

CAMARILLO QUILTER'S  
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
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Our Co-Presidents



Wendy Van Loo and Shyne Liess

B.O.M.·M.O.M

Block of the Month · Mini of the Month  
Chairperson/Tedi Patterson

January's "Love Note" mini of the month



"LOVE NOTE"

Has been posted at our website.

♥ *Tedi is going to retire...* ♥

**TEDI is retiring from BLOCK of the MONTH.** Please consider stepping up to volunteer. You can speak to anyone on the board and also reach out to Tedi if you are interested and would like more information on what this position entails. Thanks in advance for giving consideration to participating and carrying forward a wonderful activity of our guild.

Thank you to everyone who has participated so far. I hope you have enjoyed my ideas and hopefully learned some new techniques. If you haven't made one yet, there is still time! You don't have to do them in order, and you don't have to do them all.



The links for each block can be found here:

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

You can also see the **BOM Gallery** of what everyone has made here:

<https://camarilloquilters.com/bom-2025-2026/>



### **DIRECTIONS for BOM PARTICIPATION:**

For every block you complete and show me, you will receive a ticket to win one of three \$60.00 gift certificates from a local quilt shop. These will be drawn at the MAY 2026 meeting.

**You could win by creating just ONE block!**

Wooden "Mini Quilt" stands are available for purchase from Jan Hunter at the membership table. They are \$10 each. These were custom crafted by Jan's husband just for CQA.

Contact me with any questions. (805) 212-0648  
or [Tedi.Vta@gmail.com](mailto:Tedi.Vta@gmail.com)

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**We are so glad to have you!**

By Jan Hunter

### **Two New members in December:**

Katharyn Cross – Camarillo  
Linda Dillon – Ventura

### **One new member January.**

Megan Chan – Camarillo.

Make sure to say hi!

## **DID YOU KNOW?**



*I recently opened an article on an article that caught my eye. Jenny Doan of Missouri Quilt Star had been interviewed about her experience of Quilting in an RV. You might find this a fun video as well as a couple other fun RV Quilting links...*

### **Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Company (MSQC) Sews in her Camper!**

<https://youtu.be/V9nOlkKLRP8?si=vSMcXeZ2F7ZEpuZuW>

**Stitching My Story: Tales of Quilting and RVing from a Traveler's Perspective.**

<https://www.doityourselfrv.com/stitching-my-story-tales-of-quilting-and-rving-from-a-travelers-perspective/>

### **LessonsLearnt you/Tube**

[https://youtu.be/4gkMmk\\_xBhw?si=tV0zKg6x3AshFT3c](https://youtu.be/4gkMmk_xBhw?si=tV0zKg6x3AshFT3c)

Next Newsletter: Write a little blurb with what your favorite batting is and why. I think member input on their favorite batting would be fun for all!

## **MEMBERSHIP HOSPITALITY**

Stacey Benghiat, Chairperson



(L to R)Holly Winston (Ways and Means) & Stacey Benghiat (Hospitality) and appreciative member

Thank you Stacey Benghiat! ❤️ for putting together such a successful pot luck in December at the Comfort Giver's give away. There were so many goodies. One that stood out for me was this amazing sugar cookie Santa Hat that was so moist and soft with red glazed frosting. Anyone know about that? Well, in any event be sure to look out for the sign up to bring goodies for the upcoming meetings that comes out with the email blasts every month.

# LECTURE & PROGRAMS CALENDAR FOR 2026

Chairperson , Joey Strait



Copies of the annual calendar card are available at all monthly meetings. (thank you to Joey Strait for doing that for us)

You can also go to view  
programs/workshops on our website  
at:

<https://camarilloquilters.com/program>  
<https://camarilloquilters.com/workshops/>

# LECTURES CALENDAR

Chairperson, Joey Strait



## February Lecture 10<sup>th</sup> Lecture

Rob Appel, Rob Appel Designs

## March 10<sup>th</sup> No Lecture

CQA University

## April 15<sup>th</sup> Lecture

**Anne Sonner; Sweatshirt Jacket**

Totally Traditional to Quite Quirky

## May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Linda Sullivan: Colourwerx**

Lecture Tips & Tricks to Precision Piecing

# WORKSHOPS CALENDAR

Chairperson, Vanessa Buescher



## February 11<sup>th</sup> Workshop

Workshop: Scrapmasters Quilt

## April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Anne Sonner; Sweatshirt Jacket**

Registration To Be Announced

## May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Linda Sullivan: Strippin' & Stichin'**

Registering for a workshop can be accomplished in person at a general meeting or on line at:

[Camarillo Quilt Association](https://camarilloquilters.com)

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

♥ VANESSA IS RETIRING ♥

VANESSA is retiring from WORKSHOPS. Please consider stepping up to volunteer. You can speak to anyone on the board and also reach out to VANESSA if you are interested and would like more information on what this position entails. Thanks in advance for giving consideration to participating and carrying forward a wonderful activity of our guild.

