

April 8, 2024



**Our Next Meeting will be on Monday, April 8, at 6:30 pm, in person and via Zoom.**

FLYING GEESE QUILTERS GUILD

**Flying Goose Tracks**

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## President's Message

*By Trudy Cleveland*

This year is flying by ... and we are off to a great start. Thanks to Katie LeFlore, and her army of volunteers, we had a fabulous turn out for the "Little Red Hen." It was a huge success. We all got to clean out our stash and feel good about donating!

As I was observing our guests shopping for fabric and notions, I also noticed the smiles and friends reconnecting over piles of donated fabric. The whole night was such an uplifting evening. Many people told me how fun it was to find a special fabric and add it to their stash.

Our speaker this month, Kaari Meng, from French General, will be speaking on her journey to becoming a designer for Moda. She is inspired by the French culture and designs her fabric with a French flair.

In keeping with my President's theme, "Getting It Done," we demonstrated how our guild pulls together and can put on a wonderful event where our local community can benefit.

Little Red Hen was a great start to the year ahead. I am looking forward to what our guild accomplishes in the months ahead.

**Join us at the Stonefire Grill at 4:30pm before the Guild meeting, to meet our speaker, be with other guild members, and relax before the meeting.**



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# Important Notice—Next Meeting



## New location for the April 8, 2024, Meeting

**In April, we will not be meeting at the Rancho San Joaquin Middle School.**

We will be meeting at:  
The Learning Center, Building 1,  
located within  
The Creekside Education Center  
3387 Barranca  
Irvine, CA 92606

April 8, 2024  
6 p.m. Social  
6:30 p.m. Meeting



Carpooling encouraged

This location is **ONLY** for our April meeting. In May we will return to the Rancho San Joaquin Middle School.

- The Learning Center is a stand alone building with excellent outdoor lighting.
- It has heating/air conditioning that we can control.
- The parking is close to the building and no steps.
- The meeting room allows food and drink, so please bring goodies to share if you want.

## Directions to Get to the Creekside Education Center

(The Creekside Education Center is a cluster of small buildings. Our meeting is in the Learning Center, Building 1.)

The Creekside Education Center is on the corner of Barranca and Harvard in Irvine. Heading north on Barranca, turn right into the first driveway after crossing Harvard. Drive to the end of the driveway, then turn left. The Learning Center is the next big building with lots of parking in front of it. We will have signage outside to help direct you to the building.



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# Program Feature—Next Meeting

## Kaari Meng Zabala — “All Things French General”

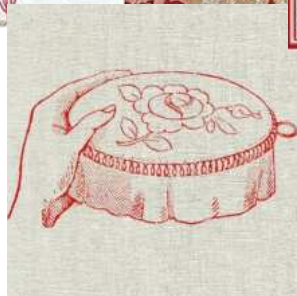
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We welcome Kaari as she speaks about her experience as a Designer for Moda.

French General designs quilting fabric and patterns for Moda which are sold in quilting shops around the world. Who hasn't bought a yard or two of French General in your quilt journey? In addition to fabric, French General also designs scrap booking materials, including paper, notions and dies for Sizzix; as well as a line of home decorating fabric, trim and wallpaper for Fabricut.

All of this AND Retreats in the South of France!

Get ready for a fun and informative evening with Kaari.



**French  
General**





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# Coming Attractions — Program Updates

## May 13th, Event

### **Dru Ferrell of Sew Treasured Quilt Store** **“My Journey Through Quilting”**

Join us for an inspirational evening as Dru tells us the story of her quilting through the years, and the path she took to realize her dream of becoming the owner of her own quilt store.



#### ***Pop Up Shop***

Have fun shopping together at Dru’s Pop Up Shop, designed especially for our guild.

Dru will be offering a unique selection of kits, precuts and wool, all chosen to inspire your creativity.



## June 10th, Event

### **Barbara Blanton** **“Better Done Than Perfect”**



Barbara is PASSIONATE about Applique and is determined to share that passion with others. She began appliqueing in 1990 and set a challenge for herself to complete three queen size applique tops per year. And she has succeeded for many years in meeting that goal! HOW??

Join us in welcoming Barbara Blanton to our guild as she shares the secrets of her success with plenty of humor, and showing examples of every mistake you can make – and how to “hide” or fix them.



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# Coming Attractions — Workshop Updates



On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we welcome Kaari Meng Zabala, the owner of French General Workshop in Los Angeles. Kaari specializes in vintage notions from the south of France where she lived for a time with her husband. French General also designs quilting fabrics and patterns for Moda which are available in quilt shops around the world.



Kaari will be teaching her “Botanical Heart” embroidery workshop. This class provides you with the opportunity to learn embroidery stitches which you can use to embellish your quilts. She will start with basic stitches and move on to advanced, so this class is appropriate for all skill levels.

The class will introduce a charming heart-shaped embroidery sampler which will be stitched on beautiful linen fabric which is 10” x 10” square. It can be cut out and transformed into a lovely lavender sachet, or it could be framed for a wall hanging, or used as the center medallion of a quilt.

