

January 8, 2024



**Our Next Meeting will be on Monday, January 8, 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*

What a wonderful time we had at the December Guild Meeting! The ornament making stations were bustling with activity; everyone who participated went home with great homemade decorations, while others spent time visiting with friends and making new ones.

Thanks to Sue Glass and Gina Whitelaw for their generous gifts to all the members present. It was a great ending to 2023 as we all look forward to 2024 and our famous Little Red Hen Extravaganza in March, the Auction in September, as well as great speakers and programs planned for you during the year.

### Crossover Meeting:

The annual Crossover Meeting will be held on January 13, 2024, at Gina Whitelaw's house. The Executive Board and all Committee Chairs, incoming and outgoing are invited to come for light refreshments and, most important, to trade notebooks and any tips and advice to the person who will be taking the position for next year. Save the date — more information to follow in January.

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.



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# Coming Attractions — Program Updates



**January 8, 2024, 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.

Join us for a program that will address how to manage your sewing environment.



**LOVE  
YOUR  
CREATIVE  
SPACE**

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# Coming Attractions — Program Updates

## February 12, 2024, 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, 2024, Event

### 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?"



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# 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:

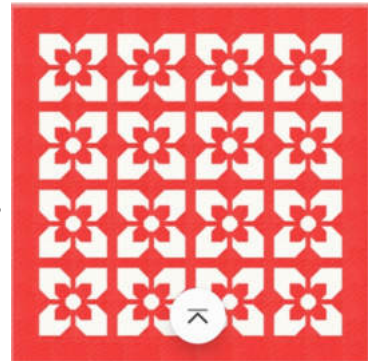
- Sew and Flip Method and when to use it and why.
- Choosing fabrics and the various ways to go about that.

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, please get on the waiting list because cancellations can happen. This promises to be a fun class.

## **Monday, April 8, 2024, Workshop with Kaari Meng Zabala**

In April, we welcome Kaari Meng Zabala of “All Things French General.”

Kaari will teach us embroidery with her Botanical Heart Embroidery project. The workshop will be held on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. More information will be available, and sign-ups will begin at the guild meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.





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# It's Membership Renewal Time!

For both new and returning members, annual dues of \$40 are due no later than February 12<sup>th</sup> at our guild meeting, in order for your information to be included in the directory. You may include all, part, or none of your information in the membership directory. Please either bring your cash or check to the January or February meeting, or mail your check (made payable to Flying Geese Quilters Guild) and the following membership form to: Flying Geese Quilters Guild, Attn: Membership, PO Box 14271, Irvine, CA 92623-4271.

Please review your name, address, email, phone, etc., listed in the 2023 guild directory (the lavender one). If you have no changes to your information, you don't have to print out a membership form. You can just print your name on a paper and write "NO CHANGES".

**Flying Geese Quilters Guild**  
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**Membership Form**  
**Due on or before our February meeting date (to be included in directory)**  
**Please PRINT the following information:**

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Today's Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ New Member?  Renewing?

Cash/Check#: \_\_\_\_\_

Do **NOT** Include any of my information in the membership list  
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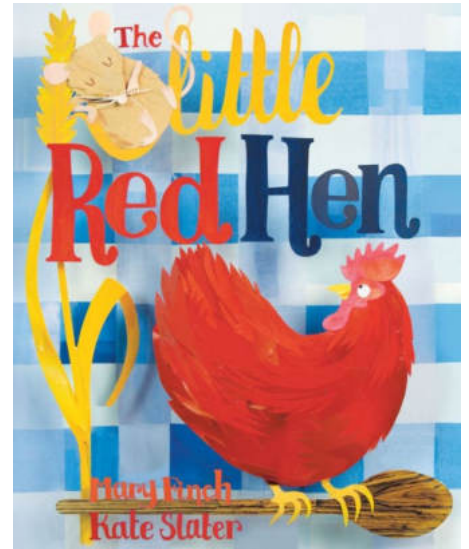


# Little Red Hen is Coming March 11, 2024

*By Katie LeFlore*

As a reminder, our Little Red Hen sale will be held on March 11, 2024, replacing our normal guild meeting.

