

Coast Lines

Coastal Quilters Guild of Santa Barbara & Goleta, California

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Next Guild Meeting

November 11, 2021

Zak Foster

Memory Quilts: How To
Get Started

at 6 pm on Zoom

please note time change

Day Guild

November 11, 2021

Noon - 3 pm

at St. Andrew's Church

Board Meeting

November 18, 2021

at 7 pm on Zoom

Next Month's Meeting

December 9, 2021

Holiday Front Porch Quilt
Show & Tell

at 7 pm on Zoom

Questions? Or need to
change your address,
phone, and/or email, please
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Newsletter articles for
December edition due
November 21.

(Send to:

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November Program: Zak Foster Memory Quilts

November 11, 2021 Guild Meeting at 6 pm via Zoom

Note: Our November speaker will be zooming in from Brooklyn, New York. Because of the time difference, our meeting will begin at 6:00 PM (PST) with Zac's presentation first. The business meeting will follow.

After 18 years of teaching in public schools, Zak is now officially a 100% full time artist and feels blessed to be able to do what he loves. Zak is a very popular improvisational quilter. Recently his work was worn as a cover up for a celebrity at the Met Gala. His quilting is very organic, creative and authentic. He chooses to work primarily with re-purposed fabrics such as old clothes, worn out fabrics, worn out



linens, leftover shirting, old jeans and even old umbrellas. His quilts are full of motion and colors that should not belong together but somehow he makes them work. His abstract sensibility and quilting talent combine to create stunning joyful work.

Zak will present a discussion about his "Memory Quilts" which are most often made from re-purposed fabric and then re-imagined in a way that captures something special about our loved one. Please join us as Zak tells us about his creative process and shares his artistic quilting journey.

President's Message

I'm writing this in front of a lovely log fire, waiting for the next much-anticipated storm of the season to roll in. Coming from the UK, and three decades of persistent rainfall, it took me many years to be excited at the prospect of a drenching! But my son has new rain boots and goodness knows the garden needs it!



I'm also writing on the verge of starting a new job - as a Curriculum Specialist (teacher assistant) at my son's school! The changing season and the evolving life situation are really exciting to me right now, and it's definitely making me more creative too!

Lately I have been challenging myself to use a 'habit tracker' and target the things I want to try and do each and every day. Some of it is boring and mundane: washing up, email maintenance, and cleaning the cat litter trays. Some of it is self-improvement: daily meditation, reading a book, or going for a walk. And some are pure creativity: sewing, quilting or coloring. Starting may seem daunting but once you begin a run, you just want to keep it going! It needs only be ten minutes a day (that's the minimum target I set myself), but it often ends up being more. The idea is to start a positive habit and just see what happens when you follow it through. Apparently, one month is about all it takes for a new habit to stick. So, I challenge you all to join me on this adventure and add a daily mini-dose of creativity!

I look at what the Sewjourners achieved in their 'Trees' exhibit at the Wildling Museum and it's just another example how, with support from friends, we can take on a new challenge and become an even better version of ourselves! 45 quilts from 9 ladies, many created in the last six to twelve months - how can you not be inspired to do more?

So, settle yourself down, maybe in front of the fire, with a good book or some hand-sewing, and just START! With love to you all for a creative month ahead.

- Bee Saunders, President

Coastal Quilters Guild Board

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In Memoriam

Guild member **Winifred Jean Faison** passed away Saturday, September 11. She was 84.

Guild member **Oleta Faye Bennett**, 83, passed away Monday, September 20.

November Workshop: Sew-In

November 13, 2021, 9 am – noon via Zoom

Join your fellow Guild members for a morning of sewing and socializing! This is a great opportunity to work on your “Mug Rug”, “Holiday Porch Quilt” or other holiday project. If you haven’t begun those projects, maybe you will be inspired by other participants. See you at the Sew-In!



Membership

Thanks to all the members who have picked up their directories! If you would like to pick up your directory from my porch or arrange to have it mailed, please email me at quiltnut@aol.com.

