



# Seashore Quilters Guild

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## Lynne Crisafi, President and Founder



### About Lynne:

I worked over 35 years in the Aerospace Industry in Southern California as Engineering and Manufacturing Leadership/Management. Born and raised in Western Pennsylvania. Started quilting when my realtor turned friend, MJ, bought me my first sewing machine in 2002. At first we only made flannel raggy quilts. Then in 2004 I made my first cotton, pieced, with binding quilt. Hard to believe I have been quilting ever since...20 years.

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Happy New Year! I am so excited to start this journey with all of you. When your founding members: Sonia Das, Robin Gallagher, Marilyn Pond and I first met about 6 months ago, we had an idea that a Daytime Guild in the Long Beach/Seal Beach area, may be of interest. But, some of us did not think it would add so many members before we even had our first meeting. So I must thank each and every member (88 at the time of this writing). An amazing response!

We will meet every third Friday of the month except for December, when there will be no meeting, so you can enjoy your friends and family. Our meetings and workshops will start at 10:00 am and will be held at Fiddlers Green (more on our workshops from our VP of Programs, Marilyn Pond.) As we embark on this journey, we would ask for your patience as we are just starting out, and want your questions and ideas so bring them forward. This is "OUR" guild not mine nor the board's.

We do have very specific goals:

Create an environment that sparks creativity to further quilting excellence into the future and promote philanthropic endeavors.

We offer a junior membership as one way to ensure quilting excellence into the future.

Along with our virtual option that it still needs work, we are committed to make that a viable option for all.

Quarterly speakers/workshops to spark your creativity, along with themed Sew Days.

Our initial philanthropic endeavor is to work with MWR on the base with their "At Risk" kids program.

We also want to have at least one travel event per year ( i.e. day trip to Hoffman's, Quilt in a Day, etc.)

We continue to work on expanding our committee leaders, refining our bylaws, and raising money. Many of us know some of the members. But, there will be those members you do not know. We want everyone to get the chance to meet others. We are asking you to bring one of the following to the February meeting: table runner, wall hanging, or a quilt that you enjoy around Valentine's Day. We are planning to have a Heart parade.

So buckle up and get ready to make this a fun, creative, and productive guild. See you at the February meeting!!!

Wrapped in love, one quilt at a time!



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Marilyn Pond  
Vice President and Founder

About Marilyn:

Hi, Marilyn Pond here. My first real job was a stay-at-home mom (complete with a PTA President badge). After continuing education, I held positions as Office Manager for a Circuit Board Designer in Silicon Valley, a Paralegal for an Estate Planning Attorney, a Real Estate Agent in Long Beach, and an Administrative Assistant for a founder of a chip designer, again in Silicon Valley. And that was my favorite job ever. I loved all the guys who needed my help to put out fires. I retired in 2000 and I took up quilting and became one of Two Wacky Women along with Robin Gallagher.



### SEASHORE QUILTERS GUILD PROGRAMS

We are still putting together 2025 programs and want to keep with our one workshop a quarter while filling in the off months with a variety of events. Remember **EVERYTHING IS AT 10:00 AM**. For now our agenda is:

- February 21<sup>st</sup>            This month we will learn about our Philanthropy efforts and more about where we are meeting.
- March 21<sup>st</sup>             Jean Impey will give us a trunk show. She is an amazing quilter. I know you will love her.
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>            Workshop (held in the same room as the meeting) Jean will be teaching Twinkle. We will have pictures and the supply list on Facebook and our Website.
- May 16<sup>th</sup>                Zina Clark, one of our talented members, will give us a trunk show. I hear really great things about Zina. We are lucky to have her.
- May 17<sup>th</sup>                Workshop (held in our meeting room) Zina will be teaching Lucy. Pictures and supply list will be on Facebook.
- August 15th            Robin Gallagher, another talented member and founder, will hold a trunk show.
- August 16<sup>th</sup>            Workshop (held in our meeting room) will be teaching Flying Witches.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter            TBD



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## Robin Gallagher Secretary, Social Media and Founder

