



The Dispatcher

Orange Grove Quilters Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

by Jan Horton, Guild President

August Was a Busy Month!

Thirteen of our quilts were appraised by Arlene Stevens, and many of our members created bordered blocks for the Bowers Quilt event. Eight members staffed the event, and more than 100 people created blocks that will be assembled into philanthropy quilts! Next up... our Quilt Show!!



We also hosted our first Sew N Go retreat, with 40 participants! Thank you to everyone who helped plan and staff these events. It was so much fun to work and play together, all while sharing our mutual passion for quilt arts and charitable giving!

Looking ahead: We are already planning to host another Sew N Go retreat in 2027. If you missed out this year, keep next year in mind!

We also have good news regarding our designation as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit guild. Our revised Articles of Incorporation have been approved! Once we receive our certified copy of the approval, we will file with the Franchise Tax Board and the IRS for the final steps. We are proud to have completed this long-awaited designation, which will benefit our members and give us greater flexibility with certain vendors.

There are many things to love about our guild, but most of all, it's our members! Everyone is so much fun and so eager to help and participate. We are grateful for the wonderful energy, generosity, and enthusiasm that make our guild so special.

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Guild Program

by Martha Bieser, First Vice-President

September is here! 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 (paper piecing and paper piecing curves). If you haven't already signed up, do it soon!



Parliamentary Update: Nominating Committee

by Sandra Bloore, Parliamentarian

As required by our guild bylaws, I will be asking for three volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee at our next meeting. Including two existing board members (Martha Bieser and Sharon Sutton) this group is responsible for preparing the slate of individuals to serve as 2027 Board Officers. The committee members cannot be nominated for office. This is an excellent chance to get to know other members and to directly impact the future of our guild. I will hold a brief meeting with all volunteers at the conclusion of our September general meeting.

2026 Snack Schedule

September: Last names starting with T-Z

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.

October: A-G

November: H-M

December: N-S

Dellchilds@yahoo.com



Calendar

2026	Time	Event	Location
9/2	9:30 am -2:30 pm	Philanthropy-Sew Day	OC Grace/Seventh Day Adventist Church
9/9	8:30 am doors open 9:00 am – 11:30 am	Guild Meeting: Snacks T-Z Quilt show Entries and Opportunity Baskets. <i>No Ways and Means nor Library</i>	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
9/26	Midnight	News Article Submissions Due	Email to Wendy Nomura
9/30	10:00 am –12:00 am	Quilt Show Wrap-up meeting	Pam Boozan's
10/7	9:30 am -2:30 pm	Philanthropy-Sew Day	OC Grace/Seventh Day Adventist Church
10/14	8:30 am doors open 9:00 am – 11:30 am	Guild Meeting: Snacks A-G, UFO Due	GG Elks Lodge
10/15	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Workshop: Whimsical Garden	First Presbyterian Church
10/23	10:00 am –11:00 am	Board Meeting (<i>please RSVP if attending</i>)	Sharon Sutton's
10/24	Midnight	News Article Submissions Due	Email to Wendy Nomura

Reminder; November and December General Meetings are the First week of the month due to holidays (also no sew days).

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



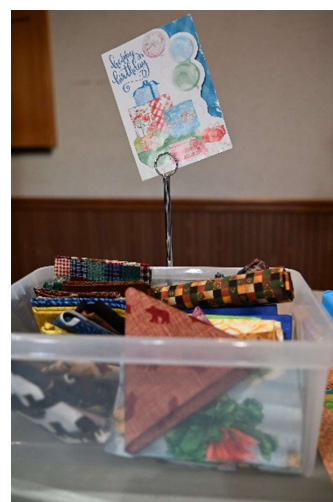
September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Our September Orange Grove Quilting Guild Members

	September
Phyllis Derigo	1
Leslie Sutherland	2
Rosemarie Henderson	3
Julie Carman	4
Louise Hunter	4
Phyllis Barge	5
Mary Ann Sletto	5
Gab Delaney	14
Linda Virden	15
Barbara Cracchiolo	19
Allan Gilbert	19
Randy Miller	22
Carolyn Vieley	22
Linda Slater	24
Susan McFarlane	25
Nancy Mourek-Green	27
Sylvia Costello	28
Margot Taub	29



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



Community Clipboard



Shadows: Pat Adair and Alice Davidson had unexpected surgery, Darci Bodin's mom passed away and France Imagawa husband passed away a few months ago.

