

# CAMARILLO QUILTER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Our President, 2026-2027



Wendy Van Loo

President's message



It really does take a village. That thought strikes me over and over every time I see the Comfort Givers table piled with donated quilts, every time I see the crates go home with members, every time I see carpools and new friends making connections with old friends. Our guild helps make wonderful connections to the community in so many ways. If you haven't participated yet or have been sidelined with family or work obligations, I encourage you to get involved. Schedule an afternoon to sew with a friend. Spontaneously start a conversation when you stroll through a quilt shop. Say hello to shop hoppers and find out their quilting stories. Another fun way to

connect is to join a mini group. I myself did this a couple years ago. After a false start just as COVID put us all in lockdown, we finally got into gear and decided to make a block each for Comfort Givers. That turned into 3. We've connected over hand quilting, color coordination and 3-yard quilts. Once I mentioned a possible boutique for the vendor show, these ladies jumped on board and organized sewing days, pricing get together and even ran the booth bringing in several thousand dollars for the whole guild general fund! It's been good for me socially to explore what our guild means to each and every one of you this past year. I'm looking forward to getting to know even more about our quilting village and what it means to you so I can better serve as your president.

Warmly, Wendy  
President 2026-27,  
Camarillo Quilters Association



## What's Coming Up?

### JUNE

8<sup>th</sup> • **General Meeting**, Comfort Givers Presentation  
15-17<sup>th</sup> • **CQA Retreat** - (@Poinsettia Pavilion)

### JULY

14<sup>th</sup> • **General Meeting**, Local Quilt Shop Report

### AUGUST

• **NO August Meeting. CQA is DARK in August**

### SEPTEMBER

8<sup>th</sup> • **General Meeting**, Yvonne Phenicie, "Inspire Quilts"

9<sup>th</sup> • **Workshop**, Yvonne Phenicie, "Chic Picnic"

*Please see Program Card available at all meetings*



By Barbara MacDonald



JUNE'S M.O.M. "DOLPHIN"

Now Posted to CQA website



## THE VENDOR FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this event such a terrific time for everyone. Two hundred and six people came to view the quilts and shop from our boutique and other vendors. Total net income was over \$5,300. Kathy Adams, led the boutique. She did a terrific job!

Special thanks to Wendy VanLoo who coordinated the event.

Shalom, Barbara Witman

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in my year of BOM/MOMs, as well as those who have given me positive feedback. I hope you learned some new skills and found some freedom in playing with scraps, colors, and textures.

Remember, you only have to make ONE of my BOM/MOMs to be eligible to win one of the three \$60 gift certificates from a local quilt shop. There is still time to enter!

The drawing will be held at the July general meeting.

I hope you will share your open minds and positivity with the incoming BOM chair, Jody Solorio. I'm excited to see what she comes up with for all of us.

Tedi Patterson



Instructions for each block here:

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

BOM Gallery of participants' pieces 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 JULY 2026 meeting.

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

Contact Tedi with any questions.

(805) 212-0648 or [Tedi.Vta@gmail.com](mailto:Tedi.Vta@gmail.com)

## B.O.M.O.M.



Block of the Month • Mini of the Month



Chairperson/Tedi Patterson

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Jan Hunter & Pat Hibner  
Co-Chairpersons

This year ended with 205 members!  
Here are the names of the new members.

Tracey Campbell - Moorpark  
Eunice Hill - Port Hueneme  
Gail Hower - Oxnard  
Maria Fernandez - Camarillo  
Modesta Carrillo - Ventura  
Michael Gamron - Oxnard  
Caroline Ramirez - Oxnard  
Cynthia Coronado – Oxnard

## LECTURE & PROGRAMS

2026



## LECTURE CALENDAR

Joey Strait, Speaker Contracts Chairperson

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Comfort Givers' Presentation**

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Local Quilt Shops Report**

**August**

**DARK, No Meeting**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Yvonne Phenicie, "Inspire Quilts"**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Rami Kim, "Two by Two"**



## WORKSHOP CALENDAR

Workshop Chairperson, **VACANT**. Thank you Vanessa Buescher for 3 great years as chairperson!

