



Camarillo Quilters Association

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President's Message

"Each One Meet One" is my motto for CQA this year. In pondering this motto, I ask myself, "Have I befriended someone recently?" Like many, I have to work at this. Actually, it was my small group (upon my need) who helped a CQA member by fulfilling her request of creating a quilt for her benevolent community outreach group. (now they all know her). We had fun planning, creating and presenting the quilt to her. After we completed the quilt, we all went home happier, and with a light heart.

I see many CQA members who are in small groups bonded in friendship. They sit together at General Membership Meetings, sometimes lunching together after the meeting. They have fun and are supportive on one another.

I encourage you to join a small group if you have not already. Check out the list of small groups at the CQA website and in this newsletter. If one does not fit your schedule, create a small group of your own. Some meet weekly, some meet monthly. You will not regret being involved in a small group as there are so many rewards.

Jonal Beck, President



Recently CQA's small groups the Forget-me-Knots and the Bonnie Lassies gathered for an all day sew-in at Nancy Isbell's studio. A string quilt was completed and will be donated to **No Room at the Inn 2018** for their fundraising efforts.

CQA Welcomes Our Newest Members!

Judy Jenkins – Camarillo
Jenny Carr Kinney – Ventura
Becky Lowe - Newbury Park
Barbara MacDonald - Ventura
Dena Miskel – Somis
Denise Newton – Camarillo
Pamela Parker - Camarillo
Barbara Reinhardt - West Lake Village

Speakers & Workshops

November 2018 (Community Center Auditorium, Camarillo)

Peggy Martin

<http://www.peggymartinquilts.com/>



November 13 ~ Talk "Beyond Tradition - Expand your creativity by using traditional quilts as a springboard for design inspiration. Traditional quilts and the more contemporary ones that result from going one step beyond will be shown and discussed."

November 14 ~ Workshop - "Winged Star" Create blocks and borders with a feathered-star look using this fast, fun technique. Triangles are sewn together, cut apart and re-pieced to form a variety of blocks and border designs.

\$ 45 members, \$ 80 non-members

December 2018 (Community Center Auditorium, Camarillo)

December 11 ~ **Christmas potluck** and **Comfort givers Quilt donation** for eleven Ventura County Charitable organizations. **CQA Library Book Sale too** – by Silent Auction!!

Each small group will be asked to decorate one or two round tables that will be set up for our potluck party. Tablecloths will be provided. Your centerpiece for the table can be Christmas or holiday theme.

Members of the guild **with last names A thru Q will bring a savory dish.**

Members **R thru Z will bring a sweet dish.**

CQA Small Groups Open to New Members!

Ojai Church of Christ Comfort Quiltmakers, Ojai Charity Quilts Last Friday of every month, 9-3pm Contact Theresa Perry	The Cutters – Leisure Village, Camarillo Cut/Sew fabric for CQA Boutique & Scrap Quilts 2 nd Thursday of the month, 1-4:30pm Contact Dayla Dektor
Bonnie Lassies, Oxnard Bonnie Hunter Patterns & Scrap Quilts 1 st & 3 rd Thursday, 1:30 – 4:30pm Contact Nancy Isbell	Morning Glories, Ventura Individual Projects Tuesdays, 9:30 – noon Contact Shirley Bertolino
Ojai Quilters Anonymous, Ojai Hand Quilting Co-op, Quilting on a Frame Tuesdays, 9 – noon Contact Sue Gustafson	Schoolhouse Quilters, Ventura History of Quilts and Quiltmakers Last Tuesday month, 9:30am (No Jul, Aug, Dec) Contact Linda Wilkinson
Seaside Stitchers, Oxnard Machine/Hand Stitched & Own/Community Projects 3 rd Tuesday, 6:30-9:30pm Contact Kay Fowler	Stitchin Chicks, Camarillo Individual Projects 1 st & 3 rd Thursday, 1-3pm Contact Pam Dransfeldt

For more info: <https://camarilloquilters.com/small-groups/>



All Ready for the Big Fabric Sale!

The Material Girls Remember Mary Tsuji

Recently, the fabric collection of Mary Tsuji was donated to CQA.

Mary passed away earlier this year. She had been an early member of CQA and a member of the hand quilting small group, **Hands All Around**.

CQA's newest small group, the **Material Girls** stepped up to the task of sorting, organizing and pricing Mary's collection for a sale to benefit our guild.

According to Thelma, this small group grew to know Mary as they sifted through her many boxes of fabric and quilting supplies. Mary's favorite color must have been blue! There were even a few personal notes and small mementoes tucked among the folds of her fabrics. These were lovingly put aside to be returned to her family.

A BIG thanks to the **Material Girls** for their thoughtfulness and compassion in handling this vast undertaking.

How to Start a Block Exchange Group – by Janna Bailey

Not all small groups need to meet every week or even every month. With our busy lives meeting up can be difficult. A block exchange group is ideal for these people. Below is a suggestion on how one such group can be organized.

