

# CAMARILLO QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

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## FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS



Wendy VanLoo and Shayne Liess  
By  
Wendy and Shayne



Happy June, Quilters! We are honored and excited to introduce ourselves this month as your new Co-Presidents. Speaking for myself (Shayne), I am overjoyed for the opportunity to work in collaboration with the incredibly talented Wendy. As we begin this new chapter together, I want to express my gratitude for the warm welcome and support we've already received. It has always been clear that our guild is a vibrant, creative, and caring community. I'm thrilled to be part of it.

Partnering with Wendy is both a privilege and a tremendous opportunity. Her knowledge and experience with the guild, her demonstrated commitment, and wealth of quilting experience

are inspiring. I'm looking forward to learning from her and, together, helping to build on the strong foundation that makes CQA such a special guild. We are already working so hard behind the scenes to supplement each other with our strengths, and bring an enthusiastic "yes, and" spirit to the suggestions of the other. We hope to bring this spirit to the rest of the guild as well. Please, if you have any suggestions or comments, our commitment to service and willingness to listen are always a text or email away.

I personally volunteered for the Co-Presidency because I want to help the wonderful foundation of CQA endure for decades to come. Quilts and knowledge both occupy a similar position: they are precious gifts passed down from person to person, generation to generation. Wendy and I both come from similar philosophies thanks to our backgrounds and experiences. Whether for her Girl Scouts and foreign exchange students, or my English students and mentees, we both understand the importance of creating organizations that can endure the test of time. As we move forward, our shared goal is to continue nurturing the spirit of friendship, creativity, and generosity that defines our guild. We believe that every member, whether brand-new or long-standing, has something valuable to offer. This is your guild—and your ideas, energy, and creativity are what keep it thriving.

That's why we'd love to hear from you. If you have a fresh idea for a workshop you'd like to host a speaker you admire, an event, or even a small suggestion to improve our meetings and procedures—we're all ears. Please don't hesitate to reach out. Your voice matters, and we want to start from the top with preserving

an environment where everyone feels encouraged to contribute.

We have an exciting year ahead, full of opportunities to learn, share, and grow together. Let's continue to inspire one another, embrace new challenges, and, of course, make beautiful quilts along the way.

Respectfully yours,

Shayne Liess and Wendy VanLoo

## PROGRAMS SPEAKERS AND

## WORKSHOPS

Vanessa Buescher: Workshops Chairperson  
*Registering for a workshop can be accomplished in person at a general meeting or on line at: <https://camarilloquilters.com>*

*Workshops are \$45.00 for members and \$55 for non-members.*

### June 10

Comfort Givers presentation

### July 8th

Laurel Anderson, Whisper Color  
Lecture: "Power of Colors"

### July 9th

Workshop Mount Diablo

**August** DARK, NO MEETING

**Sept 9th** Speakers, Small Group Reports:

We will hear from some of our small groups about their projects and activities and if they have any openings for our members. The Small Groups Presenting are:

- Ojai Comfort Quiltmakers
- Ojai Quilters Anonymous
- Creative Hands
- Purple Paisleys

**Oct 14** Marcie Lathrop, "Twisted Threads"  
14th Lecture, Aurifil Threads

**Nov 11** Kim Brownwell, Wacky Doodle  
Quilter Trunk Show

**Nov 12** Workshop: Fabric Scrap Ornaments

**Dec 10** Comfort Givers Presentation

## TRAVEL : RETREATS



Shayne Liess: Chairperson

*Here are the relevant dates and registration information. For all retreats, guests are responsible for their own lodging arrangements and expenses*

## 2025 RETREATS

### POINSETTIA PAVILION

3451 Foothill Rd, Ventura CA 93003

Monday, June 16 through Wed. June 18

The Retreat is FULL.

Contact Shayne directly to get on a waiting list.  
[shayneliess@gmail.com](mailto:shayneliess@gmail.com)

### CREATION STATION FABRIC & QUILT SHOP

252 E. Hwy 246 Unit A, Buellton, CA 93427

Friday, Aug. 15 through Sunday, Aug. 17

\$100 Registration Fee payable directly to Creation Station. Please Contact Creation station to reserve and pay for your spot. (805-693-0174).