Sunshine's: We had a successful Bowers Family Fest, Sew-N-Go Retreat and were designated a nonprofit corporation.

Community News:

- **Road to California Class Information and Registration is open.**
<https://online.roadtocalifornia.com/>
- September 26, 1:00-4:00 p.m. **Flying Geese: Quilted Treasures Quilt Auction, Holiday Boutique, Dessert.** www.flying-geese.org
- Sept 26-27 **Coastal Quilters Harvest of Colors Quilt Show**
<https://www.coastalquilters.org/quiltshow.html>
- 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 Sunshine's, 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.

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



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



November 5th: 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 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



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)

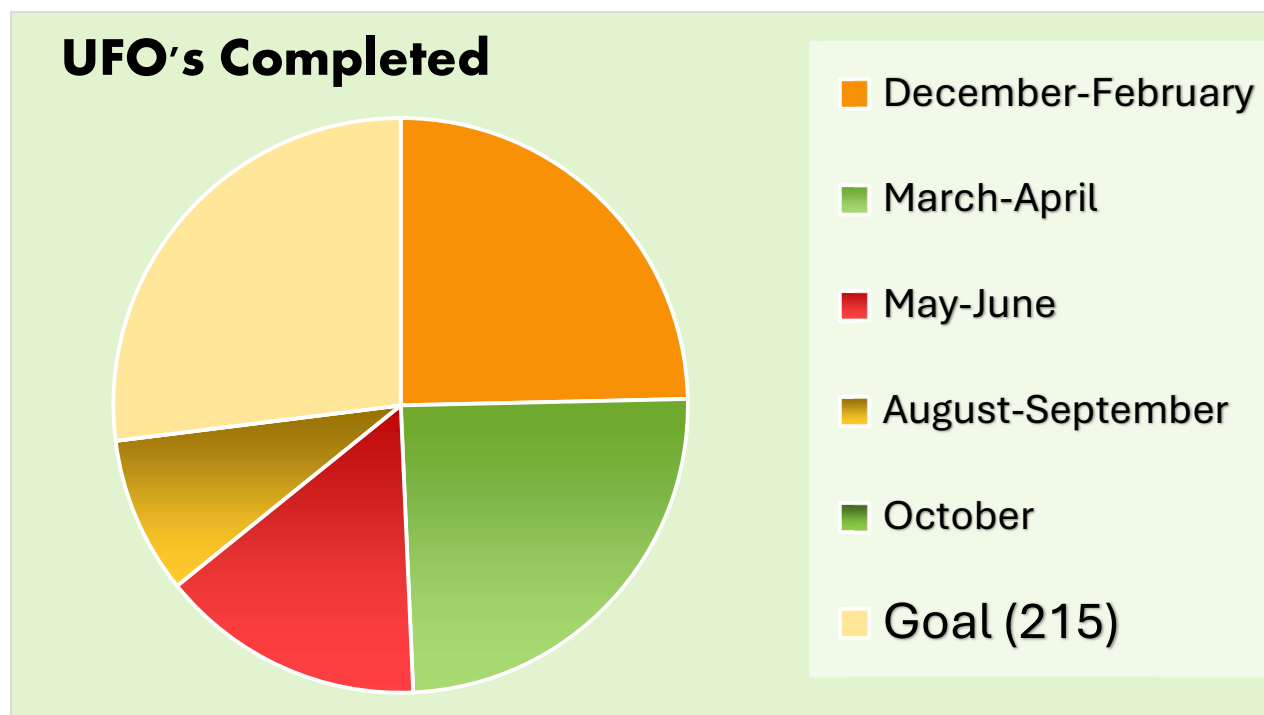


UFO Update

You have until October to finish your last UFO

Forty-three guild members are in the UFO challenge and as of August 157 UFOs have been submitted. **The next assigned turn in date is October 14th, the final submissions for the year.** You have two months to catch up on all your UFOs to be eligible for the cash drawing. Sign ups for the 2027 UFO challenge will start in November. Don't let this year's UFO end up being next years.

