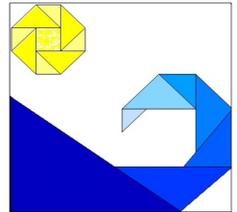


# Quilters by the Sea

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Newsletter



September 2025



## By Dr. Deb Belcher

QBS has had its August break. I hope everyone is rested and ready to start our autumn quarter. Some of us have totally kicked back over August. Some of us have probably done some sewing/quilting projects. Some of us have continued to do things related to our position in QBS. I would like to thank Patti for all she does month in and month out, rain or shine, to keep us on track and organized through her emails and missives; her job never has a dark month. I would like to thank Carollynn, who continually takes care of our community relations quilts and giving, no matter what time of the year it is. I would like to thank Kim for her various efforts in many aspects of the guild. Along with our fresh start, I would encourage everybody to take part in the September workshop Kate arranged with Jean Impey. The workshop is a companion to Jean's trunk show. She demonstrates how to make her 8-pointed star blocks in multiple sizes. An excellent scrap buster!! Thanks to all who make this the great guild that it is!!



## By Carollynn Machado-Guarino

Another quarter is coming to an end and quilts are ready for donation to our charities. As part of our efforts to aid the charities, we will start collecting for the Holiday Donations. Please complete as many items as you can. We need to collect everything by November 30th. We hope all the charities will have representatives at the December General Meeting and be able to tell some great stories.

Thank you Jo Melis for sharing your wonderful patterns. This month's free pattern is on page 4.

### Special points of interest:

- **Program - Jean Impey, "Sew Jean Trunk Show"**
- **Workshop - Jean Impey, "Twinkle Quilt Pattern"**
- **Board Meeting - September 2**
- **General Meeting - September 11**



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

## National Sewing Month is in September

Check out their website at <https://www.nationalsewingmonth.org/>





## By Alan Calgaro

Hello, fellow quilters! I hope you enjoyed the late summer break. Did you get a lot of projects done in the past month? If so, don't forget to bring them for Show & Tell on September 11th when we resume our regular meeting schedule. Come early for snacks, shopping, Block of the Month, raffles, and socializing.

The first portion of the program will be the election of the board members for 2026. Thank you to all the members who volunteered to be part of the Board.

We also have a guest speaker, Jean Impey, who will share her Sew -Jean trunk show. Jean will also be teaching the workshop on Saturday, September 13th – Twinkle Quilt - full of fun, “liberated” stars.



## 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, 9 am-1 pm. The room comes with irons and ironing boards, otherwise, bring your own stuff. There are plenty of big tables for spreading out projects.

Burns Community Center Open Sew  
September 17, 9am-3pm No need to “sign up”!  
5510 Clark Avenue, Lakewood

For 2026 – Mark your calendar!

3rd Wednesday every month January through November.

September 17, 2025

October 22, 2025

November 19, 2025

(last date for 2025)





## By Kate Weber & Teri Meggers

Great news! The workshop committee now has a rolling cabinet at Arbor Road Church with our tools and equipment in it! No more schlepping a cartload back and forth to the workshops!

Thank you, Alan, Marc, and Janet for assembling the cabinet. Thanks, also, to Joyce, Linda, Melody, and Theresa for assisting in figuring out how to put everything into it!

### September 13 – Twinkle with Jean Impey. \$35

Stars, stars, and more stars! Jean brings her style with stars of all sizes. A great scrap buster! You may have met Jean already if you've been on a Hoffman Fabrics Tour! This can be a scrap-buster quilt project. We have a supply list; if you're registered but haven't received yours, contact Kate.



### October 11 – Many Moons with Jen Wagner \$35

Curves & curves - don't be frightened! Jen comes to us from Colorado! Come and work with a noted quilt designer from a far-off state. QBS is sharing travel expenses with another guild to bring her to you. Master those scary curves!



### November 15 – Machine Maintenance with Steve Shuman. \$35

Learn owner maintenance of your domestic machine! This is the time to get your machine(s) ready for the new year. You may bring more than one machine. Steve will give directions on how and where to clean, and how often it needs to be done. This is an extremely good workshop if you are new to sewing, or haven't done your "operator maintenance" in a l-o-n-g time.

We are looking for a Workshop Chair/Co-Chairs for 2026. Interested? It's easier now that Workshops has onsite equipment storage! Plus, the workshop chair gets to attend workshops for free! Please let Marc Hyatt know ASAP.