## 2026 RETREATS

### POINSETTIA PAVILION

3451 Foothill Rd, Ventura CA 93003

DATE: JUNE 2026, DAY TBD

*Information and fees forthcoming at a later date.*

### OLD TOWN QUILT SHOP

165A West Clark Avenue, Orcutt CA 93455

DATE: Friday Aug. 28 thru Sunday, Aug. 30

\$80.00 registration fee payable to Camarillo Quilters Association. Please contact Shayne directly to reserve your spot  
([shayneliess@gmail.com](mailto:shayneliess@gmail.com))

## Quilting Facts: Did You Know?



I found a fun article on the web called: "32 Charming Quilting Facts" by Madeline Thatcher.[Credits:website]. It was published February, 19 2019 and updated October 4, 2019.

1. *The earliest depiction of quilting was discovered in Egypt: it was an ivory figurine of a pharaoh wearing quilted clothing, ca.3400 BC*
2. *Quilted clothing was popular in Europe, especially under chain and mail armor for soldiers. It kept the metal from rusting and kept the knights comfy under all their heavy gear.*
3. *European settlers brought quilting to the Americas and the earliest known quilt made in America is from 1704.*
4. *During the expansion into the Western United States, quilts were used as window coverings, doors, and walls for temporary housing as well as currency for pioneers.*
5. *Quilting bees originated in the Midwest United States during the 1800's where a lack of neighbors and a need for socializing drew women together to finish quilts and make new friends.*



## We have a notion



Do you have a favorite **Quilting website** or **blog**, **book series** or a **notion** you enjoy? If you would like to share please send me information and/or link and why you like it. I will put it in the newsletter. Please use JPEG format photos. Email me at: Barbara MacDonald

[gafasdesol@gmail.com](mailto:gafasdesol@gmail.com); Subject: CQA Newsletter Idea

In the meantime here is one I just purchased from **Harbor Freight**. It is a very inexpensive magnetic bowl that is usually found in the garage. Not fancy but the magnet is handy on Longarm Frames or any metal surface and is weighted, so, useful near your work space also. It has a really strong magnet in the base.



These come in 4" and 6" diameters.



Happy 4th of July  
Everyone!







## BOM

### BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Tedi Patterson, Incoming

BOM: Chairperson

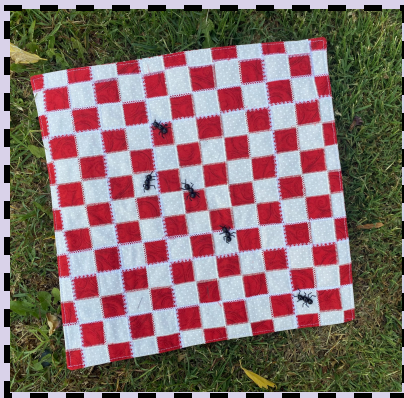
Lisa Gorski, Outgoing BOM

[Link to all the BOMs](#)

[Link to BOM Gallery](#)

#### BOM or MOM Mini of the Month

By Tedi Patterson



Hi, CQA members. I'm excited to be your new BOM chairperson. I have many ideas that I want to share with you. We will be exploring some new

techniques, playing with color, and my favorite, scraps! Since I joined CQA in 2018, I've admired the mini quilts at the membership table. They were created by sisters, Jan Hunter and Pat Hibner. I feel this is the perfect opportunity for me to start making a few of my own, and I hope you will join me on this MOM - Mini of the Month adventure. Each month, I will design or find a quilt block that will motivate you to complete and display for the following month. Wouldn't it be nice to finish something and not contribute to your UFO pile? It will be approximately 12" x 12" finished. Each block will be inspired by a season or holiday. If you're new to the BOM challenge, here are the details.

- Make a block, then show it to me at a meeting, or email me or Joey Strait a photo in JPEG format.

- For each block that you complete in the next twelve months, you will receive an entry to win one of three \$60

gift certificates from a local quilt shop. The winners' names will be drawn next year, at the May 2026 general meeting. You could win by creating just one block!

