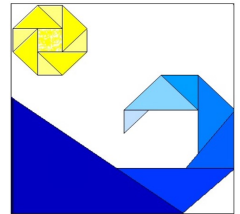


# Quilters by the Sea

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Newsletter



January 2024



## By Brandi Kelly Contreras

Hello and Happy New Year to 2024 Quilters by the Sea

I am looking forward to an amazing year with you all. If we haven't met, please come introduce yourself.

This year will be filled with fun, inspiration, and engagement. That's right we challenge you to get engaged with your guild. Whether you are seeking friendships, information, inspiration or just something to do, please come to our guild meetings as there is something for everyone.

Starting this month, our board meetings will be in person, with the first one being January 2nd at my house. Each month they will be hosted by a different board member. So please look at your calendars to know where it is. We invite you all to attend as these meetings help us all.

Speaking of the calendar, look at the wonderful programming and workshops that we have in store for you. Our team has done a

great job keeping you informed. To kick off January, we are going to have Steve Shuman teach us about maintenance and care of our machines. Every now and then we all need a refresher so let Steve help you with his workshop "Machine hands-on".

In January your membership fees are due, and they have gone up slightly to \$40.00. If you bring a friend, we will help you get them involved with our guild. Isn't it great to stitch with a buddy. 😊

We can't do all that we do within our guild without the help of some amazing volunteers. That is why we need YOU. Yes, we have some openings for some positions that make us terrific:

**Special events** - I am looking for someone that is outgoing and wants to get people excited about our guild. Please contact me if you would like to fill this position.

**Quilt show** - We had an amazing road trip traveling to 4 houses at

our last quilt show. Can we do it again? We need one or two to head this up. Without your help we can't do this. Remember the phrase "It takes a village". We are that village, and we need your help.

**Opportunity Quilt** - This is a great way for our guild to make some money and also a way for you and your team to explore other guilds and check them out. Cathe Hagerman-Belzer has been doing this for many years and is retiring. We need your help assembling a team to take on 2024.

Lastly, I would like to give a tremendous shout out to all of you who made the wonderful quilts and such for our charities. Without the help of everyone in this guild we could not have touched those lives. You make the difference. Thank you. And thank you to everyone who helped with the December meeting. It is always great to hear from the ones we help and know that we are blessed to be able to do what we do.

### Special points of interest:

- Kicking off the new year.
- In person board meetings
- First speaker and program - Steve Shuman
- Time to sign up again
- Open positions
- The charities we support

## Our Programs

### By Alan Calgaro

#### January 2024 Programs Update

We're starting a new year at Quilters by the Sea! Hooray 2024! We have some great programs set up so far for 2024.

We start the year with Steve Shuman from Sewing Center of Orange County, located in Placentia, CA.

Steve will be talking about machine maintenance during our general meeting and will also be here on Saturday January 13th for a "Hands-on" workshop. Bring your machine(s) from home and you'll be guided through some general maintenance for your machine.



In February, we will have representatives from the California Heritage Quilt Project speaking at the general meeting and doing a Saturday workshop regarding the registration and cataloguing of our own quilts. This project helps to provide the history of the quilts that are made by quilters in the current times. Years from now, someone will be able to verify the provenance of the quilts that you and I make.

I'm looking forward to providing you with fun, inspirational, and educational programs throughout the year.

Thanks....and Happy Stitching!



Love your machine.  
Come hear Steve.



### Remember To . . .

- ☺ Pack your Show & Tell items.
- ☺ Bring a friend.
- ☺ Bring change for the raffle.
- ☺ Bring your projects from previous workshops.
- ☺ Bring goodies if it is your turn.
- ☺ Bring your own coffee cup.
- ☺ Wear your name badge.
- ☺ Come early and sign-in.
- ☺ Silence your cell phones.
- ☺ Make a new friend and introduce yourself to one of our many new members and guests.
- ☺ HAVE FUN - AND LOTS OF IT!!
- ☺ Clean up your area as you leave.
- ☺ Drive safe.

**Remember!**

## WORKSHOP **By Kate Weber & Janet Dietzman**



Clipboards at the Workshop station allow you to sign up now and this puts you on a mailing list for follow-up information and reminders. Payments accepted now, too!

