

November 11, 2024



**Our Next Meeting
will be on Monday,
November 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 Trudy Cleveland

When I began my presidency, I decided to have a unifying theme of "Get It Done." It was exciting to see this theme demonstrated in the results of our guild auction.



Collectively, our guild put on a hugely successful auction, showing off our unique quilt guild and our fabulous quilt making skills. Every guild member who volunteered to help, from a small job to the Auction Chair, should be very proud. A special thank you to Kathy Keefer as auction chair, all the members who donated quilts, and to each member who volunteered for an assignment for the Auction. We definitely know how to "Get It Done."

With two months left in this year we will continue to learn and grow as a group.

Our November speaker, Sujata Shah, will share her quilt journey with us, and then in December will be our holiday party. I am excited to see what the coming months have in store for the Flying Geese Quilt Guild.

Thank you again to all the volunteers who make our guild so special.

Trudy

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



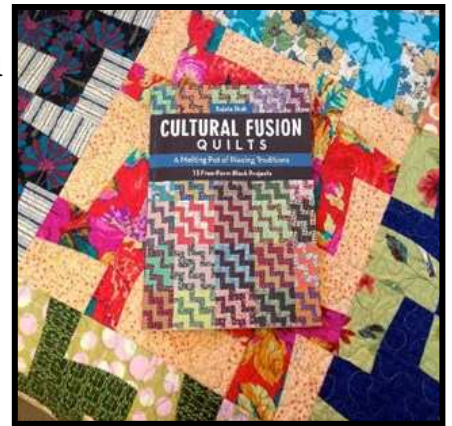
November 11, 2024 – Program

Sujata Shah

Graphic Designer and Textile Artist

The Root Connection - My Journey as a Quilter

While growing up in India, rich colors, hand woven textiles and handcrafts were part of Sujata's daily life. She learned to appreciate the irregularities and imperfections of handmade crafts. Her instinctive ability to work with colors and textures combined with education in graphic design has helped her develop a unique style as a quilt designer.



Inspired by utilitarian quilts and handmade crafts from around the world, she developed an abstract form of traditional quilt blocks and subsequently published the book, Cultural Fusion Quilts.



Presentation includes a slide show of her travels in India as well as her journey as a quilter. The slide show is followed by a trunk show of original quilts. She will share how she connects the dots between the memories of the past, and today's creative process.

Coming Attractions — Program Updates

Get Your Jingle On!



December 9, 2024 **Guild Holiday Party**

Dig out your prettiest (ugliest) holiday sweater,
dust off your reindeer antlers and put on your elf slippers!

It's time to ring in the holiday season!

Review 2024's classes and accomplishments and get excited for another year of
friendship and fun, as we support our craft, our guild, and our community in 2025.

Join us for an evening of crafts, laughter and holiday surprises.

Calling all elves who want to help put the ho-ho-ho
in the ho-ho-holiday party.

Contact **Cindy Hinds** (see the Guild Directory for contact information)



Coming Attractions — Program Updates Continued



January 13, 2025 – Program

Featured Quilter of the Guild

Showcasing
Bretta Gunther

Join us for an exciting evening as we present our Member Showcase of longtime guild member **Bretta Gunther**. Bretta will share her quilts and insights into her unique journey as a quilter.

Bretta is known for her precision and while some say they strive for progress over perfection, for Bretta perfection is the hallmark of her work. Be ready to immerse yourself in a collection of truly wonderful quilts. You will discover new skills and find inspiration directly from this accomplished member of our Flying Geese Quilters Guild.



Coming Attractions — Workshop Updates



On Sunday, November 10th, we welcome **Sujata Shaw** who will be teaching her “Improv Sunburst” quilt. Inspired by American Folk Art quilts, artist Sujata Shaw has put her own improvisational spin on the traditional Pinwheel quilt block to create her own unique block. Learn how to make this beautiful quilt without using any templates or applique.

This class is designed to focus on cutting multiple curves through layers of fabric and then sewing the pieces back together. Sujata will share many tips on making your one-of-a-kind blocks and offer suggestions for color combinations and layouts. You will be amazed at how easy, fun and fast it is to make this tricky-looking block!



