



# Coast Lines

Coastal Quilters Guild of Santa Barbara & Goleta, California

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## **Guild Meeting**

December 14, \*\*3 pm\*\*

Holiday Tea Party

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church,  
4575 Auhay Dr., Santa Barbara  
In-Person

## **Coffee Break**

December 22, 1-3 pm  
Holiday Exchange &  
Festive Porch Display  
via Zoom

## **December Board Meeting**

TBD

## **Next Month's Meeting**

January 11, 2024

Via Zoom: Maria Rogers-Naito:

"Quilts, Indigo Dying and  
Weaving in Japan"

Live Oak Unitarian

Universalist Congregation  
820 N Fairview Ave., Goleta  
Hybrid Meeting

## **January Workshop**

January 6, 9 am - 3 pm

Carol Fay: "Bargello"

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
4575 Auhay St., Santa Barbara

News articles due December 17  
send to: [newsletter@coastalquilters.org](mailto:newsletter@coastalquilters.org)  
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## **Hoffman Challenge Winner!**

### **Congratulations Linda Boynton de Sepulveda**

You heard it here first... a scoop for our little newsletter and a huge honor for Guild member Linda Boynton de Sepulveda! Linda was awarded First Place Appliqué in the 100th Anniversary Hoffman Challenge for her submission, "Spirit Guide Take me Home." Her quilt was selected from a "multitude of outstanding entries" and will become a centerpiece of the 20-piece traveling trunk show displayed nationally and internationally at various guilds, shows, museums and shops, and virtually on the Hoffman site throughout 2024. The entire winning collection, including Linda's masterpiece, will be showcased in an exhibit at Road 2 CA. Now you have another reason to join our bus trip to Road on January 20 to view these in person!

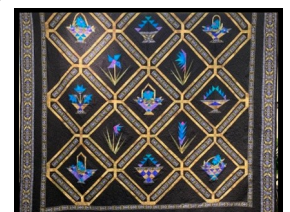


Hoffman California Fabrics was founded in 1924 by Rube P. Hoffman. Today, the fourth generation of family members carries on the tradition of textile making. To celebrate their 100 year anniversary, Hoffman California created a special challenge requiring entrants to use a minimum of 5 out of 15 batik fabrics from the Challenge collection.

Congratulations, Linda! What a tremendous honor. We couldn't be prouder of you or happier for you. I hope Guild members can join us at Road2CA to support Linda and see this wonderful artwork.

## **Opportunity Quilt - Midnight In The Garden**

This month is the last chance to get 2023/24 Opportunity Quilt tickets. The drawing will be held at the December Holiday Tea. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Because Opportunity Quilt sales are one of our fundraisers in non-quilt show years, we ask that Guild members purchase \$20 worth of tickets. If you are not coming to in-person meetings, send a note to Sue Kadner ([here](#)) and she will help you obtain tickets.



*Midnight In the Garden,  
88 x 96"*

## President's Message

How do I describe my satellite group (now groups) to my non-Guild friends? It is like a book group except that we sew together. We provide one another with advice about techniques and design, along with sources for patterns and supplies. Sometimes there is a brief organ recital about our health concerns and sugar is invariably provided.



Our Coffee Break group has taken this concept into the virtual realm by providing a platform where members separated by miles can maintain their quilting connections. The bottom line is that we are friends who support one another in producing ever better quilts, as our skills improve together.

At our December Tea Party meeting we will celebrate friendships formed in our Satellite Groups. Sue Orfila, our Satellite Group Coordinator, has surveyed the group representatives to form an up-to-date list of current Satellite Groups and their members. Thank you, Sue, this was not an easy task. Our program will be a presentation of what the Satellite Groups have been doing as they sew together, take field trips and classes together, and challenge one another with group projects.

There will be no Show and Tell at this meeting, other than to show projects undertaken in your Satellite Group. Those projects can be from the past, as many of the groups are now in their second or third decade of meeting together. The purpose is to give a creative spark which can travel throughout the Guild. And members who are not currently in a Satellite Group may find some new sewing friends who share their quilting esthetic. Must you be a current Guild member to be in a Satellite Group? Yes, for insurance reasons. May you be in more than one group? Yes. Could you form a new group with a particular quilting interest? And again, yes.



I look forward to seeing you at our Holiday Tea Party on December 14.

**- Barb LaPlante,  
CQG President**

## Coastal Quilters Guild Board

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## Block of the Month

The winner of the 11 blocks in the November BOM was Karen Barksdale. Congratulations!



