

# The Dispatcher

## Orange Grove Quilt Guild Newsletter

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### President's Message!

We are off to a great start this year. I hope everyone got a chance to see the Opportunity Quilt for this year. It is a Dear Jane Quilt. We can all imagine the many hours that went into its creation. It should be very easy to sell tickets for this one!

At the February meeting, I asked if there was any interest in the Guild sponsoring a quilt retreat in Temecula. There was a positive response and we now have a confirmed date, April 21 - 23, 2025. If you have never been on a quilt retreat before, I can tell you that it is a lot of fun. For three days we will just sew. And chat. And eat meals that we do not have to cook. And enjoy the company of fellow quilters. And did I mention that we can bring wine? The retreat will be held at the Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center, 39300 De Portola Rd., Temecula. The cost is \$354 for a double room and \$454 for a single. If you are interested, a deposit of \$106 is required by the March meeting. These are 2024 prices so the cost may go up for 2025. The cost includes meals, room, and use of a large workroom. Hope many of you will join us.

Our Quilt Show team is off to a fabulous start. I am truly impressed with the progress they have made. Start thinking about the quilts that you would like to enter. I love seeing everyone's work. And please consider contributing to the Boutique. We have so much talent in this group.

Our Quilters' Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 18, in my driveway. Please keep the donations coming. If you would like to have someone come to your home to pick up things, we have a volunteer for that.

Happy Quilting

Jane Oglesby



# BLOCK OF THE MONTH CHALLENGE

## DUE MARCH 13, 2024

Block 1                9" finished star of your choice

Block 2                6" x 9" finished house either vertical or horizontal

Make either or both; remember this is your quilt! Or make even more than one of each.

You will be given a ticket for the drawing for each block you turn in.

This challenge is all about showcasing your creativity, sharing ideas and having fun with fellow quilters, so here's how it works:

There is a \$5.00 fee to join the challenge. The money collected will be the grand prize at the end of the challenge.

Each month we will select two different blocks to make. One will be more traditional and the other will be a bit more challenging. You may make one or both of the blocks.

We will tell you the size to make for each of these blocks. The size of the blocks will differ from month to month.

These are the only two rules you must follow: 1) make the selected blocks and 2) in the sizes stated.

We invite your participation in suggesting blocks you would like to see incorporated in your quilt. We welcome and will consider any and all ideas.

Bring your completed block(s) to guild the following month. We will issue a ticket for each completed block to win a monthly prize. For example, if you completed both blocks, you will have two chances to win the prize.

At the end of the challenge we will draw the winning ticket for the grand prize from all of the previous months' tickets.

In January 2025 we will have a workshop on how to put the blocks together to create your own unique quilt.

We look forward to working with you on this challenge. Please consider joining us to see what each of us will create.

If you have further questions or ideas you'd like to share, please contact Marilyn Pond or Janet Haynes.

## *Orange Grove Quilting Guild Quilt Show*

### *Opportunity Baskets*

We are in the process of planning for the Opportunity Baskets for the Quilt Show in September. We desperately need your help! Would your Friendship Group be willing to donate a basket—or items for a basket? At the March meeting the committee will be passing out clip boards for signing up and we hope you will join us in making this an extremely profitable venture! Think about all the possibilities—Gardening, Cat, Dog, Wine, Kitchen, Sewing, Games, Movies, and whatever else you can think of donating! Even a money tree would be welcome!!



### **Opportunity Quilt**

The March meeting is your last chance to purchase tickets for our opportunity quilt! Tickets are \$1 each. The winning ticket will be drawn at the March meeting. Drum roll.....! (You need not be in attendance to win.)

### **Snack Schedule, by last name:**

<b>January</b>	<b>N-S</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>T-Z</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>A-G</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>H-M</b>

## MARCH GUILD PROGRAM

For March, the lecture at the guild will be presented by Lori DeJarnatt. She is coming to us from central Oregon. Her lecture is entitled, "Humble Quilting Adventures," and will emphasize her love of traditional quilting. She will also have her patterns, kits, and fabric for sale.

Be sure not to miss it!



Evelyn Pelkey,  
First Vice-President



Instagram

## Social Media

Wow! OGQG Don't forget to share your progress, completions and inspirations on Instagram (IG). Our Instagram account is [https:// www.instagram.com/](https://www.instagram.com/orange_grove_quilters_guild/)



[orange\\_grove\\_quilters\\_guild/](https://www.instagram.com/orange_grove_quilters_guild/) to see what other members are designing, working on and completing. Additionally use a hashtag (#OGQGShare) to create great visibility for the guild, and help you reach other members or potential future members with your wonderful quilt creations. Using the hashtag enables us to connect with other members and other members can connect with each other.