### About Robin:

My quilting world started with a bang. After many years working for IBM, being sold to Kodak and finally being sold to Johnson and Johnson I decided to hang up my frequently flyer wings and retire so that I could be home more with my family. I found myself with lots of time on my hands and my sister convinced me to give quilting a try. Like most of you I had sewn off and on but quilting was new. All I needed was an Alex Anderson book and (as they say) the rest is history. I guess I've never lacked for confidence so after making a couple of quilts I decided I could teach quilting and write quilt patterns. All you have to do is stay one step ahead of your students. Somehow or another I never let anyone know how new I was and I just dove in, the best thing I've ever done. Quilting brought me my best friend and business partner Marilyn Pond, a quilting and Disneyland partner in Lynne Crisafi, a member of various guilds and all of you. I am very blessed.

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Secretary— Responsible for taking minutes and communications for the guild. I will be taking minutes of the general meetings as well as the board meetings. We are required to keep a record. It's a learning curve as we establish our new guild but I love working with the other board members.

Social Media—What does that entail? We keep figuring that out but as of now I oversee our private Facebook account and send out the invite to new guild members. The website, I've managed to get our fairly simple website set up and hopefully (as I learn) will be adding more information that the general public will have access to. And last but certainly not least is the Newsletter. That also is a huge learning curve. Due to an un-planned disruption the January Newsletter had to be set aside but hopefully this one (February) will be just the beginning of our monthly communication.



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Sonia Das

Legal Advisor and Founder

About Sonia:

I was born in India but raised in Birmingham, England and Long Beach, California (where I still live). I have many interests including travel, food, books, crafts and music. I joined the local quilting community in 1997 and have been a member of the following guilds: OCQG, QBS, Acacia, and now Seashore. I have been fortunate to hold many leadership positions in the guild world and spent 6 years as SCCQG President. I love making traditional geometric/patchwork quilt patterns and modern quilt designs in bright bold colors and prints. However, I also appreciate the time-honored traditions of quilting such as applique, embroidery, and other aspects of handwork.



As an attorney, my dual focus is non-profit organizations and estate planning. As Seashore's Legal Advisor, my initial role was to get Seashore Quilters Guild incorporated as a non-profit and registered with appropriate government agencies and departments and to draft the necessary supporting documents. I also serve as legal advisor to several non-profit organizations that serve the community in different capacities. In the future, I will be there to research and answer various questions as they relate to non-profit status and this guild's administrative matters. I am truly honored to be involved with this wonderful guild!



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Pat Barton

Treasure and Charter Member

## About Pat:

Pat Barton, Treasurer. I'm the wife of my husband, Jim, for 59 years. Also the mom of 4 plus their wonderful spouses, and grandma of 7 plus 2 spouses. I learned to sew in high school, like a lot of us. For many years I enjoyed making clothing for myself and my daughters. A number of years I participated in holiday boutiques, making all sorts of crafty items; tee shirts, floral décor, crochet items, etc. In 2001 a friend and I took a Parks and Rec quilting class. That was it, the start of my quilting passion. I love trying different techniques, making quilts for family, friends, charity, and for my walls. While Fall is my favorite season, Christmas is my favorite theme for quilts. I'm excited for our chance to begin this new quilt guild together, enjoying time with new friends and old while learning new tricks and finding the special ways we can "give back" using our joint love of this craft.

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As Guild Treasurer, my responsibility is primarily to keep the Guild finances in order. So, I manage our bank account, being sure we balance every month. I also report our earnings and expenses for each category in our budget. An example would be that workshops and membership income would be recorded accurately and separately. It's a great help to me that our terrific chairpersons do a good job of submitting the cash and checks taken in throughout each month. Since we're a 501(c)(3) organization, we need to file various reports with the Federal and State government. Throughout the year, I will keep track of filing those forms, on time, with the correct information. It's my goal to make things run as easily and smoothly as possible for our Board, our chairmen and, especially, our members. If there's any way I can help you, don't hesitate to let me know. And welcome to Seashore Quilters Guild!



