



Coast Lines

Coastal Quilters Guild of Santa Barbara & Goleta

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Guild Meeting

September 11, 7 pm

Stacy Murray

"Taking the Fear out of Zippers"

Live Oak Unitarian

Universalist Congregation

820 N. Fairview Ave., Goleta

In-Person & via Zoom

Workshops

September 12, 9:00-3:30

September 13, 9:00-12:00

Stacy Murray, In-Person

Catch-All Caddy 2.0 ByAnnie

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

September 25 and 26

Workshop and Mini Retreat

Stacy Murray, In-Person

"Make Your Own Sneakers"

Old Town Quilt Shop, Orcutt

Board Meeting

September 18, 7 pm, via Zoom

Coffee Break

No Coffee Break in September

Next Month's Meeting

October 9, 7 pm

October Sew Day

Saturday, October 11

9 am – 3 pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Church

Cost is \$10 and sign-ups are
available online.

Newsletter articles for the
September edition are due **Sunday,
September 21, 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

September Meeting: Stacy Murray

"Taking the Fear out of Zippers"

September 11 7 pm, in-person & via Zoom

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 820 N. Fairview

"I'm afraid of zippers!" Stacy Murray, bag-maker extraordinaire, and owner of Old Town Quilt Shop, hears this all the time when she talks to first-time bag-makers. With the **ByAnnie** way of making bags, zippers are not scary! You will see some of her **ByAnnie** creations, and some of the easy modifications that can be made to truly personalize them. She will also share some of the tools she has found to be helpful while making the bags. The well-written instructions, combined with helpful videos, make bag-making fun (and addicting)! You will definitely want to take her workshop after watching her trunk show talk. Start making your own bag collection!



September Workshop: Stacy Murray

"Catch-All Caddy 2.0 ByAnnie"

September 12, 9 am – 3:30 pm

September 13, 9 am – 12 pm (With option to stay longer)

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

We have the fabulous opportunity to make a **ByAnnie Catch-All Caddy 2.0** with Stacy Murray from Old Town Quilt Shop. I would LOVE to get some more people signed up for this one!!

ByAnnie has recently reworked the pattern to be much easier to follow, with more customization options as well as updated images to better visualize the steps of the process. You will also get an invaluable video showing some of the trickier parts of construction. We will have the opportunity to learn all kinds of new skills while making the bag, like exterior binding, padded handles, sewing with hardware, and quilting with 'Soft and Stable'. The caddy has seven outer pockets (one of them zipped) and five inside, making it the perfect organization solution for your creative space!

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President's Message

Welcome to Fall! This season brings us the joy of watching the changing colors of leaves, carving pumpkins, back-to-school activities and apples on everything and in everything! Have you ever made a Fall quilt in your quilting career? My first quilt square was an oak leaf and an acorn surrounded by a sawtooth border in very Fall colors of brown, tan and orange. My most recent Fall quilt square was a pieced pumpkin to hang on the wall for my grandson. As our Guild heads into Fall we are offering Bag and Sneaker workshops this month and a Sew Day in October. There are wonderful opportunities to make items in the colors of this season.



We are moving along into our quilt year, and have now chosen a weekend for our Quilt Show in 2026. We are still looking, hoping, (and praying!) for co-chairs to rise up and lead us through that much anticipated event. We'll be reserving the Showgrounds for next Fall on September 25-27, so save the date AND let us know how you'd like to help!

You can look forward to hearing about our upcoming Challenge activity at our September meeting from our Challenge committee, consisting of Kathy Draine, Edalee Keehn, Darilyn Kisch and Barbara MacCallum. I can't wait to hear what they have in store for us.

Several of you have asked about our next Block of the Month. We enjoyed doing the Daylesford Quilt in a quilt along fashion last year and are open to a similar approach or even a different one altogether. But, we will only be able to have this activity if someone steps up to lead us through it. As a Board, we have some theme ideas, so if you are willing to organize it, don't feel like you have to re-invent the wheel (or quilt square). Just let me know and we'll be behind

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you and ready to jump in to sew together month by month.

It was wonderful to have two special visitors at our Guild Meeting in August. In person was Elene Frost, a founding member of our Guild in 1988, and, via Zoom was Nancy Ota, who taught Sashiko to Nancy Butterfield and many others years ago, passing on her love and knowledge for this Japanese art. As a Guild, we have a wonderful history and many great traditions. It is a joy to have a hand in continuing this history with all of you in 2025 and beyond. Thank you all for your investment with your participation and enthusiasm. I hope to see you at our September meeting for the ByAnnie Bags presentation.