## December Program: Holiday Tea Party

December 14, 3 pm, in-person only,  
St Andrew's Church, 4575 Auhay Dr., Santa Barbara

We are breaking out the tablecloths, ceramic tea cups, teapots and festive centerpieces for an afternoon Holiday Tea Party. Committee members are providing some savory selections for the buffet table and others have responded enthusiastically with offers of cookies and other sweet treats.



We will have various brewed teas, including non-caffeinated options.

The business meeting, commencing at 3 pm, will be as brief as possible. This will be a time to introduce our newest members and we have a gift for each of them. Door Prize and Opportunity Quilt tickets will be for sale and the drawing for the winner of the Opportunity Quilt will take place. After refreshments are served, we will enjoy a program where each satellite group will present information about when they meet and what they create or have created together in the past.

Unless you have already communicated with the Committee, there is nothing extra to bring to this party, so please come and enjoy this social time with Guild friends.

## Quilting Tips, Tools and Hacks

Do you have a favorite sewing tip or trick to share? Please send it along to [newsletter@coastalquilters.org](mailto:newsletter@coastalquilters.org).

Barb LaPlante shares a tip she learned from Mel Beach during a virtual workshop of using masking tape marked in inches to help scale out background fill patterns for free motion quilting.



## December Coffee Break: Front Porch Festive Quilt Show & Online Holiday Party

You Are Cordially Invited... to our Front Porch Festive Quilt & Craft Show and Online Holiday Party!! Not sure how it is that the holidays seem to roll around more quickly every year, but here we are! Part One of our Guild festivities is the in-person Tea Party on December 14 and Part Two is on Zoom December 22, from 1-3 pm.



Here's what to know about the online festivities:

- ALL GUILD MEMBERS are invited! The more, the merrier!
- December 10: Deadline for putting your Little Bag plus recipe in the mail to your recipient.
- December 15: Deadline for submitting photos (one full-view, the other a close-up) of your quilt or craft item(s). Send them to [zoom@coastalquilters.org](mailto:zoom@coastalquilters.org) with the subject Front Porch Show.
- Somewhere in here: Put together a festive holiday headpiece to wear to the event. You can make it, buy it, have your kids or grand-kids help you make it -- there will be PRIZES!
- December 22, 1-3 pm: Log in to the Coffee Break Zoom link! (The link is our recurring Coffee Break link. Look for it in the eBlast on Tuesday, December 19.) Wear your holiday headpiece and have your favorite daytime beverage in hand, if you like.
- If you're part of the Little Bag (and recipe) Exchange, have the envelope you've received with you. We'll open them together as part of the party.
- If all you want to do is log in and see what your Guild friends are up to, feel free!

Looking forward to seeing you all on Dec. 22!

- Susan Bullington Katz

## January Speaker: Maria Rogers-Naito, "Quilts, Indigo Dying and Weaving In Japan"

Thursday, January 11, 7 pm, presentation via Zoom

Maria will be joining us all the way from Japan. Originally from England, she traveled around the world after graduating from college before settling in Japan, where she's lived for over 25 years. Maria has always loved textiles and collected pieces from various places during her travels.



Maria met her husband in the early 90s and began raising their family in Japan. During that time she went often to the Tokyo International Quilt Show, as well as to smaller shows. She loves to visit local flea markets, buying kimonos, yukatas and indigo fabric scraps.

Maria's presentation will provide a glimpse into everyday life in Japan, with wonderful close-up photos of amazing Japanese quilts from various Tokyo Quilt Shows. This year she was fortunate to participate in a weekend indigo dyeing and shibori workshop with a master in Mashiko. She will show photos of the workshop and describe her visits to various cotton and silk weavers, as well as to the indigo museum in Tokushima where she learned the lengthy process needed to grow, harvest and produce indigo.

Maria will highlight the history of how Japanese textile art and culture developed over the last century and share the types of fabrics Japanese quilters often use. You will see these used in the Japanese quilts in detailed close up photos.



She will answer questions you may have if you are considering visiting this amazing country and the Tokyo International Quilt Festival.

Join us for our first meeting of the New Year and for a wonderful window into Japanese textiles!

## Bus Trip To Road

Come join us on a wonderful day trip to Road 2 California!



- Who: You! Friends are also welcome to join us.
- When: Saturday, January 20, 2024.
- Time: early morning (tbd).
- Where: Board the bus at the old Sears building in La Cumbre Plaza - you can park and leave your car there for the day. Additional stops will be added if members in Carpinteria and Ventura reserve seats.
- Cost: \$75.00 for Guild members and \$85.00 for guests. This includes transportation, snacks, admission to the show and a tip for the driver!

