

December 11, 2023



Our Next Meeting will be on Monday, December 11, at 6:30 pm, in person and via Zoom.

FLYING GEESE QUILTERS GUILD

FGQG Goose Tracks

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President's Message

By Joanne Florence

As the holidays approach, we are looking forward to our annual December Guild Meeting Holiday Party. Everyone is invited to bring out your favorite holiday quilts to share and decorate our meeting room.

Meanwhile, start going through your stash for fabrics, kits that have never been made, and quilt-related items for our Little Red Hen Event in March 2024. We will be collecting items at the January and February Guild Meetings. I can't wait to see what everyone else will be donating to our sale!

Happy Stitching,
Joanne

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.

The address is 3966 Barranca Pkwy, Irvine, and it's an easy 10-minute drive to the guild meeting from there.



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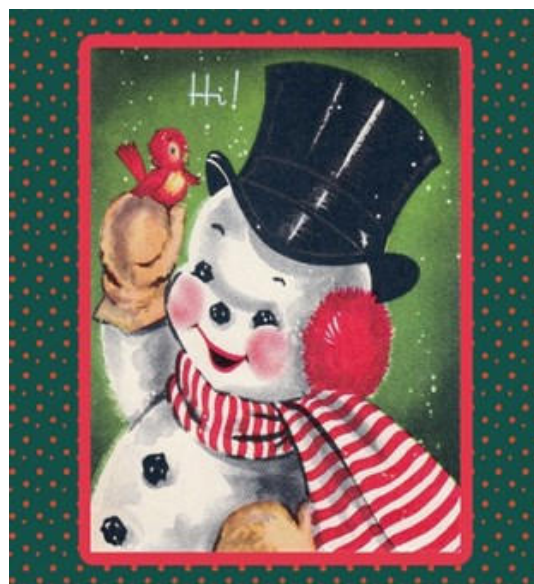


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Holiday Program: Quilts + Crafts

*Bring one of your favorite quilts that reflect a
“Winter Theme” for Show-N-Tell.*

We will also have craft tables to make several
holiday projects, as a special treat.



Coming Attractions — Program Updates



January 8, 2023 Speaker

Speaker: Lilo Bowman

Lecture: Love is Where You Create: It's Not A One Size Fits Solution

Ready to start the new year with a fresh outlook? Our speaker will address how to gain order and organization in our sewing spaces.

Are you overwhelmed by all the stuff that seems to be taking over but don't know how to bring back order? If your current situation isn't functioning--- it might be time to hit the refresh button. Learn how to build a creative place that works for you, your space, your budget and where you are right now.



LOVE YOUR CREATIVE SPACE

Coming Attractions — Program Updates

February 12, 2023 Speaker

Speaker: Joanna Figueroa

Mark Your Calendar for February 12th; Joanna Figueroa is coming to Flying Geese Quilters Guild!

Joanna is a beloved fabric designer with MODA fabrics, a respected pattern designer, quilting and sewing instructor, and the creative force behind Figtree and Co. We have all recreated her quilt designs or used her fabric lines. Now it's time to meet her! Save the date, and don't miss this opportunity!

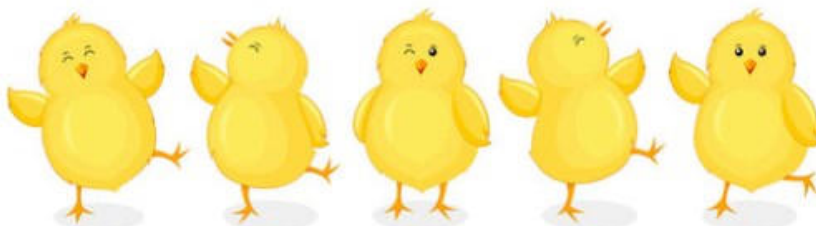
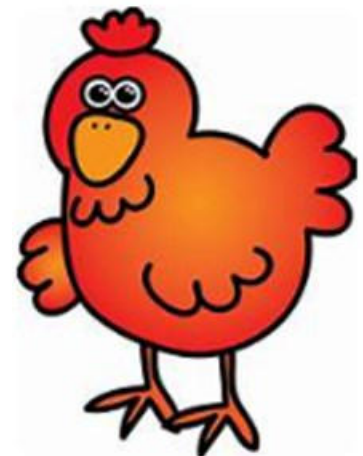


March 11, 2023

Little Red Hen – Rummage Sale

This is what we've all been waiting for: Shopping for quilt supplies!

