

# CAMARILLO QUILTERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS



Wendy VanLoo and Shayne Liess

By

Shayne Liess



Happy summer, dear quilters! Shayne reporting in for this edition of the newsletter. Hope everyone is enjoying the sun, and finding time to work on your projects! As I write this, the County Fair is soon to be upon us. What an exciting time of the year. Even before I had a personal interest in quilting, my best friend and I have always loved checking out the local craft exhibits. Our Home Arts building was certainly no exception, and I'm positive that some of your work is some of what we've appreciated year after year! There is just something so wonderful about seeing what kind of talent exists within our own communities. Once my mom took an interest in quilting, however, my perspective changed. Seeing how her quilting projects would evolve over time allowed me to appreciate all the hard work and planning that went into every quilt she exhibited. Once I began quilting, my perspective changed again. I feel I can more accurately appreciate the

incredible amount of skill and patience you all have for your craft, especially in the techniques I only know by name or of which I have barely scratched the surface. This year, as I prepare to volunteer for helping set up the quilting exhibit next week, I have the perspective of not just a new quilter, but of a new co-president.

I will no longer be attending as just a curious boy who thinks quilts look cool, or as just a son showing support for his mother. Instead, I will be attending the fair as a co-president eager to appreciate the work of friends I know. I know I'll be seeing quilts that some of you have worked skillfully on at our retreats in Poinsettia and Orcutt. I know I'll be seeing quilts that some of you have begun at our workshops. I know I'll be seeing quilts you've brought to share with us at Show and Tell. I know I'll be seeing amazing and incredible surprises, both the ones painstakingly perfected over the last year and the ones delivered just in time to make the submission deadline! This year, there won't just be quilts I perceive as made by "strangers in my community" - instead, there will be quilts I see made by "my dear friends in the guild." When I tour the building with my bestie this year, I'm really enthusiastic about the ability to tell him when I recognize a name on a tag. I look forward to telling him about a quilt and a quilter that I know. I look forward to the opportunity to share with him how proud I am of my guild. I feel that this is emblematic of the power and the purpose of a guild. Through our artwork and our craftsmanship, we create a community and a sense of belonging. We enhance our appreciation for the craft through mutual recognition, skill development, and support.

Whether you are exhibiting a quilt yourself, or attending to show support for your fellow quilters, I sincerely hope that you can find time to check out the quilts this year at the fair. This is one of our best opportunities to show support for one another as quilters and guildmates. Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting in September.



## 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.

"The 'Crazy Quilt' was introduced during Victorian times. In order to showcase their wealth, high-brow women would use expensive fabrics, like velvet or silk, and brightly colored thread to make quilts. They were intended to be admired as art, not used for warmth or protection".



## I have a WEBSITE



There is no notion for this issue but I thought this might be helpful for all. I came across two YouTube videos highlighting FITNESS for Quilters that were published during a Wisconsin Quilt Show.

### "QUICK FIT WITH CASSIE"

The presenter is named Cassie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CD4tHL5imXs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukCMqnlBkzw>



## BOM

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH / Mini of the Month**

**By Tedi Patterson**



## "Catching Rays" August BOM-MOM By Tedi Patterson



Check out the August Mini of the Month designed for us by BOM Chairperson, Tedi Patterson. To access the pattern and see more BOMs please follow the links below. Thank you Tedi for such fun and pretty projects to play with.

Link to all the BOMs|

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

Link to BOM Gallery|

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

**INSTRUCTIONS for BOM PARTICIPATION:** Make a block, then show it to TEDI PATTERSON at a meeting, or email TEDI PATTERSON or Joey Strait a photo in JPEG format. For each block that you complete in the next twelve months, you will receive an Entry ticket 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!

## 🎉 Welcome New Member! 🎉

**CHERYL MAHONEY, Ventura**

We are delighted to announce we have a new member this month. Thank you for joining the wonderful world of CQA Cheryl!

## 🎡 Ventura County Fair 🎡

July 30-August 10

This is our member, Pat Hibner's, entry for the paint stick challenge for this year's fair.



"Loco Chicken" by Pat Hibner made for the 2025 fair competition... *Quilt on Stick*

## Small Groups Chairperson



**By Jodie Solorio**

I'm your new Small Groups Committee Chair. My name is Jodie. I invite you all to explore joining a small group! Our small groups are an added benefit of our CQA membership. It's a wonderful way to get to know other quilters and to stitch outside of your home. I love meeting with my small groups and I look forward to seeing my fellow quilters outside of our monthly CQA meetings. Here's the information for the two newest small groups. They are looking for new members with similar interests. Please go to our website to find the full list of small groups: <https://camarilloquilters.com/small-groups/> there's something for everyone. You can always form your own group by contacting me Jodie Solorio. I'm in the membership roster. Text or email is best. Happy stitching my friends!

