



Camarillo Quilters Association

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President's Message

On Tuesday December 11th, before our meeting, I could not help but notice how so many of the CQA Committee members were setting up their area, working together, and assisting others where needed....even if it was outside of their realm. I had to take just a few minutes to “stand and stare” in awe, very impressed. This is why our Camarillo Quilt Association is so awesome—soooo many members who are such hard workers!

The CQA Board along with myself has appreciated the positive affirmations we have received concerning our ideas and meetings. These affirmations have come verbally as well as written. When I hear affirmations, I usually reply with: this position have been an enjoyable one for me due to the hard working CQA Board, as well as other CQA members who step up to assist. This reminds me of a quote from Maya Angelou “When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed”.

A few of us invited guests to attend our December Meeting. I am sure they were as impressed as our members were with the 350 quilts that were received by our Ventura County Community Agencies. Another amazing feat, 350 quilts made in the past 6 months! What an outstanding parade.

It was wonderful to see the fruits of our CQA members' talents. I am equally impressed with how generous you are with your time and talents in making CQA the thriving guild it is. The investment of time and energy you spend to make the guild's monthly meetings and extra activities interesting, educational, and fun is extraordinary.

“Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.” Horace Mann

Sandra Hiebert-Darata, our Quilt Show Committee Chair, is asking for CQA members to volunteer for our 2020 Quilt Show. Please ponder on what you can do, your personal gifts, and let her know where you will fit in her list of positions. Let's NOT be “undoing ourselves” but rather be

“Living a life helping, and serving others so one will be interesting and lead a beneficial life.” Eric M. Watterson

I am sure there is a position that will fit each one of our 238 CQA members. **Happy New Year!**

Jonal Beck, President

Thank you to all the members who made our December meeting and potluck so special!

Yvonne Brydson and her Hospitality Committee were in charge of all of the food and service items, as well as making sure the tablecloths were clean, pressed and spit-spot. *Kathy Adams, Jonal Beck, Sandra Hiebert-Darata, and Judy Hively's* Holiday quilts were displayed to add ambiance to the stage. *Laura Divine* hung the quilts. *Allison Bailey* organized and led the Fat Quarter Activity. *Linda Wilkinson and her Library Committee* organized the Library Book Sale. *Jan Hunter and Pat Hibner* made tickets for each person who signed in for the special Holiday Gift basket drawing. *Sandy Puchlevic, Lou Dunn, Jenny Carr Kinney and the Comfort Givers Committee* arranged for our guest speakers, emceed our program, organized the many tables worth of quilts, and arranged for the holders of the Quilts on Parade. *Nancy Isbell* arranged for the tables to be decorated by our Small Groups. *Joan and Gerry Olsen* mapped out the arrangement of our tables. And of course, ***all those members who brought the wonderful food!*** Awesome job by all!

Speakers & Workshops

January 2019 (Community Center Auditorium, Camarillo)

Arlene Arnold <https://www.facebook.com/Heritage-Oaks-Quilts>



January 8 ~ Talk "The Journey – Kentucky to California, 1864"

Arlene specializes in antique and vintage quilts – and comes costumed! Come see and feel the history, and Arlene's family history, in quilts!

January 9 ~ Workshop - "Lucretia's Journey"

Traditional pattern inspired by the diary of Lucretia's travel.



Remember, all classes actual costs are offset by the guild - saving you money! So take advantage of this class and wonderful speaker.

February 2019 - ★ **Different Meeting Location**
(Freedom Center, 515 Eubanks Street, Camarillo)

Dora Carey <https://www.orangedotquilts.com/>



February 12 ~ Talk - "How to be Fearless, & my Path to Quilting a Life"

February 13 ~ Workshop

"Arabesque" Make a beautiful striking medallion quilt using foundation paper piecing.

QUILT SHOW - ALREADY?

By Sandy Hiebert-Darata, Quilt Show Chair

Did you see those words? Is it that time again? Yes it is almost that time again.

I look forward to creating a wonderful CQA show for 2020. It will be our guilds 40th Anniversary! Is that like married life? Do we get to celebrate with red rubies?

I will have sign-up sheets for open Quilt Show chair positions at our January CQA meeting. And I will be reaching out to past chairs to invite them to help make a great show again.