For the next two months we will be collecting your donations of quilting fabric, unfinished projects, UFO blocks, kits, notions, fat quarters, jelly rolls, gadgets, thread, quilt patterns, rulers, or any other quilt-related items that you would like to donate. Please remember that we will not accept books or non-quilting fabric such as fleece or upholstery material.



If you are looking for motivation to start clearing out your sewing space, don't forget that our January Speaker, Lilo Bowman, will be discussing how to get our sewing space organized. I also know there are several YouTube channels that have tips on cleaning out our spaces. For instance, beginning January 1 Karen Brown of "Just get it done quilts," has a series of videos about cleaning out your space and getting organized.

The Little Red Hen committee will be in the parking lot before our guild meetings on January 8<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup> for your donations. Please pull up and let us help you off-load your quilt related donations directly into our cars.

If you have a need for a special pick-up or have any questions regarding the Little Red Hen, please call Katie LeFlore, Committee Chair.



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# UFO Challenge Sign-Ups

## UFO CHALLENGE SIGN-UPS 2023-2024

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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 finish your UFO quilt projects? Look no further, we have the solutions for you. Sign up for the UFO Challenge which runs from May 2023 to April 2024 and a \$10.00 fee at our next Guild Meeting to get started. 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 receive one of the five buttons for each project completed that you have signed up for. The five months for the quilts to be completed began with July, September, November, and will continue with February, and April. You are more than welcome to turn in early! You will earn points for the drawings. The more points you earn 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 to participate in this UFO Challenge. If you are not able to attend a guild meeting to sign-up, please mail in your completed form and a \$10 check payable to FGQG directly to Kathleen Quinn or Nancy Mueller so we can hold your place and ribbon! You can sign up any time after the initial 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	

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# Last Meeting's Highlights

## Website Update

*By Gale Slagle*

Happy New Year. Mark your calendars for a year filled with enriching programs and workshops. 2024 will be a standout year for our quilt guild. Please visit our website at [https://www.flying-geese.org/upcoming\\_events.html](https://www.flying-geese.org/upcoming_events.html). There you'll find information about the speakers and their workshops. Check out the schedule to get a heads-up for next year! The workshops are going to be very popular and spots will fill up fast, so it is good to plan ahead.

Also updated for 2024 is the calendar page where you will find quilt events, quilt shows and exhibits, plus other textile happenings throughout Southern California. Please visit the calendar page at <https://www.flying-geese.org/calendar.html> to stay informed about the quilt and textile scene of our region. Thanks for visiting the website!

## Zoom Update

*By Trudy Cleveland*

New beginnings, the start of a new year! After taking a break in December, our Zoom presentations will return for the month of January -- but, we need your help to continue with the Zoom presentations.

It's an easy volunteer job; you only need to be at the meeting at 6:00 pm to set up. Trudy and Eileen have streamlined the process of starting the Zoom program, and every month we get "thank-yous" from members who are unable to attend. We need someone to help us at the meeting. Trudy and Eileen are familiar with the set up, but they have taken on other duties. Everything is provided...even someone to answer your questions. They will be at the meeting to help you and answer any questions you may have.

It is so gratifying to help our fellow members continue to be involved, even if they can't attend in person. We need your help to continue with the Zoom portion of our meetings. Call or text Trudy Cleveland for more information.