You need to purchase the kit to take the class. The kit is \$30 and includes everything you need: the printed sampler on linen, embroidery floss, needles, and snips. The only thing you need to bring is your embroidery hoop and any extra floss you might want to add to the sampler. If you’re interested in making a sachet, French lavender will be available for purchase during the class at a cost of \$5 per cup.

This class will be held on Monday, at University Methodist Church in Irvine from 11am to 2pm. This is a 3-hour workshop. Kaari says this is about as long as most people can sit and stitch.

The cost of the class is \$40, and the kit is \$30.

There are a few spaces left in the class. If you are interested, please contact Gail Larderuccio (see guild directory for contact information).



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# Coming Attractions — Workshop Updates Continued



On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we present Barbara Blanton who is a true aficionado of applique, sometimes referred to as the “Dreaded ‘A’ Word”. We are so honored to have this opportunity for Barbara to share her craft with us.

Barbara has an amazing sense of humor and is totally passionate about teaching applique. She loves to start with beginners and turning them into accomplished appliquers. Imagine how you can enhance your quilts with this new skill!



You may choose from two different projects to make: “Ascending” or “Lilly Rosenberry” in two color ways, red and green, or pink and lime green. Be sure to indicate your preference when you sign up for the class. Everything that you need to complete the block will be provided in the kit of your choosing for \$20.

Also, recommended notions will be accessible for use during the class and available for purchase at the guild meeting.



This workshop will be held at Orange Quilt Bee, 628 E, Katella Ave., Orange, CA 92867 from 10AM to 4PM.

The cost of the class is \$40 and \$20 for the kit.

You can sign up for the workshop at the next guild meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> or contact Gail Larderuccio (see guild directory for contact information).



# Featured Advertiser

*By Julia Renaud*

Quilt Passions is your destination in Mission Viejo for quality fabric, patterns, and quilting and sewing notions. The shop offers an extensive batik collection as well as a wide variety of popular designer prints, blenders, solids, and holiday themes. Our collection of tropical prints keeps us connected to Quilt Passions' roots in Kailua Kona, Hawaii.



Owners/managers Karen and Robert Barry are originally from Southern California and raised their three sons in Brea, but in 2007 they decided that they were tired of the traffic and congestion of SoCal and relocated to the Big Island of Hawaii. Shortly after moving there, they purchased a small quilt shop. Since 2007 Quilt Passions Kona has expanded four times and 2011 was recognized by Quilt Sampler magazine as one of the top ten quilt shops in the United States.



# Featured Advertiser, continued

*By Julia Renaud*

In 2023 the draw of four adorable grandchildren living here in Orange County inspired Karen and Robert to open a second shop in Mission Viejo. They currently divide their time between the two locations (cannot give up either those Hawaiian sunsets or time with the grandkids!). They are really enjoying being involved in the quilting community here in Orange County and look forward to seeing you soon at Quilt Passions in Mission Viejo and/or in Kona!







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# 2025 Flying Geese Opportunity Quilt

Many thanks to everyone who worked on the block kits at our workshop on March 11. We had a great crowd. All the kits were put together and the majority of them taken home to work on. All the remaining have been claimed as well.

This is just a gentle reminder to those working on either the applique or pieced blocks that **all blocks are due to me no later than the May 13 guild meeting**. I will be happy to take them at the April guild meeting or at the April retreat in Temecula.

Please let me know if you have questions or find you are unable to finish your block.

Thanks very much!  
Sue Glass



quilter

(noun) [kwilt•er]

someone that is prone to bouts  
of excitement when surrounded by  
fabric and others of their kind.

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# UFO Challenge Updates

*By Kathleen Quinn*

## UFO Challenge Finale!

We currently have 26 members participating in the UFO challenge! What is a UFO? UFO stands for **Unfinish Objects**. This means that you have purchased the pattern and the fabrics to get started but never got around to getting it started. It's that partially completed top that you started at a class but haven't finished. It's a finished top that still needs to be quilted. It could even be that quilt that just needs binding and a label, but it's been sitting around a while waiting for you to make it.

We are now down to our final UFO quilt turn in at our upcoming April Meeting. There will be prize drawings for those who have started to turn in their quilts since last September and special prize drawings for those who have completed all five UFO Challenge quilts. I have a special gift for all the UFO participants. Please join us at the meeting to receive your special gift.

I want to thank everyone for participating in this UFO challenge, and it is wonderful to see all the beautiful quilts at the show and tell!

I will be moving on to the Quilt Challenge, starting this summer and finishing up in May 2025. I will then return to do the UFO Challenge again in the summer of 2025.



I am looking for a second co-chair to help out for the Summer 2025. Let me know if you would like to be the co-chair. It is a wonderful way to meet people.

Thanks,

Kathleen Quinn & Nancy Mueller





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# Last Meeting's Highlights

## Little Red Hen

*By Katie LeFlore*

Wow! What a great Little Red Hen Sale! It was a success by any measure thanks to all our guild members.

