_____	9/10	Sun, Sand, and Sea Turtles Pam DiSalò. The pattern is a unique Quiltworx pattern. Pattern (\$40) and kit (\$75) may be purchased at the guild meeting or at the workshop.	\$ 45.00 _____
_____	10/15	Whimsical Garden Tina Curran	\$ 45.00 _____
_____	11/5	Pet Portraits Jane Haworth <i>Her Workshop consists of 2 hours after Guild Meeting AND the standard workshop times on Nov. 5th</i>	\$ 45.00 _____
			Total _____



Quilt Story Entrance Form



Your name _____

The name of the quilt and a description:

Size of quilt _____

Approximate age of quilt _____

Tell in a few sentences why the quilt is special.

If you didn't explain above, how did you acquire this quilt?

Turn in this form to Judy Hughes at the June or August meeting or email it to her at: jhlibrarian@gmail.com. You will need to bring your quilt to the September meeting and pick it up at the end of the quilt show. There will be a special table for Quilt Story at each event.