## Monthly Creation

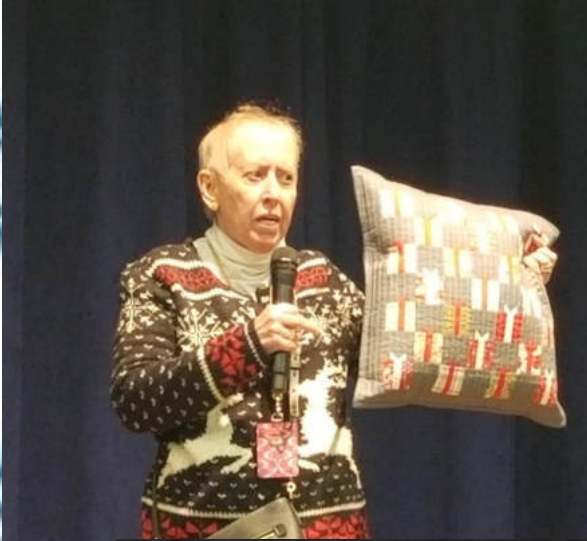
*By Sue Watkins*

Sharon Ludwig will decorate her home with this attractive wall hanging donated by Judith Karabelnik. Congratulations, Sharon!

Trudy Cleveland quilted and framed this meaningful wall hanging! Stop by the Monthly Creation table to have an opportunity to have this colorful wall hanging in your home!



# Show and Tell



# Show and Tell



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# January Birthdays

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



Tamara Ambrosen  
Louise Berkley  
Pat Chambers  
Kay Cotton  
Joan Curtis  
Karen Ericksen  
Sue Fukuda  
Nancy Mueller

Carolle Schuegraf  
Linda Schultz  
Karen Simpson  
Mary G. Smith  
Espie Teter  
Andrea Wellman  
Jo Whitley  
Kay Yu-Kim



*"The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and  
lie about your age." –Lucille Ball*



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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: 9a-12p**

January 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

February 5, 12, 19, & 26

March 4, 11, 18, & 25

April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

## **Fridays: 5p-9p**

January 13 & 27

February 9 & 23

March 8 & 22

April 12 & 26

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

*By Mary Howland*

Hello All, do you have a particular quilt or technique you’d like to focus on in 2024 but want some companionship while you do so? Think about putting the word out to the guild. You could have a group - even just two people - who get together to focus on this one thing this year.

Let me know and we can put the word out to other members !



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# Philanthropy

*By Mary Howland*

Happy New Year!

As you know, January is a time to look ahead and plan what we want to do in this new year. For quilters it may mean evaluating our sewing stash and tools: do we de-clutter to make room to sew in a clearer space? Sometimes having less helps us make easier decisions. Or it may warm our hearts to know that someone else can use what has been taking up space in our cupboard. Remember Little Red Hen, if you do clear out your sewing supplies this month.



I think I got sidetracked as I began with the intention of looking at gratitude. I have so much to be grateful for:

<p>My sewing skills Belonging to this guild Being part of Philanthropy and seeing your love with each donation Having time to sew Quick access to my stash, tools, and a working sewing machine Having members and friends to ask for help or support Owning devices to enable me to connect to people, the world, and zoom Sew Ins. Feeling safe in my home, neighborhood, and country The list could go on...</p>
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We are grateful to all of you donating your time, fabric, and skills to Philanthropy so we can give love to the community. Please join us the third Wednesday of each month at Orange Quilt Bee for Sew Days. We hope to see you at our next Sew Day on January 17th from 10a - 2p.

In April we will be offering our FQ packs again. These fabrics are donations we have received and aren't using in our kits/projects. All funds are given to the guild.

Hope to see you soon!

# Quilty Happenings

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## Quilty Happenings

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### 2024 Show Dates

January 17 - 20, 2024

Hosted by:

Ontario Convention Center  
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Ontario, CA 91764

### Preview Night

Tuesday January 16  
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Preview Night is the entire show - both the vendor hall and the quilt gallery!

### Show Hours

Wednesday January 17 through the 20 2024.

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00AM-5:30PM

Saturday - 9:00AM-4:30PM

# 2023—2024 Flying Geese Quilters Guild

## Officers and Committees

<b>Elected Officers</b>		
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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.

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# Our Next Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024

**Meeting: 6:30 PM**  
**In Person and Via Zoom**

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**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  
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