OGQG Facebook Page Reminder! For those of you that are on the Orange Grove Quilters Guild Facebook Page, I want to remind you that you must be a member to join, and also to continue to follow the page.

# 2024 Quilt Show

*When Life Gives You Scraps..... Make a Quilt!*

Bears repeating....Our quilt show is September 21, 2024 from 9 am – 4 pm at the Christ Lutheran Church in Costa Mesa.

Our Committee Chair positions have all been filled for now. THANK YOU for all who stepped up at the last meeting! You are still able to volunteer to work with the various committees and I hope you do!

If you are making items for the boutique, please limit the number per item to 10. If you haven't started yet, this is a pure profit center for our guild. The money raised from our various fundraisers goes towards the operation of the guild, including renting the Elks lodge, procuring great speakers, supporting our philanthropies, and more. Every little bit helps, so please consider creating something for sale at the boutique.

Our next Quilt Committee meeting is on March 11, 10 AM, at Sherry Lincoln's home. Everyone is welcome to attend but especially the Quilt Show steering committee and All Committee Chairs. Thank you again for all your support.

Jan Horton and Pam Boozan

**Have you done any quilting or sewing in the last few years?**

**Well, start choosing your best and favorites to enter into our 2024 show. You may enter quilts, apparel, bags, table runners, etc.**

**An ENTRY FORM is attached to this newsletter, so after reading the Fine Print, make some copies. They will also be available at OGQG meetings.**

**Deadlines: Entry Forms OGQG June meeting (June 12)**

**Quilts/articles OGQG September meeting (September 11)**

**Ann Leibowitz,**

**Quilt Show Sub-Committee Chair**

**Member name**\_\_\_\_\_

**“When Life Gives You Scraps,...” ENTRY FORM**

Orange Grove Quilters Guild September 21, 2024 Quilt Show

Christ Lutheran Church, 760 Victoria Street, Costa Mesa

**The Fine Print**

One form per entered quilt, apparel or home-made article. **2.** Deadline for Entry Forms: OGQG meeting **June 12**, 2024. Deadline to submit quilts/articles: OGQG meeting **September 11**, 2024. **3.** All quilts that are to be hung must have a 4” **HANGING SLEEVE on top back of quilt.** **4.** Quilts larger than 90” will be folded. **5.** Quilts and Articles must have a name **label** on them. **6.** Quilts/articles must be made or owned by a member of OGQG. **7.** Delivery and Pick -up are the responsibility of the owner. **8.** The Entry Forms must be turned in to the Acquisition chairs, Ann Leibovitz or Pat Adair at the **June 12<sup>th</sup> OGQG meeting.** Quilts/articles must be given to Ann Leibovitz or Pat Adair at the **September 11<sup>th</sup> OGQG meeting** in a pillowcase with your name on it. Items must be picked up after the show closes on **Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Very important information**

**Attach a Color Photo of your quilt/article to this Entry Form**

**Size of quilt/article: Width \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_**

*The following information will be on a Placard that will be placed by your quilt/article.*

Name of Quilt/Article. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Maker/Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern, Design Source, or Self Design \_\_\_\_\_

Techniques used: Hand pieced, Hand appliqued, Machine pieced, Machine appliqued, Hand quilted, Domestic machine quilted, Long Arm quilted, etc.

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My inspiration for this quilt/article was... Write more on the back if desired.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If space is limited, this quilt/article would be my (circle one) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.

# WORKSHOPS

Our workshop location is:

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.

We have many great workshops scheduled for 2024. The full list is on the registration form on the next page.

**NEW TIME: Set up begins at 9 AM. The teacher will begin at 9:30. Bring your own lunch or go out. We will end about 3:00 PM.**

- March 14- Lori Dejarnatt workshop, “String Quilts Your Way.” Lori has many creative ways to design string quilts. Use what you love, use what you have! There are only a few spots left!
- April 11 -Sandy Corbin ¼ Version of Baskets - CANCELLED!!!!
- May 9 – Steve Schuman – Sewing Machine Maintenance
- June 13—Our own Cheryl Guacci—Button Collage. You know we all have lots of Buttons!
- August 15—Make and take. Details later.



