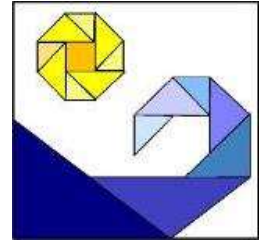


# Quilters by the Sea



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Dear Quilters,

Zoom ZOOM ZOOOOOOOMMMMM ..... That is not the actual sound my sewing machine makes .... but considering all the sewing I have been doing the past couple of months the machine has been zooming. However, Zooming is also how the Guild will be meeting in June and July and ????. This is for Board meetings, General Meetings and any Workshops.

These past few months have been challenging. Although, I am sure we would have all settled for regular ordinary days considering what we have been going through.

I am extremely proud of our Guild making all the masks for the local hospitals, many organizations, military, First Responders, family and friends, and other needed items. Some masks were just handed out to complete strangers in parking lots and grocery stores. Many were mailed all over the country. And..... some of us are still making masks. We each have talents – our special gifts. One of my friends told me she could never do quilting because of all the detail involved – yet she can make beautiful beaded jewelry. THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS FOR USING YOUR TALENTS TO MAKE MASKS AND QUILTS!!!

We are grateful to the Will J. Reid Foundation for donating \$500, and the Kinecta Federal Credit Union for their Kindness Award of \$250, to Quilters by the Sea in recognition of our philanthropic service to the Community. If you check our bylaws, “Quilters by the Sea is a nonprofit corporation promoting quilting excellence through education and philanthropic projects.” This year we are doing a lot of philanthropic service!!! Let’s keep it up. Those scrappy quilts look quite good.

As a Guild, we are moving forward to use ZOOM to hold our meetings the next couple of months. It may be a while before we can meet in person. If we can learn a new quilt pattern – we can learn to ZOOM. Dr. Deb Belcher and Brandi Kelly-Contreras have volunteered to help each of you to learn to ZOOM. Their telephone numbers are on the roster sent out and on the recent QBS Blast.

Some of us are already using ZOOM to stay in touch with family, friends, church, work or school. I must admit I was rather apprehensive and resistant to use it the first couple of times. Fortunately, my sons helped me and are still helping me to learn it. Maybe you have some family that can help you too.

Let us never stop learning a new quilting technique or trying some new colors and patterns. Let us never stop learning!!! Learning to deal with a Pandemic - or learning ZOOM.

See you soon – using ZOOM.

Yours in Quilting (and washing hands 20+ times a day),

*Lori L. Ramsey*



### ***Randy Miller***

We now have one hundred forty-four completed quilts for 2020, this is 41 per cent of our goal of 350.

We are still accepting UFO's for community relations, please include the pattern if it is needed to finish the quilt.

Since I have been on "lock down" I have been cutting kits, lots of kits. We now not only have plenty of kits; but we also have quilts that need quilting, quilts that need binding.

We now have our new shipment of labels, so if anyone needs some, please get in touch with me.

Since we are not having our birthday party this year, we will be delivering quilts to For the Child, New Life Beginnings and the Woman's Shelter of Long Beach sometime in May. So, anyone who has completed quilts to turn in, please get in touch with me. We usually give each of our charities about thirty quilts at the May meeting.

I am attaching a pattern called Braidy Bunch and some general notes on making our guild quilts.

**A pattern has been included in this newsletter which you may use for Community Relations Quilts. See last page.**

## Sewing quilts from the QBS kits

- Before you start sewing a kit, take a minute to quickly read through the directions. If there is anything you don't understand, call Randy Miller or Jo Melis before you start cutting/sewing. Once you've cut something incorrectly, it's very hard to recover as the kits do not contain a large amount of extra fabric to correct mistakes.
- Be sure to trim off the selvages before sewing! Selvage material shrinks at a different rate than the "real" part of the fabric and should NOT be used.
- Please do NOT piece the borders on the diagonal! The kits do not allow any extra fabric to do this.
- Read how the borders are supposed to be sewn on. Sometimes you will need to sew all the border pieces together before sewing them to the quilt or you will run out of border fabric. These directions will be at the bottom of the pattern.
- If the pattern says sew the border to top and bottom, then sew on sides, do that. Usually the patterns are constructed so that a single strip can be used for the top (and one for the bottom) IF those borders are done first. If there are 3 strips left (for a kid's quilt), sew them together before sewing them to the sides. If there are 4 border strips left, sew 2 together for one side and 2 together for the other side.
- Do NOT add extra rows or borders to make the quilt bigger. The fabric for the binding and backing has been carefully calculated for the size given. If you start adding "extras", the backing and binding that was selected specifically to match that quilt can't be used. Not only can't the proper backing be used, a new make-shift backing that may not look as nice will have to be found. Sometimes the original backing can't even be reused unless it is cut into little strips.
- Binding strips CAN (and should) be sewn together diagonally. This reduces bulk, so it is the preferred method. The pattern requirements for binding take into consideration the extra fabric needed for diagonally piecing. However, you can sew the binding with straight seams if you are uncomfortable with the preferred method. Come to one of the Community Relations sew days and someone there will be happy to show you how to sew binding strips properly!