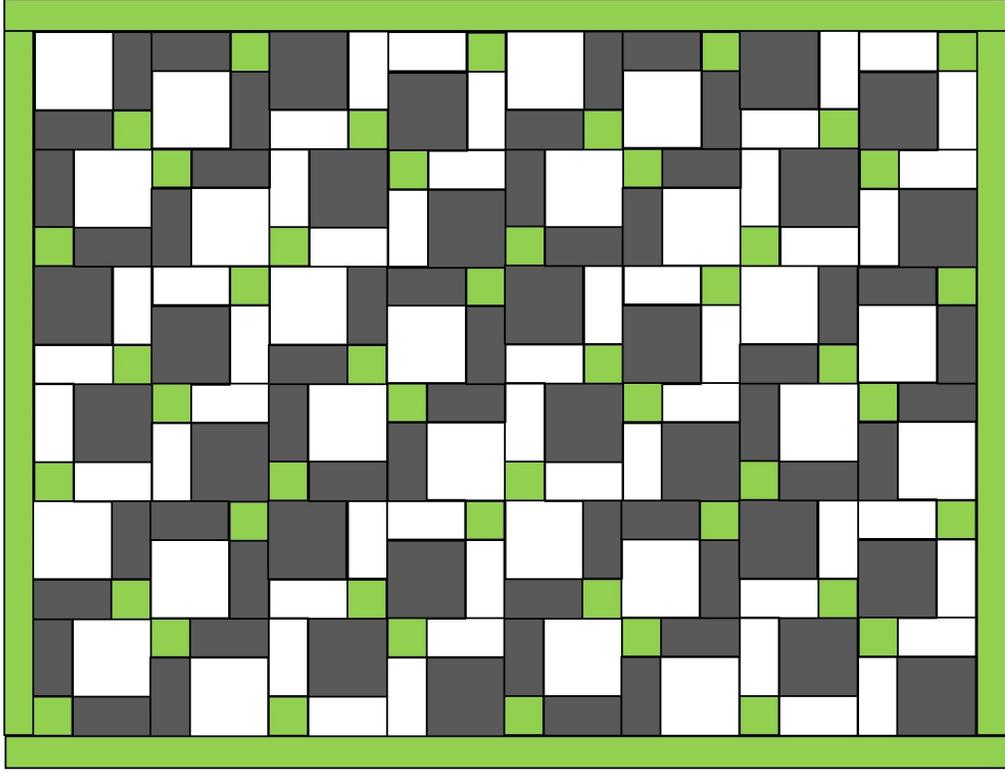
**Sign up soon  
and  
sign up often!**

**Remember!  
Signing up on  
the interest  
sheet does NOT  
mean that you  
are registered  
for the  
workshop!**

**You are not  
registered until  
you pay.**

Register  
online or  
at a  
guild  
meeting.

# Fractured Floating 9-Patch Tri-tone (52" x 68")



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

## Yardage (6 x 8 grid)

- Light background 1 1/2 yd (48")
  - Dark background 1 1/2 yd (48")
  - Contrast for centers 3/8 yd (12")
  - Border 5/8 yd (18")
  - Binding 5/8 yd (18")
  - Backing 3 1/8 yds
- 
- Cut**
- Light Background 8 strips @ 6" x →
  - Dark Background 8 strips @ 6" x →
  - Centers 2 strips @ 6" x →
  - Border 7 strips @ 2 1/2" x →
  - Binding 7 strips @ 2 1/2" x →

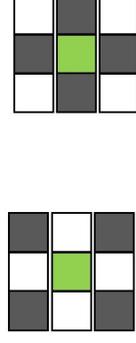
## Directions

Sew the following strip sets:

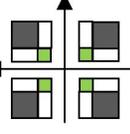
- 2 sets of dark/light/dark
- 2 sets of light/dark/light
- 1 set of dark/center/dark
- 1 set of light/center/light

Crosscut all sets at 6".

Sew strata into reverse-contrast 9 patches. 2 complete sets of each needed.



Cut the completed 9-patches in half vertically, then horizontally to get 48 blocks. (approximately 8 1/2" square)



Arrange the blocks to form the pattern shown at left and sew the squares into a 6 x 8 grid. Sew all 6 border strips together, then open between 2 seams. Sew on top and bottom borders, then sides. Quilt and bind.