There are several key vacancies. We are looking for a chair for the boutique and another chair for signage. These are big jobs and we are working to make them more manageable.

Lots to think of and plan. I am excited and hope you are too.

Happy New Year!

Quilt Show Future Thoughts

By Sandy Hiebert-Darata, Quilt Show Chair

We are looking into the feasibility of having a combined show with other local guilds in the future. Not something to rush into!

Many guilds are smaller and a show is difficult for them. There are several local quilt guilds that might be interested in joining our show to help make it bigger and better. Some advantages: more variety, shared costs, shared work, more attendees. At the same time there are lots of things to consider.

The Seven Sisters Show in the San Luis Obispo area is in their 12th year of sharing a fabulous show. (Hence, the name)

Thelma and I have reached out to the Seven Sisters and we are invited to their meeting in January. Anne Kaver, co-chair of that show, will be assisting us in our exploration and is super excited for all of us.

I am proud to be a member of this wonderful guild. I can relate to the covered wagon days. We are blazing a Trail! I wonder what adventures are around the corner. And hope our bumps are minor and our successes great!

I look forward to working on this project and will keep you informed as information is available!

CQA Welcomes our
Newest Members

Lori Rees – Camarillo
Becky Gallup - Carpinteria

Catch the Bus to Road- Final Call!

- Destination: Ontario Convention Center – Road To California Quilt Show
- Saturday January 26th
- Meet at Camarillo Park & Ride HWY 101 and Los Posas Road
- Pick up 7AM Bus departs 7:30 AM and Return Pick up time is 4:00 PM
- Price \$65.00, your Day **Admission to the show is included!**
- Includes Breakfast Bagel, Cream Cheese, snack goodie bag and a chance for a free lecture. And Fun!
- Final Sign ups at the January CQA Meeting, or contact Tricia Steinfeld

Links to get Info to HELP Camp/Paradise/Carr Fire Victims

Eternity Quilts - <http://eternityquiltsevents.com/warm-hugs-for-christmas-camp-fire-quilt-relief-effort/>

Humble Quilts - <http://humblequilts.blogspot.com/2018/11/paradise-how-we-can-help.html>

Stitch Paradise Back - <https://sewnwildoaks.blogspot.com/2018/11/stitch-paradise-back-together.htm>

Carr Fire – mail quilts to Quilters Sew-ciety of Redding, P.O. Box 492581, Redding, CA 96003

A Glimpse of the Past - from our CQA Newsletter - April 1989

(Once upon a time CQA was too small to afford speakers. Here is what they did then.)

May 9, 1989 – Home Sewing Room Tour – We will meet at 9:30 sharp and go to three homes. Maps and routes will be distributed at that time.

June 13, 1989 – Sewing quilts for the Battered Women’s Shelter - We will be having a work party in which we will actually make and finish quilts for the shelter.

July 11, 1989 – Christmas in July potluck - CQA will be hosting a Christmas show’n’tell luncheon for the Simi Valley Quilters and the Santa Barbara Quilters. Share your Christmas quilts, wallhangings, table runners, placemats and ornaments. Meet new quilters, and get ideas and inspiration to finish your own projects.

As found by **Sharon Norbutas**

Be a part of history. CQA history!

By Jane Aiello, CQA Historian

Please be on the lookout for any items **you** would like to see preserved in our history book. Often the newspaper features different articles and/or photos on local interest throughout the county.

We also need photos taken during the workshops or special events. Is your small group working on a special project? May we document it?

If you have anything to contribute, please, call me, text me, email me (I am in the directory) or catch me at the Ways & Means table during the general meetings.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Happy New Year, Neighbor! It is 2019! Goodbye 2018!

It is a time to make New Year Resolutions. I always feel refreshed and eager to start anew. And as I refresh, my goal is to make this year's "Neighborhood" patterns even more fun and creative. I have been taking a new look at the world of houses and I think I have found just what our neighborhood needs. With that in mind, I hope you will find new inspiration as you continue to build your own "neighborhood".

If you haven't yet begun to build your "neighborhood", you have 5 more months of patterns to select from. We will continue to have a drawing for all the blocks that are turned in that month. As always, I am here to help you on you journey.