### Sewing quilts with your own fabric/pattern

#### Baby/kids

- Good sizes for baby/kid's quilts are 40" x 52-56". If you keep the width to 40", you don't have to piece the backing!
- If you are making a kid's quilt, please try to select kid-friendly prints and bright, happy colors.
- Kid's quilts will be washed a lot, so save the extra-fancy techniques for when you make your own quilt. You will appreciate it a lot more than they will.

*Did you know...?*

QBS members may attend  
Acaia guild meetings  
without paying a visitor's  
fee! As sister guilds,  
members may attend  
either and both settings  
w/o extra fees.



Here's what's happening at our sister guild -

*Acacia Quilt Guild* of Orange County

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Lee Waranius	3	Sue Lamkey	17
Debra Cardinale	15	Sonya Sabo	21
Debbie Migliaro	16	Billie Foster	28
Rita Stoll	16		

## **SUNSHINE & SHADOWS**

Sonia Das

Annette Morales on new Granddaughter Julia Rose Kober

New Grandma Debbie Perez on granddaughter Zoë Adeline Perez 6 lbs. 19”

Sandy Szladek on loss of her brother to cancer.

**WELCOME TO THE TWO NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE QBS FAMILY!**

Congratulations and Best Wishes for a long and happy life!



Baby Liam Phoenix Contreras  
May 2, 2020  
4lb, 3oz  
First grandchild of QBS Brandi  
Kelly-Contreras

Baby Salem Moriah Imogene Melis  
May 18, 2020  
8lb, ??oz  
Granddaughter of QBS Member Jo Melis



Zoe Adeline Perez

Julia Rose Kober

*Love to shop and help the guild at the same time?*



We are registered with Amazon Smile. What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. Go to our homepage [quiltersbythesea.com](http://quiltersbythesea.com) and click on the AmazonSmile box. Once you have logged onto to Amazon and chosen **Quilters By The Sea** as your charity they will donate .5% of eligible purchases to our guild at no extra cost to you! Bookmark the page though as it will not donate if you just go to Amazon.com, you need to go through Smile.Amazon.com.

## **Crumb Box**

Kristy Chillington

We are offering to all members the chance to bring in their small leftover fabric scraps or Orphan blocks to our "Crumb Box"! There will be a box in the back next to the Workshops table.

This "Crumb Box" will be at the meetings for all to pick and choose and bring in their unused fabrics to "ex- change". We can accept scraps no smaller than 2 inches. Please feel free to take home some "Crumbs" and start making your own "Crumb Quilt".



**Workshops are on hold until further notice**



**We will have a Zoom Program during our July Zoom meeting**

# MEMBERSHIP

Brandi Kelly-Contreras and Katherine Gaines  
Membership Chairs

Membership cards are for guild discounts. If you did not receive yours yet it could be that we have not received your dues or you weren't at the last meeting. If you have not received your membership card and need it before the next time we are able to meet please email Katherine Gaines and we will mail it to you.

Checks made payable to: Quilters by the Sea for \$35.00 please include to application with your correspondence.

Rosters are out now. If you are not on the roster or you notice that there is an error please let your membership team know and we will correct it.

Stay safe and please limit your social gatherings. Use our social networking tools out there and stay informed.

Calling all of our friendly quilters, We are looking for two greeters to assist us with new members and guests. If you would like to show people around and help them get to know us and what we are doing please email me @ [kelly\\_brandi@hotmail.com](mailto:kelly_brandi@hotmail.com) and I will help you get started.

## Quilters By the Sea

Application/Information update

Year 2020

New Member:

Renewal:

Information Update:

For all renewing members. Please fill in this form completely so our member roster can be accurate and up to date. Thank you, Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ (month & day only)

# ***NEWS FROM THE GUILD LIBRARY***

**Pam Plakos & Lyndell Darby**

We had a very successful "Fill the Bag" (with books and magazines) activity at the library table in March. We will also begin taking donations of magazines when we resume meetings. Thanks for your support!

We will also keep selling from the Guild Basket when meetings resume.

## **QUILT SHOW**

Kate Weber, 2021 Quilt Show Chair

*What do you think?* My cousin's guild in Sacramento runs their boutique a different way. It is basically a consignment shop; members put items into the shop and make money if items sell. Members price their own wares. The guild gets 25% for having the seller's permit and paying the state sales tax. Besides show admission, this is a money-making activity that also benefits members directly.

Members can still donate items to the boutique. Members can also put quilts in their quilt sale for the same 25%.