Join us for an evening of shopping of other people's quilt treasures! What items will you find at our "Little Red Hen"?



Coming Attractions — Workshop Updates



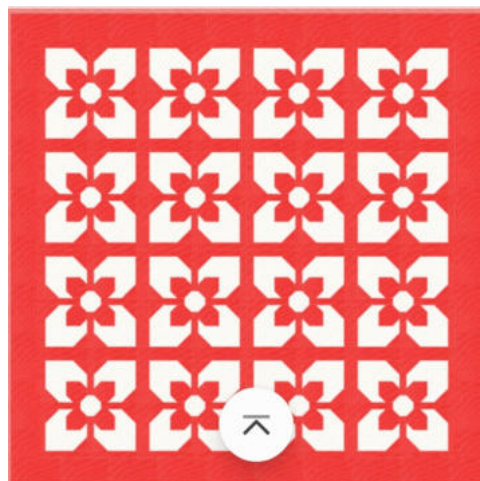
Sunday, February 11, 2024 Workshop with Joanna Figueroa

Workshop: Plumeria

Where: Orange Quilt Bee, 626 E. Katella Ave. in Orange

Time: 10 am — 4 pm

Cost: \$40



To kick off the new year, we present Joanna Figueroa who will be teaching her newest pattern, “Plumeria.”

“Plumeria” is a versatile pattern with two different size blocks and three pattern variations. You can make a large block from your favorite fat quarters, or a smaller block out of a Dessert Roll, as well as a two-color variation shown here in red and white. Or you could make a table runner, a small wall hanging, or a quilt.

Things you will learn:

- Sew and Flip Method and when to use it and why.
- Choosing fabrics and the various ways to go about that.

Kits will be available for the class if requested ahead of time. Joanna offers both the 2-color red and white as well as multi-fabric spring one. The fabrics will not be the same as her sample because they will not be available until April, but they will be similar. The price of the kits has not been determined at this time. The pattern will be available in class for \$10 for those who do not purchase a kit.

Though at this time the class is full, but please get on the waiting list because cancellations can happen. This promises to be a fun class.



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UFO Challenge Sign-Ups

UFO CHALLENGE SIGN UPS 2023-2024

What is a UFO? You had purchased the pattern and the fabrics to get started but never got around to get 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 them.

Looking for ways to finished your UFO quilt projects? Look no further, we have the solutions for you. Sign up for the UFO Challenge to run from May 2023 to April 2024 and a \$10.00 fee at our next Guild Meeting in May. See the attached handout and sign-up sheet.

When you sign up, we have a beautiful ribbon for you to pin on to your name tag. You will be rewarded one of the five buttons for each project completed that you have signed up for. The five months for the quilts to be completed are July, September, November, February, and April. You are more than welcome to turn in early! You will earn points for the drawings. The more points you earned is an opportunity for more chances. For those who have turned in all five quilts on time (or early) have an opportunity for a grand prize at the end.

Looking forward to seeing you all sign up next month to participate in this UFO Challenge. If you are not able to attend the May meeting, please mail in your completed form and a \$10 check payable to FGQG directly to Kathleen Quinn or Nancy Mueller so we can you hold your place and ribbon! You can sign up any time after the May start date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Co-Chairs – Kathleen Quinn and Nancy Mueller

FLYING GEESE QUILTERS GUILD

UFO QUILT CHALLENGE 2023/2024 – ENTRY FORM

Full Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Entry Fee: \$10.00 Rcvd on _____ by _____

(Make check payable to Flying Geese Quilters Guild) Please make a copy of this form for yourself.