Remember you can access all the patterns on the [CQA website](#). It is simple and easy. Click on the blue link to go to the website. When the "home page" opens, click on "members", then click on "blocks". All the blocks from June to December, (exception is the month of August) will be listed there. Click on the block that you want to make and the pattern will open. Then print on you home computer.

"Won't you be my Neighbor?"

Kathy Adams

Block of the Month

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Shirley Bertolino shares her thoughts about the “*We’re Not Just Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes*” quilt at a Schoolhouse Quilters meeting.

A CQA Small Group Profile – Schoolhouse Quilters

The **Schoolhouse Quilters**, generally, follow the same goals as the [American Quilt Study Group \(AQSG\)](#) by preserving and studying the story of quilt making – past, present, and future. AQSG, founded in 1980, is one of the oldest and largest organizations in the world that is dedicated to quilt related studies. It is a unique and highly respected international organization with about 900 members. CQA, one of only 19 guild/affiliate members, is proud of its long historic membership.

The **Schoolhouse Quilters** invite the sharing of individual and group research, quilt book and article reviews, and the sharing of quilts (of course!). Occasionally the group pivots to “book club” mode with all members reading and discussing the same book. Not to be missed is the group’s contribution to our guild’s quilt show. Not many guild shows feature an education display. CQA has a longstanding focus on sharing the many aspects of quilt history and preservation.

And with the goal of preservation, **The Schoolhouse Quilters** recently undertook the task of properly storing its three historic quilts. Archival acid free boxes and tissue were purchased by the guild and used to conserve *Sarah Beth Tennison’s President’s Quilt* (1983), *The Touchy Feely Quilt* (1999) and the *We’re Not Just Little Old Ladies In Tennis Shoes* (date est. between 1991-1997*).

The **Schoolhouse Quilters** is an **open** small group, meeting the last Tuesday of each month in Ventura. All are welcomed. Contact Linda Wilkinson for more information.

Submitted by: Jane Aiello

*Do you know the date? Please contact Jane Aiello.

Comfort Givers

Our December quilt give away was a great success - 351 quilts including 48 Christmas themed quilts delivered December 3rd. There were lots of pillow cases, bibs, burp cloths, as well as knitted and crocheted hats. Hearing that our quilts make a difference in people's lives was very heartfelt. Thanks to our members for making it all possible.

We encourage you to visit the Comfort Givers table and checkout the finished quilts brought in by our members. Perhaps you would be encouraged to pick up a kit with instructions for assembly, or a pinned quilt ready for quilting, or a quilt that needs the binding. There are also quick projects like pillow cases, burp cloths and bibs, and we try to supply batting when it is available. Yes, sometimes we get close to running out of batting- **please keep on bringing in your Hobbs bar codes** from the bag it came in!

Getting behind on your kits/quilts for Comfort Givers? If you haven't been able to complete your part, just bring it back, and someone else will finish it! Maybe you will have time to help later.

Kay McLaughlin

Connie's Clam Chowder

2 - 3 cans chopped or minced clams
(including juice)
3 large potatoes- peeled, cooked and
diced in chunks
2 - 3 stalks celery - diced
½ - 1 large onion- diced and sautéed
3 cups chicken broth
3 slices bacon (or more)
2 cans evaporated milk

Sauté bacon- remove and cut in ½
inch pieces. In the pan, add 1
Tablespoon flour to bacon grease,
(or drain grease first and replace it
with butter or oil), while stirring,
cook about 3 minutes to form a roux.
Slowly add some of the chicken
broth. Mix to incorporate the roux.

In another pot, sauté onion then add
celery in a little oil or butter. Add
the roux/broth mixture. Add bacon,
clams with juice, cooked potatoes
and the rest of the broth. Heat to a
boil, then simmer. Just before
serving, add the canned milk.
Simmer, but **DO NOT** boil the
mixture after the milk has been
added. Optional: Float some
melted butter on top of chowder
before serving. (Serves 8)



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.

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**Please park on the East Side
of the Rec Center !!! ★**



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<http://www.camarilloquilters.org/>
**[Facebook: "Friends of the Camarillo
Quilters Association"](#)**

Pleasant Valley Community Center
1605 E Burnley Dr. Camarillo, CA 93010

Doors open at 8:45 a.m.
Meeting starts promptly at 9:30 am
Cell Phone Quiet Zone - No Perfume Zone