



Camarillo Quilters Association

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President's Message

Greetings, Quilters! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service in our group. And thank you to those who were so friendly on my first visit to CQA only 16 or so months ago. You really made a big difference in my life!

Allow me to tell you a little about myself, as I'm told this is expected. I am 57 years old (what, already?!) and have a husband and a grown son. We are active in our local church and volunteer with housing organizations like Habitat for Humanity. I particularly like to work on roofs! We like to travel, which is why I will miss the June meeting. My husband and I will be in Austria – him to teach at the University of Graz and me to eat bread and chocolate, my two favorite things besides quilting.

As for quilting, I have always been a crafty person, since learning how to embroider in Camp Fire Girls. I took my first quilting class about 20 years ago and have focused on that ever since. I like to learn new things and try different techniques. My friends in my weekly quilting group call me “a fast and dirty quilter” because I work quickly and I don't spend a lot of time ripping things out. “Close enough” is usually good enough for me. In my opinion, a finished quilt is better than a perfect quilt. But I do respect those who have more patience and like to spend time on the details.

I believe very deeply in the power of individuals to make the world a better place. And that's partly why I got involved in CQA. After having enjoyed the group members and the meetings a few times, I thought, “I want this group to continue to be terrific, and I want to be part of that.” Then-President Thelma Atkinson encouraged me to get involved. I enjoyed my year as vice-president very much – Getting to know our wonderful leaders, and learning lots of new things.

So I look forward to another good year of involvement with CQA. I hope to make the meetings even friendlier to potential new members with the slogan, “Each One, Greet One.” During the break, all will be encouraged to greet at least one person that we do not know. In this way, we can share and spread the love of quilting to more and more people.

Barbara Witman. President

Speakers & Workshops

July 2019 (Community Center Auditorium, Camarillo)

Sylvia Davis

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



July 9 – Lecture

“A Quirky Quilted Alphabet”

July 10 – Workshop “Wandering Geese”

Are you looking for a learning-packed experience? You will create the sparking stars, insert accent blocks, turn the blocks on point, and learn two ways to create the borders of geese that fly in a wavy formation. A beginning/intermediate quilt pattern with a combination of easy piecing and beginning machine applique.

\$ 45 members, \$ 60 non-members

And the Star of the Ruby Jubilee is.....

For our July 9th 2019 meeting all members present will be voting for a winning quilt in celebration of our **Ruby Jubilee 2020**. The winning quilt will be used for all CQA publicity from postcards to brochures, and all other ideas, as we create a quilt show celebrating 40 years. Your quilt, new or old, can have all colors but must contain red and white. It will be so exciting to see them all!

Please bring your completed quilt to the July meeting – and plan on arriving a little early so we can hang it for you. I will be there at 8:00am. Arriving early ensures your quilt will have abundant time to be seen.

If you would like, you can call me and I will arrange pick up of your quilt to get it hung prior to the meeting. In the spirit of anonymity and fairness your quilt will need to come to the meeting in a pillow case. Any pillowcase will do (A household pillow case is fine) - please don't stress. Also, please cover your quilt label with tape to remain anonymous. If you do not have tape I will have some at the meeting.

Alison Bailey will take the winner to be photographed and will return it. Any questions please call Sandra Darata at 805 464-1285.

Good Luck!

August 2019 - No meeting - Vacation Time!

Welcome to All our New Members!

Monica Boatner - Ventura
Verna Botts - Ventura
Vanessa Buescher - Camarillo
Christine Clark - Ventura
Donna Clark - Newbury Park
Carol Coltrin - Ventura
Renee Conrad - Oxnard
Vera Erskine - Camarillo
Julie Gross - Ventura
Sue Hillard - Camarillo
Susan Karst - Ojai
Nina McCauley - Oxnard
Linda McKinna - Moreno Valley
Jane Rader - Santa Paula
Jodie Solorio - Oxnard
Michael Wheeler - Oxnard

A Glimpse of the Past

CQA Newsletter – Jan 1996

As found by **Sharon Norbutas**

(This is a description of a meeting before we had money for speakers each month.)

March 12th – General Meeting.

Orchid Building. White elephant sale. Bring sewing and small decorative items for sale with the price marked on items. All proceeds will go to the guild. A silent auction of library books will also be held. Luncheon, after which our annual Sew-In – finishing charity quilt tops. During the afternoon, an instructor at each table will be demonstrating various phases of finishing a quilt after the top has been completed.



