

March 11, 2024



**Our Next Meeting will be on Monday, March 11, at 6:00 pm, in person only. No Zoom.**

FLYING GEESE QUILTERS GUILD

# FGQG Goose Tracks

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## President's Message

*By Trudy Cleveland*

New beginnings! I want to thank everyone who gave their approval and voted for the new board to be installed at the February meeting. We are off to a great start.

I would like to give my term as your president a theme, and after considerable thought, I have decided on "Getting It Done." It seems to be a common discussion among quilters on "How can I get it done?" The guild is here for the members to grow and learn through our programs, workshops, sit n sews, friendship groups and Zoom events. Take advantage of everything the guild has to offer, so you can be "Getting It Done."

Our first project with our theme, "Getting It Done" is our Little Red Hen event. Cleaning out your sewing stash and decluttering your sewing area is a great way to start the year off. Donating your items to the guild is a win-win project, and I have a great feeling of getting it done.

Be sure to invite friends and other crafters to attend our Little Red Hen event. The more the merrier! Welcome to our new members who joined in February. We hope you take advantage of all the guild has to offer, and we encourage everyone to benefit from membership in the guild.

**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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# Program Feature—Next Meeting

## Little Red Hen - Rummage Sale

March 11, 2024

### 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"?



*By Katie LeFlore*

We received a lot of fabulous fabric and wonderful notions, quilt tops and kits! We have volunteers working on some great baskets for the silent auction, now. It looks like a lot of us decided to start the year off with a tidy workspace.

Now our next task is to get lots of people to the Little Red Hen. So, tell your neighbors, friends, hairdresser, family, strangers on the street about our sale. Remember, all fabric is \$5 a pound (approximately 3 yards) and scrap bags are \$1 each. As usual, we'll have patterns in the courtyard before the doors open and all patterns are free.

I think it's shaping up to be a great sale and lots of fun. We still need a few extra helpers so please contact me, Katie LeFlore, if you can give us some time that evening.

I'll see you on March 11<sup>th</sup>!

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# Coming Attractions — Program Updates

**April 8, 2024, Event**

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

We welcome Kaari as she speaks about her experience as a designer for Moda. French General has been her line of fabric she has developed for Moda. Who hasn't bought a yard or two of French General in your quilt journey?

Get ready for a fun, informative evening with Kaari



**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

## **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.

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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 sold in quilt shops around the world.

Kaari will be teaching her “Botanical Heart” embroidery workshop. This class is your 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 want to make a sachet, French lavender will be sold at the class for \$5 a cup.

This class will be held on Monday, at University Methodist Church in Irvine from 11 am to 2 pm. 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 (please see the directory for email information).

# Featured Advertiser

By Julia Renaud

For our guild year of 2024 to 2025, each month I will be featuring one of our generous advertisers. Usually, you just see their business cards in our newsletter, but now you'll learn a little more about their business. For this month we will be introduced to **Pal's Sewing & Vacuum**.

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# Flying Geese Quilters Retreat

By Michelle Howe



We are so excited to announce the 2024 Flying Geese Quilters Retreat. Guild members have an opportunity to spend up to three nights and four days at the relaxing Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula.

The dates are Thursday, April 18 to Sunday, April 21, 2024. You have the option to choose whether you want to stay 2 or 3 nights. Please be sure to indicate **which nights**, should you choose less than 3. The retreat center will only allow 1 - 2 guests per room (no triples). Should anything change prior to the retreat dates, Michelle will send an email letting you know.

We have **20** confirmed spots available. Once we have reached that number, anyone wishing to sign up will be placed on a waitlist. You will be notified of your placement via email. (Be sure to include it on your registration form.) All meals and lodging are included in the cost of the retreat.

## 2024 Prices are as follows:

### 4 Days & 3 Nights

Double Occupancy	\$548
Single Occupancy	\$748

### 3 Days & 2 Nights

Double Occupancy	\$382
Single Occupancy	\$532

### Day Campers

\$20/day, \$22/meal

**We are now accepting [applications for the retreat](#).**

A \$100 deposit is required with your application. Final payment is due before or at the April 8, 2024 guild meeting or can be mailed to Michelle. Please mail your check (written out to Flying Geese Quilters Guild) and completed application to: Michelle Howe (please see the directory for address information).

