



Camarillo Quilters Association

Quilting in Ventura County since 1980

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President's Message

Greetings, Quilters! I know that we are all struggling through this difficult time of self-quarantine and worry. I hope you are taking good care of yourself.

I was brought up in a split personality household. (Not a clinical diagnosis, but a philosophical difference definitely existed.) My father was a negative, serious man, whose “water glass was half empty”, as the saying goes. My mother was a positive, upbeat woman, whose “glass was half full”. I am an odd combination of the two people, but I believe that they both miss the point.

The glass is refillable! If you don't like the glass the way it is, you can change it! Fill it up or empty it out. Fill it with something else – tea, iced coffee, or even chocolate milk! You could use the glass to sprout an avocado tree, or to house goldfish.

This point of view has helped me to maintain some level of peace during this public health crisis. Within limits, there are things we can do to help ourselves and others make things more bearable. Mask making has become a side hobby for many of us! Sewing time is more available than previously, and I have gotten more creative as I can't just run off to the fabric store. I'm working my way through my UnFinished Objects stash below my cutting table.

I have been lucky to be able to spend extra time with my son and husband. We have gotten projects done around the house and taken extra walks about the neighborhood. I have made particular efforts to reach out to those I know who live alone, through phone, e-mail, and snail mail. We have cooked special (weird) meals from what is in the cupboards and freezer, trying to reduce our marketing trips. Gardening has become a fun thing to do, being in the sunshine and pulling those new, pesky weeds that are starting to crop up after the recent rain.

Our mental health is as important as our physical health, and one does affect the other. So keep doing things that make your situation better, even in small ways. Drink lots of water, wash your hands, sew or create, and stay home in gratitude for the home you have. When this crisis is behind us, we will be quilting together again! Looking forward to that day,

Barbara Whitman, President

Speakers & Workshops

May 2020 - MEETING CANCELLED

Due to the Ventura County guidelines for social distancing, there will be no meeting or workshop in May. However, our contracted May meeting speaker, **Gina Perkes**, has a fabulous website, [a blog](#), a Facebook page (Gina Perkes Design) and has written four books and made many videos. Her store, the Copper Needle, is providing curbside service to her customers in Payson, Arizona, which is one hour north of Phoenix.



She is also donating mask making kits from her storefront for customers to sew masks for health care workers. Elastic is being donated by Moda Fabrics to fabric stores who are making masks!

Gina's **workshop for May** has also been cancelled. BUT, there is now a "[Virtual Quilt Show](#)" online which has recently been developed by Gammill, the longarm quilting machine manufacturer. There are 19 different quilt teachers on the site, with many different choices of classes. Gina is teaching classes in ruler work, free motion quilting, and several more. (Editor's note: Gina is my absolute favorite quilt teacher, and I'm so disappointed that she won't be here, so I'm signing up for her "Foundation Piecing without paper" class!)

June 8, 2020 (Community Center Auditorium, Camarillo) - tentative

Traditionally, the CQA June meeting is a "Parade of Quilts" – showing several hundred quilts - made by members for our local charities. Due to social distancing requirements, plans for the June meeting are evolving. The Board appreciates your flexibility and patience. Keep sewing those quilts for Comfort Givers, as there will be a tremendous pent-up need when this current crisis has passed. More information will be announced as soon as plans are firm.



“HELP, HELP, IT’S AN EMERGENCY!”

Well, it’s not an emergency yet, but it might be soon.

CQA is in need of a new treasurer for 2020-2021, starting in June. Judy Hively, who has done a tremendous job for the last two years, is not allowed to serve again per our bylaws. She is, however, willing, to train the new treasurer and give as much help as needed.

We are looking for someone familiar with QuickBooks, who has a computer, and is willing to attend Board meetings (on the Monday before the general meeting) and the general meetings monthly. It is an important and vital job - CQA cannot exist without a treasurer!

Won’t you consider being a part of this fun and kind board? Contact Barbara Whitman (momdog1@pacbell.net or 805-583-3378) for more information.