Pick 12 people that are equal in piecing ability. I say 12 just because there are 12 months in the year; you could do it with less; make it work for you.

At the beginning each person should decide on a block that they want the others to make for them. Each person should have their own “project bag”. One of those nice clear plastic zippered bags, marked with her/his name and phone number.

Rules should be established by the group. No more the 50 pieces to a block(s). No Y seams or curved pieces. Blocks shouldn't be larger than 16 ½” unfinished. If blocks are only 10 pieces, you can ask for 4 or 5 blocks. Simple appliqué only, i.e. basket handles. Paper piecing – yea or nay. Whatever rules fit your members.

The project bags will be handed off to another member once a month. You can do it at a CQA meeting, or do it personally. You may even want to meet for lunch. What is important is that you move whatever bag you have on to the next person each month.

Set up a rotation list with the months across the top and names down the side. Having the list reflect peoples locations and or close friendships helps. You will also receive a bag from the same person and pass one along to the same person. If Jane lives in Camarillo, but is close friends with Diane in Ventura and they like to get together have the two next to each other on the list. If Jane passes a bag to Diane, then Diane could pass it on to another member in Ventura.

Once you've decided on the block(s) you want made, you need precise instructions for making however many blocks you're asking for. A picture is always good of the finished block and/or quilt. Decide if you want to supply all the fabrics (put enough in the bag for everyone). Maybe you just want to put in background fabric and let them choose the rest of the fabric. Be specific as to colors i.e. “jewel tones”, “30's prints”, “white on white”, “civil war reproduction” etc. Be clear on unfinished size and finished size. AND be sure to put in a sample or two of the block that you've made.

Once you have your bags filled you're ready to start. It's fun to all get together the first time (maybe at a restaurant party room for dinner). Each person can show their block and give any verbal instructions about color etc. After her “show and tell” she can pass her bag on to the person that is the first to receive it. Then that person can show her block and pass her bag to the next person.

You have a month to complete the block(s) before you need to hand the bag off to “your person” on the rotation list. If you finish early you can always pass it along early. At the end of the 12 months you should receive your project bag back full of blocks ready to be put in a quilt. Time to start a whole new set of blocks for the next year.

People have been known to use the same pattern more than one year in a row if they want lots of the same block. Or one year do an alternate block such as an hour glass block or chain block. Followed the next year with a star block to go with the alternate blocks. You may just want people to make you 16 half square triangles to use in an existing project. And don't be surprised if someone likes your block so much they want the group to use the same pattern for you the next time around.

GET ON THE BUS!!!

Another fabulous trip planned for
Road to California –at the Ontario Convention Center
Saturday January 26th, 2019

Includes: Your admission ticket to the best quilt show in Southern California, a delicious bagel & cream cheese, yummy snacks, and Fun!

Cost: \$65

Time: Meet up at Camarillo Park & Ride (Hwy 101 at the Los Posas exit, Camarillo). Pick up starts at 7:00 a.m., with departure at 7:30 a.m. Return bus leaves at 4p.m.

Sign up: at the November and December meeting. Save your spot and sit back and relax! No need to fight all that guaranteed XXX#### traffic!!

Questions? Contact Tricia Steinfeld

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - November & December

Hello, Neighbor! We are off to a great start with many quilters participating in the "Be My Neighbor", Block of the Month program. I hope you having fun sewing the blocks into your own special neighborhood.

If you haven't started building the blocks, it is easy to access the patterns on our website. All you do is go to www.camarilloquilters.com, and click on, "Members". A drop down will come up. Then click on "Blocks". Choose the posted picture of the block you are interested in. Click on the picture of the block you want to make. The pattern will come up and is ready to print from your home printer. There will be a few hard copies at the Block of the Month table for those that do not have access to a computer or printer.

I am always happy to help you along the way as you sew the block. If you have any questions, you can reach me at my email address: kathryn.adams42@gmail.com or call me at home (805) 499-6113. Please won't you be my "neighbor"?

November BOM



December BOM



A Glimpse of the Past – from our CQA Newsletter of February 1989

My Kingdom for a Thimble---

Survey results from 39 responses were surprising. Thirty-four do not use a thimble under the quilt, 2 do, and 2 sometimes.

Eight are using one of the recently introduced styles of thimbles, 21 use one that they have used for years, 6 inherited it from a family member, one bought hers at a garage sale, 4 from antique stores, 15 bought at a fabric store and 5 shopped at a quilt show booth.

As to quilting without a thimble, 1 said yes, 33 responded no, many emphatically, 2 sometimes, and 1 rarely.

When Camarillo quilters sit down to quilt, 7 will use any handy one that fits; whereas, 32 make a special effort to have her favorite thimble there.

As found by *Sharon Norbutas*

Ways & Means –

As we near the end of the year, “**‘tis the season of giving thanks**” to our membership and its passion for volunteerism in both community service and working in concert with each other to keep the wheel of CQA moving forward. And let’s not forget the **strong support** to our Ways & Means through ticket purchases and donations! THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

There will not be Ways & Means opportunities in December due to our Holiday Festivities and Give Away. So, November’s offerings will be slightly extended with many of the selected items of special interest. We thought we would list a few to spark early excitement. Donations from a few of our generous quilt shops. Of course!

