

Coast Lines

Coastal Quilters Guild of Santa Barbara & Goleta

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Guild Meeting and Picnic

July 10, 4-7 pm

In Person

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

Board Meeting

July 17, 7pm

Via Zoom

Deadline for Membership

July 18

Coffee Break

July 25, 1-3 pm

via Zoom

Next Month's Meeting

August 14, 7 pm

Nancy Butterfield

"Introduction to Sashiko"

Live Oak Unitarian

Universalist Congregation

820 N. Fairview Ave., Goleta

Next Month's Workshops

August 15, 10 am – 4 pm

Nancy Butterfield, In-Person

"Sashiko Stitching"

August 23, 10 am – 4 pm

Nancy Butterfield, In-Person

"Japanese Rice Bag"

Newsletter articles for the August edition are due **Sunday, July 20, 9 PM**. (Send to: newsletter@coastalquilters.org with images sent as separate jpg or png files)

Questions? Or to change your address, phone, and/or email, please notify the Guild at info@coastalquilters.org

Annual Guild Picnic at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

July 10th, 4 pm – 7 pm

4575 Auhay Drive, Santa Barbara

This year's theme is "Wearables" - Bring / wear something you've made or upcycled. It can be a bag, a hat, a garment... *anything* you might like to wear and share about it.



We'll start with some social time followed by a brief business meeting, then moving on to some fun activities and dinner. Be sure to bring your Guild Badge and your wallet! We'll have the Treasure Table, Door Prizes and Quilted Postcards for purchase. Additionally, there will also be opportunities for Workshop sign-ups and Membership renewals and donations.



We look forward to welcoming all new and returning members to this delightful social gathering. Please plan to attend if you possibly can. If you can't join us at 4 pm, please feel free to come as your schedule allows. We will be eating outside so, just in case, bring a sweater or jacket to be comfortable.

Transportation challenged? Ask a Guild pal for a ride or contact Nancy Butterfield to help find one. We want to see you!

The Guild will provide beverages and paper goods and we will also have access to the kitchen.

- Please bring a dish to share that will feed **8-10**.
- Please **label** your serving pieces/utensils.
- Please include a **list of ingredients** in consideration of those with food allergies or sensitivities.



Last names beginning with:

A - G: Bring Salad to feed 8-10

H - L: Bring Main Dish to feed 8-10

M - Z: Bring Dessert/Appetizer to feed 8-10

President's Message

This month, July 2025, is my 5-year mark for belonging to Coastal Quilters Guild. So, you could say I am celebrating some valuable gifts by stepping into the role of President. I am celebrating the friends I have made, the great programs and workshops I have attended, the inspiration I have gathered, the quilts I have made, shared and shown, along with the enthusiastic applause and affirmations I have received from you all when I have held up my work at Show and Tell time. Together, all of those gifts have given me a feeling of being at home here with all of you! And so, I want to keep this good thing we have here going strong so that we can pass the feeling of home and belonging to both long-time members and new members alike.



I am so grateful for the Board members who have been serving these past few years along with all the committee chairs and volunteers who keep our activities going strong. I especially want to thank outgoing President Barbara LaPlante for her capable and consistent leadership during the last two years. She has run both our Guild and Board meetings with patience and persistence, and by handing the reins over to me our organization is in a positive place, both financially and with an increase in membership. We have a great foundation to build on as we move forward!

I also want to extend a big thank you to the seven Board members who are either continuing in their current position from last year, or stepping into a new role after serving previously on the Board in earlier terms: Thank you to Nancy, Debra, Carole, Sandy, Eileen, Susan and Bee! Also, thanks to Ruth Eggli and Kitty Oliver for jumping in to take on a Board position for the first time as well as Suzy Odgers and Stephanie Linn who will be our

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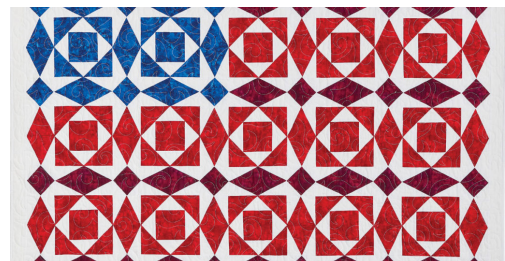
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new editor and graphic designer respectively! We have a great team and I look forward to serving alongside these willing women.

July is our Guild Picnic month, so as we gather at St. Andrews on July 10, let's all enjoy the friendships and connections we share. Wear your garment creations to show off your beautiful work and bring a delicious dish to share with everyone. Make it a goal to meet and talk with someone new around your table or around the room. I echo Nancy's encouragement to reach out if you need a ride so we can enjoy your presence at this daytime gathering. Or, if you know someone who hasn't been attending, call and invite them to come along with you. This is a great time to come together and strengthen our bonds.