**June**

**No Workshop**

**July**

**No Workshop**

**August**

**DARK, No Meeting**

**September – Yvonne Phenicie,  
"Chic Picnic"**

**October 14<sup>th</sup> – Rami Kim, "3-D Folded  
Hexagon Flowers"**

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

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

(If you register on-line you must let chairperson know as well. They do not receive updates from online purchases).

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



**View programs/workshops on CQA website at:**

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

Copies of the **ANNUAL PROGRAM CARD** are available at all monthly meetings. Thank you Joey Strait!



*Cloisonne 4<sup>th</sup> of July mailbox*

## TRAVEL WITH CQA

YOUR TRAVEL PALS



Kathy Antrobus/Rosemary Tobin

Co-chairpersons



Travel Dates

### POINSETTA PAVILION, VENTURA

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> –

17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

**SOLD OUT**

WAIT LIST Available

Cost: \$100.00

POT LUCK -sign up

Pay by:

Cash OR Check made payable to:

‘Camarillo Quilt Association’ OR Credit Card

### OLD TOWN QUILT SHOP, ORCUTT

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup> –

30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

SIGN-UPS / On Going

Cost \$100.00

payable to CQA

by cash, check, or credit card

Hotel is not included. Member is to make their own arrangements.

Kathy Antrobus • 805/827-3499

[kathy\\_antrobus@yahoo.com](mailto:kathy_antrobus@yahoo.com)

Rosemary Tobin • 818/631-5544

[Rosemary.tobin@yahoo.com](mailto:Rosemary.tobin@yahoo.com)

## CQA LIBRARY



Chairperson /Lisa Gorski



Please stop by Lisa's table at the Library where she is the coordinator of maintaining and checking out books from our beautiful quilt library and making sure our library crates find a safe temporary home with a member volunteer each month until the next meeting. Each crate volunteer receives a ticket for the Raffle.

Questions? Contact: Lisa Gorski 805-647-0552

[lisagski@gmail.com](mailto:lisagski@gmail.com)



## COMFORT GIVERS



Pamuela (Uela) Hodson, Chairperson

The June Meeting program is the  
Comfort Givers Presentation



## Our Journey into Quilting

By Jan Hunter and Pat Hibner –  
Membership



### Jan's Journey

Patty and I have known each other all our lives (spoiler alert) – we are sisters! We were not destined to be quilters through any familial history. In fact, neither of our grandmothers quilted nor did any of our relatives. Our mom tried sewing but having 5 kids in 6 years didn't leave her much time to hone her sewing skills (although she did get a hole-in-one golfing) ...priorities!

My journey started in middle school in the obligatory Home Ec class of cooking and sewing. I made a pleated skirt with a zipper and loved the whole process. Patty's experience sewing in Home Ec was much less satisfying than mine. I doubt she ever wore what she made and probably tore it apart as soon as the semester was over. I continued to sew garments for myself through high school including lined suits, graduation outfits and eventually my wedding dress.

After high school we both graduated from Ventura College where again, I took sewing and tailoring classes along with other classes. We met our future husbands through our workplaces, and we both got married in the

month of April, one year apart. Our daughters were born soon after and we were fortunate to be full-time moms. But when my daughter started school, I had some free time again, and my quilting journey began.

About 1985 I saw a class at Ventura College, "**Introduction to Quilting**", instructor Jenny Carr Kinney! I was excited to register and thought Patty needed to take the class with me. She was less than enthusiastic, but I signed up anyway. Jenny was a great teacher, so patient, and I learned all the basics of quilt making.

### PATTY'S JOURNEY

I never wanted to sew anything, not ever! Why should I when both my mother and my sister sewed. Jan started making her own clothes in middle school and loved it. I made a collarless, sleeveless A-line shift, got a C- grade and never wore it. Fast forward to the late 1980's, Jan wants me to take a beginner quilt class at Ventura College. "Nope, not interested"! Next year, "No, still not interested"! Then my daughter was in a 4-H sewing class and I was introduced to the magic of the Rotary Cutter! What a game changer that was, a razor blade on a wheel. I finally said yes to Jan and completed my first (really poorly made) lap quilt. The whole process of cutting fabric into small puzzle pieces and arranging them in a pattern appealed to me. Voila! My quilting journey had begun. I'm so glad that Jan was persistent in having me join her in her quilting journey. We have a great time bouncing ideas around and trying to decide which fabrics are right for each project, which means lots of trips to fabric stores together!