### Hand Quilters

4th Friday each month including August  
Thelma Atkinson's home

9:30am-4:30pm

Bring Hand quilting projects, supplies, and sack lunch  
Open

Contact: Thelma Atkinson

### Art Quilters

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month including August

Holiday Schedule:

November meetings are 2nd and 3rd Thursday and

December 2nd Thursday meeting is cancelled

Del Prado Townhome Clubhouse

1800 Del Prado Dr. Camarillo, Ca

9am -12pm

Work on your own project

There's lots of sharing of knowledge, of information and of supplies.

Bring art quilts, sewing machines and/or hand sewing

Open

Contact: Susan van der Veen

## 🦉 WHO'S WHO 🦉



Facilities Director: Jonal Beck

I am often asked "How do you do so much?" I usually vary my answer, however the real answer is "I'm a jack of all trades and master of none."

Years ago, I took a few classes at Barons, in Camarillo. For a couple of classes, my teacher was Sarabeth Tennison. She encouraged me to join CQA way back in 1982, a few years after CQA began. At that time, I was a Home Economics teacher at Camarillo High School and could not attend the day time meetings. I was able to visit the July meeting once in a while. I knew that when I retired, I would join. I had no clue then that I would be on the Board of Cam Quilters.

I joined in January of 2012. Less than a year later, I was asked to take over a position on the board being in charge of Small Groups. That job was a nice starting point for being a board member. It gave me the opportunity to meet a lot of nice people. Some are my good friends to this day.

I was asked to join a small group by Nancy Isbell. Her group was "open" (most were closed groups)



13 years later, I am still in her small group. Again, I have made great friends in that group.

A few years later, I was asked to become President of Camarillo Quilters. Hmm, I had to think about that one. I knew that "my" board members were of high quality. I accepted the nomination. That next year, I was Vice President under Barbara Witman, and the following year we shared being Co-Presidents.

Currently I am in charge of Facilities. It is a fun job that requires communication between myself and many board members, and the PVRPD office. I send in a map of the floor plan each month that we meet and make sure the Auditorium and workshop rooms are scheduled and paid for.

Meanwhile, in my spare time of my career as an educator, raising 2 children, and taking care of a house and husband, I was able to plan summer holidays. For 13 summers my family as well as my parents, spent most of the summer in the Canadian wilderness living in our motorhomes. The kids grew up knowing how to build fires, catch, clean and cook salmon, halibut and Dungeness crab. We also saw much wildlife, with my favorites of killer whales right by our boat and bald eagles flying high then skimming the ocean surface to catch their fish dinner.

As the kids grew, I created another amazing all summer holiday- we shipped our Volkswagon van to Belgium. Two days after summer began, all 4 of us boarded a jet to Brussels. We taxied to our van, and then said "Now, where are we going?" We ended up spending 6 summers camping in that van. Each summer we drove around 3,000 miles. We logged in 14 countries throughout those 6 years. With 14 countries as a base, I started a collection of "visiting countries". I am up to 38 right now and hope to add to my list in the near future.

I enjoy being busy. I find it difficult to just sit and watch a movie or television. I love making stuff. I give dinner parties where we make our own noodles, or our own lasagna, I have had craft parties, and also have hosted mini-sewing retreats at my house near the beach. Sometimes it's one day of sewing, and then others may be up to 3 days where the guests go home for the night.

It's been a pleasure to be on the CQA Board. The members of Camarillo Quilters are the best people!! So are quilters in general. You should find a position that is a good fit for you and volunteer. It is very rewarding and you won't regret it.

**Upcoming issues: More Member Highlights.**

## The CQA Pizza Box Challenge

is HERE!



By Patrice Lambourne



***Patrice and an example of what a pizza box challenge can produce.***

There is still time to join the Pizza Box Challenge before the September meeting. At that meeting, Patrice will be distributing labeled pizza boxes to participants with the instruction sheet inside.

When you participate, you will need to choose a block that you would like to use in a quilt, include directions for making that block, and select fabric that you will include in the box as it is passed from member to member IN SECRET each month. Or perhaps you want to include choices of blocks for participants to make.

Every month each participant will make ONE BLOCK based on the directions taped inside the lid of the box and using the fabric provided in the box. We will not be exchanging boxes during the December meeting and will conclude next July when we return the boxes to the owner of the box – the label on the front. It is exciting to open the box after so many months and find those beautiful blocks ready for your quilt.

Want to join the fun? Contact Patrice at [Patrice4CQA\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:Patrice4CQA(at)yahoo.com) by September 5<sup>th</sup> so she has a few days to get a pizza box for you and outfit it with a label and information.