Polly Matsuoka, President



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Now, I'm not going to lie. This is not necessarily an easy sew, but we have the huge benefit of learning from a skilled practitioner! Even confident beginners can make this stunning bag! It's also not a budget-friendly class once you add up the workshop fee, the pattern and some supplies you may need to shop for. BUT, you will have a bag designed to last the ages and customized just for you! It's going to be stunning and it's not going to fall apart after a few months, or even years! You will get to learn some of the tips and tricks Stacy has acquired on her bag-making journey. If you've ever wanted to get into bag-making and learn amazing skills from an experienced professional, this is your chance!

There is homework before the workshop (buying the pattern, watching the video and prepping pieces) so do NOT leave this one until the last minute! The cost of the workshop is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members.

Bee Saunders, Workshop Coordinator

Coastal Quilters Guild Board

Guild President: Polly Matsuoka
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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



Refreshments for the September meeting would be appreciated from members with September birthdays. Thank you.

Door Prizes

Congratulations to our winners at our August Guild meeting!

Basket #1 - Judith McCaffrey
Basket #2 - Janis Meloy
Basket #3 - Barbara MacCallum



The name badge winner was Traci Cope. Remember, you have an opportunity to win a door prize simply by wearing your name tag and/or purchasing those little tickets for practically nothing. Join in the fun!

Linda Estrada and Marilyn Martin

September Birthdays

Janis Meloy	September 2
Julie Sommers	September 3
Rochelle Schneider	September 4
Eileen Tufenkian	September 7
Dorothy Oksner	September 8
Karen Bunker	September 12
Suzanne Fishman	September 13
Gaye Peltzman	September 14
Kristin Parker	September 15
Clara Carmona	September 21
JoAnn Dovgin	September 23
Amy Johnson	September 23
Janet Underwood	September 26
Mary Weaver	September 27
Marie Butcher	September 29



It's time for Sashiko Sew-and-Tell!

At the August Guild Meeting, plenty of stitchers showed off their Sashiko-stitched quilts, wall-hangings and wearables. Jennifer Frangos shows two rice bags; it's Polly Matsuoka's shoulder we're seeing with stitching on her jacket; Ingrid Bergere shows a small quilt and wall-hanging; Nancy LaRoche-Blau displays a stitched wall-hanging and purse, and Traci, Polly and Barbara show-off some jeans that have all been repaired with Sashiko by Bee Saunders. Thanks for sharing!

IN LOVING Memory

We are sad to announce that long-time member Francine Smith passed away on June 29, 2025. Here is a link to her obituary:

<https://www.noozhawk.com/francine-smith-of-goleta-1943-2025/>

There will be a celebration of Francine's life on Saturday, September 6, at 11:00 am at Santa Barbara Community Church, [1002 Cieneguitas Road, Santa Barbara](#). All who knew Francine are welcome.



The Great British Sewing Bee

This reality TV series started on the BBC in 2013 and has run for eleven seasons, inspiring and delighting a new generation of British sewists!

- The first round is a pattern challenge - contestants are each given the same pattern, access to a wide variety of fabrics, and a time limit to complete a garment. The focus is on correctly following the pattern, neatness and accuracy of sewing as well as getting it finished!
- The second round is an alteration challenge - transforming either an expensive or thrift shop purchase, or other type of fabric into something completely different. The focus is on creativity and boldness.
- The third and final round is a made-to-measure challenge where sewists design and create their own garments, and must adjust their patterns to accurately fit real human models.

The first season has fewer contestants and is shorter in length, but each week, the weakest of the amateur sewists is eliminated. Challenges become trickier as each season progresses, and some of the resulting garments are truly sensational! Many of the episodes also include some sort of historical tidbit about sewing or a particular garment.

It is very easy to binge-watch, or to have on as background when you're sewing and it's always inspirational! What I find amazing is the diversity of contestants and how they began their sewing journey. Some are seasoned practitioners of fifty years or more, whilst others only started very recently. Many come from costume-making

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backgrounds and every year includes several men. And I am always in awe of the spaces they get to work in, and the stunning fabric and haberdashery supplies!