Kathleen Jones  
Workshop Chair  
909-238-8553





# ORANGE GROVE QUILTERS GUILD

## MEMBER WORKSHOP

### SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2024

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

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

_____	February 15 Jean Impey Fabulous Faces <a href="http://www.sewjean.com">www.sewjean.com</a>	\$45_____
_____	March 14 Lori Dejarnatt String Quilts Your Way <a href="http://www.humblequilts.blogspot.com">www.humblequilts.blogspot.com</a>	\$45_____
_____	April 11 Sandy Corbin 1/4 Version of Baskets <a href="http://www.sandycquilts.com">www.sandycquilts.com</a>	\$45_____
_____	May 9 Steve Schuman Sewing Machine Maintenance <a href="http://www.sewingcenteroforangecounty.com">www.sewingcenteroforangecounty.com</a>	\$45_____
_____	June 13 Cheryl Guacci Vintage Button Collage <a href="http://fabricsnthread.net">fabricsnthread.net</a>	\$45_____
_____	August 15 Make and Take	\$25_____
_____	September 12 Marie Blash Hand Quilting	\$45_____
_____	October 10 Connie Sayler Breadfruit <a href="http://www.pacificrimquilts.com">www.pacificrimquilts.com</a>	\$45_____
_____	November 14 Tracey Brookshier Beyond Bento Box <a href="http://www.brookshierdesigns.com">www.brookshierdesigns.com</a>	\$45_____

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

If one of your chosen workshops is full, you will be put on the waiting list. If a space becomes available , you will be notified. You will then refund the person whose space you are filling.



## WAYS AND MEANS

It's always a difficult decision every month to decide what to offer for sale. We will be bringing odd pieces of fabric, half yard cuts, panels and maybe some surprises!

Donations are welcome. Please measure and mark the fabric. Notions are especially needed.

AS ALWAYS, WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Can't believe I'm saying this: HAPPY EASTER!!!

Carol Logue and Justine Gentile

## UFO's

Great news! Twenty five people have signed up to participate in the Unfinished Objects program and over 34 projects/quilts have been completed! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> UFO is due at the March meeting—it was #4 on your list. Bring your finished object/objects and share with the guild! Remember, finished items entitle you to participate in the drawing. We have three prizes to give away and we will announce what other # item is due in two months! See you soon and happy quilting!

*Dana Cox*



# QUILTERS YARD SALE

When: Saturday, May 18, 2024, 8 AM to 2:30 PM.

Where: 9255 Royal Palm Blvd. Garden Grove, CA (aka Jane's driveway).

What: We will be having fabric for \$3.00 per pound. This translates to about \$1.20 per yard. We will also have patterns, kits, notions, quilting books, and so much more. Three sewing machines have been donated. And Cathy Van Bruggen will be selling whole, unopened, bolts of cotton for \$50. We also have a lot of project boxes with varying unfinished projects inside.

Why: We are trying this to see if it will be a good moneymaker for the Guild.

How to help: Friday will be sorting and pricing. Saturday will be set up from 7 AM to 8 AM. Then the sale goes from 8 AM to 2:30 PM. There will be a sign up schedule for volunteers at the May meeting. There are two ways to help. 1. Donate fabric and other quilting related items. 2. Spread the word. As we get closer to the event, please post on your Facebook page, if you have one.



## Membership News

We have 179 members!! A big THANKS to all who turned in their 2024 Membership Renewal forms. Our quilt guild pot is overflowing with lots of gold—you—our members! If you haven't renewed yet, you are still in luck. Please stop by the Membership Table and see me. Also, the 2024 yearbooks are scheduled to start distribution at our March General Meeting.

Now that the renewal rush is tapering down, we can all enjoy our meetings and focus our attention on our upcoming events. So stay tuned and don't forget to pick up one of our upcoming event cards

When you check in at our general meetings. Better yet, grab a few and pass them around to your non-guild friends!



Keep on Stitching!!

Julie Carman, Membership Chair



# PHILANTHROPY

The amount of donated quilts and pillowcases every month is amazing. Our Guild members are wonderful with the quality and quantity of items produced. Thanks go out to all that contribute.

We are adding another organization to our list of recipients. Voice of Refugees, located in Anaheim, is a non-profit organization that is trying to help refugees stabilize, integrate and thrive. They help refugees that have been in the country less than three years and are mostly from conflict-ridden nations. Quilts and pillowcases are warm and comforting and that is something needed. They can use all sizes of quilts, especially for children.

Next Philanthropy Sew Day is Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at the Driftwood Mobile Home Park, 15621 Beach Blvd, Westminster. We meet between 9:30 and 2:30; come all day or part of the day. All are welcome! This month there will be panels to work with (so many cute panels) and always backings to be matched to quilt tops. There will be as much fabric as I can fit in the car. We also break for lunch so bring lunch and a drink. Refrigerator and microwave are available for your use.

The Mug Rugs are still an item that Meals on Wheels is grateful for. Last month we donated 454, so keep up the good work. Thanks for your continued support.