Leslie Cripps



Congratulations to the August UFO drawing winners:

April Berg, Carol Macy and Shannon Weginger

Remaining 2026 Due Date:

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.



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



Yardage Sale 2027 Donations

Jane Oglesby, Past-President

You may begin bringing donations for the 2027 Yardage Sale to be held May 1, 2027 **starting at the October Guild meeting.** Please do not bring donations to the September meeting as the quilt show items will be taking precedence.

Thank you.

President's Recognition: Kathleen Jones

by Jan Horton, Guild President

I am proud to recognize **Kathleen Jones** as our Guild Member of the Month!

When I assumed the office of president, Kathleen told me she would do whatever I needed to help—and she has certainly lived up to that promise. Kathleen is often the person working quietly behind the scenes, supporting our philanthropy projects and committee efforts. Kathleen was one of the many volunteers who created the blocks needed for our Bowers Museum event. She also spent much of that day encouraging others to complete blocks for a philanthropy quilt. Her love of philanthropy extends beyond making quilts—she especially enjoys delivering our completed philanthropy quilts to hospitals throughout the community.

Most notably, Kathleen took on the important task of organizing our **2027 Opportunity Quilt**. We were fortunate that Beckie Meekoff generously donated the pattern and much of the fabric for this beautiful quilt. Kathleen then took the lead in making it all happen. She ordered the additional fabric needed, created workable kits for the individual blocks, coordinated the team of quilters, and helped guide the project through completion.

Kathleen, thank you for your dedication, generosity, and willingness to step up whenever you are needed. Your contributions make a difference not only to our Guild but also to the many people in our community who benefit from our philanthropy.

Kathleen's answers to questions about her quilting journey.

Kathleen joined the guild in 2022 and was the Workshop Chairman from 2024-2025. She started sewing in High School and started quilting almost 30 years ago to make a wheelchair quilt for her kid's grandma.

She loves primary colors and is known as a scrap quilter, but she does enjoy completing all kinds of quilts. and is very thankful for all the help and advice she gets from her quilting friends.

As is evident by her work in the guild she enjoys working with people and this is reflected in her career where she was an HR manager. Her other hobbies are Gardening and reading.

Thank you, Kathleen, for all you do for our Guild and our community!

Stars, Stripes & Stitches 1776-2026 Quilt Show Update

Pam Boozan, Quilt Show Co-Chair

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



Don't forget to bring/do at the September Guild Meeting

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

Opportunity Baskets

Evelyn Pelkey



The Opportunity 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*).

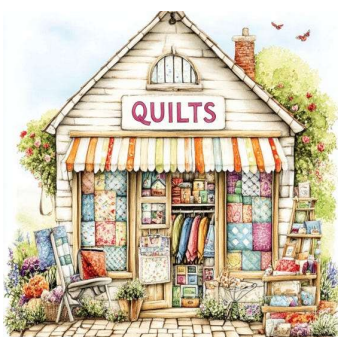
Challenge Quilt Blocks

Dolores Gilbert

Challenge Quilt entries need to be submitted by the **September** Guild Meeting.



FABRICS FOR THE QUILT CHALLENGE



Dena Pool

Quilt Show Boutique

Boutique items will be due at the September Guild meeting. All items should be handmade and please limit to 10 of any given item. If you have questions on if an item is appropriate, please check with *Dena* at Dnapool3@gmail.com

Quilt Show Photos

By Wendy Nomura



We are going to try to take photos on the quilts and post them a Google share drive, where you will be able to download them. It may take a few days to get the photos posted. If you see Miles or Wendy Nomura taking pictures and you would like a picture of yourself with your quilt just ask. We are new to quilt photography, but we are going to give it a try. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/QSrRCZUopY13Fdse8>

Quilt Stories

By Judy Hughes

If you signed up to share a quilt for quilt stories you will need to bring your quilt to the September meeting, please turn in to Judy Hughes, (separate from the rest of the quilt show entries) and pick it up at the end of the Quilt Show.