Payments by credit card can be made on the Coastal Quilters website [here](#). Payments by check can be mailed to Coastal Quilters, Bus Trip, P.O. Box 6341, Santa Barbara, CA, 93160. Sign up in person at the December Holiday party or email Jennifer Hendrickson (email is in directory) to reserve *your* seat!

- Jennifer Hendrickson



## Door Prize Winners

The November door prize winners are Patti Hunter, Emily Hendrickson and Ursula Almeida. Barbara Kuhn won the prize for wearing her name tag. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to our members for supporting door prizes and the Guild.

- Linda Estrada & Marilyn Martin

## Covid Crazy Quilt Project: A Heritage Quilt

Early in 2021, in the midst of the big scary Covid lockdown, I was presented with a request that came in via the Guild info account. Local Montecito resident Caroline Vassallo had decided that she'd like to have a quilt made from a set of 25 treasured crazy quilt blocks created over a period of years by her dear Grandmother Nellie. I visited her home (masked, of course) to see and photograph the layout of the blocks that Caroline and her husband had assembled on the bed in their guest bedroom.



*Photo of Nellie with  
the quilt.*

These photos helped guide the construction of the quilt. Each block was unique, remarkably well preserved and uniform in size. It was heartwarming to hear her stories about the fabrics and of her helping her grandmother assemble the blocks when she was a child. I learned that they consisted of scraps from the clothing the family had worn during the first half of the 1900's.

The remaining block not used in the quilt was made into quilted postcards for Caroline to share and send to family members.

Here is the story of the quilt in Catherine's own words, printed on the label on the back of the finished quilt:

### ***History of the "Pieces of Life" Quilt By Caroline Leland (Brigham) Vassallo***

Nellie Denton Besore Sears (1875-1961) is the artist behind the quilt. She was English on her mother's side, French Huguenot on her father's —and was registered as a "Daughter of the American Revolution".

Nellie grew up across the street from the University of Illinois in Champagne-Urbana. She graduated from there in 1899 as a Phi Beta Kappa and a member of the Pi Phi Sorority. In 1899 she married Wm. Everett Sears and, in 1900, gave birth to Margaret Denton

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Sears, her only child. In 1901 the couple was divorced and Nellie—as a divorced woman—had difficulty finding a job, but worked as a teacher, an artist, and a member of the women's rights movement.

After daughter Margaret also graduated from the U. of Illinois, receiving her certification as a landscape architect, Nellie followed Margaret to Pasadena, California and lived with her the rest of her life. During Nellie's years with Margaret they did a great amount of sewing on an old Singer machine, with Nellie keeping the remnants from many a dress, skirt, shirt, apron or tablecloth.

When Nellie died, there were 25 finished quilt pieces, all keepsakes and all composed of a great many smaller pieces. And so it is that these 25 larger pieces—now The Quilt kept by her granddaughter Caroline, are the pieces glowing forth in Caroline's "new" hanging quilt—a tribute to her 2nd mother, her beautiful Grandmother Nellie.

**- Nancy Butterfield**



## Workshops Coming in 2024

You like workshops and we have them!

**Bargello Table Runner with Carol Fay:** January 6, 9-3 pm, in-person at St. Andrews, \$50. Coming very soon, on a **SATURDAY**, with our own Carol Fay. The table runner, which finishes 19.5" x 49", uses 10 different fabrics and you will need to piece strip sets prior to class. For help with fabric selection, you can contact Carol prior to class. Also, if you wish to work on a different bargello pattern, she will be happy to accommodate you. For additional information, to register and for the supply list and pre-class prep, visit the Guild website [here](#).



**Pet Portraits Fabric Collage with Jane Haworth:** February 9, 9-3 pm, in-person, St. Andrews, \$50. Have fun creating a one-of-a-kind pet portrait from an enlarged photo. Learn Jane's addictive raw-edge fabric collage technique while creating a unique and personal collage. In this one-day class, using no fusible products or pattern pieces, we will trace, cut, layer, and glue fabrics in a fun, no mistakes, way. No sewing machines required. Registration details and a materials list are available on the Guild website [here](#).



While we are engrossed in table runners and fabric collage, the March workshop will re-introduce us to our youth and we will be creating paper dolls... in an adult way of course. Curious? It's on the website.