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Pam Osorio

Membership and Charter Member

**About Pam:**

Hi, I'm Pam Osorio and I've been quilting for about 25 years or am I just starting my quilting journey. I continue to learn new techniques and like working with bright, fun fabrics on traditional patterns, I also love the newer modern designs. Taught by my grandmother, my heart and hands have never gotten away from hand embroidery and always try to add a little embroidery in my quilts.

Outside of quilting, I retired from management at AT&T after 44 years in 2011. My greatest accomplishment would be my three children, two live close and one lives in Barbados. I have six grandchildren and just this year became a Great Grandma to a baby girl.

I'm thrilled to join The Seashore Quilt Guild as your Membership Chairperson, as I write this message we have 88 members and growing more each day.

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**Message from the Membership Desk:**

What a wonderful way to start our journey as quilters.

It was so wonderful to see everyone's enthusiasm, creativity, and passion for quilting come to life with this new guild. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just starting your journey, your presence added so much to the group. We opened the January meeting with 74 Charter Members (those that had their forms in by January 10, 2025), we had 14 New Members sign up that day, our Membership now stands 88 Members.

Reminders: 1. If you have not already, pick up your Membership Card at my desk. 2. All Charter Members should sign the back of our Signature Quilt. 3. Pick up a kit to make your own Name Badge.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all back at our February meeting.

Happy Quilting,

Pam Osorio - Membership Chair



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## Christi Kolisnyk Workshops and Charter Member

About : Christi

Like many of you, I have been sewing for a long time. From a young age, I was always sewing buttons onto fabrics, cross-stitching, embroidering—anything involving fabric and trims. Growing up, I was surrounded by those decorative pillows on the couch that were never meant to be touched!

Officially, I have been sewing on a machine for 58 years, marking the milestone with the year I set my first zipper. In school I really enjoyed sewing classes, and my teacher, recognizing my potential, guided me to attend Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC).

Graduating from LATTC set me on a professional path in the garment industry. I worked for major garment companies as a patternmaker, a role that honed my skills and expertise in the field. However, as I started my own family, I started my own business working with several companies.

For the last 15 years of my working career, I added teaching at Long Beach City College. Teaching 17 different classes from Beginning Sewing to Tailoring, Computers, and Career Opportunities.

My quilting journey began in an era when quilters used only leftover fabrics and outgrown clothing. It was always my dream to one day go to a store and buy all the new fabric coordinating. Today, I am living that dream, relishing the joy of selecting and working with beautiful, coordinated fabrics. And I'm still appreciating Scrappy Quilts.

I am honored to share this wonderful hobby with such inspiring women.

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Welcome to the new year of workshops! We have an exciting year planned with a lineup of creative and fun teachers ready to inspire and engage you.

### Workshop Sign-Ups

We are thrilled to see that the sign-ups are doing well! Here are the current statuses of our popular classes:

Jean Impey's Class: This class is fully booked and has a waitlist.

Zinnia Clark's Class: There are 5 openings available.

Robin Gallagher's Class: This class is fully booked and has a waitlist.

If you are interested in any of these classes, please do join the waitlist. Sometimes, circumstances change, and people must cancel opening up spots for others.

### Upcoming Workshop

Our fourth workshop is not quite determined yet, but it is in the works. Stay tuned for more details!

### Stay Informed and Share

All the workshops and supply lists will be available on our Facebook page. I encourage all attendees to post pictures of their progress on our Facebook page. Your creativity and journey are important to us, and we would love to see and share your achievements.

I look forward to this year, working with the teachers, and getting to know more of you.



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## Marie Blash SCQG Rep, Publicity and Charter Member

### About Marie:

I am originally from Philadelphia and came here via Michigan, Missouri and Kansas as my husband was transferred through his job. Mike and I have been married for 54 years and have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. We are very lucky that they all live within 10 minutes of us.