### Our Journey Together

As sisters we have always been close, probably because we are Air Force kids who moved every three years, but quilting has provided a special connection that we have built on as our skills improved. Our quilting styles are quite different, as Jan likes to experiment with the arrangement of scrappy one block patterns (think Jenny Doan Friday lessons); whereas I

# The NEW 2026- 2027

🇺🇸💣 **BOARD MEMEBERS** 💣🇺🇸  
 &  
**DIRECTORS**



## Our Stalwart Volunteers

### BOARD:

<b>President:</b>	Wendy VanLoo
<b>VP:</b>	Tedi Patterson
<b>Secretary;</b>	Barbara Witman
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Kathy Antrobus



### DIRECTORS:

<b>Membership:</b>	Jan Hunter & Pat Hibner
<b>Speaker Contracts:</b>	Joey Strait
<b>Speaker Hospitality:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Workshops:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Ways and Means:</b>	Holly Winston



### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

<b>Block of the Month:</b>	Jodie Solorio
<b>Comfort Givers:</b>	Pamuela Hodson
<b>Facilities:</b>	Jonal Beck
<b>Member Hospitality:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Communications:</b>	Jane Osbourne
<b>Ways and Means:</b>	Holly Winston & Team
<b>Storage Unit:</b>	Pamuela Hodson
<b>Library:</b>	Lisa Gorski & Team
<b>Small Groups:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Travel:</b>	Rosemary Tobin & Kathy Antrobus
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Barbara MacDonald
<b>Quilt Shows/Events</b>	Wendy VanLoo
<b>Website:</b>	Joey Strait/Jennifer Rapacki
<b>UFO Challenge</b>	<b>Committee is suspended</b>
<b>Zoom Guru:</b>	Debbie Carr
<b>Social Media:</b>	Pam Dransfeldt (Facebook) Paula Hoffman (Instagram)

like to have a photo/pattern of the completed quilt before I start to cut fabric. We both bought Bernina 1091's a long time ago and still use them. We have converted bedrooms to sewing rooms and both have way too much fabric (if there is such a thing). Jan's room is a "before" picture in the lecture of "How to Organize Your Sewing Room"; and Patty's is the "after" photo! We have tried lots of new techniques, gone to countless quilt shows, CQA Workshops, retreats, and Quilt Runs together.

Our quilting journey has been an adventure that has brought so much pleasure to our lives. We've made quilts to celebrate good times – the weddings of our girls, the births of grandkids, the graduations and the anniversaries. We continue to enjoy all the fun and laughter quilting brings and especially all the new friends that we have met through Camarillo Quilters.

Much love, your Membership Chairs,  
 Jan and Pat



**They haven't changed a bit!**



We need **YOU** to help to keep our guild one of the best in Southern California!

### MEMBERSHIP HOSPITALITY



**VACANT**

### WORKSHOPS



**VACANT**

### SMALL GROUPS



**VACANT**

### SPEAKER HOSPITALITY



**VACANT**

You can read the “job descriptions” on our website. The link is here:

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



By Barbara MacDonald  
Shabby Fabrics Kit

## 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.quiltypleasuressimivalley.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: [granthousesewing.com](http://granthousesewing.com)

### Quilt Emporium

4918 Topanga Canyon Blvd Woodland Hills CA  
(818)704-8238

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

### Modern Quilt Company

1891 Goodyear Ave. Suite 614, Ventura, CA  
(805)393-5946

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

### Sewing Machine Warehouse (NEW)

16214 Nordhoff St.  
North Hills, CA

Website: [care@kneedle.com](mailto:care@kneedle.com)