## December Birthdays

Nancy Miller	December 2
Debra Patetzick	December 4
Nancy Butterfield	December 5
Jennifer Hendrickson	December 5
Susan Carty	December 6
Edalee Keehn	December 10
Lupe Dwyer	December 10
Ulla Sigurdson	December 12
Elisa Purnell	December 15
Ranell Hansen	December 23
Carol Boyce	December 23
Barbara Ervin	December 26
Dundie Schulte	December 27
Jennifer Frangos	December 27
Kristen Watts	December 31

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## Christmas Poem

T'was the night before Christmas as I sat by the tree  
 Wondering what Santa would be bringing just for me....  
 Needles and thread  
 fabric or lace  
 or a new sewing machine  
 I thought with a grin on my face.  
 Suddenly I saw him....  
 "Hi, Santa" I said  
 He snickered ..."good little girls should be in their beds."  
 "Oh, Santa forgive me, I know I've been caught...  
 But I was just so excited to see what you've brought."  
 "Well let's take a look around the room where you work."  
 He shook his head quickly, then  
 turned with a jerk ..  
 I heard him exclaim as he  
 picked up his gear...  
 "You've got enough crap, I'll  
 see you next year."



- Submitted by  
 Michelle Garbarino

## Block of the Month for January 2024

### Road To A New Year

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

*This block has 3 colors: white, gold and something sparkly. I used blue with stars and gold dots.*



#### Cutting

- Cut 4 blue squares 3 1/2"
- Cut 8 white squares 3 1/2"
- Cut 2 gold squares 3 7/8"
- Cut 2 white squares 3 7/8"

#### Assembly

- Make the half square triangles first. Put the white 3 7/8" and the gold 3 7/8" squares right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the white side. Stitch 1/4" on each side of the diagonal line. Cut on the line.
- Sew the block together in rows.

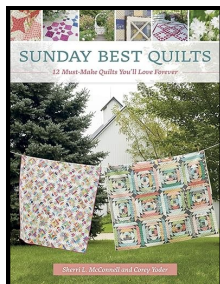
Blocks can be sent to Kika Hutchings, 4861 Third St., Carpinteria CA 93013, no later than January 8, 2024.  
In-person attendees, please bring your completed blocks to the meeting. Questions: Call Kika - 805 705 6789.

## Guild Library

Happy holidays and season's greetings from your Guild Librarian! I hope you are finding time to be with those you love, drink warm tea or cocoa, read books and stitch away!

Perhaps you are setting your sights for a new year and a new project. Perhaps these books will catch your interest. Remember to check our Guild library online. You can browse by: Subject, Author, or Title. You can even see which books have been added recently.

How about choosing one of the designs in *Sunday Best Quilts: 12 Must-Make Quilts that You'll Love Forever* by Sherri McConnell and Corey Yoger. Those two are very active on social media and are bursting with creative ideas you could try.



If you're like me, it takes me forever to finish anything. Maybe you would like to get started on a new quilt for Thanksgiving or Christmas/Kwanzaa/Hanukkah 2024. The Guild library has oodles of books filled with table runners, placemats, banners, quilts, gifts and decorations to get you in the holiday spirit AND/OR make a gift filled with love and care. Consider some of these seasonal quilts.



I hope some of these titles might wet your whistle.

Remember our Guild library is a treasure trove of ideas, inspiration, and information. Come and read something new! Warm wishes,



- Traci Cope, Guild Librarian

## Community Projects

The Community Projects Committee recently gave 212 placemats to Meals on Wheels, more than originally requested. They wanted some red, white and blue themed placemats for their veterans so Michelle made 12 placemats using fabric leftover from veteran quilts she had completed. We have approximately 2 dozen placemats stored in the locker as a start for Meals on Wheels' next request.

At the October meeting, 147 finished cradle kits were given to the Unity Shoppe representative. Beginning at the January 2024 Guild meeting, there will be cradle kits available for the asking, for our next donation to Unity Shoppe. Some kits will have just a mattress, pillow and batting, others will also include fabric.

The quilt locker is overflowing with donated fabric. We hope to get to it soon and organize the chaos. If you have a need for fabric, email one of us and we will try our best to set up a date and time to meet. Our email addresses can be found in the directory. We also have 30 - 40 kits ready for sewing, so please let us know if you're interested in picking these up!

We received a special request from hospice for veterans red, white, and blue quilts. The Guild is short of this kind of fabric, so if you have some and it is just sitting around unused, a donation would be greatly appreciated. Another recent request is for baby and crib quilts. The Committee will be looking to put together some baby fabric kits in the near future, but would really appreciate some of these in the meantime.

Many thanks to all our members who give so generously of their time and resources to others!

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

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