UFO Project	Description of UFO	Month Due	UFO Started When
UFO #1		July	
UFO #2		September	
UFO #3		November	
UFO #4		February	
UFO #5		April	

Last Meeting's Highlights

Website Update

By Gale Slagle

A round of applause for Cindy Hinds, who has done a wonderful job scheduling our upcoming programs and workshops for 2024! The lineup is filled with engaging sessions that promise to be both informative and inspiring.

To delve deeper into what each speaker will bring to the table, we encourage you to visit our website at https://www.flying-geese.org/upcoming_events.html. There, you'll find information about the speakers and their workshops.

For an extra layer of fun, consider following our upcoming speakers on Instagram or read their blogs. It's a great way to get a sneak-peek into their projects and learn more about what drives their passion. I've included their Instagram handles, along with their website or blog information, if available.

Mark your calendars for a year filled with enriching programs and workshops. 2024 will be a standout year for our quilt guild. These workshops will be in high demand and the spots will fill fast, so stay informed and sign up quickly!

Zoom Update

By Trudy Cleveland

Our Zoom helpers have done an amazing job streaming the guild meetings to our members who are unable to attend in person. Occasionally, life happens, and sometimes all of our planning isn't enough to overcome unforeseen situations. Because of illness and transportation issues, we were unable to stream the November meeting. We apologize to the members that tried to log on, only to find a blank screen, but sometimes these things happen. Please note: Though there will be no Zoom at the December meeting because of our Holiday party, we will resume live streaming of our meetings on January 8, 2024.

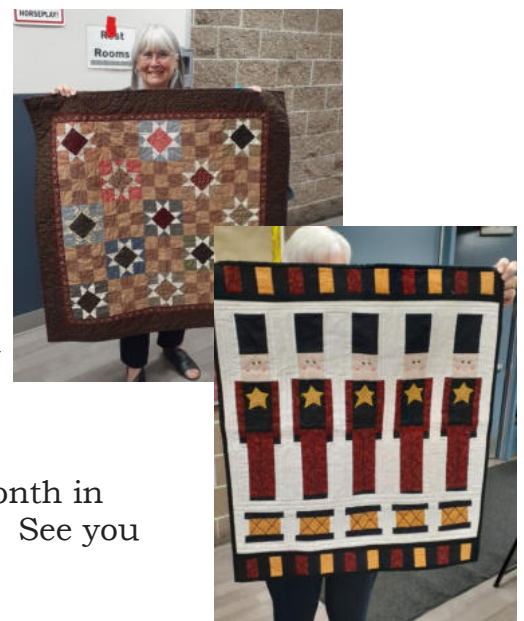
Monthly Creation

By Sue Watkins

A very happy Roseann Tennison was the winner of Ali Shaw's November Monthly Creation.

Judith Karabelnik donated this attractive hanging for our December Monthly Creation. This will surely add a festive touch to your holiday season! Will you be the lucky person who takes this home?

Stop by the Monthly Creation table to sign up for the month in which you want to share your creativity with the FGQG! See you there!



Last Meeting's Highlights

Road to California Update

By Trudy Cleveland

The Flying Geese Quilters Guild members have had 7 quilts juried into the Road To California quilt show. Three of these quilts were entries into the guild's challenge:
"Free to Fly."

Congratulations to our members for this achievement.

⇒ **Holly Batterman**

- * "Rhinestone Dragon Girl" – Challenge Quilt
- * "Bee-ing Thankful for Sunflowers "

⇒ **Trudy Cleveland**

- * "Lipstick and Pearls"

⇒ **Judith Karabelnik**

- * "Free To Fly " Challenge Quilt

⇒ **Kathleen Quinn**

- * "Dream Takes Flight"- Challenge Quilt
- * "Grandma Edith's Legacy"

⇒ **Eileen Wintemute**

- * "Three Beauties and a Beast"

Road To California -- January 17-20, 2024

Show and Tell

Denise Nelms was proud to tell us that she is now an appliquér! Her quilt Fig Tree Sampler was finally pieced and finished!