Please welcome our newest members: Priscilla Alquist, Jennifer Frangos, Jennifer Hendrickson, Lois Hodges, and Lyda Martin.



- Sue Orfila, Membership

Sunshine Request

Our Guild is more than a group of people who love quilting. It's a community which fosters friendships and provides mutual support among its members. Our interactions as a community have been limited during the pandemic, but mutual support is more important than ever during this stressful time. If you know of a member who is ill or is coping with a difficult life situation, please let me know. Contact me at cqginfo@gmail.com. I will send a card and note from the Guild.

- Cynthia Manzer, Corresponding Secretary

October Block of the Month

Polly Matsuoka was the winner of the 15 Fall Harvest blocks. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participated.

- Kika Hutchings, Block of the Month



November Birthdays

Annette Goena	November 6
Lois Hodges	November 11
Barbara MacCallum	November 12
Ruth Campbell	November 14
Barbara Sutcliffe	November 15
Carole Kennedy	November 17
Priscilla Jacobs	November 18
Lori Schiferl	November 24
Debbi Haeberle	November 25
Carolyn Rory	November 26
Clyda Seidel	November 27
Sherry Lafler	November 28
Margaret Siadal	November 29



Newsletter Editorial Changes

Hearing Bee Saunders' many pleas for newsletter editor assistance, I felt compelled to help out. Tami Knudson is a very busy working mother of four active children, and as those of us who attended the October Coffee Break know, a creative and prolific quilter. How she ever found time to also serve as the Coastal Quilters' Newsletter editor is beyond amazing. Many thanks for her wonderful efforts and mentorship as we transition into a new phase. However, Tami was part of a dynamic duo, the other member being Elisa Purnell, who is, thankfully, remaining as part of the team, so I'm very optimistic that the newsletter remains in excellent hands.

For my part, I'm fairly new to quilting and to the Santa Barbara area. After retiring in 2017, my husband and I spend the colder months here, December through May "ish", and the remainder of the time split between Michigan and Rhode Island. A Goleta neighbor and long-time Guild member, Paulette Ley, heard I liked to sew and invited me to a Guild meeting. I've been impressed, humbled, and in awe with the artistry and talent of this group ever since. So inspiring!

The pandemic brought us Zoom and, as "every dark cloud has a silver lining", the ability to attend meetings and workshops remotely, allowing me to keep up with many of the Guild activities. You may also have seen my name linked to the quilt show as its co-chairperson. In my professional life I had some experience with hosting major conferences and will be assisting Nancy Butterfield with the 2022 show.

So I'm hoping the members of the Coastal Quilters Guild will once again show their community spirit and assist me with the newsletter task at hand by providing me with articles of interest, letting me know of current events, or reaching out with feedback for newsletter ideas. I'd love to hear from you.

- Eileen Lewandowski



Sewjourners Satellite Group

The Sewjourners Satellite Group invites you to visit their exhibition *Trees* at the Wildling Museum of Art & Nature, 1511-B Mission Drive, Solvang. The Sewjourners includes Guild members Isabel Downs, Linda Estrada, Carol Fay, Ranell Hansen, Pamela Holst, Patti Hunter, Susan Bullington Katz, Mary Maxwell and Patty Six. The exhibit runs until January 16, 2022, and the Wildling is usually open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am-5pm.

The following link includes the artists' statement:

<https://wildlingmuseum.org/news/sewjourners-trees>



Holiday Opportunity Quilt

You have all received tickets for the opportunity quilt by now. Don't forget to fill out those stubs and return them with your check to:

Opportunity Quilt, PO Box
6341, Santa Barbara, CA,
93160

Wouldn't you love to win this quilt to keep, enter into the Front Porch Holiday Quilt Show, or to give to a loved one as a gift that they will cherish year after year?



Community Projects

Hey Quilters! The Community Projects team salutes you! You have made so many great things for our various charities. But we still need more.