## TRAVEL CQA

Kathy Antrobus/Rosemary Tobin  
Co-chairpersons  
YOUR **TRAVEL** PALS



**SIGN UPS BEGINNING AT THE  
JANUARY MEETING**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**POINSETTA PAVILION, VENTURA  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE  
15<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**STAY HOME RETREAT AT**

**Cost: \$100.00**

**Room for 36 people**

**First Come First Seating Choose**

**POT LUCK -sign up**

**Pay by:**

**Cash OR Check made payable to:**

**Camarillo Quilt Association**

**OR Credit Card**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**OLD TOWN QUILT SHOP, ORCUTT  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST  
28<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

More information is coming  
Call Kathy or Rosemary with and questions

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805/827-3499

Rosemary Tobin  
[Rosemary.tobin@yahoo.com](mailto:Rosemary.tobin@yahoo.com)  
818/631-5544

## LIBRARY

Chairperson /Lisa Gorski  
[Quilts of Valor & Shop Hop Liaison]

## Quilts of Valor National Block Drive 2026



QUILT OF VALOR - 2026

We have a new block for 2026 ! It is called "Echoes" and is super easy.

These 10” finished blocks will be used with a QOV panel to create a 62” x 82” quilt.

You can see photos of their finished quilts plus a tutorial for making this block on their website.

<https://www.govf.org/in-the-news/echoes-named-as-quilts-of-valor-foundation-block-of-2026/>

To make it even easier, I have printed instructions for you. Pick up a copy at our next meeting or drop me a note and I will e-mail it to you. PLEASE read the color guidelines carefully. QOV is a bit more specific this year as to what will work the best.

As before, this is a year-long project. I will be collecting blocks from now to our December 8, 2026 meeting.

This block lends itself well to strip piecing. I combed through my stash, chose fabric, and made 4 sample blocks in an evening. You can also pre-cut a few kits for yourself to assemble when you have 30 minutes free or just need an easy, quick project to clear your mind. :)

The Central Coast  
Quilt Shop Association  
“Shop Hop”  
May 29-31, 2026

### “Celebrations That Tie Us Together !”

The Shop Hop is a great time to gather friends and hit the “Quilt Shop” road. You can visit as many or as few shops as you want. It is fun to see the different shops, pick up new ideas, visit with friends, and have fun! There are 11 shops on this year’s tour from Fabric Town USA in Ventura to Orange Dot Quilts in Paso Robles. To participate, pick up your Free Passport at

any of the shops when you start your trek. A limited number of Premium Passport can be purchased at any of the shops starting May 1. Each shop will stamp your passport. Folks who visit all 11 shops receive a special gift and are entered in prize drawings. You also have an opportunity to enter each shop’s Daily Gift Basket Raffle. Did you know that a number of our guild members won prizes last year? From raffle baskets to \$50 Gift certificates. See their websites for more information about last year’s event.

<https://quiltshopsofthecentralcoast.com>

### “Apron Challenge”

The **Creation Station Fabric Shop** in Buellton has invited 11 Quilt Guilds to participate in a special event during the Shop Hop, an Apron Challenge. The winning guild wins a free retreat weekend for 20 people at the shop.

The entry guidelines are:

1. Aprons are to be Adult Size and made from scratch by a member of our guild. It will be displayed at the shop on a dress form provided by the guild during the Shop Hop.
2. Commercial patterns, free internet patterns or original patterns can all be used to construct your guild’s Apron entry.
3. No decorated pre-made aprons. Please do not purchase a handmade apron from etsy, etc. and submit it as “your own.” Apron makers can work alone or with friends. Entry forms are available at the meetings or by contacting me directly. **PLEASE** let me know by **March 10** if you are planning on making an apron. Aprons will be on display at the April 14 meeting where we will vote for our favorite. I will take care of delivering CQA’s entry up to Buellton.

#### Don’t want to make an adult size apron?

There will be at least 1 other “Apron” Challenge unrelated to the Guild entries. The “Tie One On” Dish Soap Bottle Apron Challenge will be open to anyone that wants to participate. Miniature aprons displayed on a variety of Dawn, Palmolive, Ajax etc. liquid soap bottles, you get the picture.