Lori Maze made her Double Wedding Ring quilt using two layer cakes and the “Quiltsmart” fusible arcs. It is for her older son and his fiancée. There’s no quilt label because they haven’t set a date yet!

Lori Maze made her second quilt, Spools, with the leftover 10” squares from her son’s Double Wedding Ring quilt. It was a free pattern from Missouri Star Quilt Company.



Show and Tell Quilts



Mary Branca's quilt, Christmas Figs, was a Block of the Month project from Sew Crazy Quilt Store. She started it in 2017 and just finished it for her daughter, whether she wants it or not!

Jo Whitley's project was a tote with an unusual story. What began as a wool afghan got washed and shrank from 60" x 60" to 1 yd x 1 yd! It's lined and has pockets. There are still 3 ½ skeins of wool yarn left for free!



Tom Steven's quilt, Goodnight Star using Tim Holtz fabric, was foundation paper pieced. He did his own custom quilting, including feathering for the first time. He's not sure he'll ever do it again!

Show and Tell Quilts



Bees 'n' Bloom is the first of Kathleen Quinn's UFOs to be completed for this year's challenge. She started it in 2015 while visiting her son in South Dakota. She saw the pattern at Sassycat Quilting Co. in Yankton, SD.

Kathleen's second completed UFO was Raspberry Truffles. She won it as a raffle basket prize at our 2019 Little Red Hen. It was 7 months of a BOM using French General fabrics. Later she couldn't find all of the BOMs. Trudy Cleveland said, "Just make it up!" So she did and Trudy quilted it.



Cindy Sutherland's words about her quilt, Namesake: "This quilt is for my sister-in-law's 10th grandbaby who is due on the first of December. My sister-in-law's name is Joanie and she passed away in 2005. The new grandbaby's name is to be Joanie, in memory of her grandma."

Show and Tell Quilts



Gail Larderuccio's quilt, Turtle Babies, is for her first grandson who will be born in January 2024. The quilt pattern is by Karen Brow-Meier of Java Hut Quilts. Karen was one of our speakers earlier this year. Gail made her quilt with a lot of love. It was quilted by our own Trudy Cleveland, using a complimentary waves and bubbles quilting pattern.

Gail Larderuccio loves leaf designs. She made her extra-long Maple Leaf Table Runner from a quilt pattern by Wendy Sheppard, reconfiguring it into a table runner.



Ann Boughey started her quilt, Joyous Flowers, in a 2012 bargello class at Orange Quilt Bee. She ended up having to fussy cut the flowers, otherwise the quilt did not show well.

December Birthdays

*Happy Birthday to our December
Flying Geese!*



Holly Batterman
JoEllen Cox
Cindy Crowell
Christine Dickey
Dru Farrell
Ellen Gentling
Tanya Goffman
Diane Healey
Julianna Huffman
Amy Hutto
Kathleen Irvine
Diane Jacob
Marian Mapes
Sandra Jo Roberts
Stephanie Schneider
Tom Stevens
Sandy Sutton



Please welcome our newest Flying Geese Members: Jennifer Morgan, Alicia Passarelli, and Maggie Thompson.

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: 9a-12p

January 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, & 25

Fridays: 5p-9p

January 12, 26

February 9, 23

March 8, 22

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98048961855pwd=VHBUeTlsMWx6TFRUaGtrMVh0TzRIUT09>

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Friendship Groups

By Mary Howland

This is a time when we think of family and friends near to us and those who live in other places. Throughout the past year I have had the opportunity and pleasure of meeting and working with so many of you. I am grateful and look forward to more times in 2024.

I hope you’ve met more members in our guild perhaps by working with them at the quilt show, chatting with them at a workshop, or participating in a zoom sew in. This coming year we’ll have more opportunities, like Little

Red Hen and the Auction. Please volunteer and as you meet other members, mention to them if you’d like to join or start a friendship group, or let me know and I’ll spread the word.