The Quilt Story



Tony Johnston and Tomic 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. The Volunteer Opportunities books will 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

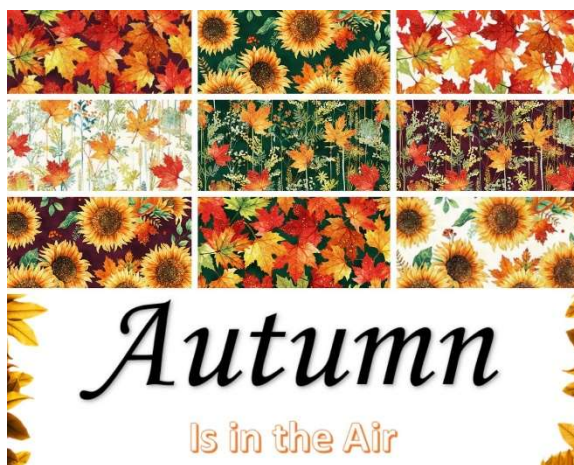
I hope you are sitting down when you read this.
W&M sales totals for August: \$827.

We are exceedingly proud of this result and are grateful for your donations and patronage.

Pat Adair was the happy winner of the silent auction "The Quilted Scarecrow Quilt Kit."

There will not be a W&M sales event in September. Sad. However, you will be able to purchase tickets toward Opportunity gift baskets for the quilt show.

Donations requested for October sale are fall and Christmas fabrics, and notions.



I would like to thank Justine Gentile and Pam Boozan for being the best associates anyone could ever wish for.

Membership News

by Julie Carman, Membership Chair

Wow – can you believe that summer is almost over and fall is just around the corner? Our membership has grown to 196. Only 4 more to get to 200. Can we do it? Yes!

Ways to make this happen: Bring a guest – we have several at our meetings. Several times they have joined our guild because we are such a fun group with lots of quilting avenues to pursue. Another great way is to invite a friend to our upcoming quilt show. It showcases our guild with quilt displays, provides a great way to start holiday shopping with our boutique, who knows – they may win an opportunity basket, have fun filling a bag with scraps, play LRC game, and be wowed with all our philanthropy efforts. Now who wouldn't want to join us? Dues are now a bargain at \$20 for the remainder of the year. A real deal.

On another note, consider adding your 2027 membership to your holiday gift list. Soon renewal forms will be out and of course, the guild membership is truly a gift that keeps on giving.

There are still some 2026 Roster Books that haven't been picked up – check to make sure you have yours. And another reminder – the new pins will be at the September meeting. Remember only one per guild member. We are always happy to greet you at the membership table when you check in at our guild meetings – we love your smiles.

Happy stitching –



Please Welcome our New Member
Gab Delaney



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

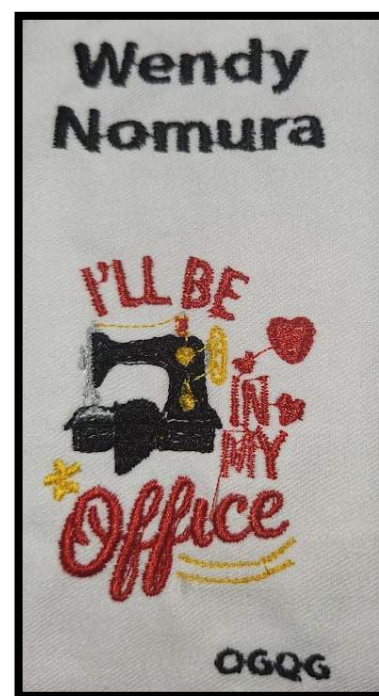
New Online Guild Directory



Have you ever met one of our members and then forgotten their name? We've all been there! As part of our 2027 Guild registration, we're creating a password-protected online directory that will include member photos. This directory will not replace the Orange Book; it's simply another way to help us put names to faces and get to know one another. Participation is optional, but we encourage everyone to join so we can all be on a first-name basis! We hope you'll take part and help make our Guild even more connected.

