

**Camarillo Quilters Association
General Meeting Minutes
Sept. 9, 2025**

Wendy Van Loo called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Birthday wishes were sung for August and September members. Thanks to new volunteers were expressed: Stacy Benghiat is CQA's new Member Hospitality Chairperson.

Today's program will be a celebration of Mini-Groups.

There will be an "Art Bash" quilt show at Cal State Channel Islands in Camarillo on Sept. 21. Some of our members are participating.

Lisa Gorski reported that the **2026 Shop Hop** theme is "Ties that Bind". Last year Creation Station hosted a hat challenge. They are planning a 2026 challenge for original aprons, which can be made from a pattern or an original design (but not purchased) and then decorated as in the hat challenge. Decision for our guild to participate is due on Dec. 1. The winner gets a free retreat. Voters are those on the Shop Hop event.

Quilts of Valor will be collected through December and then sent off. No more quilts or blocks will be collected until next year.

Patrice Lambourne reported regarding **Pizza Box Project**. She suggested that the boxes be tied closed. Two- and one-half yards of fabric are needed. Keep the selvages if possible. There is a card inside each box with instructions and a to and from card. Keep these cards in your name tag pouch and bring them to each meeting to remind you who the box in your possession goes to next. A sample block and any template needed should be in the box. Call Patrice if any questions.

Wendy Van Loo shared that we had discovered a melanoma lesion which needed checking. She encouraged everyone to check themselves and follow up with a doctor.

Dalya Dektor reported regarding the **Free Table**. Please take as many items as you like.

Pamuela Hodson reported regarding **Comfort Givers**. There are quilts in need of binding available to take today, as well as quilt kits. Collecting in preparation for our December Comfort Givers meeting has begun.

A variety of completed quilts were shared by members of the guild.

There was a 10-minute break for refreshments and mingling.

Jodie Solario led a presentation regarding **CQA's many small groups**. Information about the groups can be found on CQA's website.

Kathy Adams reported for the **Creative Hands** group, which has been meeting for 3 years. Their goals are to teach one another new techniques and to donate to Comfort Givers. They meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the Conejo Valley. Members take turns hosting.

Jane Osbourne reported for the **Purple Paisley** group. This group is welcoming new members now. They meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at FabricTown USA. They make quilts for Comfort Givers and use lots of fabric from the free table.

Teresa Perry reported for the **Ojai Church of Christ Comfort Quilt Makers** group, which has been meeting together for 10 years. They have completed 3,000 quilts since their inception. The group donates their quilts to Project Linus, Teen Challenge, Dignity Infusion Center, UCLA Infusion Center, and many more groups. They meet on Wednesdays, generally twice a month. There are fliers available at the meeting. There are sewing machines at their meeting place and fabric supplies are plentiful. Quilters may also donate quilts to CQA Comfort Givers.

Donna Clark reported for Shirley Bertelino and the **Morning Glories** group, which was started 38 years ago! They meet every Tuesday except when CQA meets. New members are welcome. The members work on their own project and share techniques and ideas. Fliers about this group are also available at this meeting.

Doris McLaren reported regarding the **Ojai Quilters Anonymous** which meets at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Tuesdays. This is a hand quilting group. There is a frame that accommodates several people. New members are welcome. This group started in 70's. Thelma Atkins shared history of the group.

Susan Van der Veen reported regarding the **ART Quilt** group, which meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in Del Prado Townhome Community Room in Camarillo.

Thelma Atkinson reported regarding the **Hand Quilters** group. This new group meets at Thelma's home in Camarillo on the fourth Friday of the month. Everyone brings their own lunch and beverage.

Linda Wilkinson reported for the **School House** quilters. This group has been meeting for nearly 30 years. They learn about quilt history, women and men's involvement, textile technology, fact vs fiction, quilting designs of the past, and analysis of unknown fabrics and quilts. These members are super sleuths! Jenny Car Kinney is a member of this group. They have started a quilt documentation program and are members of American Quilt Study Group. The group meets the last Tuesday of the month, but not in July, August, or September, at the Dudley House in Ventura.

Kelly DuBois and Yvonne VanHorn reported regarding the **SeaSide Quilters**. This group has been meeting in Oxnard for 10-15 years on the fourth Thursday of the month. They primarily make quilts for Comfort Givers and share different aspects of quilting.

There was 5-minute break.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Van Loo reported the following balances:

Checking	\$11,134.52
Savings	\$18,818.75
CD	\$35,392.70
Total	\$65,345.97

Membership Report: There are currently 177 members and there were 101 members at last meeting.

Workshops: The coat workshop is full. There will be a mini retreat in October for sewing one's own projects, as well as a workshop in November regarding ornament making.

It was announced that Kathy Antrobus and Rosemary Tobin are now the co-chairs of the **Travel Committee**. There are several retreats scheduled through August 2026.

Member Hospitality: Shayne Liess reported that Stacey Benghiat will be taking over member hospitality and needs an assistant or a co-chairperson.

Library: More volunteers are needed to help keep our library organized and available.

Ways and Means: There are many happy winners today!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara MacDonald (sitting in for Barbara Witman)

Approved at the Oct. 12, 2025 Board meeting.