Camarillo Quilters Association Membership Application

Membership Year: June 1, 2020—May 31, 2021

Membership dues are \$35.00 per year. Bring your completed form and payment to the Membership Table at a guild meeting or mail to: Camarillo Quilters Association, P. O. Box 347, Camarillo, CA 93011-0347

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The guild newsletter and directory are delivered by email. **To have the Newsletter and directory mailed to you via US Mail costs an additional \$15.**

\$_____ **Annual Dues \$35.00**

\$_____ **Add \$15 to have newsletter mailed**

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Comfort Givers



Some of us are getting help from our pets, they are so happy to have around all the time!

Most of the Comfort Givers have been gardening, eating, reading, watching lots of TV, eating, baking, eating, and even quilting!

CQA Quilt Show

It's hard to imagine there was no quilt show. I would like to thank everyone for all their many hours of hard work. Thanks go as well to the Ventura Fairgrounds and Main Street Banner for agreeing to return our down payments ASAP.

We are working on returning your monies for the Gala as well. Thank you *Jane Aiello* for your excellent planning and record keeping. We will also return all vendors monies. *Alison Bailey* and *Linda Wilkinson* are working on this with our outgoing treasurer, Judy Hively - has a big task ahead of her. Thank you Judy. Last but not least, thank you *Barbara Whitman* for your leadership and keeping us all up to date.

We will be taking the boutique and other items to storage. We are also working on returning the few quilts we have as soon as it is safe to do so.

As we wrestle with the new restrictions of Covid-19, it's hard to imagine how we will navigate the future not only logistically and emotionally, but safely. Myself, having gone through the Thomas fire, having an ill daughter and an aging husband, I am concerned about the virus and my family's safety. PTSD? Well maybe.

We all will have to make decisions that are best for us on when to gather with others, and that is okay. Everyone has different situations and what is best for one might not be for another. Remember, we are all worried and doing our best. Please, if you do phone and reach out to each other, be mindful that people may be working from home. Please, if you call, ask if they have time. Some members are home alone. For me it is nice to hear a voice.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy family and prayers for everyone suffering. Be Safe out there - you are loved!

Sandra Durata, Quilt Show Chair

Quilt Show Lighter Note:

I am thinking it is a shame your quilts will not be seen. A lot of love and work went into them. And a lot of summer plans will be changing due to possible restrictions and fear.

What do you think about gathering in the park with your Quilt show entry and Mask? Maybe August? This is a month that we normally don't meet. A lot of us will be home. The virus does not like heat. So maybe, August - our **dark month** (pun intended) we could use our regular meeting day to have a mini quilt show Definitely using social distancing and wearing our face masks?

We are open to thoughts and ideas. We would be happy to plan something small and safe for all. A modified quilt show and gathering of friends. A small boutique, minis, quilts, and mask contest. We would have enough space for social distancing in the park. A couple of hours to reconnect. Something to look forward to? Too Soon?

Quilts on the Lawn a Covid experience.
Don't forget your mask!

Nothing fancy, just a break in this current reality, but only if it is safe! What do you think?

Please Call or Email your thoughts to: Sandra Darata 805-464-1285 saundrahiebert@yahoo.com or [Email CQA](#) and/or phone or email Barbara Whitman

A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST – by Sharon Norbutas

(The following bits and pieces are from newsletters and the memory of an 'almost charter' member.)