- Mini Quilt – this is a **must** see!
- Workshop with Arlene Arnold in Jan 2019 - \$45 value
- X-mas Sparkle – est. value \$50
- Hinterberg Floor Stand w/22” hoop - listed retail value \$199
- Sylvia Pippen’s Sashiko Patterns w/fabric pak– est. value value \$ 55
- Elizabeth Hartman Sampler patterns with a few fabrics – est. value \$75
- A clowder of cats – priceless, right?
- A Batt in a Bag – a batting in a bag made with Vera Bradley Disney fabric

Thanks again,
The Ways & Means Team

Comfort Givers November 2018

At the October meeting lots of quilts went out for binding; as many of you already know we need these quilts back at the November meeting so that they can be included in the December “Quilt Giveaway”. If you are into knitting or crocheting stocking hats, and have a surplus we love including them in the giveaway too.

I can tell by the stacks of quilts that we have accumulated that we will be making many people happy with a beautiful quilt to wrap up in. I marvel at the quilts and quilt tops that are donated for the charities, they are just beautiful!

Each month we bring: Burp kits, pillow case kits, quilt kits, tops that need quilting (all sizes), quilts pinned and ready to quilt, batting for you to use to quilt a Comfort Giver quilt, and quilts that just need that final step – binding – so they can be ready for giveaway. You’re always welcome to just stop by and check out the quilts that have been returned that month.

Have you seen our Bear Box? We have a supply of labels in the box - come and get them for any of your quilt projects.

Please keep bringing in the proof of purchase “bar codes” from the package of Hobbs batting; we need them when we order the batting from Hobbs.

Kay McLaughlin, Comfort Givers

Come Visit Your CQA Library –

For those of you who are new, or not very familiar with the CQA Library, you are missing out on one of the benefits of being a member! We have hundreds of books by category, depending on your quilting interests. (A complete list is on our website at <https://camarilloquilters.com/catalog/>)

As a member you are entitled to check out 2 books for the month, or if you’d prefer, take an entire crate or two home for the month. That gives you a lot of time to read and be inspired. And, every crate you return you receive a ticket for the raffle table and a chance to win.

Unable to return your crate for the month? There are phone numbers you can call on the back of the crate – we’ll pick it up for you.

And don’t forget the Book Sale Silent Auction during the December Meeting. Great bargains!

Sharon Battocchio, Library

Too Many Quilt Tops? Making Quilts for the Holidays?

The following Longarmers are available near you -
to help finalize that fabulous top into a quilted treasure!

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Oxnard, CA

The Cutters group will start meeting again on the second Thursday of the month. That will be Nov 8 and Dec 13 from 9am-12:30pm.

All are welcome to come and cut squares for the next quilt show boutique in 2020. It is much easier to start early so there will be no last minute rush. LOL! And, anything you find that you may use, you may have.

We meet in the Leisure Village sewing room, in Camarillo. At security gate - say you are with The Cutters meeting in the sewing room and give Dalya Dektor's name.

Contact Dalya for further information.

Best Ever Pecan Pie Bars (From the recipe critic) Submitted by Pamuela Hodson

For Crust

1 cup unsalted butter, softened

2/3 cup packed brown sugar

2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt

For Pecan Topping

1/2 cup unsalted butter

1 cup packed brown sugar

1/3 cup honey

2 tablespoons heavy cream

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups chopped pecans

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9x13 inch pan with aluminum foil or parchment paper leaving a 2 inch overhang
2. Make the crust by creaming together the butter and brown sugar until fluffy in a stand mixer. Add in the flour and salt and mix until crumbly. Press the crust into the 9x13 pan. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown
3. While the crust is baking, prepare the filling by combining the butter, brown sugar, honey and heavy cream and vanilla in a medium sized saucepan. Stir over medium heat for about a minute and stir in the chopped pecans.
4. Remove the hot crust from the oven and pour the pecan filling on top spreading it over the surface.
5. Return to the oven and bake for an additional 20 minutes. Let the bars cool completely before cutting. Lift the bars out with the foil and peel the foil off the Bars.
6. Slice and serve. Store in an airtight container.

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A map of the Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park area. The park is highlighted in green. A red pin marks the location of 'Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park...'. A blue star marks a location near the intersection of Dunnigan St and Darnell Ct. Other streets shown include Coe St, Carmen Dr, Madrigal Ct, Darnell Ct, Regent St, E Ponderosa Dr, Shoreline St, Dunnigan St, Idesto Ave, Dr, Ave, Bancroft St, Granger St, Hayden St, Bronson St, Duvall Ave, Empress Ave, and N Rowland Ave. A house icon is labeled 'Dancin With Pam' near the intersection of Darnell Ct and Regent St.

Cell Phone Quiet Zone - No Perfume Zone