- Keep those cradle quilts coming. We have kits with everything you need that will be available at the in-person meeting at St Andrews on Guild Thursday at noon. If you have completed cradle sets to turn in, you don't have to wait till until then. You can drop them off with any of the committee members. We're in the Guild directory.
- Veterans quilts are also needed. We have kits available for you to pick up, or use your own fabric for these patriotic quilts. They are fun to make and go to a good cause.
- We will be delivering 160 placemats that you all have made to Meals on Wheels, but have another organization that would like to receive placemats for Christmas. Placemats are a great way to practice your free motion quilting, or even just walking foot quilting without making a huge investment of time. Get out those orphan blocks (blocks you made and intended to use, but something else came along...) and make them into placemats. It's very satisfying to get something off your UFO list.
- We will have fabric for sale again at the in-person meeting. Last month we sold 90 pounds of fabric... WOW! Speaking of FABRIC, get a couple of friends together and make an appointment to come "locker shopping". We have fabric for \$1.00 per pound for pre-cuts, and \$5.00 a yard for flat folds. New fabric comes in periodically, so don't miss these great bargains. Contact Mary, Linda, Ranell or Pam to make an appointment for your group of two to three friends.

Thanks for your generosity with your time and talent and for your amazing creativity.

- Mary Maxwell, Linda Estrada, Pamela Holst & Ranell Hansen, Community Projects

Library News

Our library will be open for browsing, check-out and returns on November 11 between 1:00 and 2:30. We will also feature a book sale with recent donations priced to move at \$1 each or 3 for \$2. Many of these sale books are duplicates to ones already in our possession. Stop by and have a look.

- Mary Faria, Library

**IF at First you don't Succeed,
JUST cover it WITH AN EMBELLISHMENT
and Keep ON going!**

Quilt Show Update

Planning is proceeding for our 2022 Harvest of Colors Quilt Show. We have confirmation from Earl Warren Showgrounds that the weekend of October 1-2, 2022, is available and we have it reserved. The featured exhibition will still be "Kids Can Quilt", so keep training and encouraging the young quilters in your circle! Many of our recent Challenge Quilts will be displayed along with the Member's Showcase.

After such a long period of uncertainty, this event is sure to be spectacular. When we had to postpone the 2020 Show, preparations were well underway and every Quilt Committee Chair position was filled. Many of these members have confirmed that they will return. Some are not able to, so there are opportunities for others to join in.

Available positions at this time: Site Design, Publicity, Raffle, Tickets, and Volunteer Coordinator.

Please consider stepping forward to help with one of these important positions. Enlist a buddy to help you. Contact Nancy or Eileen to sign up.

*Many hands not only make light work,
they make wonderful things happen!*

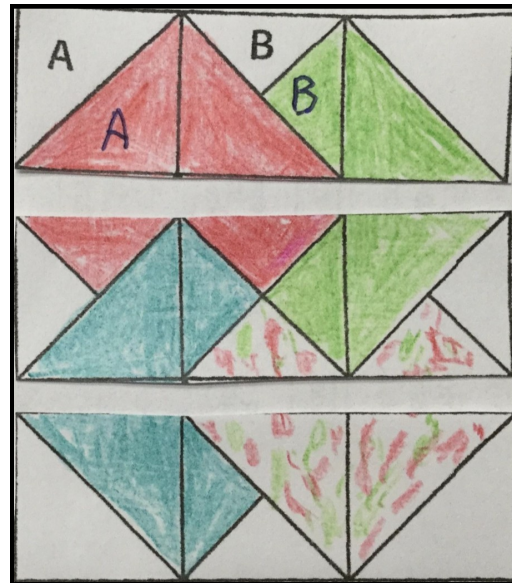
**-Nancy Butterfield & Eileen Lewandowski,
Quilt Show Co-Chairs**

Block of the Month for December 2021

Christmas Cards

12" x 12" Block (12.5" x 12.5" unfinished)

Make this block out of four Christmas prints and a white background.



Cutting

- A: out of each color and 2 white cut 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares. Cut the squares diagonally once. Making a large triangle A.
- B: cut a 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " square of each color and a white square. Cut each of these squares diagonally twice. You will get four triangles out of each square. You will need two of these little triangles for each color, but you will need four of these in the white.

