

Coast Lines

Coastal Quilters Guild of Santa Barbara & Goleta, California

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Guild Meeting

April 11, 7 pm

In-Person: Maria Dzreeva,
“A Fresh Look at Fabric Postcards”
Live Oak UU Congregation
820 N Fairview Ave., Goleta
Hybrid Meeting

Workshop

April 13, 9 am - 3 pm

In-person: Maria Dzreeva,
Fabric Postcard-“Lighthouse”
St. Andrew’s Church
4575 Auhay St., Santa Barbara

Board Meeting

April 18, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

Fabric Sale

April 20, 9 am - 2 pm

St. Andrew’s Church

Coffee Break

April 26, 1-3 pm, via Zoom

Tina Curran,

Jen Kingwell’s Variations

Next Month’s Meeting

May 9, 7 pm

Teresa Duryea Wong

Virtual Presentation

“Sewing & Survival - Native
American Quilts 1880-2022”

May Workshop

May 11, 9 am - 3 pm

Sew Day

St. Andrew’s Church

News articles due

midnight Friday, April 19

send to: newsletter@coastalquilters.org

with images sent as
separate jpeg or png files

Questions? Or to change your
address, phone, email, etc., please
email: info@coastalquilters.org

April Meeting: Maria Dzreeva- “A Fresh Look At Fabric Postcards”

April 11, 7 pm, in-person and via Zoom,

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 820 N Fairview Dr., Goleta

One of our own will be our featured speaker, the talented Maria Dzreeva! We are truly fortunate to have her living and quilting right here among us and for her willingness to present to us. Maria will be giving us a fresh look at fabric postcards, with design possibilities as well as tips and tricks for sewing them up.



We have all seen Maria’s design skills and excellent workmanship in our challenges and most recent show. We can aspire to learn some of her techniques and apply them to postcards for our postcard fundraising project. Come and enjoy Maria’s talk and if you would like to see more of her work in the meantime, check out her website [here](#).

- Polly Matsuoka

Workshop: Maria Dzreeva- “Fabric Postcards: Lighthouse”

Saturday, April 13, 9 am - 3 pm, in-person, St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church,

4575 Auhay St., Santa Barbara. Cost \$50/person.

Guild member and published artist, Maria Dzreeva, recognized nationally as a quilt artist and pattern designer, will share her special style as she walks us through her sweet Lighthouse fabric postcard. This Saturday workshop offers an optional \$25 kit, available for purchase from Maria’s Etsy site, and includes all materials needed to complete the project. A link provided on the [Guild website](#) offers free shipping when you use the provided code. This is proving to be a popular workshop, so register soon!



- Bonnie Barber

President's Message

As I write this message, I have not sewn a single stitch on the Challenge project which is due May 9. Yikes. If you are like me, perhaps you are trying to recreate a memorable meal based on the fabric in your stash. So far, I have auditioned three or four ideas, only to realize that those designs would be too tough for me to execute well. I will be the first to admit that the techniques needed here are not in my wheelhouse, but sometimes procrastinating yields new insight. I was heartened to hear Patti say at a recent meeting that the quilt can have some three-dimensional aspects. And just yesterday I tuned in to the Coffee Break where Polly shared tips and the best supplies to work with fused and machine stitched appliqué. I have landed on a concept that I think will work and I will rely heavily on the story behind the design. I guess this is why the project is called "A Challenge." I hope you will accept this quilting challenge too.



On another note, I was one of the twenty or so Guild members who met to cut, sort and price fabrics for our upcoming sale. There is so much great fabric, ready to be sold at bargain prices on April 20 at St. Andrew's Church. Thank you, Linda Bird, for sharing your garage, laundry and sewing rooms (and supplies), as we spread out to do our work. And thank you, Ranell, for imagining ways to make this sale run smoothly and even more effectively than the last one. Interestingly, Elisa Purnell told me that the complete Newsletter team was present and finally able to meet one another in person, even though they have been working together for the last three years!