Questions?  
Contact Lisa Gorski  
805-647-0552  
[lisagski@gmail.com](mailto:lisagski@gmail.com)



## CONEJO VALLEY QUILTERS' NOTICE

*Conejo Vally Quilters presents*

### **Trash to Treasure Sale**

**Saturday, Feb 21, 2026, 11:30 – 2:30**



*Fabric, notions and more!  
Fabulous finds for quilters,  
crafters, sewists, costumers,  
decorators*

Fill-a-bag of finds (many sizes): from  
2.5gal/\$20 to 20 gal/\$50

This is not a Thousand Oaks Library-sponsored event

Grant R. Brimhall Library  
Marvin E Smith Community Room  
1401 E. Janss Rd, Thousand Oaks CA

See [www.conejovalleyquilters.com](http://www.conejovalleyquilters.com) for information and a map

## 2026 Nomination Committee

*Submitted by Jodie Solorio*

We have officially formed the 2026 Nomination Committee. Woohoo! We will work together to fill vacancies on the CQA Board for the 2026-2027 term. We are lucky that previous members have decided to stay on another year. We will be looking for a new Vice President, Workshop Chair, and Small Groups chair. If you're interested but not ready to speak to us you can read the "job descriptions" on our website. The link is here:

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

The Board is a great way to get to know other quilters and it helps keep our guild stay functioning. We will be reaching out to members but if you would like to contact us we can be found in the guild 2026 Roster sent out earlier in January.

Nomination committee members:

Appointed Chair: Jodie Solorio

Elected members:

Shayne Liess

Kathy Adams

Janice McCombs

Patricia Wood

## WHO'S WHO



**My Quilting Journey**

**Lynn Jurss. Dec 2025**

I've always liked making things and learning something new. As a kid, I spent

summers reading sewing and crafting library books inside a little homemade tent in my yard, a little “room of my own.” I learned to sew Barbie clothes and eventually my own clothes. My first quilt was an 8<sup>th</sup> grade history project, a simple one patch using scraps and samples. No one in my family made quilts so I learned from books. After college, my friend, Jane, introduced me to “real” quilting, and I took a class. I was hooked and soon collecting fabric. Cutting out fabric with scissors and templates and matching all those seams bored me (and I was not very good at it). Thus, I only made a few traditional quilts over many years. In 1996 I joined Conejo Valley Quilters which opened my eyes to the larger world of many different types of quilts and techniques. In the late 1990’s I was one of the first members of Extreme Quilters (EQ), an art quilt group started in the Conejo Valley. In the early days of EQ, we taught each other surface design and art quilt techniques. No more matching seams or using templates!

I joined Camarillo Quilters a couple of years ago. Participating in guilds and EQ has been so rewarding and a great source of inspiration, information, and friends.

I’ve always tried to give back by volunteering, one of my favorite areas being the Library! CQA’s is the best.

I believe the creative journey is the destination. My quilting adventure has been so rewarding, learning from so many people. An idea or theme for a quilt pops in my head (usually at 5 am

when I can’t get back to sleep!). I marinate on how to make it happen (more 5 am thinking). Sometimes it takes months or years to find a technique to turn that idea into a quilt. Sometimes while taking a workshop or listening to a lecture on an unrelated project or topic, I realize I can solve my design or construction “problem” from an approach the quilter applies to her work. I don’t let fear of failure stop me. That principle built confidence and freed me to learn lots of techniques including hand dyeing, Shibori, discharge, mono printing, photo transfer, silk screening, reverse applique, raw edge applique, paper piecing, color theory, free motion quilting, using Photoshop, surface design techniques, and using non-traditional materials. Besides, as an art quilter, one can fix any mistake by either covering it over with more fabric, thread, paint, or embellishments, or cutting the piece up and repurposing it!

Participating in Extreme Quilters’ annual art quilt exhibit in Newbury Park and entering other juried quilt shows has pushed me to improve my design and quilt construction. Most recently I have exhibited quilts in Road 2 California and Houston International Quilt Festival juried shows.

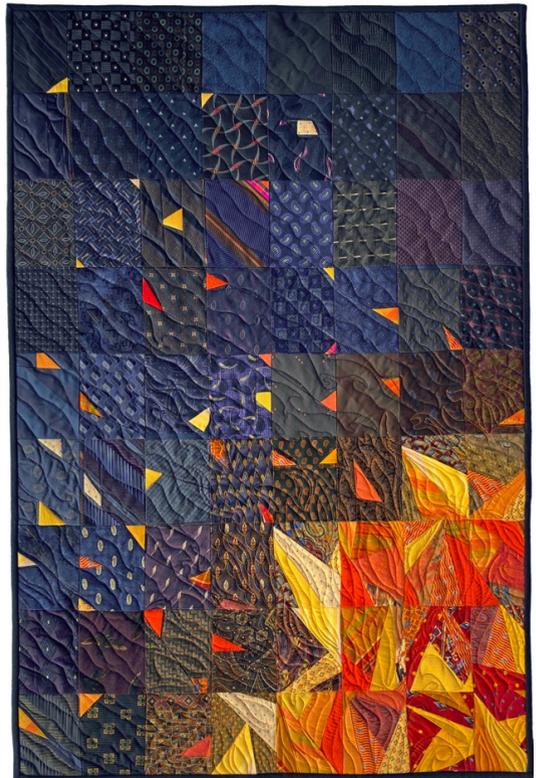
You don’t have to win ribbons to have an excellent quilt journey. Try something new. Take a class, enter your quilt in a show, participate in challenge, or check out a CQA book on a topic you don’t know anything about. You may find it makes for a more interesting and rewarding journey.