My first reaction was "That's 75% that the guild isn't getting? Why aren't members willing to just donate?" I'm not sure what my thoughts are now.

What do you think?

RSVP to [quiltersbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:quiltersbythesea@gmail.com)



**Many thanks to our hard working members who volunteer their time and talent to make our guild great; especially those who contributed to masks and Community Relations this year.**





## Calling All Quilts

### SCCQG 2021 Road to California Quilt Conference Special Exhibit “Sharing Our Quilts”

During this stay-at-home time are you busy quilting? Are you working on a quilt that has been begging to be completed? Have you finished a quilt for a now--postponed future guild quilt show? Or a new fresh quilt has emerged that you would like to share with fellow quilters? **Solution** = *Enter these quilts in our 2021 SCCQG Road to California special exhibit!!!* The “Sharing Our Quilts” exhibit is designed to be a showcase for recent (2019-2020) quilts that you have, or you are producing. There is no specific theme or topic, or size limitation. The plan is to share treasured styles of quilting or patterns you relish. This exhibit is all about Southern California quilts created by members of SCCQG Member guilds. Let us fill the long north wall of the Ontario venue. There is still plenty of time to enter as the deadline is November 1, 2020. The Call for Quilts and Entry Form are posted on the SCCQG website.

## 32nd ANNUAL HOFFMAN CHALLENGE

**2020 – 2021**

New rule this year – must use at least 3 of the 6 Challenge Fabrics

Categories are Quilts (any shape, 72 to 160-inch perimeters, 4 inch sleeve), Clothing, Accessory (includes shoes, hats and jewelry), and Best Use of Aurifil Thread.

Entry Due April 1st, 2021

For Details click on link <http://hoffmancaliforniafabrics.net/challenge/>

## **Opportunity Quilt**

### **Cathe Hagerman-Beizer**

Quilters by the Sea of Long Beach present their Opportunity Quilt 2020 - "Water Garden" - (64" x 88"). Design is from the pattern "Shimmering Triangles" by Jenny Bowker; instructions are available on her website: ([www.JennyBowker.com](http://www.JennyBowker.com)). The quilt was machine pieced by Cathe Hagerman-Beizer, and machine quilted by Debra Cardinale. The drawing for the winner will be held December 10, 2020. Tickets are \$1/each or 6/\$5.00 Tickets and postcards are available at the Opportunity Quilt table or by contacting Cathe by phone or email; you will find her email address in the Roster.





If you submit your quilt photo, it will be published in July. Also, if you would like to share a quilt you have finished recently, or a work in progress

please send the photos to [nhjordan@msn.com](mailto:nhjordan@msn.com) with show and tell in the subject line and your project will be published in the July newsletter. Try to get them in by the 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who contributed, keep them coming for next month also. And now, contributions from our busy members.















Newsletter articles are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month to Nancy Jordan at [nhjordan@msn.com](mailto:nhjordan@msn.com). Please put Newsletter and current month in the subject line and please include your name in the email so I can give proper credit to your article. Thank you



Many guild members have allergies. Please do not wear perfume, cologne, or scented lotions to the meetings and work-shops. Your cooperation is appreciated and makes our gatherings pleasant for all. What you consider lightly scented is sometimes a serious problem to someone who has sensitive allergies!



**PLACES TO GO**



### *Open Sew*

*These are not QBS events; this is For Your Information only.*

**Things are changing, check with the Centers**

Monday nights at Cerritos Senior Center (12340 South Street)

Wednesday Mornings at El Dorado Senior Center (2800 Studebaker, Long Beach)

9:30am – 12:30pm.

## Quilt rack for sale \$50 Kate Weber

Contact her at [merrysea@aol.com](mailto:merrysea@aol.com)



