



*Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort!*

## **CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD & TEXTILE ARTS**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As we welcome the arrival of April, I find myself inspired by the sense of renewal and creative energy that comes with spring. Our guild has accomplished so much in the past few months, and I am continually amazed by the talent and generosity each of you brings to our quilting community.

This month, we have several exciting opportunities on the horizon, from workshops and sew-alongs to our upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Crazy Quilters. I encourage all members, whether new or seasoned, to participate and share your ideas. Your involvement is what makes our guild so special.

As always, please check our newsletter and website for updates on meeting dates, project guidelines, and community events. Don't forget to bring your latest works-in-progress to our April meeting—show and tell is always a highlight!

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support. Together, we keep the tradition of quilting vibrant and meaningful for all.

Warmest regards,

Renee Jeske

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### **2026 PROGRAMS and EVENTS**

#### **Upcoming Meetings, Speakers and Workshops:**

#### **April 8th Guild Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 Clubhouse 7**

Quilter Tina Curran will present “More Design Challenges and Solutions”. A compelling session that dives into real-world design problems and the creative strategies used to solve them. Whether you're a seasoned professional or simply interested in thoughtful design, this talk promises to offer valuable perspectives and inspiration. You can learn more about Tina and her art at [Art Quilts by Tina Curran](#).

There will also be an Honor Quilt presentation.

We hope to see you there! As always, refreshments and a free raffle follow the presentation.

*Remember to bring your creations (finished or in process) to share at our Show & Tell especially items made in recent workshops.*

## **April 7th Meals on Wheels Placemat Workshop 1:00 – 4:00 CH4**

Join us in the for a meaningful and creative afternoon at our upcoming Meals on Wheels Placemat Workshop! Led by Ruth Naomi, this hands-on workshop will focus on creating beautiful placemats to support Meals on Wheels recipients. Each placemat will measure 13" x 19", perfect for adding a personal and comforting touch to meal deliveries. We warmly welcome donations of orphan quilt blocks, which can be incorporated into the placemats and given a new purpose in this heartfelt project.

Whether you're an experienced quilter or just enjoy crafting for a cause, this workshop is a wonderful way to give back to the community while connecting with others. We hope to see you there as we stitch together kindness—one placemat at a time! Contact Janice Simmons [monitor2maven@comcast.net](mailto:monitor2maven@comcast.net)

## **April 21<sup>st</sup> Pillowcase Workshop 1:00 – 4:00 CH 4**

Join us for this fun workshop to learn how to make pillowcases that will be donated to CASA. Fabric will be pre-cut and ready to go! Kits will be available so you can make them at your convenience.

## **ON-GOING AND FUTURE**

### **May 13th Guild Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 Clubhouse 7**

This month we will be treated to a Fashion Show in collaboration with the Emeritus Institute, led by Marla South. Marla's students from her Beginning Sewing Class and her Art as Fashion Class will model and show their creations. If you were at last year's Fashion Show, you know how good it was and so much fun!

### **Friendship Group - Thursdays 1:00 – 3:30 Quilting Studio**

The Thursday Friendship Group continues to meet every week to work on quilts for Bonanza and donation quilts. Such a wonderful opportunity to socialize with other quilters and learn a new technique. And it's all FREE!

*Maybe you have a special technique. Think about sharing it in a future class. Any type of textile art can work.*

Please contact Renee at [rfurkids@yahoo.com](mailto:rfurkids@yahoo.com) with questions.

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Thanks to all of you who have paid your annual dues. We currently have about 80 members. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please send your check of \$40.00 made out to Crazy Quilters Guild to Deb Stewart, 5344 Bahia Blanca W Unit C, Laguna Woods, CA 92637 or bring your check with you to our next meeting.

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## **PHILANTHROPY**

Philanthropy continues to be a big part of the vision and mission of the Crazy Quilters. We will be making 100 placemats for Meals on Wheels. We're also gearing up to make pillowcases for CASA. Materials are provided. Please contact Joy Kerr 714-306-0400 or [2020Kjkerr@gmail.com](mailto:2020Kjkerr@gmail.com) with any questions or comments.