## Show and Tell By Dorothy Foral and Brad Dumm

Show and Tell is a little shy this month because we were dark in August but we did receive a few pictures via email so please enjoy.



**Jo Melis**

“Fractured Floating 9-patch Tri-tone”  
New pattern on page 4. This quilt made for donation.



**Jo Melis**

Design loosely based on a block in a Nancy Toussant quilt - quilt for donation.



**Jo Melis**

String quilt to help April use up her scraps – for donation.



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

The theme for September is Dogs and Pets.

# September 2025

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

## Schedule of Events

- **Board Meetings** are at Carollynn's home or via Zoom starting at 6:30.
- **General Meeting** is at Arbor Road Church<sup>1</sup> in the Fellowship Hall Basement at 7pm - doors open at 6:15pm. The program this month is **Jean Impey, "Sew Jean Trunk Show"**
- **Workshop** is at Arbor Road Church<sup>1</sup>, Room A-110 from 9am to 3pm. This month is **Jean Impey, "Twinkle Quilt Pattern"**
- **Sew So Saturdays** are at Carollynn's home in "The Garage" and are subject to change. **9am to whenever.**

Carollynn's personal information is in the guild roster.

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 04 Sew So Saturday
- 09 General Meeting
- 11 Workshop
- 18 Sew So Saturday
- 25 Sew So Saturday

### November

- 01 Sew So Saturday
- 04 Board Meeting
- 08 Sew So Saturday
- 13 General Meeting
- 15 Workshop
- 22 Sew So Saturday
- 29 Sew So Saturday



Kathy (KP) Peysar	Sep 08
JoAnn White	Sep 15
Marc Hyatt	Sep 17
Randy Miller	Sep 22
Margot Taub	Sep 29

<sup>1</sup>Arbor Road Church, 5336 E. Arbor Road, Long Beach, CA 90808



Lori Davies



# WINTER QUILTING RETREAT

@ Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center  
Temecula, CA  
DECEMBER 27-30, 2025

Come join us for a RESTFUL quilting retreat

Pay ONLINE – NO FORM NEEDED

OR

Contact Lori Davies to get the registration form emailed to you or pick up one at the Guild meeting, and turn in with your check made out to QUILTERS BY THE SEA

**PRICE BREAKDOWN: SINGLE \$640    DOUBLE \$470    TRIPLE \$380**

(Includes a tip for the retreat center staff, accommodations, all meals starting with dinner Saturday and ending with breakfast Tuesday).





**Marc Hyatt**

Hello fellow quilters. As you know this is the time of year when we hold elections. Right now the following people are running for the following positions. If no one is running I have marked it Vacant.

For Elections

President:	Dr. Deb Belcher
V.P. Programs:	Alan Calgaro
V. P. Workshops:	Vacant
Secretary:	Carolyn Machado
Treasurer:	Lori Davis
Membership Chair:	Co-chairs Charlotte Lee and Melody Doukenick
Auditor:	Kim Snow
Special Events:	Samantha Reams
Quilt Show Chair:	Vacant (two year term, can be filled next year)

We will hold our vote at the September meeting. Remember, if you cannot attend and want a ballot counted, here is the procedure (from the Standing Rules): Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to be on the committee.

PARAGRAPH 5: ELECTION

- A. Officers shall be elected by the Voting Membership (Charter and General Membership) at each annual election held during the Annual Business Meeting in September.
- B. Officers shall be elected by a majority of votes cast, which shall consist of:
  1. Ballots cast by members in good standing present at the Annual Business Meeting in September; and
  2. Absentee ballots from the members in good standing must be received by the day before the Annual Business Meeting in September.
- C. To cast an "absentee ballot," a member will print out the official QBS ballot from the newsletter, fill out the ballot, place it in an envelope, seal it, and sign it across the flap.
- D. This envelope shall then be addressed and mailed to the Parliamentarian or shall be delivered to the Parliamentarian prior to the Annual Business Meeting who shall then bring all absentee ballots to the meeting.
- E. Voting at the Annual Business Meeting shall be conducted by secret ballot and the person receiving the most votes in each position shall be declared the winner.

If you choose to mail your ballot or you can just drop it off, my address is in the roster.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to be on the committee.