I wanted to mention that we have a raffle going on for a beautiful log cabin quilt. It is called "Fond Memories," and is approximately 108" by 108" and hand quilted. Raffle tickets are one for \$5.00 or three for \$10.00. It will be on display by the Philanthropy table at the general meeting for the next couple of months and the winner will be announced at the May meeting. Buy your tickets at the Philanthropy table.

Also, don't forget the Camp Pendleton yearly picnic is approaching and we still need quilts for the Marines and their families.

If there is anyone that is interested in helping at the Philanthropy table at the General Meetings let me know. We have so much going on that help is needed. Thanks as usual, there are never enough thank yous for all our wonderful guild members.

Sherry Lincoln, 714-514-9983



## Camp Pendleton Family Readiness

We have an exciting new addition to our current support for the Camp Pendleton Family Readiness Program! The current support is the Back to School Supply Drive in August and the Holiday Gifts in December. We will be adding Baby Baskets for new moms and moms-to-be. There are 25-30 new babies born each year at the base. The previous sponsor will no longer be providing this extremely beneficial and appreciated gift, so our Guild would like to step into the gap.

The baskets will include the following:

- Basket or bag
- Newborn diapers
- Wipes
- Butt paste
- Burp cloths
- Quilt or receiving blanket (earlier we were told 36" square)
- Rattle or teething toy

We would like to have the initial baskets ready as gifts for Mother's Day, May 12.

There are several ways to support this project

1. Donate the items for the basket (Martha will put the basket together)
2. Make the basket as a group, using the list above.
3. An individual can make a basket with items listed above.

I will have a couple of sample baskets available at the March 13 meeting and more information will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me, cell 714-721-1312, or email at [Marthabies@hotmail.com](mailto:Marthabies@hotmail.com).

Thanks, Martha Bieser

New Camp Pendleton liaison for the Guild





# Community Clipboard

## We welcome new members:

Judy Christian

Liz Martínez

Rosemarie Henderson

Kay Johnstone

Susan Huntzinger



## Sunshine and Shadows:

Pat Barton is recuperating at home from quintuple bypass surgery.

MaryJo Freeman, a long-time member, died recently.

Helen Murray's husband died.

## New Volunteers—Thanks so much!

Martha Bieser—coordinating Marine Toy and School Drives

Judith Stamper—assisting at Membership Desk

Josie Silva—assisting with Books and Magazines

Linda Monsen—door prizes (they are coming back—yeah!!)

# Loose Ends Project



Would you like to finish a quilt for a bereaved family or for someone disabled or too ill to complete it? Two knitters named Masey Kaplan and Jennifer Simonic were visited by their friend, Patti, whose mom had recently died. Among her mother's things were two unfinished blankets for Patti's two brothers: expressions of a mother's love.

Masey and Jennifer wanted to help but the blankets were crocheted, not knitted. They found a crocheter who was glad to complete the project, so that Patti's two brothers could receive the blankets their mom had begun for them.

This led Masey to begin a web site that would match unfinished projects with volunteer quilters, knitters, crocheters, and crafters who would complete the projects. It's called **Loose Ends Project, ([looseendsproject.org](http://looseendsproject.org))** and was begun in August, 2022. Since then nearly 2000 projects have been completed and 18,000 volunteers from every state and in 61 countries have signed up to take on a project. There's no charge to the families other than the cost of whatever materials may be needed to finish and shipping both ways, if necessary. They even try to find a finisher who's local so there are no shipping costs.

They began by posting flyers in yarn shops, nursing homes, and libraries. After posting a flyer in Mount Auburn, Washington, the very next day, a young widower walked in, holding a scarf that his late wife had been knitting for him. The owner of the shop gave him the contact information, and he reached out immediately. A finisher took on the project, learned a new stitch, and marked the last stitch his wife had put in, so he would know which were the stitches done by his wife's own hands.

Masey said, "There's something really profound for the finisher in being entrusted with this precious and meaningful work. So for me, helping someone's gesture of love is a way to spread that love even further."

- edited by Judy Hughes from an article in *AARP Newsletter* (maybe Dec. 2022)



## Happy Birthday to all our March babies!

Evelyn Pelkey	3/2
Aggie Venaas	3/3
Loretta Barber	3/7
Chris Hankins	3/9
Judy Ortiz	3/11
Cathy Van Bruggen	3/12
Ellen Roman	3/14
Netta C. Bryan	3/17
Laurie Mutalipassi	3/20
Jody Burtch	3/25
Jane McNaughton	3/25
Cathi Hofstetter	3/26
Cindy Kruse	3/27
Elaine Kaesler	3/28
Mary Stockard	3/28



Don't forget to pick up your free birthday fat quarter at the Guild meeting!

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

MEMBERSHIP is currently open.

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



### **Orange Grove Quilt Guild Officers, 2024**

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