Questions?  
[workshops@quiltersbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:workshops@quiltersbythesea@gmail.com)

**JANUARY 13 \$35.00**  
**Sewing Machine Hands-On**



Steve Shuman leads this workshop investigating your sewing machine. Basic maintenance tips; how, when, and where to oil and clean. Steve will specifically look at each machine and give individualized service tips.  
**Supply list:** your machine(s), sewing machine tools (screw driver, lint brush), fabric scraps, thread, scissors. Steve will check one machine for each person and then will do additional machines as time permits. If multiple people have the same machine, he will demonstrate how to work on one while the rest of us observe and take notes.

**FEBRUARY 10 \$35.00**  
**California Heritage Quilt Project (CHQP) Registration**



Bring your finished quilt and register/document it on the Quilt Index, an international repository for everything quilts! CHQP is a member; all California residents can enter quilts under the California Heritage Quilt Project. This is not a sewing workshop.

**MARCH 16 No fee**  
**Scrap Organizing and Trading**

Member led: bring your scraps and learn ways to organize and make them accessible for future projects. Discuss methods and tools storage (plastic bags, boxes, etc.). Trade your less loved fabrics for new-to-you fabrics.

**Open sew** for all guild members - your project or grab a Community Relations kit to work on.

**Special Interest Groups**



-Wanderer/Gypsy Wife Group update, advice and sharing

-Double Wedding Ring Group - details and organizing

**Community Relations quilt kits are available at every workshop.**

Stop by and pick up a kit (or two!) whether you are registered for the current workshop or not.

Every  
 New-to-workshop  
 Guild member  
 And  
 Guest gets an  
 Extra gift

# Community Relations

## By Carollynn Machado-Guarino

Community Relations ended the year with a fantastic blast. Over 220 quilts and fabric items, along with 6 Special Fund Raiser quilts were presented. Our goal of 350 was far exceeded with a total over 550 items. The gift of your time and efforts will reach many more this season. Thank you so much.

Now that we begin a new year our goal can still be 350+. Since we're meeting in person again, we can resume doing some things and even some new things. One thing coming back will be the participation raffle and 4 quarterly chances to win a gift certificate to have a personal quilt quilted by one of the four fantastic Longarmers. For those new, and old, every time you donate something to Community Relations, you'll put your name on a ticket, and drop it in the bucket. Even if you drop the item[s] at the garage you'll add a ticket to the bucket. More announcements later.



We make great things happen when we work hand in hand.



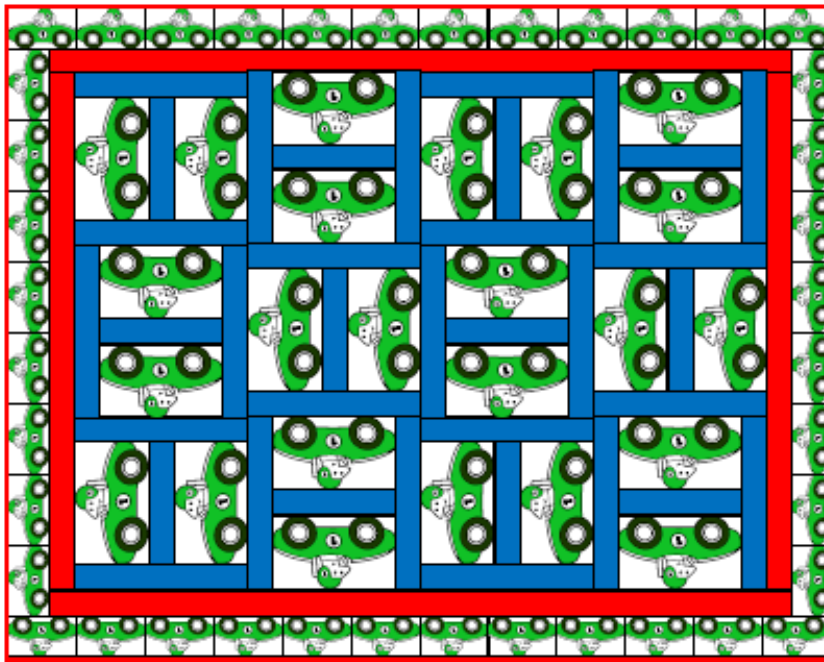
Thanks for a great 2023 and looking forward to a fantastic 2024.

## Community Relations - Free Pattern



Thank you Jo Melis for sharing your wonderful patterns.