Assembly

- Sew these together in rows, like the picture.

Mail these to Kika by December 6. Thank you.

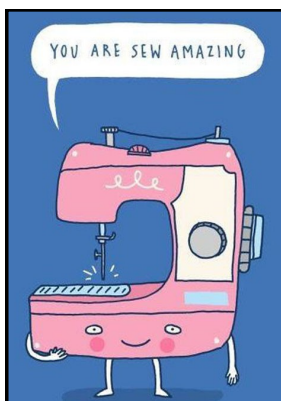
Please mail to Kika Hutchings 4861 3rd Street, Carpinteria, CA 93013

Axxess Membership

Starting November 1, the Guild will sell 2022 Axxess Memberships as part of our fundraising activities. Axxess has modified their procedures: sign-ups will be handled by a fellow Guild member, either by mail, email or in-person, and you no longer need to visit the Axxess website. Payment is in advance and new books are available in December and effective January 1, 2022.

- Memberships are \$40 and we earn \$13/per sale.
- Checks made payable to Coastal Quilters Guild can be brought to November's daytime meeting OR mailed to the Guild's PO Box.
- Want to pay by credit card? Send an email to axxess@coastalquilters.org and we'll contact you.
- There are nearly 100 new merchants across Santa Barbara & Ventura counties. All merchants listed are honoring their discounts! Challenges related to pandemic shutdowns have been resolved.
- Beginning in January, **membership will be by electronic app only – no cards will be provided.**

You might think you won't get your money's worth since many merchants are restaurants but don't forget you can use your card for take-out AND there are opportunities for home maintenance, shopping, automotive repairs, fitness, pet supplies and many, many more. If you currently buy Axxess to support local schools or other non-profits, we understand if you continue that support.



- Sue Kadner & Rochelle Schneider

SCCQG Report

On October 9, our SCCQG meeting topic was, "After a year plus of Zoom, where do we go from here? Part 1".

A summary of actions and activities were presented by individual guilds on how they've kept their members



active and engaged during the pandemic. Most have accomplished this using Zoom, but some want to progress using both in-person and Zoom meetings. During the pandemic, thirty guilds of SCCQG reported using virtual speakers and/or Zoom meetings; twenty-five guilds performed drop-offs of projects; and twenty guilds have done hybrid meetings.

Guilds have also done a 'Sew Day', 'Drive by Quilt Show', 'Mystery Quilts', or 'Storage Locker Sale'. One guild chose a theme for a 4 day 'virtual retreat' that included prizes, bingo and a quilt shop tour with discounts! Guilds have even seen their membership increase. Our guild has certainly exemplified fun and engaging activities for our members, especially our "Coffee Breaks"! Fantastic work!

Also, I encourage our members to visit the SCCQG website (www.sccqg.org), so you can view the Opportunity Quilts by SCCQG member guilds. You can purchase raffle tickets from the individual guilds, following the instructions on SCCQG's home page. All are fabulous!

- Rosana Swing, Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds Representative

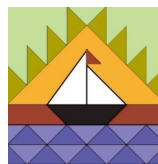
Call For Quilts

Superbuzzy, in Ventura, is collecting new or gently used quilts for Afghan refugees. Kelly writes: "We are still collecting quilts for Afghan refugees, and we have turned our focus to those arriving in southern California. We are currently sending donated quilts to Miry's List in Los Angeles. If you have a new or gently used (and clean!) quilt you'd like to donate, you can drop it off at superbuzzy, and we will take care of the shipping. All sizes are welcome (except decorative wall hangings). We will send all quilts received but please consider the appropriateness of holiday and/or patriotic and Americana themes for this particular quilt drive. Thank you!"



Coastal Quilters Guild, Inc.

Coastal Quilters Guild of Santa Barbara and Goleta is a non-profit, educational and charitable organization. The purpose of the Guild is to educate its members about the history and preservation of the art form of quilting and its related topics; to learn new techniques and improve skills; and to inform the community at large about our quilt making heritage.



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