## PROGRAMS



**VANESSA BUESCHER-WORKSHOPS**  
**JOEY STRAIT- SPEAKER CONTRACTS**



## 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.

**August DARK, NO MEETING**

### **TEDI'S QUILTED COAT CLASS**

**Sept. 10, 2025      Wednesday**  
**9:30AM-3:30PM      \$45.00**

### **CQA SEW IN / Mini Retreat**

**Oct. 15, 2025      Wednesday**  
**9:00 AM-3:30PM      \$20.00**

**1800 Del Prado Dr. Camarillo.**

Come join in with your fellow quilters. Finish up those UFOs, WIPs or start something new.

We will be sewing in a new, roomy, bright and sunny space. Susan Van der Veen has reserved her recreation room in her community for us to use. Plenty of parking close to the room. Handicap accessible. All monies raised from this sew in /retreat will go to defray future workshop costs

### **FABRIC SCRAPPY ORNAMENT**

**Kim Brownell of Wacky Doodle Quilter**

**Nov. 10, 2025      MONDAY (note date!)**  
**1:00PM-4:00PM      \$45.00**  
 (includes workshop and the \$20.00 Kit)

## SPEAKERS



### **Joey Strait:**

JOEY introduced Diana Fussell to stand in the audience, naming her the Speaker Hospitality Chair at our July General Meeting. Diane will announce if speakers are going to lunch after our general meetings and will invite members to join them. Her job is to provide hospitality for the speaker.

### **Small Group Reports:**

#### **Sept 9th**

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

### **Marcie Lathrop, "Twisted Threads"**

#### **October 14th**

We have Marcie Lathrop lecturing about Aurifil Threads (Joey's favorite piecing thread.) Bring extra money because she will be bringing threads to sell.

### **Kim Brownwell, Wacky Doodle Quilter Trunk Show**

#### **Nov 11th**

### **Comfort Givers Presentation**

#### **Dec 10th**

No Workshop

## 2025 - 2026 Board Members



### OUR STALWART VOLUNTEERS

<b>Presidents:</b>	<b>Wendy VanLoo</b> <b>Shayne Liess</b>
<b>VP:</b>	<b>Rose Gamboa</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Barbara Witman</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Adriana van der Graff</b>
<b>Directors:</b>	
<b>Membership:</b>	<b>Jan Hunter</b> <b>Pat Hibner</b>
<b>Speaker Contracts:</b>	<b>Joey Strait</b>
<b>Speaker Hospitality:</b>	<b>Dana Fussell</b>
<b>Workshops:</b>	<b>Vanessa Buescher</b>
<b>Ways and Means:</b>	<b>Holly Winston</b>

### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

<b>Block of the Month:</b>	<b>Tedi Patterson</b>
<b>Comfort Givers:</b>	<b>Pamuel Hodson</b>
<b>Facilities:</b>	<b>Jonal Beck</b>
<b>Member Hospitality:</b>	<b>Diane Fussell</b>
<b>Communications:</b>	<b>Jane Osbourne</b>
<b>Ways and Means:</b>	<b>Holly Winston &amp; Team</b>
<b>Storage Unit:</b>	<b>Pamuela Hodson</b>
<b>Library:</b>	<b>Lisa Gorski</b>
<b>Small Groups:</b>	<b>Jodie Solorio</b>
<b>Travel:</b>	<b>Shayne Liess</b>
<b>Newsletter:</b>	<b>Barbara MacDonald</b>
<b>Quilt Shows/Events</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Website:</b>	<b>Joey Strait/Jennifer Rapacki</b>
<b>UFO Challenge</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Zoom Guru:</b>	<b>Debbie Carr</b>
<b>Social Media:</b>	<b>Pam Dransfeldt (FB)</b> <b>Paula Hoffman (IG)</b>



We still have two vacancies on our Board.  
Please contact our presidents. We need you.

## Local Quilt Shops (LQS)



### Fabric Shoppe

642 Las Posas Road. Camarillo

805 383-7183

Website: <https://www.afabricshoppe.com/>

### Fabric Town USA

2686 E. Main St. Ventura

(805) 643- 3434

Website: <https://www.fabriktownusa.net/>

### Super Buzzy

1794 E Main St. Ventura

(805) 643-4143

Website: <https://www.superbuzzy.com/contact.htm>

### Cotton and Chocolate Quilt Co.

380 E Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks

(805) 371-3042

Website: <https://www.cottonandchocolate.com/>

### Quilty Pleasures

1555 Simi Town Center Way, Unit 165

(805) 581-1577 Simi Valley

Website: <https://www.quiltypleasuresimivalley.com/>

### Roxanne's A Wish and A Dream

919 Maple Ave. Carpinteria

(805) 566-1250

Website: <https://www.roxannequilts.com/>

### Grant House Sewing Center

336 E Cota St. Santa Barbara

(805) 962-0929

Website: <https://havefunsewing.com/?srsltid=AfmBOooGUIYx77StgBiKKb-76sw58gK-cDUElogLmzAAzv8PFO0kQAa7>

### Quilt Emporium

4918 Topanga Canyon Blvd Woodland Hills CA

(818) 704-8238

Website: <https://www.quiltemporium.com/>

### Modern Quilt Company

864 Schooner Dr. Unit 101, Ventura CA

(818) 292-4405

Website: <https://modernquiltco.com/>

### Support our LQs:

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. Several 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.).