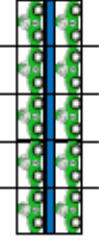
# Stepping Stones (40" x 50")




**Yardage**  
 Cute Print 1 1/2 yds (48") (30" blocks, 18" border)  
 Sashing 2/3 yd (22")  
 Accent & Binding 2/3 yd (21") (8" accent, 13" binding)  
 Backing 1 1/2 yds

**Cut**  
 Print 6 @ 5" x → (blocks)  
 5 @ 3 1/2" x → (border)  
 Sashing 11 @ 2" x →  
 Accent 5 @ 1 1/2" x →  
 Binding 5 @ 2 1/2" x →

**Directions:**  
 Sew a sashing strip between 2 print strips. Crosscut at 8". Repeat twice. (12 blocks needed)



Crosscut the 8 remaining sashing strips at 11" (24 pieces needed). Sew strips to both sides of blocks.



Alternating the direction of the blocks, sew blocks into a 3 x 4 grid.

Sew the accent strips around the grid. Add borders, quilt, and bind.

## By Pam Plakos & Lyndell Darby



Thanks to all the participants, without your beautiful quilts there would be no Show & Tell.



**Lori Davies**

“Fall”



**Randy Miller**

Donated from the ABC Unified School District Adult School sewing/quilting class.



**Lori Davies**

“Christmas Gnomes Table Runner”



**Randy Miller**

Donated from the ABC Unified School District Adult School sewing/quilting class.



**Lori Davies**

“Gingerbread Houses”  
colored with crayons, embroidered and pieced.



**Wendy Dillon**

“Gnome Hearts”  
Quilted by Kate Weber.  
Fabric from online company called, ShipLap.



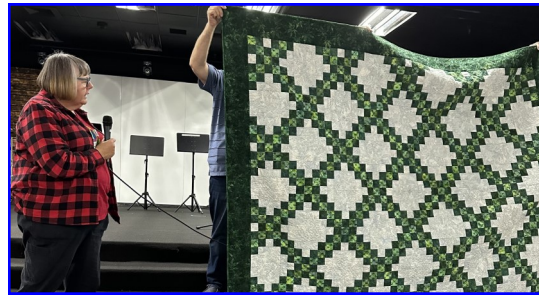
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**Wendy Dillon**

“3-D Cube”

Quilted by Kate Weber. Class with Jo Melis.



**Brenda Biggart**

“Double Irish Chain”

Quilted by Annette Morales.  
This is her fourth quarter UFO started more than ten years ago.



**Brandi Kelly-Contreras**

“Woodland Wonders”

Quilted by Annette Morales. Made for a friend’s cabin.



**Edyth Henrickson**

“Santa at the Beach”

Quilted by Annette Morales. This was purchased while on a tour of Connecticut.



**Brandi Kelly-Contreras**

“Ahhh, My Little Chicka dee”  
Quilted by Annette Morales.  
Going to a friend.



**Jo Melis**

“Sea Sisters”  
To be donated to Community Relations in January.



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**Nancy**

**Toussaint**

“Flowers for Christmas”  
Table Runner- self-quilted. First time trying  
Matchstick quilting.



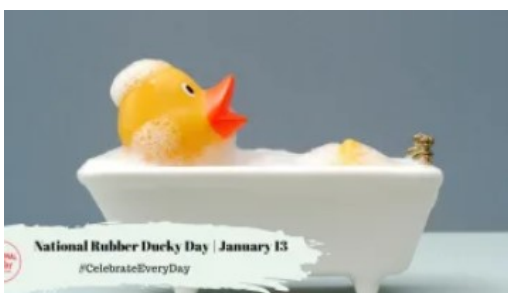
**Joyce Allen**

“Lone Star Overture”  
Self-quilted. This was a quilt kit in my stack.  
It was given to me in a bog of other items to  
complete. I did not buy it.



**Lyndell Darby**

“Spring in the Country”  
Quilted by Annette Morales.  
This was a kit I bought from Connecting  
Threads in 1997! Didn’t start working on it  
until 2023.