## OUR SISTER GUILD IS HAVING A HUGE FABRIC SALE SATURDAY - JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>.

SAVE THE DATE

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

22335 Plummer Street  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

### Valley Quiltmakers Guild

Hundreds of yards of beautiful fabric, notions, skeins of yarn, books, and patterns – all at reduced prices (most fabric is priced at \$3/yard)

**Don't Miss Out**

Acceptable payments: Cash, Zelle, Credit and Debit Cards



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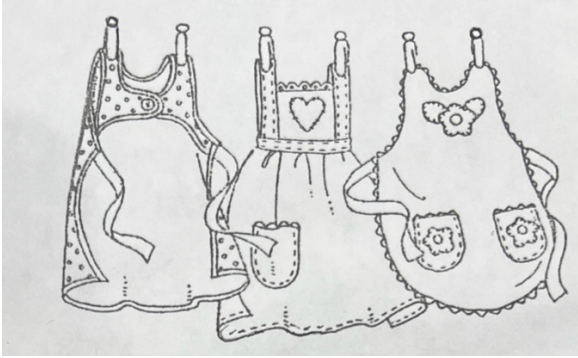



## Have you heard of Piñatas Fabrics?

Member Ilene Gavenman and myself, decided spontaneously, to find out for ourselves where the fabled Piñatas Fabrics was in Oxnard last month. When returning from a guild meeting, we took a right off the freeway and over the bridge towards Oxnard. We found it! The building is a old white vintage looking structure that sits at the corner of Saviers and E. Guava streets. I thought we should share with you. As you can see, our little adventure yielded a trove of treasures. Piñatas is full of ribbons (to Ilene's delight) and I was looking for zippers of which an entire wall is dedicated to both. We perused the wares. There are odds and ends and bolts of special fabrics. You might want to go on your own exploration with a friend and see what it is all about. The prices are amazing. This isn't a paid ad, but only a local resource for makers like ourselves. Have fun!

The hours are 10:00 to 7:00 PM

*Barbara MacDonald, Editor*



## The History of Aprons

by  
Unknown

*(Since the Shop Hop had a theme based around aprons, I thought this little article might be fun to include this month Enjoy!)*

I don't think kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few and it was easier to wash aprons than dresses. The apron used less material but along with that it served as a pot holder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears and on occasion was even used for cleaning dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy children.

When the weather was cold grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling

wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields for dinner.

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron...

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron.



# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Spring is almost gone and we are entering Summer ☀️ as of June 21<sup>st</sup> according to the astronomical summer based on the summer solstice which marks the longest day of the year. If you are following the meteorological summer, it begins on June 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through August 31<sup>st</sup> which groups the hottest three months of the year and makes for easier record keeping.

Thanks to **Google AI** for all of that clarification.😄 So, basically, we are at the middle of the calendar year and the beginning of our CQA Guild's new year (June -May/2026-2027). I think that all the activities provided by our guild and our projects and families are such that we can never be bored! What a blessing. As I am finishing up the many (many) loose ends in my sewing room, I hope to be ready for the fall and the onslaught of the upcoming holidays. Thank you to our wonderful new 2026-2027 Board, Directors and Committee chairpersons!

You are all the best!

*Sew On,*  
**Barbara MacDonald, Editor**



CLYDE Witman... He was our mascot for the day at the Vendor Fair! All the excitement just wore him out!



Linda Sullivan of Colourwerx gave a wonderful lecture and workshop in May.

## PHOTO OPS



Kathy Antrobus and CQA volunteers at check out for the boutique.



Kathy, Barbara, Wendy and Phyllis



*Kathy Adams (L) at the helm of the boutique*



*Member Kelly DuBois (also AKA "Ways and Means" volunteer) joined the Vendor Fair as a merchant with her business, Bonjour DuBois, showcasing her beautiful line of custom purses.*



*Jodie Solario (R) and friends.*



*Selling tickets at the door. Look at those beautiful smiles!  
Terrific Greeters!*



Colourwerx pillow cover by Linda Sullivan, our May speaker's company. She offers a fun newsletter with instructional videos (she is a very good instructor) and a selection of free patterns and more. Check out her website at: [colourwerx.com](http://colourwerx.com)