I was recently given a pair of socks that say, "if it's fabric, it's not hoarding." I look forward to seeing you at the sale, as a worker, a shopper or both. We will be expanding our "collections" which, since fabric is involved, is not hoarding.



- Barb LaPlante, CQG President

Coastal Quilters Guild Board

Guild President: Barbara LaPlante
Recording Secretary: Jennifer Hendrickson
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Membership Coordinator: Carole Kennedy
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Program Director: Nancy Butterfield
Public Relations Coordinator: Christine Knight
Speaker Liaison: Polly Matsuoka
Workshop Coordinator: Bonnie Barber

Block of the Month: Kika Hutchings
Challenge: Patti Hunter, Ranell Hansen, Carol Fay
Community Projects: Nancy LaRoche-Blau, Susan White, Michelle Garbarino & Kathy Piasecki
Door Prizes: Linda Estrada & Marilyn Martin
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Quilt Show 2024: Nancy Butterfield & Ranell Hansen
Refreshments: Mary Wenzel & Margaret Dear
Satellite Group Coordinator: Sue Orfila
SCCQG Representative: Rosana Swing
Webmaster: Bonnie Barber
Welcome Committee: Pam Holst & Shirley Morrison

Dues Increase by \$5

In March, the Board of Directors voted to increase our Guild Membership dues to \$50.00 for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024 and running through June 30, 2025.

- Barb LaPlante

Refreshments

Refreshments for this month's meeting would be appreciated from members with **April** birthdays. Thank you!



**- Mary Wenzel
& Margaret Dear**

May Program

“**Survival- Native American Quilts 1880-2022**” by Teresa Duryea Wong, May 9, 7 pm, virtual program via Zoom, Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Teresa’s presentation will cover a tumultuous period in Native American culture that meant the Indigenous people spent the 1880s learning to adapt, which impacted their quilting leading to transformation. We will learn the significance of the eight-pointed star quilt and why quilts are the cornerstone of Indigenous give-away traditions.

Teresa will also introduce us to some of today’s makers and their stunning art quilts and powerful story quilts. It promises to be a fascinating evening. To see more of Teresa’s work, visit her website ([here](#)) or find her on Instagram as Third_Floor_Quilts.



Polly Matsuoka

May Workshop - Free Sew Day

Saturday, May 11, 9 am - 3 pm, in-person at St. Andrew’s Church, cost: free. We will gather with Guild friends for a chance to visit and to work on any project that you wish. This day is “FREE” to members, with the caveat that we will be setting up the necessary tables, chairs and equipment ourselves. No snacks will be provided other than what you bring for your lunch or to share. Arrive and leave on your schedule.

While there is no charge to join the sew day, space will be limited to 16 sewing stations and you must reserve a spot by contacting Workshop Coordinator Bonnie Barber at workshops@coastalquilters.org.

- Barb LaPlante

Election News

Important: Please note that there is still one vacant position that is required for an organization to exist by the State of California: the Treasurer position.

It is not too late for someone to step forward and volunteer to fill this position. You do not have to do it alone – you can have an assistant help you for the year. We know you all want the Guild to continue – we need your help.

Preliminary Slate of Officers for 2024-2025

In accordance with the Guild’s Bylaws, we are announcing the Preliminary Slate of Officers who will be elected in May to run the Guild’s Board for the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025:

President: Barbara LaPlante

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Hendrickson

Treasurer: Vacant

Corresponding Secretary: Isabel Downs

Membership Coordinator: Carole Kennedy

Parliamentarian: Kristen Watts

Program Director: Susan Katz

Public Relations Coordinator: Christine Knight

Speaker Liaison: Polly Matsuoka

Workshop Coordinator: Margaret Dear

A final slate will be published in an eblast and mailed to those members without email. The election will either be by ballot or by acclamation per Section 7.4.c of the Guild Bylaws. Instructions for how the voting will be run will be announced in April.