I always did needlework as a child from cross stitch, crochet and knitting. In the seventy's I became addicted to macramé as did almost everyone else I know. I really became interested in quilting while living in Kansas and once we moved to California in 1982, I started taking classes through Coastline Community College and joined Orange Grove Quilters Guild as a charter member. Pretty much the rest is history. I love just about every aspect of quilting from piecing to applique and, of course, hand quilting. I still need to get comfortable with free-motion quilting but I am working on it. Becoming a member of Seashore Quilters Guild was a no-brainer for me. This guild offers so much, and I am thrilled to be a part of it. Currently I am the SCCQG rep and the Publicity and Advertising Chair. I

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### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF QUILT GUILDS**

The meeting on January 11 was very informative. I think the most important information for our membership to be aware of is the need for quilts and pillowcases for the recent fire victims. The Camarillo Quilt Guild is currently collecting for the victims of the Mountain Fire. There are several quilt shops collecting for this fire as well as the recent fires in Altadena and Pacific Palisades. If you have something to donate, please take them to Orange Quilt Bee or Quilt Passions in Orange County. AAA Sewing and Fabric in Torrance is also accepting donations.

Meet the Teacher is on April 5 via ZOOM. Information for any teacher wanting to participate will be released on February 1 on the website. If you are interested in participating, be sure to go to the council website

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

Marie Blash, Council Rep

**PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING** – I am currently in the process of securing advertising for our newsletter and website. If you know of a teacher or shop that might be interested, please email me the information and I will send them a letter with all the information. Please put "Seashore Quilters Guild" in the subject line. My email is [marieblash@att.net](mailto:marieblash@att.net)



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Bonnie Crawford

Philanthropy and Charter Member

#### About Bonnie:

I was raised in an Italian immigrant family in Pittsburgh in the shadow of the Steel Mills. Moving to California as a teen was culture shock. As a young mom who was busy garment sewing, I was in a fabric store and looked up and saw a sampler quilt and a class. I signed up and have been hooked ever since. I stay busy making quilts for our big family and to donate.



Nancy Needham

Fundraising

#### About Nancy:

I was born in Buffalo, New York, moved to California and worked as a financial manager to entertainment and sports personalities. I have been a quilter for over 50 years and served as past president and treasurer in many non-profit organizations. I love planning quilt retreats and have chaired many quilt shows. Applique is my favorite!



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## Seashore Quilters Guild Board

The SQG Board meets monthly (in-person or virtually). The meeting starts at 10:00 am. All members are welcome to join the Board Meetings by letting the Secretary know at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

### Elected Positions (4)

President	Lynne Crisafi *
VP Programs	Marilyn Pond *
Secretary	Robin Gallagher*
Treasurer	Pat Barton

\*Past President is a voting board member

### Appointed Positions (7) (voting privileges)

Philanthropy	Bonnie Crawford
Membership	Pam Osorio
Fundraising/Ways & Means	Nancy Needham
Newsletter/Social Media	Robin Gallagher*
SCCQG Rep.	Marie Blash
Workshops	Christi Kolisnyk
Legal Adviser	Sonia Das*

### General Committees (no voting privilege)

Parliamentarian	Open
Photographer	Zina Clark
Hospitality/New Member Orientation	Open
Webmaster	Robin Gallagher*
Publicity	Marie Blash
Auditor	Open

\* Founding Members



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See you at the February 21, 2025 Meeting!

What time?????? 10:00 a.m.

Here's what to expect.

**Wishing all our February Birthdays a very Happy Day!!!**



May your birthday be as vibrant and cozy as a quilt lovingly pieced and finished.  
Wishing you a year filled with inspiration, creativity, and all the fabric your heart desires.  
Happy Birthday!

Barbara Riley	2/1	Vivs Laliberte	2/19
Janet Anderson	2/2	Michele Bixler	2/25
Katherine Christensen	2/5		
Nancy Needham	2/17		
Robin Faxas	2/19		

Remember to pick up your "Crown" at our February meeting

## **Seashore First Mystery Quilt—Christi Kolisnyk**

Guess what? You didn't miss out at the first meeting! We're kicking things off in February, so mark your calendars and get ready for some quilting fun!

Join us for just \$10 (it's a fundraiser after all). Each month we'll guide you with exciting directions and fun options to keep things fresh and creative.

Can't wait to see you there!

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## **February Parade of Quilts**

### **A Heart Parade**

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