Are you able to lend a Helping Hand?

At our general meetings we are in need of a few quilt holders for “show and tell” and our guest speaker’s program.

In the past, many of our small groups have generously stepped up to the task but this year we need to cast a broader net to include more of the general membership. If you can help, please get on the “Helping Hands” list by contacting me, Jane Aiello.

Or, you may offer your services before the general meeting begins. I will be at the front of the stage area. Please be assured that your help is **greatly appreciated**.

We have fine-tuned the handling procedure of the quilts on stage to insure the safety of those entering and exiting the stage and for obtaining optimal photo opportunities for our photographer. Thanks for bearing with us.

Great news! Soon our photographs will again be posted to our website. A huge “thanks” goes to our photographer Carol Boyce and web wiz Jennifer Rapacki.

Questions or concerns, please contact Jane Aiello

Note: For those of you showing your quilts, if you do not want your quilts photographed for history, posted on the CQA website, or for CQA advertising, please remember to announce this before speaking about your quilt.

Comfort Givers

If you saw the quilt give away and it inspired you to make a quilt for one of the charities, check out the Comfort Givers table. There you will find kits, tops to be quilted and quilts to bind. For a small project there are pillow case kits and burp cloths to make. Batting and the printed labels will also be available.

I want to assure you all that we give away all the completed quilts that we receive. Quilt tops are different, they may get an appliqué or an extra border or orphan blocks to increase the size, and then the tops get binding and backing.

Below is a list of the charities and quilt sizes they would like to have:

- * Ventura County Medical Center Neonatal Unit (Layette)
- * Ventura County Medical Center Infusion Center Pediatric & Adult Hematology/Oncology. (Lap or twin size quilt)
- * Safe Harbor (Lap size)
- * Casa Pacifica (All sizes)
- * RAIN Transitional Living Center (All sizes)
- * Life Centers of Ventura County (Layette and lap)
- * Lighthouse Women's & Children's Mission (All sizes)
- * New Start for Moms Layette and lap)
- * Senior Concerns (Lap and throws)
- * Kids to Kids (Twin)

There are 3 other charities that we give quilts to when they request it, these are:

1. Teen Challenge (Twin)
2. Veterans Home (Lap and throws)
3. Habitat for Humanity (All sizes)

Approximate Quilt Sizes: Layette 36" x 40", Crib 45" x 50", Lap 60" x 70", Twin 65" x 80".

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.

Thank you all for making our "Quilt Give-Away" so successful.

SMALL Groups – Here's An Idea!!!

Pizza Box Exchange (Description compiled from Maria Ring's 12 participant exchange)

- Names of participants are put in alphabetical order. This order shows who gets "the pizza box next".
- On the inside lid of your box, provide the following information: You bring your pizza box with your first block made, any fabrics you want in your blocks and the information listed below.
 1. Your name
 2. The desired size of your blocks, if different from the default size of 12.5" square
 3. Make sure you list ANY COLORS YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE USED
 4. Indicate whether or not you pre-washed your fabrics so each block's fabric treatment is the same.
- Your pizza box, will be passed on to the person whose name is after yours in the alphabet.
- At the end of the exchange, you will get your box back with all finished blocks in it.

When making other participants blocks, you can add a fabric to the block, as long as it is not a color that they said they didn't want. You should also consider the person for who the block is being made. Try tailoring the block to that person's interests, personality, likes/dislikes etc. if possible.

Use good quality fabrics, and try constructing a different, unique style block each month. By putting thought and skill into each block, as if it were just for you, then you will be glad to pin your name on the block after you've made it for another!

At the end of the exchange, you should have as many blocks back in your pizza box as there were in the exchange. Have Fun!!!


Block of the Month 2019-2020

Our brand new Block of the Month for 2019 - 2020 will be the “Year of the Stars”. The Star Block is one of my favorites, so it was not a difficult choice to make!

The first months star is simple – just half square triangles and squares. All blocks will be 12 “finished, and all block will be stars. The patterns and complete instructions are on the CQA website.

For those of you who want to have a drawing for all the month’s stars that are turned in, we will continue with this practice. But, if you want to keep your fabulous star each month - that’s OK too. Or make two – one to keep, and one to give away.

I have the background fabric Kathy provided last year for those of you wanting to use it. Also, I will have some cut goods.