In June, I went on a road trip to Seattle and British Columbia. That meant taking a break from my quilt projects in favor of spending time with my grandson, seeing new sights and experiencing beautiful hikes and beach walks. Now that I'm back home, I'm happy to be diving back into my FMQ practice and to start on the heron who is waiting patiently to be quilted. I am glad to be back, not just to my sewing machine and to my house, street and neighborhood, but also to this community of quilters that feels like home to me. As we embark on another year together, let's all appreciate and extend the gifts of welcome and home to one another, stitching together a warm quilt of shared experiences.

Polly Matsuoka, President



Coastal Quilters Guild Board

Guild President: Polly Matsuoka
Recording Secretary: Nancy Butterfield
Guild Treasurer: Debra Patetzick
Corresponding Secretary: Carole Kennedy
Membership Coordinator: Sandy O'Meara
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Program Director: Susan Bullington Katz
Public Relations Coordinator: Ruth Eggli
Speaker Liaison: Kitty Oliver
Workshop Coordinator: Bee Saunders

Committees and Activities

Block of the Month/Sew Along: vacant
Challenge: Kathy Draine, Edalee Keehn, Darilyn Kisch & Barbara MacCallum
Community Projects: Michelle Garbarino, Sue Gierhart, Barbara LaPlante, Nancy LaRoche-Blau
Door Prizes/Raffle: Linda Estrada & Marilyn Martin
Library: Traci Cope
Newsletter Distribution: Mary Ringer
Newsletter Editor: Suzy Odgers
Newsletter Layout: Stephanie Linn
Opportunity Quilt: Sue Kadner & Sue Orfila
Quilt Show 2026 Chair(s): Vacant
Refreshments: Various
Road to California Trip Coordinator: Isabel Downs
Satellite Group Coordinator: Isabel Downs
SCCQG Representative: Rosana Swing
Webmaster: Bonnie Barber
Welcome Committee: Vacant
Zoom Committee: Susan Bullington Katz



Greetings from your newsletter team. We are excited to bring you our first edition. Thanks to Eileen and Elisa for all of their work and dedication for the last several years. As we take the reins, we hope to provide you with the quality and content you've come to expect.

Suzy and Steph

August Meeting: Nancy Butterfield

August 14, 7 pm in-person and via Zoom

Our August speaker will be one of our own members! Nancy Butterfield will speak on the topic "Let's talk about Sashiko". As a lifelong fan of this beautiful form of fiber art, she will be covering the history and original purpose of Sashiko, as well as its many contemporary uses by a variety of stitching communities including present day Japan, America, and around the world. Please join us for this fascinating discussion and prepare to be inspired!

July Birthdays

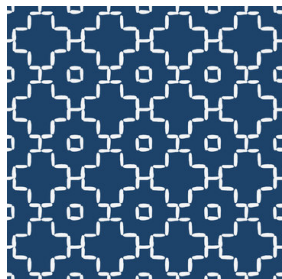
Rosalind Perry	July 1
Melinda Lewis	July 2
Patty Six	July 8
Carolee Clayton	July 10
Elaine Kovar	July 11
Carol Fay	July 13
Traci Cope	July 14
Prem Taylor	July 19
Ruth Matuszeski	July 20
Michelle Shook	July 20
Kika Hutchings	July 22
Jeri Kennedy	July 23
Marta Henson	July 24
Helmina Schenck	July 24
Michelle Garbarino	July 25
Susan Bullington Katz	July 29
Linda Cassirer	July 30
Naomi Hicks	July 30
Una Lopez	July 30



Upcoming Workshops

In August, our very own Nancy Butterfield will teach introductory Sashiko stitching. Nancy is enthusiastic about Sashiko and will help you learn the techniques. This is a two-part workshop and on Friday, August 15th Nancy will help us to understand this ancient art and we will practice the Sashiko stitches.

A week later on Saturday, August 23rd we will make a Japanese rice bag. The bag is the perfect size to use as a project bag or lunch tote. You can make the bag with Sashiko stitching, your orphan blocks or just your favorite fabrics. You can line the bag with pockets and even make it reversible if you wish. The minimal cost of \$50.00 will enroll you in both sessions. This workshop is limited to 16 people. Come to one session or both but once enrolled, the spot is yours and CANNOT be sold to another person.



In September, Stacy Murray from Old Town Quilt Shop will hold a two-day mini retreat in Orcutt where we will be making our own special sneakers. These sneakers will only be limited by your imagination. You can make them as simple or as far-out as you like. You can spend the night in Orcutt or drive back and forth with friends. BUT . . . you must commit soon because Stacy has to order the kits. The cost of the workshop is \$55.00 and there is a \$60.00 charge for the kit. The deadline to sign up for this workshop is **Friday, August 1st**. We will

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need your European shoe size and Bee will have the conversion chart at the July meeting.

I want to thank all of you who participated this last year and made the workshops so much fun. I loved being with you, hearing all your laughter and I especially valued your help in cleaning up the room. Don't forget to sign up soon!