The class will take place at Orange Quilt Bee on Sunday, November 10th, 2024, from 10AM - 4PM. The cost of the workshop is \$40 plus \$12 for the pattern for a total of \$52.

This workshop is full at this time. But please get on the wait list if you're interested in the class.



There are no workshops in December and January.

February 9, 2025—Cyndi McChesney

We will begin the new year with a great line-up starting on February 9, 2025 with Cyndi McChesney who will teach us how to enhance panels with her class entitled “Panel Palooza”. In this workshop, quilters will take that panel they fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. Cyndi will discuss how to square up your panel and add interesting block treatments and borders. She will cover the basics of graphing, adding coping strips and more, all guaranteed to make your panel project a success.



Sign-ups begin at the next guild meeting on November 11, 2024.

2025 Opportunity Quilt & Show

By Sue Glass

2025 QUILT SHOW

Setup and preview night on Oct 10, show open all day October 11

We are beginning our preparations for our 2025 quilt show and here's how you can help:

Michelle Howe is scheduling visits to other guilds and activities where we can show our quilt and sell tickets. Contact her if you would like to help. Visiting another guild is always a fun thing to do!

Mary Lu Booker has packets of opportunity quilt tickets for every guild member. She will have them at the guild meetings starting in February, but if you have a gathering where you might be able to sell some before then, contact Mary Lu to get your packet and some extras just in case you need them.

Darla Cox and Cindy Hines will soon begin work on items for our lovely boutique. If you want to help with this committee, contact Darla and/or Cindy to volunteer.



Of course we hope everyone is thinking of a quilt to enter for our main display plus auction quilts and your challenge quilt. Last year we were able to show every quilt that was entered, but it was a tight squeeze so for the 2025 show we will take only two entries from each member, and then once we get the room laid out if we need more, we will ask for them. We might have a special exhibit for 2025 plus we hope to bring back our featured quilter exhibit so we will have a wonderful and very full display for our guests to enjoy.

Quilt Show Meeting Info

Our first quilt show committee meeting will be Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Gina Whitlaw's home following the board's crossover meeting. More information will be provided as we get closer to the date. The remaining meetings for the show will all be held on zoom in the evening at 7 on the first Monday of every month. We have a few openings on the committee, and I will be working to get them filled. If you have questions or ideas about the show, please contact me any time. My information is in our membership book.

Sue Glass, 2025 Quilt Show Chair

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By Julia Renaud



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Last Meeting's Highlights

Monthly Creation

By Diane Jardon

Due to Vendor Night at the October meeting, we did not have a Monthly Creation drawing. However, we do have “sneak peek” at the November item. Eileen Thiessen had made this clothesline rope bowl ... it will look lovely with your fall décor!

I look forward to seeing you all in November!

Diane Jardon

Eileen's description—

For next month's Creative Corner I made a two-tone Parkway Bowl. This bowl measures 11” across the rim, 8” at the base, and is 3” tall. The colors of red, orange, and natural and would look right at home at a Thanksgiving table.

After making a coaster and bowl from clothesline rope (and finding that material lacking), I discovered Katherine Liles's book, [Zigzag Rope Sewing Projects](#). Her company, The Mountain Thread Company, has its solid braid rope specially made for these projects. In addition to her book and her company's website, you can find more inspiration on Katherine's Facebook group “Rope Crew.” A separate Facebook group is called “What's Under Your Needle Today.”



November Birthdays & New Members

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

Wendy Bacin
Deborah Borden
Reneé Dix
Pamela Emond
Caren Ferrera
Linda Martin



Frances McGuinn
Corine Reymond
Linda Roberts
Sonja Sellers
Patti Smith
Eileen Wintemute

November is your birthday month—yes, the whole month! Be blessed!



Please welcome our 3 new members

Florann Ramsey
Karynn Dittmar
Sue Campbell

October Meeting Attendance

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|--------------|-----------|
| Members | 73 |
| Guests | 1 |
| New Members | 1 |
| Total | 75 |

Show and Tell

Kathleen Bahlet - The Flamingo

Kathleen Bahlet's quilt, The Flamingo, was a UFO needing a binding. She started this quilt a LONG time ago. Kathleen carefully chose her fabrics to follow the Laura Heiny pattern.