Lynn Jurss



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# CQA BOARD 2025-2026



## Our Stalwart Volunteers

**Presidents:** Wendy VanLoo  
Shayne Liess  
**VP:** Rose Gamboa  
**Secretary:** Barbara Witman  
**Treasurer:** Kathy Antrobus



**Directors:**  
**Membership:** Jan Hunter & Pat Hibner  
**Speaker Contracts:** Joey Strait  
**Speaker Hospitality:** Diana Fussell  
**Workshops:** Vanessa Buescher  
**Ways and Means:** Holly Winston

## Standing Committee Chairs

**Block of the Month:** Tedi Patterson  
**Comfort Givers:** Pamuela Hodson  
**Facilities:** Jonal Beck  
**Member Hospitality:** Stacy Benghiat  
**Communications:** Jane Osbourne  
**Ways and Means:** Holly Winston & Team  
**Storage Unit:** Pamuela Hodson  
**Library:** Lisa Gorski  
**Small Groups:** Jodie Solorio  
**Travel:** Rosemary Tobin & Kathy Antrobus  
**Newsletter:** Barbara MacDonald  
**Quilt Shows/Events:** **Vacant**  
**Website:** Joey Strait/Jennifer Rapacki  
**UFO Challenge:** **Vacant**  
**Zoom Guru:** Debbie Carr  
**Social Media:** Pam Dransfeldt (FB)  
Paula Hoffman (IG)

We still have two vacancies on our board.

- (1) Quilt Show/Events
  - (2) UFO Challenge
- Contact our President(s) if interested.



**Be sure to consider stepping up for Workshops / Vanessa and B.O.M. / Tedi which will become vacant after May. Without a chairperson these committees will go DARK.**

# LOCAL QUILT SHOPS



### 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.fabrictownusa.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

**Moved...I could not find new address. Call them first.,**  
Ventura CA

(818)292-4405

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



**Rose Gamboa will be stepping down from Vice President. Contact Rose for more information.**



*Nice to visit with Laura Devine when she surprised us at the January meeting. Laura moved to Idaho and was missed by many. Standing with Laura are Rose Gamboa, friend Sally Vella, Barbara MacDonald, and Thelma Atkinson.*



*Kitty Oliver: January Meeting Speaker*

## PHOTO OPS



*Sharon Norbutas, Laura Devine and Ilene Gavenman*



*The **January Mini-retreat Sew in** was hosted by Susan Van der Veen. It was so much fun! It was a great way to start the New Year. The room was ROOMY. The location was EASY to find with great parking! The participants were the very BEST. Keep an eye out for another one in the future. Thank you very much Susan.*

*Shown: Barbara MacDonald, Linda Reynolds, Phyllis Curlee, Vanessa Buescher, Sue Wilson, Susan Van der Veen, Anne Sidel, Barbara Witman, and Wendy Van Loo*



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Hoping this finds you all making it through the flu season. We have a full CQA calendar coming up for the next several months. Here we go again to the countdown for the last half of our calendar year. February keeps us busy with **Rob Appel** and the Bus Ride to Hoffman's. March **CQA University** and following that, in April, **Anne Sonner; Sweatshirt Jacket** and **TAXES**. In May we have Linda Sullivan of Colourwerx and the end of the calendar year.



Anne Sonner

Hang onto your seats and away we go!

Yours,

Barbara MacDonald, Editor



*Bird Brain Project by Barbara MacDonald*

### VENDOR FAIR COMING UP SOON!

CAMARILLO QUILTERS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:  
**VENDOR FAIR**  
**APRIL 25th**  
 ★ QUILT SHOPS • AND RELATED COMMUNITY ★  
 ★ QUILTS QUILTS QUILTS!  
 ★ ONE DAY ONLY! ★  
 JOIN US FOR FUN & SHOPPING!  
 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 2394 ERRINGER ROAD ★ SIMI VALLEY  
 DONATION \$10