**If you plan to attend this retreat, please email Michelle Howe (please see the directory for the information) to let her know as soon as possible so she can add you to the list and be on the lookout for your application in the mail.**

You can also contact Michelle if you have any questions (please see the directory for cell number or email information).

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# Flying Geese Quilters Retreat

By Michelle Howe

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## Flying Geese Quilters Guild Retreat Sign-Up

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## 2025 Flying Geese Opportunity Quilt

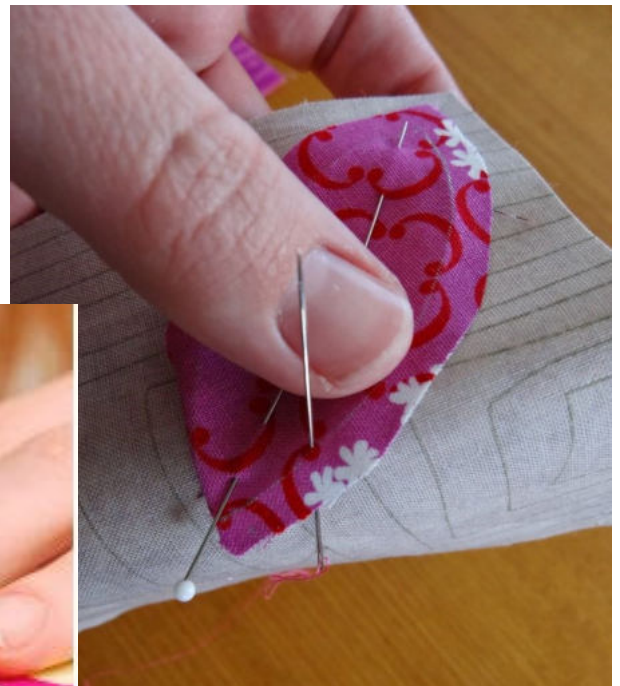
It's time to get our 2025 opportunity quilt under construction so we can start selling tickets in the early fall. This lovely quilt contains both applique and pieced blocks, and we need your help in getting these blocks made. I will have kits for both types of blocks at the March 11 guild meeting so come have a look at the samples and sign up to take one home.

The applique will only be by hand, either needle turn or prepared edge, but no machine or fusible please. There will be a small flower constructed by English paper piecing on some of the blocks, and I will have a sample flower to show. All fabric for the applique will be provided as well as the papers for the EPP flower.

The pieced blocks will be paper pieced by machine, and all fabric for the block as well as foundation papers and instructions will be provided. All blocks need to be returned to me no later than the May 13 guild meeting.

Call, text, or email me if you have questions or if we need to make other arrangements to get a kit to you. My contact information is in the guild book. Thanks!

Sue Glass, 2025 Quilt Show Chair



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# UFO Challenge Updates

*By Kathleen Quinn*

We now have 26 members participating in the UFO challenge! What is a UFO? UFO stands for **U**nfinish **O**bjects. This means that you have purchased the pattern and the fabrics to get started but never getting 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.

Here are the status reports for February for those UFO completed challenge projects that have been checked in and participated in the Show & Tell and/or shown in the Quilt Show:

**February** – We have received 7 quilts with a total of 27,482 square inches completed and 63 tickets earned. The winners were Mary Franco (Wool Mat and Silicone pad) and Bretta Gunther (Collection of neutral threads from Connecting Threads).



**Grand total to Date** – 40 quilts turned in with a total of 280,652 square inches completed and 397 tickets earned.

It is still not too late to sign up and get those UFOs out of your closets, drawers, boxes, or wherever you are hiding those UFOs and get these projects done so you can cross off your list of to dos! Better late than never, right? We have our last one, April 2024. We have prizes for all those who have turned in 1 to 5 quilts and then we will have a grand prize drawing for those who have turned in all 5 quilts! We also have a special gift for all the participants in the UFOs.

Have fun shopping at the Little Red Hen and get started for our next round of UFO Challenge starting the summer of 2025! See you all at the April Meeting.