Additionally, we are also soliciting for the following committee positions:

Satellite Group Coordinator Challenge

Please reach out to us at elections@coastalquilters.org or directly.

*- Kristen Watts, Sue Kadner,
Sandra O’Meara & Marcia Greiten,
Election Committee*

Entry Instructions - Guild Challenge “Memorable Meals”

It's almost Challenge time! If you plan to enter the 2024 Challenge please complete the Entry Form, now located on the Guild website. Entries are due at the beginning of the Guild meeting on May 9. Viewing and voting will occur at June's live meeting. The requirements for the Challenge can be found on the Guild's website.



To enter:

- Complete the Challenge Entry Form, available on the Guild website ([here](#)) or by contacting Patti Hunter at prwhunter@cox.net.
- Attach a 2-4" hanging sleeve to the back of your entry, unless it is a 3D piece.
- Attach a covered label to the back or bottom of your entry.
- Submit your entry in a pillowcase securely labeled with your name, phone number and email, along with the completed entry form. If your entry will not fit in a pillowcase or needs special handling, be sure it is completely covered and securely labeled before submitting it.

If you absolutely, positively can't get your entry to the Guild meeting on May 9, please arrange with Patti Hunter, Ranell Hansen or Carol Fay for its delivery. Since all entries must be viewed at the June meeting and none will be judged by photograph, if you do not intend to come to the May meeting you can ship your entry to Carol Fay, 1417 Camino Rio Verde, Santa Barbara, CA 93111.

Got questions? Contact Patti Hunter at prwhunter@cox.net or 805-452-6850.

- Patti Hunter, Ranell Hansen & Carol Fay

Community Projects

At the March meeting, six beautiful veteran quilts were displayed and then delivered to Lucia Herrera from the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA). During her presentation, she shared with us a sample photograph and the pins given during the pinning ceremony that accompanies each quilt donated to a veteran. She indicated that each recipient and family members were very appreciative of these wonderful quilts and they often became treasured mementos. After her very grateful speech, she informed us that there were Bundtlets for us on the patio as a thank you.

Recently four fidget quilts were delivered to Vista Del Monte and ten fidget quilts to Maravilla. As a result, our stash of both fidget quilts and Veteran quilts is now depleted. We have fabric for both kinds of quilts plus "knick knacks" for the fidget quilts and will bring these supplies to the next meeting.

Unity Shoppe has told us they will need 108 cradle quilt kits for the Christmas holiday giveaway. As of now, we have approximately 65 quilt kits finished, with a big thanks to Marian Jones who took 20 kits. We will bring more unfinished kits to the next meeting, so please take one or two and help us meet Unity Shoppe's goal.

Also stored at the Guild's locker are a variety of quilt tops that need finishing. Susan White has volunteered to meet with those who would like to finish a quilt top. There will be backing and batting available. Please let Susan know if you are interested and she can meet with you.

So in summary, sewists are needed for fidget quilts, Veteran quilts, cradle quilts and finishing a variety of quilt tops. Supplies are available for completing all these projects. Please stop by our table or contact Susan White if interested. Many thanks for your support.

**- Michelle Garbarino, Susan White,
Nancy LaRoche-Blau & Kathy Piasecki**

Block of the Month

Winner of the March Blocks of the Month is Karen Barksdale. Congratulations!



Quilting Tips, Tools and Hacks

Do you have a favorite sewing tip or trick to share? Please send it along to newsletter@coastalquilters.org.

This new notion is the Bee's Knees! Yup, it's hitting me at long last - arthritis in the hands. Picking up a pair of small scissors and cutting several threads can really cause pain at times. Do you know what I mean? I discovered the [Bladesaver Thread Cutter](#) tool. It does not come with a razor blade, as some other products do, but you use one of your used rotary cutter blades in the thread cutter. Goodness knows we have those! Recycling is good!