Bretha Gunther - Poppy Garden

Bretha Gunther showed Poppy Garden, a Crabapple Hills Studio pattern. It was designed as a small quilt. "I loved the poppies and needed something to go over our king size bed, so I changed it." This is a wall hanging!

Dorothy Bullard - Batty Sisters

Dorothy Bullard named her quilt Batty Sisters. Dorothy and her sister were looking at patterns together. Dorothy's sister challenged her to make the quilt. Dorothy's first attempt at foundation paper piercing.



Show and Tell

Lori Maze - Hocus Pocus

Lori Maze finished the quilt top last Thanksgiving but didn't get a chance to quilt it until this year. Hocus Pocus was finished in September just in time to decorate for autumn.



Diane Jardon - Mother Goose

Diane Jardon's quilt, Mother Goose, started with a Halloween theme panel plus several borders. Jean Impey designed the quilt on EQ8 software and allowed Diane to copy her design.

Julie Layne - Spooky Season

Julie Layne participated in a free sew-along last year in which nine designers each created a block pattern. Spooky Season celebrates Halloween!



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

November 4, 11, 18, 25

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Fridays from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

November 8, 22

December 13, 27



It’s not too early to mark your calendar for our annual **New Year’s Eve Zoom Sew In and celebration.**



Tuesday, December 31st from 6p – Midnight

We play games, chat, and sew. We have lots of prizes for the winners of the games. If you have a prize you’d like to donate, bring it to any meeting. We’ll wrap it and use it on the 31st. For those of you who have participated in the past, put on your thinking cap and think up a new game.

Philanthropy

By Mary Howland

Hello,

So much has happened in the past month - it's hard to keep up with the news and yet time passes. By the time you're reading this many of us will have voted and we will soon learn who will be our next president. Although time marches on, there seems to be one constant - your commitment to making the community feel loved by sharing your sewing talents with our chosen organizations.

Let's start with **placemats**. You know we have a commitment to donate 300 placemats to three Senior Citizen Centers for their holiday events in December. With your making placemats using the kits made by Sharon and Barbara or creating ones from your stash, we are 2/3 of the way to the goal. Yes, that means you've made 200 and just 100 to go. I know we can do it! The size is 12" x 18". We've seen some lovely ones made with a few leftover blocks from someone's quilt and others made entirely with a beautiful piece of holiday fabric. Each one is unique and will be so appreciated by the recipients. Please bring your finished placemats to the November guild meeting. The deadline to drop off Christmas placemats is at Sew Day, November 20th.


Update
We still need 80
Christmas
placemats

Remember we announced a special Zoom meeting where the philanthropy group was available to answer questions! That Zoom meeting was held on October 7th and was well attended. Lots of questions were answered and suggestions were offered so it was a win-win all around! We may have another Zoom meeting like this one in 2025.

One of the suggestions was to consider having a Sew Day or Time other than a week-day. So we're talking about a Sew Night or perhaps a Sew Saturday. Please let us know if you would be interested in this activity and let us know if you have a facility in mind.

We're always looking for more members to join the planning team. If interested, please contact Jeanne Stone.

Our last Sew Day for this year will be held at Orange Quilt Bee on Wednesday, November 20th from 10 am - 2 pm. There's no official Sew Day in December but please take some kits to work on if you think you'll have time to sew --- help us kick off the new year with several finished items. No worries if you take kits and don't complete them until 2025.

 Once again - a big thank you for all you do to spread love to others by using your skills and talents. Thank you seems inadequate but please know your efforts are much appreciated.

Mary Howland

Philanthropy—Some of the Beautiful Items Donated This Month



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Quilty Happenings

Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild Opportunity Quilt

November 13, 2024, 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

<https://sites.google.com/view/quiltersofidyllwild/opportunity-quilt>

El Camino Quilters Opportunity Quilt

December 10, 2024, From 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

<https://www.elcaminoquilters.com/page-18050>



Opportunity Quilt 2024

“Emilee’s Bubble”

Original Design by Rene Jennings

Pieced, quilted and binding by

Rene Jennings

Measurements – 60" x 68"

Drawing Date: December 17, 2024

<https://www.centralcoastquilters.org/opportunity-quilt-2024>

Our Next Meeting

Monday, November 11, 2024

Doors open: 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.

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