Did you know -----

- ✧ That the first CQA quilt show had over 400 quilts....so many that some were hung over chairs.
- ✧ That CQA quilt shows were hung as a maze for many years.
- ✧ That a professional auctioneer was hired to sell small quilts, made by members, at two shows.
- ✧ That a fashion show of embellished clothing was held at a show, complete with an above ground ramp for the member models.
- ✧ One show engaged a professional singer, who gave a performance before the show opened....very early in the morning.
- ✧ The printed newsletter once had an anonymous cartoonist.
- ✧ That Mercury Savings Bank hosted free luncheons for the guild.
- ✧ That Sarah Beth Tennison was president three times.
- ✧ That CQA once had night meetings (a failed effort to split the group).
- ✧ That Ventura College offered a color and design class particularly for CQA quilters.
- ✧ That Oxnard Adult School offered classes in Electric Quilt, designed just for CQA.
- ✧ That CQA had two group-wide Round Robins (1998)
- ✧ That CQA once had up to 16 vendors listed in the newsletter.
- ✧ That CQA has had up to 20 mini groups.
- ✧ That CQA once produced a Cookbook! (Yes, some members Cook.)
- ✧ That CQA once played 'Strip Poker'....and it was great fun!
- ✧ That 2001 was the formal start for Community Quilts, although there had been 'sew-ins' in previous years.
- ✧ That CQA met in the Camarillo Library, then the Trinity Presbyterian Church, then the Orchid Building, then the Serra Center, then the Freedom Center and now our present location.
- ✧ While at the Orchid Building we were asked to carpool as the lot was not large enough for the membership.

Masks for safety

Many of you have taken on the task of making masks. I would like to give a shout out to all those who are risking their lives to get us food and supplies. All those making masks to help protect our community. Thank you kindly!

So many different styles to choose from! I never thought I would use all of my mother's store bought binding. Or have had the experience of looking for supplies only to be told they were sold out - of elastic, pre wound bobbins, pre made double fold binding to mention a few. I am proud to say, to date I have made 27. Not a big number but a little help. Not one cost a cent to the recipient - all will be given freely.

Social media has provided lots of stories and photos. One of our members, *Dena Miskel*, made over 300 masks! She is a "one woman mask factory" and is currently making 25 a day. One member offered a mask to the mail man who wanted to know how much, and was shocked it was free. She also made 15 masks for a friend's co-workers and many for the hospital. Another had a handy man call and ask if the guild sells masks. He was told no and given the five he needed for free. He was beyond surprised and stated they loved them, thanking the guild. Some have given masks to neighbors. Others have made masks for their family members, friends and local health care workers.

Some members have gathered supplies and made them available for others to use when supplies were limited. Some have had to adjust to the demands of parents working at home with children and schooling on top of everything else that life throws their way.

WOW! This year has been something. As we all navigate this new experience, it is with pride we can say, "when there is a need we are here - our sewing machines are ready." We can spring into action and get things done. You ladies are truly amazing! Your ability to get things done is inspiring! Your masks are beautiful. I wonder when the lock down is over how many beautifully colored masks will be out there?

I am so proud to be a member of this guild! Keep up the good work! I know some of you are balancing a lot because life does not stop. Be safe out there and wear your mask!

By *Saundra Durata*

The Long Beach Quilt Show

The CQA bus trip to the Long Beach Quilt Show has been cancelled. However, the sponsor of the show sent an email stating the following:

"We are actively planning and preparing to hold International Quilt Festival in Long Beach (July 9-11)

Of course, we're also paying close attention to announcements from the U.S. federal government—as well as those from the governor of California — concerning instructions for public behavior and mass gatherings. We'll be issuing a statement on the Long Beach Festival no later than May 15."

Looking Forward to Road 2021!!

The Southern Calif. Council of Quilt Guilds is asking for submissions of photographs and descriptions of quilts for their January 2021 Road to California exhibition.

They are looking for recent works (2019-2020), no specific theme or topic.

It's early, but this will give you plenty of time!

Go to their website (sccqg.org) to find the link to the guidelines and entry form.

See you at Road!

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Cotton & Chocolate Quilt Company ** 380 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd (new location 5/5!!!) Thousand Oaks, CA 805-241-0061 www.cottonandchocolate.com	Roxanne's A Wish and A Dream * Carpinteria CA 93013 805-566-1250 www.roxannequilts.com
Fabric Town, USA * Ventura, CA 93003 (805) 643-3434 http://fabrictownusa.net/	The Quilt Emporium ** Woodland Hills, CA 91364 818-704-8238 www.quiltemporium.com
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