One last thought for 2023 - if you haven’t tried joining us on zoom, please log on. You can use your cell phone, tablet, or computer. We’d love to see you and get to know you.



Philanthropy

By Mary Howland

A belated Happy Thanksgiving to you all. By the time you're reading this article, our delicious turkey dinners will be past and perhaps some of us will be enjoying leftover turkey sandwiches or turkey soup. Hopefully you had a piece or two of some traditional pies.

All of us on the Philanthropy Team want to thank you for all you do to support us as we work to serve you and eventually the non-sewing community. Please see the photo of the stacks of quilts we had at the last Sew Day. Remember all those holiday placemats? We met our goal, and they're on the way to brighten someone's meals. The next military shower will have lots of quilts for the babies and some burp cloths, too. I could keep going but...

It's all about you: your fabric donations, your sewing skills, your time, your quilting, and your binding. Without each member's contributions, our guild wouldn't be able to support the community. Thank you!

There is no Sew Day in December, but you may bring any items to the December guild meeting. We'll be back at Orange Quilt Bee on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in 2024. Our next Sew Day is the 17th of January at Orange Quilt Bee.

Stay well and keep sewing.

Families Forward Donations

By Michelle Howe

Thank you to everyone who contributed food and grocery gift cards to our November food drive for Families Forward. My car was overflowing with donations by the end of the evening. Quilters are such generous people!

Families Forward is a non-profit in Irvine that works to provide food assistance, community outreach, and sustainable housing for homeless families with children. In Orange County, more than 27,000 school-age children are homeless or housing insecure.

Thank you for making a difference in a child's life!



New Year's Eve Sew-In Update!

By Mary Howland

Join us on Sunday, December 31st for the 3rd annual New Year's Eve zoom spectacular. Yes, we'll have games, prizes, and the wonderful opportunity to ring in the new year with quilting friends.



If you want to play Zoomo with us, draw the chart below on a piece of paper or print the Zoomo card. Label the columns as "ZOOMO" – see the photo card for reference. Choose from the words on the next page and write one word or phrase in each box. You can have a "FREE" space in the middle. You may make two or more Zoomo cards if you want to. If one of your words is called, mark the words with buttons, coins, or a pencil. We may play more than one game. The rules are like Bingo.

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New Year's Eve Sew-In Update, Cont'd!

By Mary Howland

ZOOMO Word List

Thread. Scissors. Pins. Fabric. Safety pins. Seam ripper. Shears. Basting
1/4 inch seam. Rip out. Rotary cutter. Cotton. Wool. Binding. Batting. Quilt.
Guild. Pattern. Road trip. Oops! Purple thang. Appliqué. Patchwork. Piecing Buttons
Zoom. Philanthropy. Sew in. Sew Day. Meeting. Shopping. Quilt show. Needles
Bobbin. Bernina. Pfaff. Singer. Featherweight. Janome. Husqvarna Viking.
Color. Value. Friendships, Chocolate. Bolt of fabric. Fat Quarter. Yard. Fat 1/8th.
Layer Cake. Jelly Roll. Jolly Bar. Workshop. Quilters. Baby Lock. Brother. Elna. Juki

Please have a couple more blank sheets of paper handy, along with a pen or pencil. We have a few more games planned and lots of prizes. If you have an idea for a game, please contact me. It's not too late to contribute prizes, but it's not necessary. If you want, just put something in a bag and bring the bag to the December meeting. Some of the items submitted for prizes were books, quilting tools, scissors, note pads, needles puzzles, a fat quarter, or small bundle of fabric.