New Member Name Tags

A Big Thank You to Kathy Havey with help from Jane Oglesby for making the name tags for the new members. If you didn't pick yours up at the August meeting, you can pick it up at Membership from Julie.



Philanthropy

By Judy Hughes, Philanthropy Chair

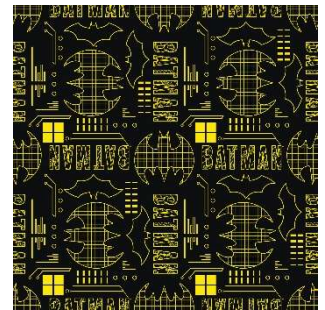
Sew Day: September 2nd, 9:00-2:00

Orange Grace Seventh Day Adventist Church
12702 9th Street
Garden Grove, CA 92840



Our Guild members are so generous with your talent, time, and fabric! We had 63 finished quilts turned in at the August meeting, plus many pillowcases and mug rugs!!!

- The next Sew Day will be September 2. Come anytime between 9-2:00 and bring a sack lunch and drink if you wish to eat with the group.
- We have received about 100 quilt blocks from the Guild's participation in the Bowers Museum Quilt Exhibit. We will be turning these into philanthropy quilts. Bring your sewing machine and give us a hand!
- All quilts donated to Philanthropy should be NEW quilts.
- There will be no Sew Days in November or December because the regular Guild meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of those two months.
- There has been some confusion about whom the mug rugs and coasters that we contribute to Meals on Wheels actually go to. I will have a clarification at the next meeting/newsletter.
- It's fun to work with flowers and pastels when you quilt. Lots of us like "girly" stuff, but please remember that many of the quilts we donate go to boys, men, and young Marines. Try to make more quilts in masculine or gender-neutral colors, and use prints that appeal to boys or men: motorcycles, cars, trucks, tools, animals of all kinds, sports, action figures, Superheroes, Legos, Roblox, etc.
- We are out of pillowcase fabric!! We need 3/4 of a yard or larger pieces for the bodies of the cases – juvenile prints, checks, stripes, solids, flowers, etc.
- When you turn in a finished, labeled quilt to the Philanthropy Table at Guild meetings, feel free to fill out a ticket for each quilt. You may win a nice gift in our drawing – it's a little thank you for your hard work.
- Please consider picking up a quilt to bind or quilt at home.



Thanks so much!

A Thank You Letter from Ronald McDonald House Orange County:

Dear Members of the Orange Grove Quilt Guild,

Your Guild's commitment to help us care for families here at Ronald McDonald House Orange County means the world to us. Thank you so much for your generous gift of two bags of beautiful quilts, received on June 25, 2026.

Because of generous friends like you, critically ill children experience the love and security of having their families close by as they received a variety of medical treatments at local hospitals with the goal of recovery. We believe that keeping families close is crucial to the healing process – and your unique support plays a vital role in that.

All of us at RMHOC are deeply grateful for your generosity and support. Thank you for bringing hope and strength to these families when they need it most.