There are too many people to mention, and I'm afraid that I will miss somebody, so I'll just say that thanks go to:

- Members who donated fabric, notions and UFO's;
- Members of the Monday Morning Zoom group who collected the donations before our January and February meetings and sorted it all;
- All of our members who showed up to the sale, brought friends and advertised it thru social media and with our flyers;
- Many members who showed up early to set out the fabric, the notions and UFOs (and brought friends, husbands and grandsons to help!);
- Our cashiers and weighing teams who kept the check-out lines moving;
- And finally, everyone who stayed late to help pack up all the leftovers for the Lucky Deluxe shop and Ruth Honer's truck (to also be donated to a charity shop).
- Special thanks to Darla Cox who handled Notions, Julia Renauld who took care of the UFOs, Michelle Howe who organized the patterns and Bonnie Bennet and Char Raffetto who handled the baskets.

**Pat yourself on the back for a job well done!**

## Monthly Creation

*By Diane Jardon*

In keeping with the theme of the April meeting our Monthly creation is a tote designed with French General fabric. Lori La Londe Maze created this beautiful tote based upon a pattern she recently purchased at Road to California. The tote is approximately 12" tall and the base is 7" x 12". A perfect size for a (big) lunch or a craft project!

I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting.



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# April Birthdays

***Happy Birthday to our April  
Flying Geese!***



Bonnie Bennett  
Kathy Hall  
Janet Haynes  
Fay Kerneen  
Katie LeFlore  
Dorie Miller  
Melissa Park  
Char Raffetto  
Bev Remillard  
Barbara Story  
Roseann Tennison  
Sue Tupper  
Patricia Walker  
Suzanne Watkins  
Mary Whitelaw

## New Members



***Please welcome our newest  
member***

Jan Redding

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# Virtual Sew-Ins Via Zoom

By Mary Howland

Flying Geese Quilt Guild continues to have “sew-in” Zoom meetings. Members sign on for whatever length of time their schedules allow. We sew, iron, and chat while we get to know each other.

We ask questions and often another quilter has an answer. We share about new tools/gadgets we just had to buy. Of course, we show our fabric purchases, too. It’s really a fun-filled time. **Please join us. We’d love to see you!** If you have questions, please call/email Mary Howland. She will host these meetings.

**Mondays** from 9 a.m. - 12 noon:

April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

May 6, 13, 20, 27

June 3, 10, 17, & 24

**Fridays** from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

April 12 & 26

May 10 & 24

June 14, 28

Tax day ahead! — April 15





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# Philanthropy

*By Mary Howland*

Hello to All,

Thank you for holding all finished quilts and other items until the March Sew Day or our April guild meeting. We wouldn't have had room for our philanthropy tables along with Little Red Hen. I hope you found someone else's donation to bring home with you.



This month we're adding the Tustin Senior Center to our list of places which receive our placemats. The others are the Senior Centers in Irvine and Fountain Valley. Between these three, we anticipate a donation of 30-50 placemats monthly. Of course, this may increase during the December holidays.



In May, philanthropy will offer a selection of Fat Quarters for your buying pleasure at the guild meeting.



Please join us on Sew Day on April 17th from 10 am – 2 pm at the Orange Quilt Bee. You may drop items off, select new items to take home and sew, or come and join us as we sew and/or make kits. It's another time to get to know members of the guild without any rush.



I hope you're still reading so you can receive a "thank you" for all you continue to do as we share our love of sewing, quilting, and giving to the community. You are appreciated!

Mary Howland

# Philanthropy—Some of the Beautiful Items Donated This Month





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# Quilty Happenings

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# Quilty Happenings

## San Joaquin Valley Quilters' Guild - Quilt Show and Sale



### Springtime in the Valley

ArtHop - April 4, 2024 5-8 PM  
Admission Free

Quilt Show  
April 6, 2024 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
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**April 26 - 27, 2024**

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Saturday 10am — 5pm

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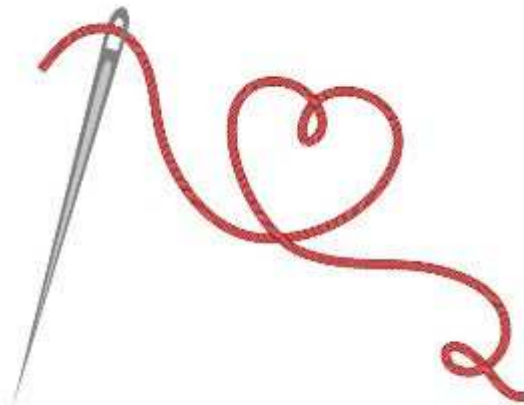
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# Our Next Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2024

**Doors open: 6:30 PM**  
**In Person and via Zoom**

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**Meeting Location:**

The Creekside Education Center, Bldg. 1  
3387 Barranca  
Irvine

**Please Note:** The meeting room allows food and drink, so please bring goodies to share if you want.

**Covid 19 Precautions:** The guild will be following the guidelines set up by the school district and in accordance with the local and state government. We will not be checking for your immunization record at this time. You are on the honor system.

**Please be kind to those sensitive to perfumes, and refrain from wearing your fragrances to the Guild meeting.**

Come to the meeting  
Check in at the Membership Desk  
Wear your Name Tag  
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Bring Show & Tell projects to share  
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