Margaret Dear, Former Workshop Coordinator

Door Prizes

Our beautiful door prizes were won by Sandy O'Meara, Sherry Lafler and Linda Bird. Nancy LaRoche-Blau was the winner for wearing her name tag. In the absence of Linda and Marilyn, Mary Faria and Mary Ringer handled the ticket sales for door prizes and collected a grand total of \$148. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

Linda Estrada and Marilyn Martin



Challenge 2025 – Results

The 2025 Guild Challenge was all the usual and more but therein was the fun. Thirteen participants entered this year's Challenge, "Idioms, Adages and Familiar Sayings". Their quilts were displayed minus the quilter's name and the title of the piece. Viewers were asked to vote on three categories: 'Best Interpretation of the Saying', 'Funniest Interpretation of an Adage' and the 'Most Difficult Interpretation to figure out'. This required figuring out what saying each quilt represented which led to much head scratching and laughter. All participants were awarded a four-pack of fat quarters and the winners additionally won a gift certificate from Grant House. Participants were:

Patti Hunter "All Hat, No Cows" - winner of the Most Difficult

Diana Hamilton "You are Driving Me Up the Wall"

Wednesday Craft Day Ladies "Bring Home the Bacon"

Ranell Hansen "Burning the Midnight Oil"

Dundee Schulte "Fabricaholic"

Michelle Garbarino "Coming Apart at the Seams/Hanging on By a Thread"

Lesley Fagan "Dream Big, Dream On"

Linda Boynton de Sepulveda "Home is Where the Heart Is"

Polly Matsuoka "It Takes a Village"

Pat Masterson "Don't Put All Your Eggs in One Basket" - winner of Best Interpretation

Jennifer Hendrickson "Happier than a Tornado in a Trailer Park" - winner of Funniest

Lori Schiferl - "Six of One, Half a Dozen of the Other"

One third of the participants donated their block to be included in a quilt for the Community Quilts Project.

Isabel Downs/Melinda Lewis
Co-Coordinator of the 2025 Challenge



Library

Happy summer to all of you! I hope July brings you joy each and every day.

I wanted you to know that this summer, our Guild library will be growing by leaps and bounds. Each week there will be more titles added to our library collection and you can find them on the [LIBRARY CATALOG LINK](#) in this article AND on our Guild website. Please check out some books to spark your creativity or try a new technique.

Also, in a previous post, I shared that the library is collecting quilting fiction for all to share. If you have any quilting fiction you have previously read (or know that you won't get to), please consider donating it to our Guild. The first books will be available at our August meeting.

I will see everyone at the Guild picnic. You are welcome to return any books at that time. If there is a book that you want me to bring to the meeting, email me soon so that I can swing by our library and collect it for you.

SantaBarbaraSunshine@gmail.com

Happy stitching!

Traci Cope

Community Projects

The incoming Community Projects team of Nancy LaRoche-Blau, Michelle Garbarino, Sue Gierhart and Barbara LaPlante met to plan for the upcoming year. Their meeting consisted of assessing the needs of the charities that we support and to set priorities for where we should direct our quilt-making efforts.

For the immediate term, we need fidget quilts. Oak Cottage, Maravilla, Visiting Nurse and Hospice, as well as Cottage Hospital Rehab Center have all requested them. The Running Stitches Satellite Group is working to supply more than 25 fidget quilts. However, we will need many more to fill this ever-growing need in our community. "Fidget supplies" such as lace, beads, hair scrunchies, key rings etc. will be brought to the July picnic meeting. If you want to make a small quilt top but leave the embellishing to others, we will gladly receive your quilt, and find someone to finish it. Some use the "quilt as you go" technique to embed the fidgets into the seams. However you envision producing one of these quilts, please know that it will fill an important need.

Other ongoing requests are for children's and baby quilts, wheelchair lap quilts and bed-sized quilts for children and adults. We do NOT need cradle quilts and kits, as we have enough inventory to fill the need for this holiday season. If you are away from Santa Barbara and want to send a quilt for Community Projects, it can be mailed to anyone on the Community Projects Team. Please wash any quilt other than a placemat or a fidget quilt, before you submit it for donation. Quilt labels have been restocked, and will be available at the Guild meetings or by contacting any one on our team.

Barbara LaPlante, Community Projects



CQG Member Melissa Froli has been sewing several fidget quilts to donate through our satellite group, Running Stitches.

Membership

For those members who missed the June 30th deadline, the renewal date has been extended to July 18th. We don't want you to miss out on important information in the E-Blasts or the Newsletter so please send your renewal using our online process, (which has been very popular), by mailing in a check with your membership form, or by paying in person at a meeting with cash, check or credit card.

For those who are simply **renewing with no changes to your information as it appears in the Guild directory (address, phone, etc.), you may now renew online with a credit card.** Directions and the link will be found on the home page of the Guild's website. If you are making a donation using the online method, please do NOT put a dollar sign (\$) in front of the donation amount.

If you do not want your personal information included in the Directory, please communicate this to Sandy O'Meara, the new Membership Coordinator for 2025-2026.

Please join me in welcoming the following new member - Kimberly Cooke

Carole Kennedy, Former Membership Coordinator

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