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# Last Meeting's Highlights

## Zoom Update

*By Eileen Wintemute*



We had 15 participants join us via Zoom for our February guild meeting. There were no reported problems with the zoom equipment. As a reminder, please have your name displayed when you attend a meeting using zoom.

There will be no zoom for the March Guild meeting because we are having the Little Red Hen.

Monday morning zoomers continue to enjoy meeting each week.

We are in the rainy season and recently a friendship group used the guild's zoom account to get together instead of traveling in the rain. If your group would like to do that, please contact Trudy Cleveland.

## Monthly Creation

*By Diane Jardon*

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for the February Monthly Creation. There was a lot of excitement around this table runner along with four coordinating placemats.

**Carol Moore** won this beautiful set made by Char Raffetto. Thanks Char for donating such a lovely set!

Due to the Little Red Hen Quilters Rummage Sale during March, we look forward to our next Monthly Creation during April.



# March Birthdays

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



Kathleen Bahret  
Myrna Bianchi  
Ann Boughey  
Paulette Fletcher  
Juan Garcia  
Kristen Holden  
Betsy Holt  
Kathryn Keefer  
Lyn Mann

Glenda McNeil  
Carol Moore  
Raelynn Nelson  
Alicia Passarelli  
Becky Reeves  
Julia Renaud  
Barbara Robison  
Julie Sandquist  
Diane Searer  
Jeanne Stone



***Please welcome new members***

Marcie Engel  
Julie Layne  
Jennifer Rowe  
Karen Gibson

Also, welcome returning member Bev Remillard.



# Show and Tell



## **Gail Larderuccio**—"Dresden Star"

Gail was pleased to share her quilt, "Dresden Star", which was a UFO project started at an Edyta Sitar workshop in 2019. At the time, Gail didn't even know who Edyta was!

## **Tom Stevens**—"Bjorn Bear"

Tom's quilt, "Bjorn Bear", was a baby quilt made for a friend. They wanted to change to a jungle theme, but Tom said, "Too late, you're getting a bear!" Baby Cameron had just been born



## **Nancy Mueller**—"Well Loved Ladies Sampler"

Nancy's "Well-Loved Ladies Sampler" was a BOM from Stitchin' Heaven, started years ago. Every square is different, allowing her to play with feather quilting of all designs.

# Show and Tell



## Joan Curtis—"Lichen"

Joan comes from a "biology family." She asked them, "What is this?" Everyone had a different answer! "Lichen" is an experimental painting with acrylics in silk, habotai, gauzy, etc. It's from an online class from quilt artist Betty Bushy.

## Joan Curtis—"Ladders"

Joan's second quilt is "Ladders" from Kaffe Fassett's book *Quilts of Italy*. Joan loves to dye fabric. When she couldn't find one fabric, she simply dyed fabric to match!



## Michelle Howe—"Summer Fun"

Michelle made her "Summer Fun" quilt out of Kaffes using a Krista Moser pattern. She loves using panels for easy quilt backings. This one uses 4 panels from M&L.

## Show and Tell



**Eileen Wintemute**—"Sanderling Safari"

Eileen's quilt, "Sanderling Safari", will be in the PIQF Special Exhibits in July. She created the design from her photos and experiences at the beach.

**Dorothy Bullard**—"Temperature Quilt Study"

Dorothy saw Kathy Kiefer's temperature quilt at our QS and was inspired. She wanted to make a practice-run before starting a 1-year temperature quilt of her own. This is February 2023. She learned 2 things: no HSTs and no prints!



**Eileen Thiessen**—"Christmas Stocking for Baby Max"

Eileen and her husband took care of their baby grandson Max for nearly a year. She made a darling, sparkly, soft Minky "Christmas stocking" for him for next Christmas.

# Show and Tell

## Valerie Henry—"Geese and More"

"Geese and More" was one of Valerie's first quilts. It got left behind as she continued to learn more about quilting. It was a kit and not her colors, but she likes it anyway.



## Mary Branca—"Christmas Fig Sampler"

"Christmas Fig Sampler" was a UFO from one of Mary's favorite designers Joanna Figueroa. She had to finish it for tonight!

## Trudy Cleveland—"BOM with Fig Tree Fabrics"

Trudy started this "2022 Designer BOM by the Fat Quarter Shop" with her friendship group sewing by Zoom. Meeting once a month is the reason she kept up. She used Fig Tree fabrics.