Members of the committee:

Marc Hyatt  
 Carollynn Machado-Guarino  
 Dorothy Floral  
 Terry Meggers  
 Barbee Tidball

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September at the meeting. Hope everyone had a great summer.

## 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.



## Thank you Janet Dietzman

Traditional appliqué and reverse appliqué walk into a bar.

Reverse says, "I've got your back."

Traditional goes, "Please, I'm on top of this."

Ghost Stitch walks in and whispers, "I do both... but no one sees me coming." 🤫

# Joke

## The Charities QBS Supports

Here is a list of the Charities we support. If you want to find out more about them, simply click on their name.

[Caring Connections](#) [works with Bellflower schools]

[For the Child](#)

[Long Beach Police Department - Victims Unit](#)

[New Life Beginnings](#)

[Millers children](#)

[Women's Shelter of Long Beach](#)



## Sew So Saturday by Carolynn Machado-Guarino

Open 9/6, 9/20, and 9/27 from 9 am to 3 pm. All are welcome to come chat, work on their projects, and shop for kits or fabrics. All courtesy of our members and donors. There's never a charge. No charge for looking, ever. :-)



## Free Project



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.

**Reusable Dish Covers** - These would make nice gifts.

[https://www.brother-usa.com/blogs/stitching-sewcial/just-in-time-for-summer-diy-reusable-dish-covers?user\\_email=dHJlYXN1cmVzYnl0cmIzaHRvb0B5YWVhby5jb20%3D](https://www.brother-usa.com/blogs/stitching-sewcial/just-in-time-for-summer-diy-reusable-dish-covers?user_email=dHJlYXN1cmVzYnl0cmIzaHRvb0B5YWVhby5jb20%3D)



## Free Motion Quilting Motif



**Free-Motion Quilting with a Double Needle**

<https://weallsew.com/double-needle-free-motion-quilting/>



## Membership by Charlotte Lee & Melody Doukenick

Happy September!!! I hope everyone had a good month off and a lot of sewing and resting was done. Remember to wear your name badges because you never know when there will be a drawing for a prize!!! See you at the guild meeting!



## Hospitality by Joyce Allen

Please bring snacks for our next general meeting if your name begins with the letters as indicated below. Extra goodies are always welcome.

September last names beginning with Mo-P

Thank you for your contributions of snacks.

I will make the coffee and punch and provide napkins and plates to serve your snacks.

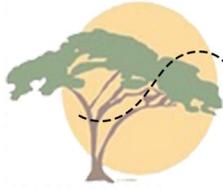


## Sunshine and Shadows by Carolynn Machado-Guarino

Please drop off a written note if you have any events to report. We send cards but do not post events unless the individual provides their approval. Confidentially is the name of the game.



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



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County



## Programs

<https://www.acaciaquiltguild.org/meetings>

## Workshops

<https://www.acaciaquiltguild.org/workshops>

## QBS Email Information

Some of us receive emails from the QBS account that says it is from “Quilters By the Sea” and others say it is from “Suzie Quilter from QBS”. Both of these are valid, so if you see “Suzie Quilter from QBS” please don't junk it. It is from Quilters By the Sea.



## Intraguild BOM by Alan Calgaro

“Star of the West” (pattern on the next page) is the block that was introduced at the July meeting. Kits were available, but you can use your fabrics to make additional blocks – cream background is preferred, but not necessary. This is another easy pattern, which helps to reinforce Half-Square-Triangle (HST) skills and introduces the Flying Geese shape. The block has a pinwheel in the center of an 8-point star – two very common block designs. Bring your completed blocks to the meeting to be included in the raffle to win some of the blocks. We will have a new block to introduce at the September meeting.



Block of the Month



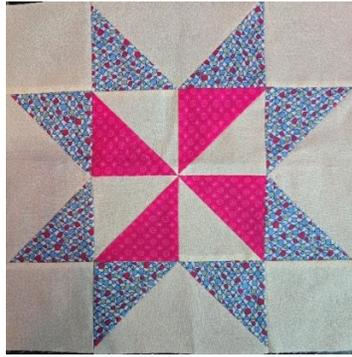
In my dreams, fabric grows on trees,



and quilting burns excess calories.