# January 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue                 | Wed | Thu                   | Fri | Sat                   |
|-----|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|
|     | 1   | 2<br>Board Meeting  | 3   | 4                     | 5   | 6<br>Sew So Saturday  |
| 7   | 8   | 9                   | 10  | 11<br>General Meeting | 12  | 13<br>Workshop        |
| 14  | 15  | 16                  | 17  | 18                    | 19  | 20<br>Sew So Saturday |
| 21  | 22  | 23                  | 24  | 25                    | 26  | 27<br>Sew So Saturday |
| 28  | 29  | 30<br>Board Meeting | 31  |                       |     |                       |

## Schedule of Events

- **Board Meetings** rotate location. January 2 meeting it is at **Brandi's** home starting at 6:30.
- **Sew So Saturdays** are at Carolynn's home and are subject to change. **9am to whenever.**
- **General Meeting** is at Arbor Road Church\* in the Fellowship Hall Basement at 7pm - doors open at 6:15pm. The program this month is **Steve Shuman with Sewing Machine Care & Maintenance.**

- **Workshop** is at Arbor Road Church\*, Room A-110 from 9am to 3pm. This month is **Steve Shuman with Sewing Machine Hands -On.**

- **Board Meetings** rotate location. January 30 meeting it is at **Carolynn's** home starting at 6:30.

Brandi's and Carolynn's personal information is in the guild roster.


# Upcoming Events

## February

- 03 Sew So Saturday
- 08 General Meeting
- 10 Workshop
- 17 Sew So Saturday
- 24 Sew So Saturday

## March

- 02 Sew So Saturday
- 05 Board Meeting
- 09 Sew So Saturday
- 14 General Meeting
- 16 Workshop
- 23 Sew So Saturday
- 30 Sew So Saturday



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Lori Davies    | Jan 02 |
| Teri Meggers   | Jan 12 |
| Karen Ericksen | Jan 13 |
| Signe Kaleel   | Jan 18 |

\* Arbor Road Church, 5336 E. Arbor Road, Long Beach, CA 90808

## Sew So Saturday

Drop in and join the sewing, fun, advice, and socializing to your heart's content on the following Saturdays from 9am to 4pm:

January 6

January 20

January 27

You can find Carollynn's address in the roster. Carpool if possible. Let's keep her neighbors friendly.



## Free Project



These **Pattern Weights** looks useful and fun.

<https://sewcanshe.com/2013-10-1-sewing-201-it-was-a-revelation-to-me-pattern-weights-a-guessing-game/>

If you see a FREE PROJECT on the internet, and you think the guild members might enjoy it, please send the link to

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

Thank you.



## Hospitality by Joyce Allen

Each month we are asking that a portion of our membership bring goodies to the guild meeting. No, we are not asking you to prepare dinner for all of us! Just nibbles enough for a dozen or so.

Nibbles can be cookies, chips, fruit, and so forth. Yes, store bought is just fine.

Don't stress, just take your turn. Thanks.

January – last names beginning with A-Car



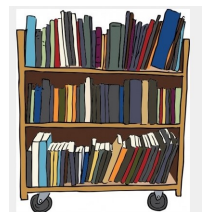
## Library by Pam Plakos & Lyndell Darby

Our 50% off sale for all fabric bundles/ precuts will continue at our January guild meeting.

All books/patterns are still free!

Come visit our table and check out what we have.

See you in the new year.



## Opportunity Quilt By Cathe Hagerman-Beizer



### 2024 Opportunity Quilt “Stepping Into Spring”

This beautiful quilt top was donated by Linda Monsen and quilted by Joyce Allen. “Stepping Into Spring” is queen size (89”x 89”) and the pattern (“BlockStep”) and Moda fabrics are both by designer Robin Pickens. The drawing for the quilt will be held April 11, 2024; tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets are available from QBS members or by contacting Cathe HagermanBeizer, Opportunity Quilt Chair via email (see roster for contact info).

Below is a list of dates that other guilds have agreed to let us visit their general meeting to display our quilt and to sell tickets. Volunteers are needed to take the quilt to these meetings, so please look over the dates and times to see if there is one that you are able to attend, and take the quilt, preferably with a fellow QBS member. The quilt, a display rack, and a container of all supplies needed (the tickets, change, etc.) is already assembled and arrangements to get them can be made by contacting Cathe HagermanBeizer by phone, text or email.