## Honor Quilt Nomination Form

The Crazy Quilters of Laguna Woods would like to recognize our Laguna Woods veterans with quilts to honor their service. If you would like to nominate a veteran to receive a patriotic quilt, please complete the attached form and return it to the address given on the bottom of the form. [Honor Quilt Form](#)

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## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

**Treasurer – The Guild is desperately in need of a new Treasurer.** Mary McAdera has been doing this job since 2019 and needs to train her replacement by the end of this year. The job is not that difficult and takes approximately 10 hours/month. Some months more, some months less. If you can say “yes” to the following, you can do it! Have a checking account? Write checks? Deposit to account? Record checks & deposits? Reconcile account? Not necessary, but helpful to have access to a computer. Please contact Mary McAdera @ 949-205-561 or [mary@mcadara.com](mailto:mary@mcadara.com) to go over the duties of the Treasurer.

Do you love a party? The Guild is looking for a couple volunteers to help coordinate our August Birthday Party and December Holiday Party. Let Renee know if you're interested at [rfurkids@yahoo.com](mailto:rfurkids@yahoo.com).

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## HOSPITALITY

If you are wondering when you will be called to bring refreshments to the general meeting, here is the list.

If your last name begins with: **B**-January, **C**-February, **A and D**-March, **E thru H**-April, **I thru K**-May, **L thru M**-June, **N thru R**-September, **S**-October, **T thru Z**-November.

If you would like to volunteer as an additional helper at the General Meeting, please contact Carol Charlton to volunteer for this fun position. 949-246-1723 or [ccc45@comline.com](mailto:ccc45@comline.com)

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## SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

If you are aware of one of our Guild members who could use a friendly note letting them know we're thinking of them, please let us know by contacting Barbara Davidson at 949-239-4657 or [Davidsonbarbara983@gmail.com](mailto:Davidsonbarbara983@gmail.com).

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## QUILT ROOM

Quilt Room Hours are Monday 9:00am – 4:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday 1:00pm – 8:00pm. During these hours a quilt room Supervisor is available to help you with any questions you may have about sewing or quilting. Our resident supervisors include Nancy Allen, Mona Bonbright, Ruth Naomi Buck, David Cavanaugh, Linda Dunnigan, Donna Karbach, Betty Khzouz, Brenda Rader.

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## LONG-ARM QUILTING

Always wanted to learn how to use a long arm quilting machine? Babs Schwartz is currently training in 2-hour sessions. If you would like to learn, please contact Babs at 310-363-3655 or [Petlwing@yahoo.com](mailto:Petlwing@yahoo.com) to schedule or for more information.

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## EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

Wondering about a technique? Mona Bonbright's Tidbits have been indexed on our website for easy access to a specific topic. Mona's April Tidbit covers quilting small projects on your home sewing machine and dealing with the resulting hanging threads.

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## OTHER NEWS

**Beach Cities Quilters Guild** is hosting their Quilt Show featuring over 150 quilts on exhibit, drawings, boutique & vendors. Friday, 4/17 5:30 – 8:00pm \$25.00 (includes access on Saturday) and Saturday, 4/18 10am – 5pm \$10.00. Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo. [More Information](#)

**American Sewing Guild Annual Yard Sale** is Saturday, April 25, 8am – 12pm. Lots of fabric, quilting supplies, notions and more. All at great prices (\$2.00/yard!). Mesa Verde United Methodist Church, 1701 Baker Street, Costa Mesa.

**Orange Grove Quilters Guild** is holding their *Quilters Yard-Age Sale* on Saturday, May 2 from 8:00am – 2:00pm. Location is First Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid Street, Garden Grove. Cotton fabric sold by the pound, patterns, kits, notions, craft supplies and more!

**[BOWERS MUSEUM](#) presents The American Quilt: Cloth and Commerce.** The exhibit explores how the materials, dyes, and techniques used in quilt making reflect centuries of economic shifts and technological innovation. Quilts will be on display May 23 to August 30.

Bowers is only 16 miles from Laguna Woods in Santa Ana, an easy drive with dedicated parking lot across the street. Gather your quilting friends and form a carpool for a fun afternoon at Bowers! It's a beautiful Spanish Revival building with many other excellent exhibits, an on-site restaurant (new) and, of course, a gift shop. [BOWERS](#) is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm. 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, 714.567.3600.

**The 2026-2027 Hoffman Challenge** has been announced. "Coffee Shoppe" is the theme featuring beautiful browns. Details can be found [here](#).



## *April Birthdays*

<i>Pam Shaw</i>	<i>Apr 15</i>
<i>Mary Crompton</i>	<i>Apr 22</i>
<i>Rita Schmidt</i>	<i>Apr 22</i>
<i>Paula Minnehan</i>	<i>Apr 24</i>
<i>Diane Paar</i>	<i>Apr 30</i>

Pictures from our workshop with Susy Nash. A great time was had by all with beautiful results!