I just want to say a big thank you to the genius who told my granddaughter that her eyes change color when she lies. 🙄😂 Now, every time she tells a fib, she shuts her eyes so tight you'd think she was wishing on a star! ✨

Makes Grandma's job a whole lot easier! 😊😊😊



## “Star of the West Pattern”

Bring to the meeting in September

### **Kit Includes (all background)**

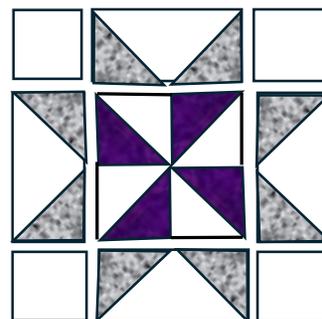
- Corners 4 – 3 ½” squares
- Center 2 – 3 ⅞” squares
- Sides 4 – 6 ½” x 3 ½” rectangles

### **Cutting (Focus fabrics - Choose 2)**

- Flying Geese 8 – 3 ½” squares
- Center 2 – 3 ⅞” squares

### **Instructions**

- Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on 2 background 3 ⅞” squares. Put these Right Sides Together (RST) with 2 Focus fabric Center 3 ⅞” squares. Stitch ¼” away from both sides of the diagonal line. Cut along the line to separate. Press toward the background fabric.
- Join the 4 Center Half Square Triangles (HST) to make a pinwheel. Press.
- Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the eight 3 ½” Focus fabric squares. Stitch one 3 ½” square to one end of the 6 ½” x 3 ½” rectangles on the drawn line. Press toward Focus fabric. Trim away the extra thicknesses. Repeat the process to add another 3 ½” Focus fabric square to the other end of the rectangle. Repeat with the other three rectangles. This will give you 4 Flying Geese shapes for the middle of the sides.
- Lay out the 9 shapes as pictured. Stitch together.



# What's Happening

## Events happening in the area.



### Out and About in SCCQG

September 20

Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild Fabric Sale 9am-3pm

Orange County Quilters Guild Picnic in the Park Home Tour 9am-4pm

October 4-5

Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild Quilt Show 10am – 4pm

October 11

SCCQG Quarterly Meeting

(contact Programchair@sccqg.org to request a Zoom invite)

Central Coast Quilters Quilt Auction 1pm – 3pm

October 11-12

Kings River Quilt Festival 10am – 5pm

Flying Geese Quilters Guild Quilt Show Quits for All Seasons 10am – 4pm



Looking for a local quilter/business.

Hey there – I understand this is a club, but I was wondering if you have a list of recommendations for local Long Beach quilters with small businesses that I can support.

My father passed this year, and I was hoping to gift three quilts made out of his shirts to my siblings this Christmas. Given that it's a lot of work, I know I need to get on with finding someone sooner rather than later!

I would love to check out some local artists and find a match. Thank you for your time.

Brook at brookebecher@gmail.com



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.



Kate and Marc Quilting  
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kateandmarcquilting@gmail.com or 562-234-3690  
text preferred

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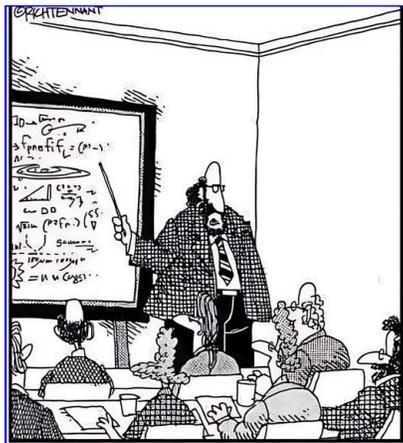
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**CLEAN YOUR SEWING MACHINE IN 8 SIMPLE STEPS – AND EXPERT TIPS!**

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“Along with ‘Antimatter,’ and ‘Dark Matter,’ we’ve recently discovered the existence of ‘Doesn’t Matter,’ which appears to have no effect on the universe whatsoever.”

**Yesterday I heard a guy complaining about paying \$3.50 for a gallon of gas. While standing in line to pay \$5.00 for a cup of coffee.**



This is not what my sewing room looks like. My sewing machine is a completely different model & color!