**C'mon, let's play!**

#### July is National Picnic Month

With that in mind, I created the **Picnic Ants** block to make in June.

For instructions, go to

<https://camarilloquilters.com/blocks/>

Stay tuned for the **July block, "Catching Rays"**. It will be available on the CQA website on July 1. Visit me at the BOM table at the general meetings for display ideas and to answer any questions. Contact me at [tedi.vta@gmail.com](mailto:tedi.vta@gmail.com) or (805) 212-0648

#### 2024-2025 BOM WINNERS! 🎉

As Lisa said goodbye to being the Chair of



BOM after two years, she presented the final winners at the May meeting (winners are chosen by random from anyone who

participates). Congratulations Debbie Bayer, Jan Hunter and Debbie Carr.

📖 Thank you Lisa for all your beautiful BOM patterns over the last two years! And thank you for stepping up to take over our beloved Library. Welcome Tedi Patterson who changed her "Hat" from Newsletter to BOM Chairperson. Looking forward to Tedi's creations in the coming year.



Dalya Dektor: Free Table Maven (Dalya knows her Free Table and manages it tirelessly. Thank you Dalya for all your hard work.)

## DALYA DEKTOR: FREE TABLE

Dalya put together a competition for our guild using panels from the free table. The results were spectacular. The entries were donated to the Comfort Givers Committee for distribution. The prize for the winner was one year free membership to CQA.



Congratulations winner, Jane Rudd!



Maker: Uela Hodson, second place

## • • • ANNOUNCING • • •

**Orphan Block Retreats on Monday June 30 and Wednesday July 16 from 9-5 (+/-)**

(An update: **July 9** changed to **July 16** due to a scheduling conflict per Dalya. BJM, Editor, on 6.6.25)

Dalya is planning 2 sew-ins at the Leisure Village Sewing Room to make orphan block quilts for comfort givers.

The last 2 were lots of fun and we made 12 one time and 15 the next time.

Dalya will provide the fabric and blocks. Bring your machine, thread and tools and lunch. RSVP is mandatory so you can come in through security.

**Call/Text her** for more information, questions and to notify you will be there.

805-302-5795



# JOIN CQA!

## Membership



Pat Hibner, Jan Hunter (Membership Chairs) and Joey Strait (Website Chair)  
*(OK...it is hard to imagine how much all three of these ladies have contributed to the CQA guild. Sisters, Jan and Pat have managed membership for as long as I can remember. They meet, greet, set up a beautiful and seasonal table at every meeting, They sign up new members and are responsible for the beautiful CQA Directory that is updated regularly. [The next one will be out soon]. They find time to be incredible sewists as well. Joey Strait knows quilting, seriously. She was a shop owner and is an educator and has held many past CQA positions i.e., President, Vice President and more. Joey is currently our website wizard. If you have a question about quilting Joey has the answer. Joey always steps up.)*

CQA welcomes new members. We meet on the second Tuesdays of the month at 9:30. CQA is Dark in August (no meeting). Membership gives you membership rates on workshops as well as the opportunity to join the CQA sponsored travel and retreats for membership rates. For more information please go to [Membership – Camarillo Quilt Association](#) You can join us for a meeting as a guest for \$5.00. If you are ready to join a vibrant and amazing group of quilters/makers you can join in person or at our website.

## Welcome New Members

Giovanna Arruda - West Lake Village  
 Kacy Butcher - Camarillo  
 Nancy Elkin - Agoura Hills  
 Joy Gabbard - Oxnard  
 Esther Kallen - Camarillo  
 Laurie Kooba - Camarillo  
 Jeanne Kooker - Camarillo  
 Cheryl Sparks - Camarillo  
 Pam Torgerson - Port Hueneme

*Special Welcome Back:*

Past President, Pam Lindsay

## Barbara Witman Submitted a Recipe....Looks great!



*"Here is recipe that I use all the time..."*

(Possible new tradition for the 4th of July?)