I recently was working on a project, doing long lines of chain piecing. I was able to cut the threads between the pieces in a jiffy and had no pain in my hands. The Bladesaver comes in a variety of colors and is available through many sources, but the link above will take you to the Amazon listing. I just love this little gadget and yes, I think it's the Bee's Knees or maybe even the Cat's Pajamas!

- Marty Frolli



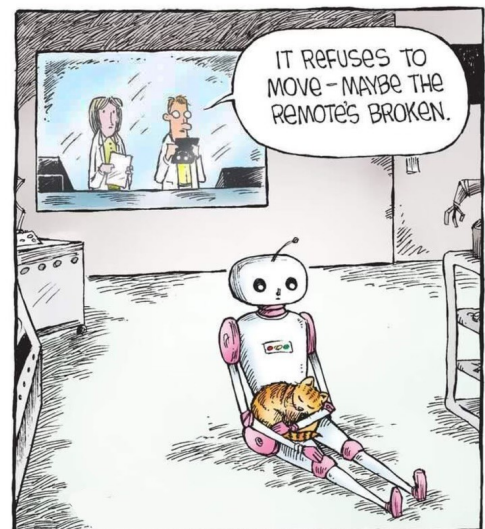
Coffee Break Updates

At our CQG Coffee Break on March 22, members were treated to a terrific show of raw edge appliquéed quilts made by Polly Matsuoka, followed by Polly's raw edge "how-to." If you missed it or would like to see it again, a video is available on our website under the "Gallery" tab.

Our April 26 Coffee Break features the Road2CA special exhibit of variations on Jen Kingwell's "Green Tea and Sweet Beans" quilt pattern. Members of both the Wandering Foot Quilt Guild and the Glendale Quilt Guild decided to use Jen's pattern as their starting point and create quilts with their own themes. Their results were fascinating - each quilt kind of similar, but a wholly different creation. Tina Curran of the Glendale Guild was one of the quilters who participated in the project and she has generously offered to Zoom in for our Coffee Break, sharing her photos along with information on how the members set up their project for success.

Coffee Breaks are open to all members and meet the fourth Friday of each month, 1-3 pm, on Zoom. You can find the link in the eBlast the Tuesday before the Coffee Break. Hope you can join us!

- Susan Bullington Katz



Fabulous Fabric Sale Update

April 20, 9 am - 2 pm, St. Andrew's Church Patio

A big thank you to everyone who showed up March 23 for the Fabric Sorting Event at Linda Bird's. Thank you also to Linda for storing the mountains of fabric in her garage!! We got more than half-way through sorting and pricing (unbelievable bargains!) and have set up another sorting day on Saturday, April 6, at 10 am. Please email me if you are able to come help.



Please note, Barbara announced at the last meeting that you could bring fabric to the April Guild meeting. Since our last sorting day is prior to that, the last possible day for donations will be Saturday April 6. THE TIME TO DE-STASH IS NOW! Call or text me for info on where to take your donations.

We did not get a volunteer to head up the bake sale portion of our sale, so we will not have that component this year. Thanks to all who volunteered to bake. Maybe next year we will get another Fantastic Duo like Ruth Egli and Linda Boynton de Sepulveda to step forward.

I plan to have a short Zoom meeting the week before the sale to acquaint everyone with sale procedures. If you volunteered, I will send you an email with the Zoom link, along with the time and date. I will also be assigning times to work the sale. If you have a preference on time or if you would still like to volunteer, please email me.

I think that is all. What a great bunch of quilters we all are. I loved working with each and every one of you. See you soon.



- **Ranell Hanson**

Thank You, Fabric Sorters!

Big thanks to all the helpers (if we missed you, please let Ranell know...)