But now, FINALLY, it is possible to watch old seasons here in the USA. You can watch online, via a web browser (no subscription needed) on The Roku Channel at www.therokuchannel.roku.com. Just search for "The Great British Sewing Bee" and you'll have ten seasons ready to go - almost 90 hours of sewing viewing at your fingertips!!

Enjoy!! And apologies in advance for this taking over your life!!

Bee Saunders, the greatest British sewing Bee most of you know!



Sue Gierhart shows her lantern quilt.

Community Projects

Our team was overwhelmed and gratified by the many quilts that you turned in at our August general meeting. From veteran's quilts, placemats, fidget quilts and larger, we received several stacks which are already in the queue to be delivered to SCCQG for the Palisades fire victims, St. Vincent's (an organization serving victims of domestic abuse), Unity Shop, Maravilla and Oak Cottage. Half-done projects were taken while others returned quilted with binding added.

Whether you enjoy only one part of the piecing, quilting and/or binding process that it takes to finish a quilt, please know there are other volunteers who are willing to step in to turn these projects into useful, beautiful quilts. Contact us if you need batting to be cut, or labels to finish your donations. Please wash any quilts which will be used as wraps or blankets, before you turn them in.

Thank you,

Barb LaPlante, Michelle Garbarino, Sue Gierhart and Nancy LaRoche-Blau

Sew and Tell

Kristen Otte displays her stars.



Ranell Hansen shows her Cactus Quilt.

Membership

Membership Renewals continue to come in and we are now up to 162 members!

For those of you who are still waiting to renew your Membership – well – time's up! If this was an oversight on your part and you are feeling left out (FOMO) please contact me now and we can get things back on track.

Contact me via email at membership@coastalquilters.org,

At our recent Guild meeting at Live Oak Congregation, there were 55 members in attendance and one guest, Eilene Frost, who was a part of our Guild a while back as some of you may remember. There were an additional 22 members in attendance via Zoom including Nancy Ota!

Many of you may remember Nancy as a speaker to our Guild in January 2019. Her trunk show which featured a variety of Japanese textiles as well as her collection of Japanese vintage cottons was a special treat for us to see. She also taught a Sashiko workshop which was very popular.

As a bonus, during the meeting break, those of us who attended via Zoom were treated to a quick view of some of her lovely Sashiko work.

Meet Guild Member Patti Hunter who attended a recent satellite group meeting with her fancy neck light! Because she is currently experiencing physical limitations, she has been working on small projects. At the meeting, she was working on stitching together some Sashiko blocks to make another bag. Patti has been a Guild member for 25 years! Always great to see you, Patti!

Sandy O'Meara,
Membership Coordinator



Fallbrook Quilt Guild

presents
Quilted Treasures



**November
7-8, 2025
10:00 am -
4:00 pm**

Admission \$10.00
Children under 12 free
with adult
No strollers
Handicap accessible

**Son Rise Christian
Fellowship**
463 S. Stage Coach Lane
Fallbrook, California
Free parking

Auction at 12:30 p.m. daily
Country Store - Vendors
Featured Quilter: Ann Turley
Demonstrations - Opportunity Quilt
Food and Beverages
Many quilts on display

Website: www.fallbrookquiltguild.com




Sew and Tell

Polly shows her bird collages and Judith McCaffrey shows off a quilt she made in Ranell's class.



The Fallbrook Quilt Guild will host its biennial quilt show "**Quilted Treasures**", on November 7–8, 2025, at [Son Rise Christian Fellowship, 463 S Stage Coach Ln, Fallbrook, CA](#) from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The show and auction will feature more than 300 quilts made by its talented members—from timeless traditional designs to bold, modern innovations. In addition to the quilt displays, the event includes:

- **Presentations by renowned art quilter Ann Turley at 11:30 AM both days of the show** [Ann Turley Info](#)
- Vendor booths
- Country Store where shoppers can buy many quilt-related items, especially good quality fabric and notions, at greatly reduced prices
- Door Prizes
- Live demonstrations of various quilting techniques
- Opportunity Quilt on Display
- The ever-popular [Quilt Auction](#), held at 12:30 PM on both days of the show in the chapel! Over 100 quilts—ranging from seasonal themes to children's quilts, wall hangings, table toppers, and more—will be available for bidding.

Admission cost is only \$10 and children under 12 are free with an adult. Free parking is plentiful.

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