## Bob's Garlic Bread

1 cup butter, softened  
 1/2 cup mayonnaise (not light mayo)  
 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
 1/2 cup grated Romano cheese  
 5 cloves garlic, minced

Mix all ingredients. Spread on baguette which has been sliced lengthwise. Wrap in aluminum foil. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes. Uncover and broil for a few moments until it is golden brown. minutes. Uncover and broil for a few moments until it is golden brown.



HOLLY WINSTON: WAYS AND MEANS  
CHAIR AND COMMITTEE

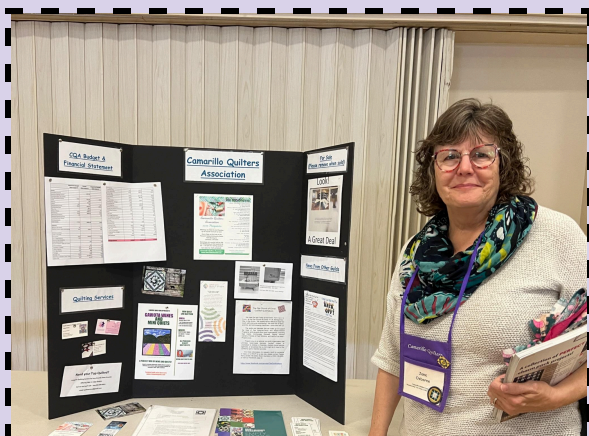


(l to r) Sue Hillard, Holly Winston: Ways and means Chairperson, and Marsha Morrow. (Holly and her team's talent bring a bit of Las Vegas to our meeting. They are really friendly and will gladly take your \$\$\$\$. For only a mere \$1.00 you have three chances to win a wonderful prize of your choice. So thinking ...each dollar you spend the odds are pretty dang amazing!)



VANESSA BUESCHER: WORKSHOP  
CHAIRPERSON (...assuring member "You can do this"! We are so blessed with Vanessa's commitment to this position. She is on year three of her tenure. Without Vanessa we wouldn't have a workshop component to our guild.)

## WHO'S WHO 🦉



JANE OSBORNE: COMMUNICATIONS  
CHAIRPERSON

(Thanks to Jane we have a communications table and a recently updated Communication board. Check it out at the next meeting.)



DEBBIE CARR: ZOOM GURU (the most Zen Zoom Guru ever! Debbie organized and labeled all the cords and tamed the technology beasts. Thank you Debbie!).





UELA HODSON (R):COMFORT GIVERS  
CHAIRPERSON ( ...AND STORAGE  
CHAIRPERSON)

Karen Preston(L) and Uela (R) collecting quilts for the QUILT GIVE AWAY at the JUNE meeting. (Uela wears two hats for our guild, as she also takes on the Storage Management for our guild. Thank you Uela for all your work and keeping us organized as well.)

## HATS OFF COMPETITION WINNER!



Lisa Gorski, organized the Hats Off table of just stunning entries. Lisa Gorski, our past BOM Chair and now Library Chair, coordinated a contest being sponsored by Creation Station during the Shop Hop Tour on May 30, 31 and June 1.

Our winner was TheresaTorres.



**Congratulations!**



**Theresa's winning entry close up.**

Now the winning hat will be transported to Creation Station and will join competitors from other guilds to be voted upon during the May Shop Hop for the Grand Prize of a "Retreat at the Creation Station". Best of luck Theresa!

 **Ventura County Fair** 

**July 30-August 10**

Debbie Bayer alerted us at the May meeting to check out the website. Please contact Debbie for more information: 805-267-0160

<https://venturacountyfair.org/fair/entries/>



# 2025 - 2026 Board

## Members



L to R: ADRIANA , BARBARA, ROSE, SHAYNE, WENDY

### Officers

Presidents: Wendy VanLoo(incoming)  
Shayne Liess incoming)  
VP: Rose Gamboa  
Secretary: Barbara Witman(incoming)  
Treasurer: Adriana van der Graff\*

### Directors

Membership: Jan Hunter  
Pat Hibner  
Speaker Contracts: **Vacant**  
Speaker Hospitality: Dana Fussell  
Workshops: Vanessa Buescher  
Ways and Means: Holly Winston