## 🚗 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

#### 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 UPCOMING

##### 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, 2026.

\$80.00 registration fee payable to Camarillo

Quilters Association. Shayne will announce when registration

opens.

(shayneliess@gmail.com)

#### POINSETTIA PAVILION RETREAT...JUNE 2025

This was A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY to enjoy friends and make new friends and FINISH UFO'S and start and projects. It is a WONDERFUL LOCAL RETREAT AND A FABULOUS BENEFIT OF MEMBERSHIP in our CQA Guid.



Barbara MacDonald picking up where she left off at the last retreat in Orcott.



Lou Dunne manages to complete up to three quilt tops each retreat I have attended with her. Amazingly prolific Comfort Quilt maker. And, all the while she carries on a fun conversation!



Vickie Norbutas and her sea glass colored quilt project.





Hiding behind this lovely quilt is Karen Kindschi. Karen assembled this entire quilt during this retreat. She is donating it to a fundraiser for a cat shelter she supports. Looking closely you will see cats that are imbibing in wine related activities. 🍷🐱🍷



Shayne Leiss and his completed masterpiece!



Rose Gamboa is another prolific quilter showing a yet ANOTHER completed top.



Pat Hibner and Jan Hunter are getting ready for the fair entries in the paint stick quilt categories.







Anne Sidell

Featuring ANNE SIDELL...who manages to complete STUNNING projects all the time.



Sharon Nortbutas is another prolific finisher and maker. Sharon is a high volume Comfort Givers quilter among other impressive quilt projects....but that isn't all. Sharon sews so much she wears out Berninas and Juki's. Note: Sharon had lots of little squirrels on and around her machine this retreat. No one knows why. They were coming out of the woodwork by her work station. I am sure they knew Sharon likes squirrels 🐿️🐿️🐿️



Anne Sidell (top and bottom)



This beautiful project was assembled by one of our members (and my apologies for not noting your name) 🤔. It was finished in memoriam for a dear friend who had since passed on.



BFF'S for well over 40 years. Ilene Gavenman\* and Barbara MacDonald enjoying retreat time.

\*Thank you to Ilene who is a prolific photographer and has contributed many of the pictures you see here. There are so many ways to contribute to CQA!



## RETREATS

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Friendship•Camaraderie•Productivity  
Snacks•Laughing•Sharing•Knowledge



Shirley Cattenough and Rose Gamboa got a square competed! Yes!



Caroline Gleisberg and (I am sorry no name),



Vicki Gieger enjoying the retreat. What a beautiful smile.





Vanessa Bucher and the bag she made that I and others oogled 🙄.



Giovanna Arruda...Recently a new member and novice quilter and this is talent ready to burst forth! Wow. All completed at the June retreat!



Shayne Liess (Co-president and Travel) taking a well deserved cat nap.



Hilton Lakes backpacking adventure.

What did you do during the August break? My husband and I and friends went backpacking to Horseshoe Meadows and Hilton Lakes. It was challenging and rewarding. We couldn't have asked for better weather. But surprisingly the third day we were camped the skies opened up, thunder clapped loudly and we were pelted with pea sized hail that danced off the surface of Hilton Lake #2.

Really! So very surprising. After it started, it persisted for about 5 minutes and then it just stopped...like a cork had been put in the sky. So, being prepared for anything when outdoors was again proven to be prudent. I was ready for the mosquitos. I wasn't ready for the altitude at 10.7K.

The climbs and descents were challenging. But, once we got there we were in a beautiful part of the Eastern Sierras off the 395 above Lone Pine and above Tom's Place. I had a profound appreciation of my home and amenities after carrying my house on my back for 5 days.

I look forward to seeing everyone in September. Hoping you all had an adventurous August. Can you believe we are now in the second half of 2025 everyone! Quilters can see it coming as all the quilt shops and online shops are rolling out holiday themed fabrics and kits. Well, I should take a hint and get myself going!

Thank you to my husband who proofreads this newsletter. Thank you to Ilene Gavenman who shared several of her photographs from the June retreat in this issue.

Editor, Barbara MacDonald

**Next issue: Oct/Nov**