Tues., Jan. 9th, 6:00 p.m., Orange County Quilters Guild, Orange/Anaheim  
Speaker: Linda Sullivan, Colorwerx

Thurs., Feb. 8th, 6:00 p.m., Beach Cities Quilters Guild, Mission Viejo  
Speaker: Christa Watson

Monday, Feb. 12th, 5:30 p.m., Inland Empire Quilters Guild, Corona  
Speaker: (unk)

Tues., Feb. 13, 8:30 a.m., Camarillo Quilters Assoc., Camarillo  
Speaker: (unk)

Mon., Feb. 19th, 5:30 p.m., Canyon Quilters of San Diego, San Diego  
Speaker: (unk)

Mon., Feb. 26th, 6:00 p.m., North Cities Quilt Guild, Yorba Linda  
Speaker: (unk)

Wed., March 6th, 6:00 p.m., Santa Monica Quilt Guild, Santa Monica  
Speaker: Kena Tangi Dorsey

Thurs., March 7th, 5:45 p.m., Acacia Quilt Guild of O.C., Buena Park  
Speaker: Patricia Belyea

Tuesday, March 12th, 8:30 a.m., El Camino Quilters Guild, Oceanside  
Speaker: Pam Hadfield

Friday, March 22nd, 8:00 a.m., Citrus Belt Quilters, Inc., Redlands  
Speaker: (unk)



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Many of our guild members have allergies so **please do not wear perfume/cologne** to the meetings. Your cooperation in making our gatherings a pleasure for all is much appreciated.

*Please support the advertisers in the QBS newsletter and when you visit them please mention where you saw their ad.*

**The Ad Rates for 2024 are \$50 for one year - any size ad up to one page.**

## Open Sew

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

El Dorado Senior Center (2800 Studebaker, Long Beach) does have a quilting room set up every Wednesday, 9am-1pm. Room comes with irons and ironing boards, otherwise take your own stuff. Plenty of big tables for spreading out projects.

Burns Community Center (5510 Clark Ave, Lakewood) has a room set aside for quilting with tables on the last Wednesday of the month, 9am-1pm.



## Intraguild - Special Interest Groups by Lori Davies

Gypsy/Wanderer's Wife (hereafter the "Wife") will be meeting **10am-3pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** at Samantha McCarthy-Lurie's home (find address in roster). First meeting will be January 20. We'll be working on Sections 1 and 2. Bring your pattern book, fabric, sewing machines, and tools.

Boho Heart group will be meeting on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 10:30am** at Charlotte Lee's home (address in roster). We're focusing on making blocks. First meeting is January 16.

Both groups are open if you want to join, just show up ready to sew.

### New possibilities -

Someone wants to learn how to add chenille to their projects. Can you show them how? Yes? Wonderful!

Do you need a bit more time and help finishing your 3D Cube project?

Do you need a scheduled worktime to get a UFO done?

Contact Kate to arrange meet-up with those of similar interests.



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



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County



## Programs

January 4 - Caroline Carpenter  
What Your Longarmer Wants You To Know

February 1 - Barbra Riley  
Trunk Show, How It All Started

March 7 - Patricia Belyea  
Japanese Textiles and Quilt Show Tour

## Workshops

January 13 - Caroline Carpenter  
Designing Foundation Paper Pieced Patterns

February 3  
Circles and Curves

March 9 - TBD

## Membership by Charlotte Lee & Melody Doukenic

We would like to thank all of you for greeting our visitors and new members!! We had 1 visitor and 2 of our Charities that we support come to our December meeting. We look forward to the New Year and for our renewal of membership. There are still 3 ways to renew our membership

1st is online after Jan 1st.

2nd is in person at our Jan, meeting.

3rd is by mail!!!!

Also remember, dues are now \$40. If you pay by check, make sure to write out the FULL name of our guild!!! Looking forward to being your Co-chairs of membership for 2024!!! Don't forget to make changes if your info has changed!!!!

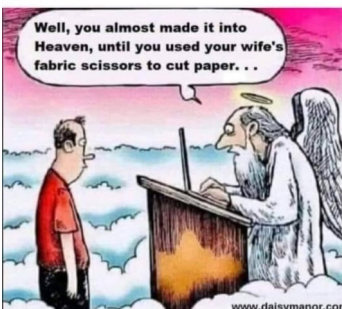


**"In the world of membership, collaboration trumps competition, for together we can achieve great things." - Unknown**

## Sunshine and Shadows by Dr. Deb Belcher

Please let me know if you have or know of anyone who is having a "Sunshine or a Shadow".