### Standing Committee Chairs

Block of the Month Tedi Patterson  
(incoming)  
Comfort Givers Pamuel Hodson  
Facilities Jonal Beck  
Member Hospitality **Vacant**  
Communications Jane Osbourne  
Ways and Means Holly Winston  
Storage Unit Mngr Pamuela Hodson  
Library Lisa Gorski (incoming)  
Small Groups **Vacant**  
Travel Shayne Liess  
(incoming)  
Newsletter Barbara MacDonald  
(incoming)

Quilt Shows/Events **Vacant**  
Website Joey Strait  
Jennifer Rapacki  
UFO Challenge **Vacant**  
Zoom Guru Debbie Carr  
Social Media Pam Dransfeldt (FB)  
Paula Hoffman (IG)



Our Guild Board has vacancies. Please consider how you might be able to help our guild by filling a vacant position.

**BENEFITS?** It is a sure fire way to meet more wonderful people in our guild and it just makes our guild that much more amazing and you will be volunteering for something that benefits you directly. What you give you get back so to speak.

If you are interested you can contact one of our Co-Presidents, Wendy or Shayne

[Shayneliess1@msn.com](mailto:Shayneliess1@msn.com)

Wendy VanLoo

or speak to any past or present member of the board. We would love to have you! The more friends the better. Chairmanships can be shared by people as well just like our presidency this year. Job descriptions are at the Communications Table or can be seen at our website.

*\*A special thank you to our treasurer Wendy van der Graff, who stepped up to fill the treasurer vacancy mid year.*

*•And another heartfelt thank you to all of our Board members who have filled positions for multiple years. and those who signed up for yet another term.*

## **Local Quilt Shops** **(LQS)**



### **Fabric Shoppe**

642 Las Posas Road. Camarillo  
805 383-7183

[Website](#)

### **Fabric Town USA**

2686 E. Main St. Ventura  
(805) 643- 3434

[Website](#)

### **Super Buzzy**

1794 E Main St. Ventura  
(805) 643-4143

[Website](#)

### **Cotton and Chocolate Quilt Co.**

380 E Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks  
(805) 371-3042

[Website](#)

### **Quilty Pleasures**

1555 Simi Town Center Way, Unit 165  
(805) 581-1577 Simi Valley

[Website](#)

### **Roxanne's A Wish and A Dream**

919 Maple Ave. Carpinteria  
(805) 566-1250

[Website](#)

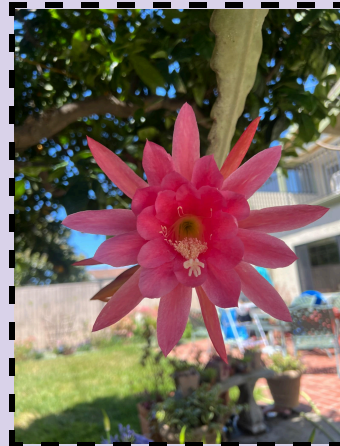
### **Grant House Sewing Center**

336 E Cota St. Santa Barbara  
(805) 962-0929

[Website](#)

## **Support our LQSS:**

We are so fortunate to have local and in person access to businesses like these so we can pet fabric. Nothing beats being able to visit these shops and ponder our next purchases in person. They also support our guild by donating the very coveted Fabric Store Gift Certificates for our Ways and Means Raffles every month that we all vie for (at least I do LOL.). 😊



*Just a stunning photo of the epiphyllum that blossomed in my back yard in May. Just beautiful!*

### **Editor's Note:**

*Thank you to Tedi Patterson for her wonderful guidance which made transitioning into this position seamless! She definitely left big shoes to fill and hopefully my first issue measures up to Tedi's expertise.*

*If I have made an error that needs correction I can correct it in the next issue just like the big newspapers do. 🙏 Just let me know.*

*For many years I belonged to this guild as a silent member as I was still working. I went through the Directory recently and marked everyone I now know. That grew 4 fold once I became a volunteer. What a remarkable group, this is going to be a fantastic year! The next issue will be July/August. SewOn!*

*Barbara MacDonald, Editor 2025-2026*

*\*Special thanks to hubby Don for proofreading excellence!*