With a Grateful Heart,

Katie Russell,

Director of Operations



**Ronald
McDonald
House®**

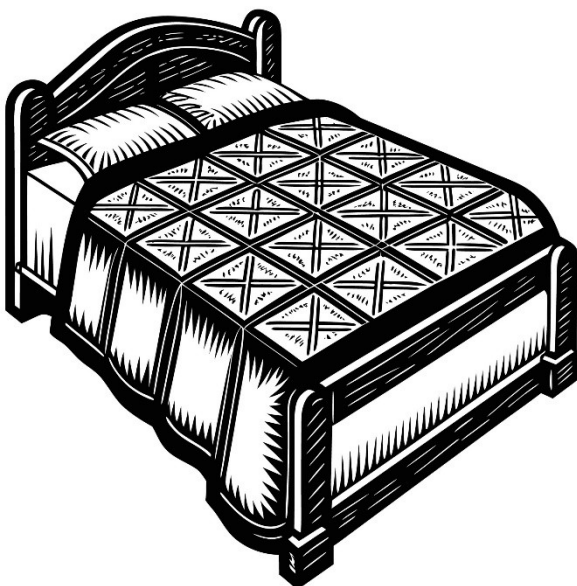
ORANGE COUNTY

Philanthropy Highlight: Thomas House Family Shelter

Thomas House Family Shelter provides emergency (transitional) housing for homeless families (20 fully furnished apartments) in Garden Grove. Providing case management, career development, youth development, food pantry, housing navigation and mental health services to residents. The program shifts once the family moves out to prevent future homelessness, including parenting and life skills classes as well.

They celebrated 40 years of service, in 2025, in which they served 63 families (225 individuals), 47% of whom are victims of domestic violence, 45% were single mothers, and 9% single fathers. They are funded by grants and donations. Volunteers work directly with the families in providing meals and children activities or help with general building maintenance and repairs. They are one of the few family shelters that allow men, keeping the family as a unit <https://thomashouseshelter.org/>

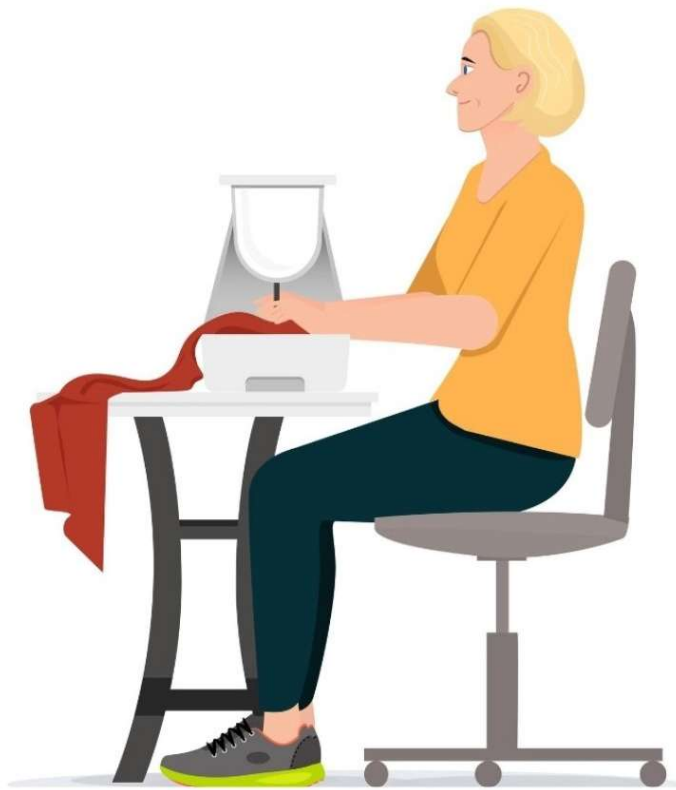
They prefer bed quilts to help welcome families to their new homes. So far this year OGQG has donated 40 quilts to Thomas House.



Resource for Healthy Quilting

Aches and pains after sewing? Here is a website that will help with ergonomics for longer quilting/sewing without pain. Includes stretching, longarm and domestic machine set up, even ironing (handouts and videos).

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



Look for a chair that

- allows you to adjust the height, often we can't bring our table down, but we can bring our chair up.
- many also have an adjustable back that provides lumbar support and also changes the depth of the seat base.
- a waterfall edge at the front of the chair eliminates pressure on the back of the knees which disrupts blood flow and circulation. Allow for a 2-3" finger gap from the chair's front to the back of the knees.
- armrests - without armrests the elbows are hanging and the muscles connecting your shoulders to your neck (the traps or trapezius muscle) are in a constant low-grade contraction. With armrests, you are able to move towards your sewing table until your hands are in the correct position on the machines bed. If you are constantly reaching out towards the machines surface you will develop neck pain.