## Erin Rindenau—"Starry Sky"

Erin finished her quilt, "Starry Sky", as part of our UFO Challenge. She took a class at R2CA in 2019.

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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**

March 4, 11, 18, & 25

April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

May 5, 13, 20, 27

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

March 8 & 22

April 12 & 26

May 10 & 24



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# Philanthropy

*By Mary Howland*

Hello to All,

Let's start with a review of what all of us have accomplished with our sewing and quilting philanthropic endeavors in 2023.

We donated to these organizations: CAST (Child Abuse Service Team), St. Joseph's Oncology, Military Showers, Vitas Community Connection, Irvine Senior Center, Ukraine, Mothers Without Borders, SUFK (Standing Up For Kids), Orange County Memorial Care, Naru, and Ninos sin Zapatos.

Our totals for the items donated are:

- 587 quilts
- 453 placemats
- 251 pillowcases
- 565 burp cloths
- 293 baby blankets
- 5 stuffed toys
- 3 books
- 2 dolls
- 57 crocheted/knitted caps/hats
- 17 baby bibs
- 1 afghan

All of this is thanks to the Flying Geese Quilters Guild's members who contributed in so many ways to brighten someone's day. Many, many thanks to you for your dedication and love in making our community a better place.

So now let's move forward in 2024. The next Sew Day will be Wednesday, March 20th from 10a - 2p at Orange Quilt Bee. We'll be making kits and sewing various items. Please stop by with finished things, or come select something to sew, or just come and spend some time with us. I'd say come and have a cup of tea, but you'd have to bring your own. We'd love to see you!

Mary Howland



# Philanthropy—Some of the Beautiful Items Donated This Month

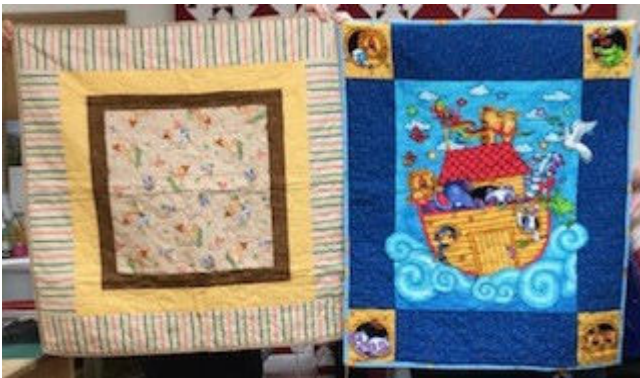


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# Quilty Happenings

## DESERT GUILDS QUILT SHOW

Friday & Saturday, March 1 & 2



10am - 4pm

**OVER 150  
QUILTS ON  
DISPLAY!**

- Miniature and Challenge Quilts
- Boutique and Merchant Mall
- Raffle Quilts and Baskets
- Quilts for Sale
- Demonstrations

\$10 admission - free parking

Please no strollers

**Palm Springs Pavilion**  
401 S. Pavilion Way  
Palm Springs, CA



[www.desertguildsquilts.com](http://www.desertguildsquilts.com)

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## Sew What Table



## Fabric & Notions Sale!

Saturday, March 16, 2024

9 to Noon

The Joslyn Center

73750 Catalina Way, Palm Desert

**Quilting cotton at \$3/yard • Bundled fat quarters and remnants • Scrap bags for \$1 • Notions well below retail  
New donations all the time • Come find YOUR treasures!**

Not a member of the Guild?

Join during the event and get \$25 off your  
Sew What Table purchase!



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**QUILT GUILD**

**For more information, visit our website at:**

**[www.cvquiltguild.org/sew-what-table](http://www.cvquiltguild.org/sew-what-table)**

*All proceeds support the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild's general operating costs and philanthropic activities.*

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*January 13 – March 2*



*January 13 – April 27*



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Visions Museum of Textile Art | 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 100 | San Diego, CA 92106

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# Our Next Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024

**Little Red Hen: 6:00 PM**  
**In Person only | No 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  
Carpool with a buddy  
Bring Show & Tell projects to share  
Sign up for a Workshop  
Volunteer

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