Linda Bird
Karen Bunker
Nancy Butterfield
Isabel Downs
Carol Fay
Michelle Garbarino
Marcia Greiten
Ranell Hansen
Jennifer & Emily Hendrickson
Pam Holst
Sue Kadner
Susan Katz
Edalee Keehn
Darilyn Kisch
Barbara LePlante
Eileen Lewandowski
Reyna Lorele
Pat Masterson
Polly Matsuoka
Barbara McCallum
Kathy Piasecki
Elisa Purnell
Mary Ringer
Mary Wenzel
Susan White

Door Prize Winners

Congratulations to our door prize winners: Colleen Lynch, Carole Kennedy and Sandra O'Meara. Our winner for wearing her name tag was Traci Cope. Thank you to everyone who purchased door prize tickets. These are beautiful baskets we put together and we appreciate your participation. We took in \$120 which is our highest month so far. Thank you, thank you!



- **Marilyn Martin
& Linda Estrada**

Block of the Month - May 2024 May Flowers

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

Cutting & Assembly

- Cut 4– 4 ½" squares of flower petals.
- Cut 1– 4 ½" square for the flower center.
- Cut 2– 5" squares of green.
- Cut 2– 5" squares of a second flower petals.
- Make 4 half square triangles using the 5" squares.
- Sew these together in rows.



Blocks can be sent to Kika Hutchings, 4861 Third St., Carpinteria CA 93013, no later than May 6, 2024.
In-person attendees, please bring your completed blocks to the meeting. Questions: Call Kika - 805 705 6789.

Harvest of Colors Quilt Show

October 5-6, Exhibit Hall, Earl Warren Showgrounds

The Quilt Show Committee met in January and February. In reviewing the timeline, we are on course to present a wonderful show. Along with showcasing our talented members quilts, we have a lot to celebrate with this show:

- Featured Exhibition: "Preserving Our Quilt Heritage"
- A wealth of Challenge quilts to display
- Special Exhibit: "Kids Can Quilt"
- Group exhibits from Sewjourners and Friends of Norah McMeeking
- CQG Boutique filled with Guild members' creations for sale
- Awesome Guild member made postcards for sale
- **VENDORS VENDORS VENDORS!**

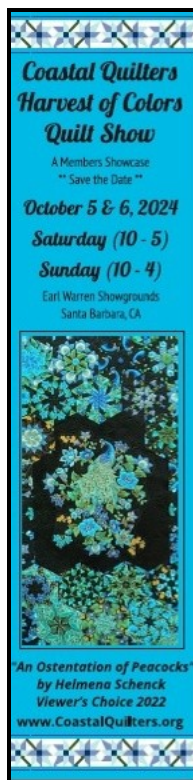
With the spirit of our amazing 2022 show a fond memory, this event is sure to be sensational. Each of our Quilt Show Chairs/Coordinators will be looking for your help to make this show a success. When asked to step in and help, please say yes. Many hands make light work, we are so strong when we work together, helping one another!

All Coordinator positions have been filled, but we are looking for one or two more members (or a Satellite Group?) to take charge of the Kids Can Quilt Coordinator position. This is an immensely important role needed to organize participation by the children of our community. Please consider volunteering.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Nancy or Ranell.

The next Quilt Show meeting will take place via Zoom on April 25 at 7 pm. The link will come via eBlast. All members are welcome to attend!

- **Nancy Butterfield & Ranell Hansen,**
Quilt Show Co-Chairs



April Birthdays

Sandy O'Meara	April 1
Judy Lucas	April 1
Laura Perry	April 5
Roxanne Barbieri	April 5
Margaret Kocimski	April 8
Betty Shumaker	April 17
Margaret Dear	April 18
Jean McCaffrey	April 19
Susan Sharkey	April 19
Karen Pickford	April 20
Linda Kriss	April 21
Sam McIlraith	April 23
Judith McCaffrey	April 23
Elaine Rottman	April 25
Paulette Ley	April 26
Diana Hamilton	April 27
Gwen Jeter	April 27
Darilyn Kisch	April 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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