Staying Connected

Website

by Catie Watson, Webmaster

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

Check out the website to register for workshops, pay for membership, grab copies of past newsletters, or check out what philanthropy is doing. We're currently having some issues with reliability of our online store, so my apologies if you try to register for a workshop and your credit card is rejected. In this case, please drop me an email or register in person at a guild meeting.



Facebook

by Dee Ann Hess, Facebook Administrator



Hi everyone! I'm excited to introduce myself as your new Facebook page administrator, taking over from Bonnie. A big thank-you to Bonnie for all the work she has done managing the page, and I'm happy to continue her good work! I'm looking forward to helping keep our page active, sharing our quilting adventures, and showcasing the creativity of our members. The success of social media relies on the participation of our members. Please join our guild members in sharing your latest projects, tips, resources, etc. This is a place where we can support and encourage others as they share, just as we do at our guild meetings. Please share reminders, notices, deadlines, dates, etc. Think of our Facebook page as a way of communicating with our guild community between our monthly meetings. Only Facebook OGQG members can see your posts.

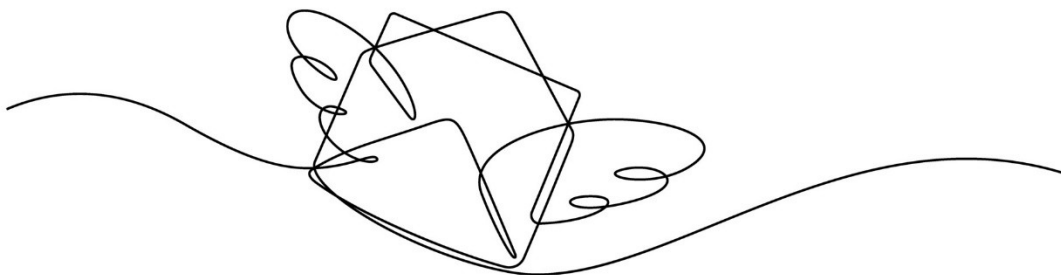
If you have any questions about accessing or posting on FB, please feel free to reach out. I will do my best to help out.

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.



Looking for Contributors

Are you a writer? Do you want to share a particular quilting technique? Do you know all the local quilting events going on? If you are interested in having a regular column in the newsletter or would like to write a single article, please let me know. Now that the newsletter is digital, we don't have to worry about print space, we have the room. I would love to have more contributors to the newsletter and hear different voices.

No computer skills are necessary.



Orange Grove Quilt Guild

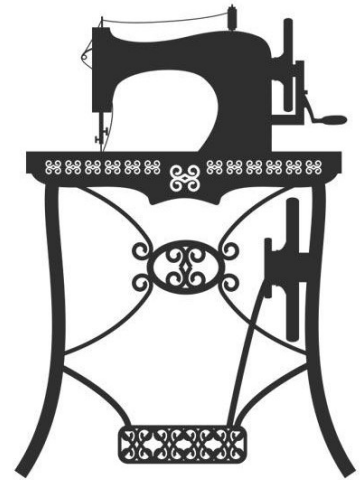
The ORANGE GROVE QUILTERS GUILD is a tax-exempt group whose purpose is to educate, encourage and maintain high standards of design, technique, quilting and fiber arts and to inspire achievements in the areas of creativity, quilting and fiber arts.

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 and Committee Chairs, 2026

President	Jan Horton
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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: _____

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

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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	\$\$\$\$
_____	9/10	Sun, Sand, and Sea Turtles Pam DiSalo. The pattern is a unique Quiltworx pattern. Pattern (\$40) and kit (\$75) may be purchased at the Guild meeting or at the Workshop. There will be a preparation for the workshop after the Guild meeting.	\$ 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 _____