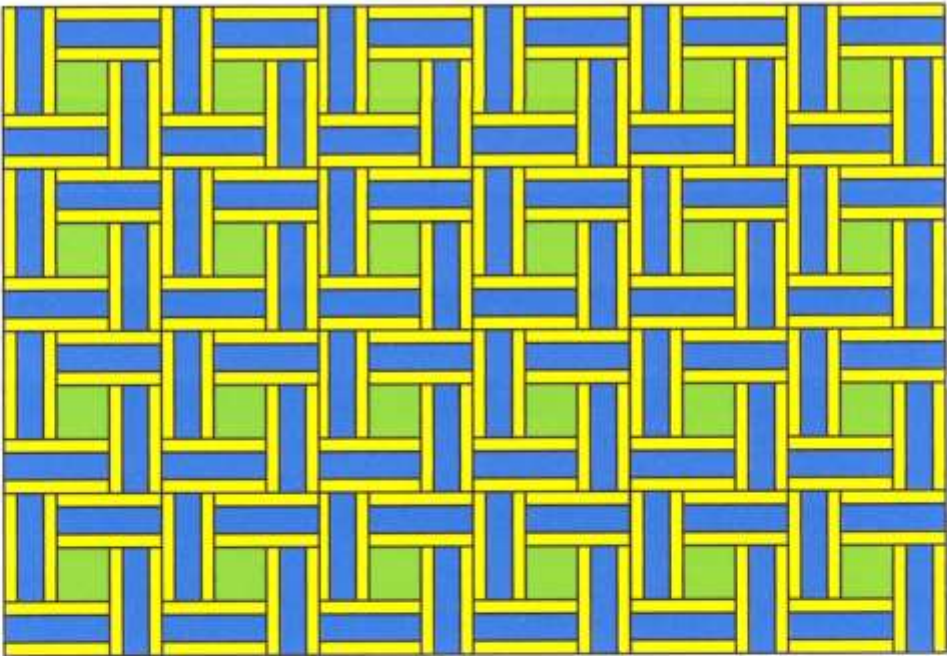
Our June meeting will be held on the second  
Thursday. Thursday, June 11, 2020

The July meeting will be Thursday, July 8, 2020.

To find the code for the Zoom meetings check your  
emails when it is close to meeting day.

The pattern submitted here by Randy Miller can be used for Community Relations Quilts.

# Braidy Bunch (48" x 72")



Pattern drafted by Jo Meils, author of *Geese Busters* and co-author with Pati Paschall of *Speedy Snails*, both available from Amazon.com

Yardage	
Yellow	2 1/8 yd (72")
Blue	1 3/4 yd (60")
Green	5/8 yd (18")
Binding	5/8 yd (18") cut into 7 strips @ 2 1/2" x →
Backing	3 yds

**Cut:**  
 Yellow 48 strips @ 1 1/2" x →  
 Blue 24 strips @ 2 1/2" x →  
 Green 4 strips @ 4 1/2" x →      Crosscut into 4 1/2" squares (Total 24 needed)

**Sew:**  
 Sew a yellow strip to each side of the blue strips. Crosscut at 8 1/2". (Total 96)

Use the partial seam technique to sew the yellow/blue units around the green background square, finger pressing each seam away from the center square. (Total 24 blocks)

Arrange the finished blocks in a 4 x 6 grid. Sew into rows, then sew rows together. Quilt and bind.

# 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## POSITIONS – ELECTED

President:	LORI RAMSEY
VP Programs	<b>OPEN</b>
VP Workshops	STEPHANIE IVEY & LINDA MONSEN
Treasurer	LORI DAVIS
Secretary	SUE LAMKEY & DR, DEB BELCHER
Auditor	MARY HUGHES
Membership	BRANDI KELLY-CONTRERAS & KATHERINE GAINES
Special Events	JODY BACA & SALLY ANN CLARK
Quilt Show 2021	KATE WEBER

**BOARD MEETINGS** are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 pm.

Arbor Road Church, Room 201  
5336 E Arbor Road, Long Beach

**GENERAL MEETINGS** are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month unless otherwise stated in the Newsletter and/or Calendar page of our website.

**Doors open at: 6:15 PM**

**Meeting starts at: 7:00 PM**

Arbor Road Church

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

5336 E. Arbor Road

Long Beach, CA 90808

## POSITIONS-APPOINTED

IntraGuild	LORI DAVIES
Community Relations	RANDY MILLER
Librarians	PAM PLAKOS & LYNDELL DARBY
Parliamentarian	<b>OPEN</b>
Newsletter	NANCY JORDAN
SCCQG	HEATHER VAN SICKLE

## Membership Roster Updates or Corrections

As a reminder, we like to keep your information correct and updated on the Membership Roster. If you have any changes with your information as it appears on the Roster or if you have updates, please email them to the Membership Chair Anna Harriger at: [quiltersbythese@gmail.com](mailto:quiltersbythese@gmail.com).  
Reminder; visitor/guest fees are \$5.00. Fees may be waived by the President or Vice President of Programs only.

## STANDING POSITIONS

Block of the Month	<b>OPEN</b>
Crumb Box	KRISTY CHILLINGTON
Equipment	LINDA MONSEN
Facility Liaison	SALLY KETTLER
Hospitality	JOYCE ALLEN & MELODY DOUKENICK
Opportunity Quilt	CATHE HAGERMAN-BEIZER
Photography	DEB CARDINALE
President's Quilt	SANDY CARREON
Raffle	CLAIRE JANN
Retreat	LORI DAVIES
Secret Quilter	<b>OPEN</b>
Sew Sew Late	SUE LAMKEY
Show and Tell	<b>OPEN</b>
Social Media	SUNNY CHERRY
Sunshine & Shadows	SONIA DAS
UFO Challenge	KATE WEBER
Website	PATTI PASCHALL