(contact info in the roster)





## New fundraiser!

We've joined the Dandelion Fabric & Co Quilt Guild Fundraiser. Dandelion Fabric is a small woman owned/operated quilting fabric brand that offers high quality cotton fabric with designs created by artists from around the world.

Part of their mission is to give back to the community, and so have created this fundraiser where you get an extra 10% discount and our Guild will receive 15% of all sales.

### How it works

1. Members can purchase fabric at FabStash Cafe ([FabstashcafeShop](#) on Etsy)
2. Fabric Specials will be emailed each month
3. Use our special discount code: **BYTHESEA** at checkout to receive 10% off
4. All sales will be tracked through the discount
5. Funds will be sent to the guild every 2 months

Check out the flyer (next page) for more information and a look at the **free Acorn Throw Quilt Pattern** in the Fall in Love with Fall collection



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# Quilt Guild Fundraiser

[SHOP NOW](#)

Welcome to Dandelion Fabric & Co's Quilt Guild Fundraising program where **you get an extra 10% discount** off of already discounted high-quality designer fabric and **your Guild earns 15%**

Follow our special Etsy Shop - [FabstashcafeShop](#) to shop anytime with your discount code - new fabric will be offered as new collections are available



## *Fall in Love with Fall*

[Free Acorn Throw  
Quilt pattern on  
Dandelion Fabric &  
Co website](#)

12 FABRIC DESIGNS, FQ  
BUNDLES & ROLLS

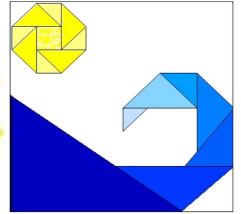


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fabric & co

USE YOUR GUILD'S FUNDRAISER CODE AT CHECKOUT

Editor's Note: We received this flyer in a PDF file. PDF files insert into the newsletter are blurry and the links do not work.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### POSITIONS - ELECTED

President  
VP. Programs  
V.P. Workshops  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Auditor  
Membership  
Special Events  
Quilt Show (2024-2025)

Brandi Kelly-Contreras  
Alan Calgaro  
Kate Weber & Janet Dietzman  
Lori Davies  
Teri Meggers  
Kim Snow  
Charlotte Lee & Melody Doukenick  
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### POSITIONS-APPOINTED

Intraguild Chairperson  
Community Relations  
Librarian(s)  
Parliamentarian  
Newsletter Editor  
SCCQG Representative

Lori Davies  
Carolynn Machado-Guarino  
Pam Plakos & Lyndell Darby  
Marc Hyatt  
Patti Paschall  
Dr. Deb Belcher

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Bee Keeper  
Block of the Month  
Crumb Box  
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Greeters  
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Historian  
Hospitality  
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Photographers  
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Retreat  
Round Robin Row  
Secret Pal  
Sew So Saturday  
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Lori Davies  
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Carolynn Machado-Guarino  
Dawn Lindelin  
Carole Jurado & Dorothy Foral  
Dr. Deb Belcher  
Dawn Lindelin

**GENERAL MEETINGS** are held the **2nd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH** unless otherwise stated in the newsletter and/or posted on the [Calendar](#) page of our [website](#).

**Doors open at 6:15 pm, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.**

Arbor Road Church, Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, 5336 E. Arbor Road, Long Beach, CA 90808

**BOARD MEETINGS** are held 9 days before the General Meeting at 6:30 pm unless otherwise stated in the newsletter and/or posted on the [Calendar](#) page of our [website](#). The location rotates among board members.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is the Wednesday after the General Meeting.** Please email articles in MS Word format to: [QuiltersByTheSea@gmail.com](mailto:QuiltersByTheSea@gmail.com)

As a reminder, we like to keep your information correct and updated in the Membership Roster. If you have any changes to your information as it appears or if you have updates, please email them to [quiltersbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:quiltersbythesea@gmail.com).

This guild is organized for educational and charitable purposes. Its objective is to further quilting excellence through education and travel, and to promote quilting in a philanthropic manner. This corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to members thereof and is organized for nonprofit purposes. Annual dues are \$40.00 and shall be payable at or before the January general meeting. Membership shall be prorated if paid at or after the July general meeting and shall be half the full annual dues.

Reminder: visitor/guest fees are \$5.00 for in person meetings. Fees may be waived by the President or the Vice President of Programs only. Visitor Fees are generally waived when we do not have a paid speaker for that evening.