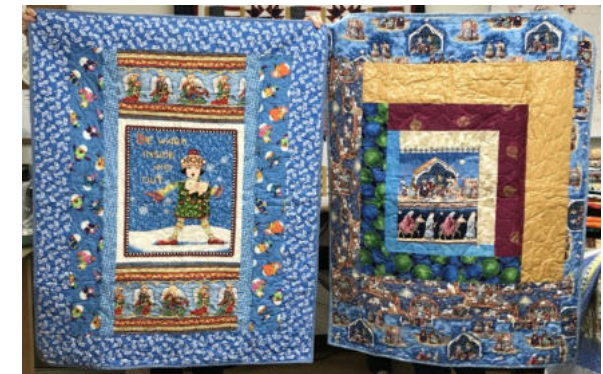
A special zoom link will be emailed to all members later in December. Our New Year's Eve Sew In will be open from 5:00 pm to 12:00 pm midnight. Come for any amount of time; you can snack, bring your champagne or sparkling water to toast the new year, while you sew a few stitches on a UFO, start a new project while we play games and chat as we ring in 2024.



Philanthropy—Some of the Beautiful Items Donated This Month



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Quilty Happenings

For Your Consideration: Quilts with Story to Tell

This podcast is a series of fun stories that are occasionally fact - but are often fiction. You don't have to be a quilter to listen . . . but if you are a quilter, or married to one, or know one, or lived with one, or passed one on the street . . . you'll certainly relate to these stories.



“Hello Folks,

“I wanted to make you aware of my podcast, ‘Adventures in Quilting,’ that is a series of short stories about the people of a small town and the patrons of Mimi’s Quilting Emporium. It’s a fun and lighthearted podcast that quilters will appreciate but it also covers life in general. I’ve been doing this podcast for several years now but have not given any time to advertising. I’m still not advertising heavily, but I have decided to make some of you aware of ‘Adventures in Quilting’ so hopefully you can enjoy it.

“You can find ‘Adventures in Quilting’ on all the podcast providers; just search for the title of the podcast or my name, Dalen Keys. I’m not sending a link because I get nervous when I receive those in an email; it’s easy to look up my podcast directly from your own podcast provider.

Some of you might know that I wrote a few Children’s Picture Books on quilting including ‘Just a Quilt’ and ‘The Mess.’ My wife and I were fortunate enough to travel across the USA speaking to guilds and schools about these books and the patterns she designed.

“I hope you take the time to listen. Please feel free to share this information with others, I’d really appreciate it. Just to be clear, I’m not asking for a speaking opportunity and the podcast is free. I just wanted to share this with your Guild. I write the stories I use in my podcast for fun, and I’m hoping some of your members might enjoy them, too.

“Thank you, Dalen Keys”

2023—2024 Flying Geese Quilters Guild

Officers and Committees

Elected Officers		
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1st VP	<i>Trudy</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>
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Misc. Notices and Reminders

Facebook Group for FGQG

By Gina Whitelaw

We now have a private Facebook Group for our members only. When in Facebook, go to the Groups section and search for FGQG (Flying Geese Quilters Guild) of Orange County Members Only. There is another Flying Geese Quilt Guild on Facebook, so please make sure you ask to join the correct one. You must be a current paid member of Flying Geese in order to join this Facebook group. Be sure to answer the membership questions.

We now have rules for our Facebook Group. Here they are:

- **Be Kind and Courteous**
- **Give credit where credit is due.** When you post a photo of a quilt you need to post the pattern name and the designer's name or company. We need to support our quilt designers! Quilt designers rely on pattern sales for their income.
- **No politics or religion in this group**
- **Respect Everyone's Privacy**

Nametags

Since we have begun meeting in person again, many of us are out of practice with wearing our nametags, including me. This is a good time to refresh the old nametag or make a new one. Not only is it friendly, it's an ice-breaker for conversation.

Our Next Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2023

Meeting: 6:30 PM
In Person and Via Zoom

Meeting Location:

Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
4861 Michelson Drive
Irvine

Please Note: School rules allow only bottled water in the Multi-purpose room. Food and other drinks are not allowed.

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
Introduce yourself to someone new
Carpool with a buddy
Bring Show & Tell projects to share
Sign up for a Workshop
Volunteer

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