I’m looking forward to getting started. Please join me in filling the room with beautiful 

Jonette Duchai



July Friendship Star



August Star

September 2019 CQA Program - Susan Wade

<https://www.facebook.com/SusanWadeFabricCollage/>

Check out Susan’s Facebook page for pictures of her upcoming lecture “An Artistic Journey” and her Wednesday workshop “The Fiber Collage Fish Class”.



Library News

We will have 14 new books in the CQA Library in July. They are:

A Modern Twist	Jelly Roll Bargello Quilts
Adventures in Paper Piecing & Design	Material Obsession
Classic to Contemporary String Quilts	Maverick Quilts
Colorful Batik Panel Quilts	Organic Applique
Creating Art Quilts with Panels	Paper Pieced Modern
Flossie Teacakes' Guide to English Paper Piecing	Step-by-Step Texture Quilting
Japanese Patchwork Quilting Patterns	Wild Wool & Colorful Cotton Quilts

Please let the library committee know of any new quilting topics or books that they should consider for purchase in the 2019-2020 budget year.

CQA Library Inventory

This summer the library committee will inventory the collection. You may check out up to three books in July, but all crates will be stored over the summer in preparation for the August inventory. If you have checked out a crate in June, please make certain that it is returned to the CQA meeting in July. If you have a book or books that are overdue, please return it to the library in July or contact a library committee member to arrange for returning or replacement.

ART IN THE PARK – CAMARILLO

Date: Saturday, July 6, 2019

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Location: Community Center Park
1605 Burnley St, Camarillo, CA 93010

There will be:

- Live music provided by Rock City
- Food Trucks
- Dance performances
- Demonstrations from PVRPD class instructors
- Interactive art pieces

Artists may display their work; however direct sales on-site are not permitted. You are welcome to advertise, provide your contact information and/or your website or other events where your art can be purchased.

It would be wonderful to have the quilters of each quilt on-site to answer any questions about the piece and to ensure proper care. At this time each individual piece will need someone associated with it to keep watch over the art.

If there is a demonstration or anything else that you would think would be appropriate for the event, please let me know! We are open to ideas and recommendations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reply or you may contact Jane Raab at 805-482-1996 x105.

Currently we have 2 members who are interested in hosting a booth. We will need 2 to 3 more members to assist. You may bring your sewing machine for demonstrations of how to piece or quilt or maybe show hand quilting. We really need to support our Pleasant Valley Park and Rec Dept. as we rent our meeting places from them. Contact Jonal Beck if you are interested.

Cranberry Cream Cheese Salad

(By Jewel Hall - submitted by Joan & Gerry Olsen)

Ingredients:	Topping:
One 6 oz package Cherry Jell-O	One 8 oz pkg cream cheese at room temp for 2 hours
2 cups boiling water	½ cup powdered sugar
1 large golden delicious apple, peeled and grated	1 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup chopped pecans	20 oz can crushed pineapple, drain well (you can use the juice as the cold liquid when you make the jello)
1 can whole cranberry sauce	8 oz whipped topping, thawed
	½ cup chopped pecans, toasted

Directions:

1. Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water, stir to mix, stir cranberry sauce into warm jello, stir in pineapple juice, set aside to cool. Add grated apples, chopped pecans, and turn into a 13x9 glass dish. Chill until firm.
2. Blend softened cream cheese with powdered sugar until smooth. Fold in crushed pineapple. In a separate bowl, stir vanilla into whipped topping with a wooden spoon. Gradually add whipped topping to cream cheese/pineapple mixture. Spread evenly over firm set jello. Sprinkle toasted pecans on top. Keep chilled until serving time.

This tastes so good, it's hard to stop eating it; even if you make it with sugar-free Jello, fat-free cream cheese and fat-free Cool Whip.

FOR SALE



Inspira frame, expands to about king size
Husqvarna Viking Mega Quilter \$250
Contact: Mindy Sharp 805 469 9197
Melinda.a.sharp@gmail.com

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**Please park on the East
Side Of Lot!!!!**



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<http://www.camarilloquilters.org/>

**Facebook: "Friends of the Camarillo
Quilters Association"**

Pleasant Valley Community Center
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DARK in August

Doors open at 8:45 a.m.

Meeting starts promptly at 9:30 am

Cell Phone Quiet Zone - No Perfume Zone