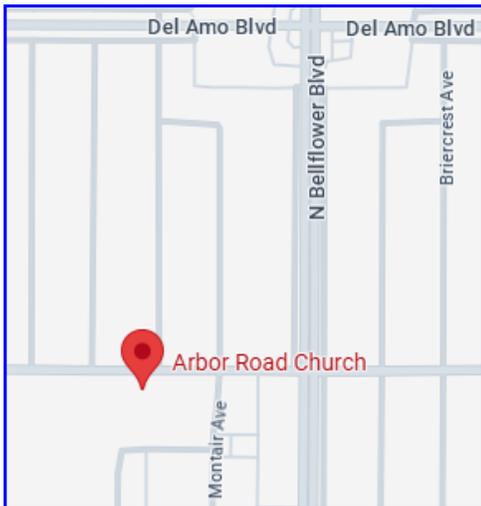


**New to quilting??? Check out these sites.**

Glossary of quilting terms - [www.nationalquilterscircle.com/post/glossary-of-quilting-terms/](http://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/post/glossary-of-quilting-terms/)  
or here - [www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/quilting-basics/complete-list-common-quilting-terms](http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/quilting-basics/complete-list-common-quilting-terms)

Here is a link to a Missouri Star YouTube video called [Quilting 101: Parts of the Quilt](#)

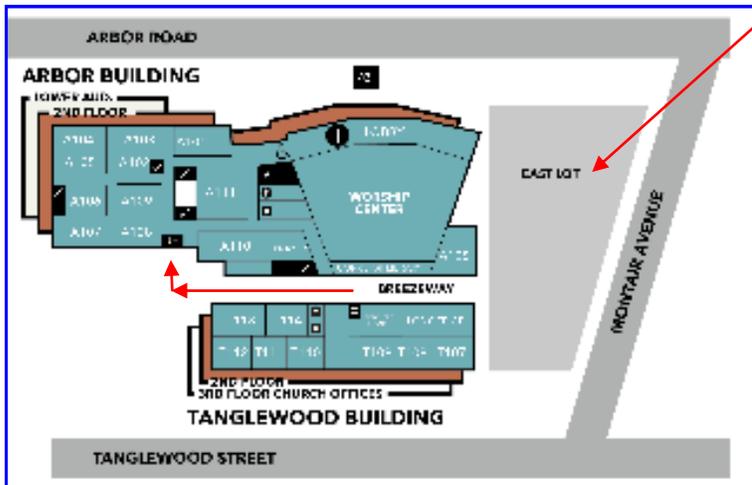
## How to get to our meeting location.



The Arbor Road Church at 5336 E. Arbor Road, Long Beach is located south of Del Amo Blvd. and west of Bellflower Blvd.



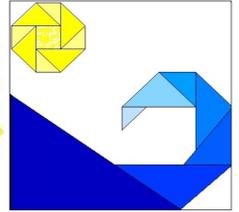
Once you park, here is how you get to the basement where we meet.



Walk through the Breezeway. When you get to the end (there is a chain link fence stopping you from going any further), turn right and then go through the double glass doors. Once inside you can get to the basement in one of two ways:

1. Use the elevator on your left to go down to the B level.
2. Walk straight ahead to the entry of the staircase and walk down.

# Quilters by the Sea



## Business Name

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inspires friendships”*



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### POSITIONS - ELECTED

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

Dr. Deb Belcher  
Alan Calgaro  
Kate Weber & Teri Meggers  
Lori Davies  
Carolynn Machado-Guarino and Marc Hyatt  
Kim Snow  
Charlotte Lee & Melody Doukenick  
Dawn Couch  
Lori Davies and team

### POSITIONS-APPOINTED

Intraguild Chairperson  
Community Relations  
Librarians  
Parliamentarian  
Newsletter Editor  
SCCQG Representative

Lori Davies  
Carolynn Machado-Guarino  
Kristy Chillington and Linda Monsen  
Marc Hyatt  
Patti Paschall  
Kate Weber

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Bee Keeper  
Block of the Month  
Crumb Box  
Equipment  
Facility Location Liaison  
Greeter  
Guild Basket  
Historian  
Hospitality  
Opportunity Quilt 2026  
Photographer  
President's Gift  
Publicity  
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Retreat  
Round Robin Row  
Secret Pal  
Sew So Saturday  
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Show & Tell  
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Linda Monsen  
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Randy Miller  
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OPEN  
Joyce Allen  
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Dorothy Foral  
Carolynn Machado-Guarino  
Dawn Lindelin  
Kim Snow and Carole Jurado  
Lori Davies  
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Dawn Lindelin  
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Carolynn Machado-Guarino  
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.