

President's Corner By Dr. Deb Belcher

The Charities that Quilters By the Sea support were spotlighted at our December 2025 Holiday Party/Meeting. Representatives from several charities were present, describing their work. I think that the 2025 QBS Members have done a phenomenal amount of giving - over 700+ items! I wanted to provide you with some information about our charities. Each of our members knows what an amazing organization for good QBS is. For example, QBS gives quilts to people who may have nothing to their name except the quilts they are given through one of our charities. Some of our quilts go to the Long Beach Police Department's "soft room" for victims of abuse. Our quilts are given out by charities that give mothers and their children a place to live while putting their lives back together. Our quilts, along with other necessary items, are given through the Bellflower school system to students of needy families. The storybook quilts and pillowcases created by our members are highly appreciated by Miller's Children's Hospital. Occasionally, in addition to what we give to our charities, quilts, afghans, pillowcases, and more are given out for special circumstances. We, as a guild, accomplish so much charitable giving by working together. To every member, thank you for all you do to support our guild's "Prime Directive". I want to encourage each of you to continue this good work in 2026.

Remember: We as a guild are a force for good.

Dr. Deb receives her "President's Gift" of 2 wool mats and 2 irons. She really needed these items and was very appreciative to receive them.



Special Points of Interest:

- Kicking off the new year
- Time to renew your membership.
- Next Board Meeting – February 3
- Next General Meeting – February 12

First Place Winners of the Best Table Decorations

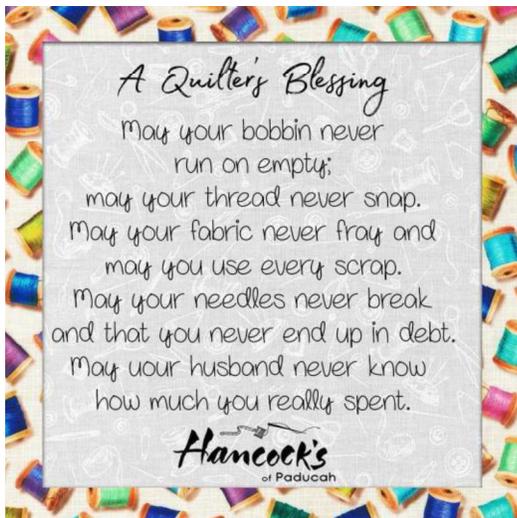


The 2nd Place Winner was Carole Jurado - "Pretty in Pinks"



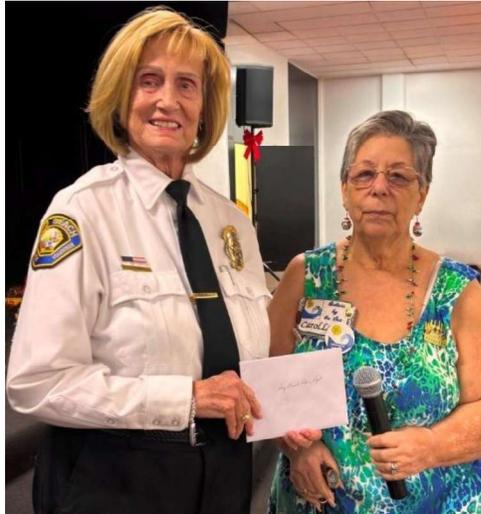
Carollynn's Team for all her Community Relations connections. They make it all happen behind the scenes, and donations are delivered on time.

Dr Deb's QBS Board Members for 2026



Here are some of the representatives from the Charities we support. We appreciate all their hard work in dealing directly with the people we all serve. They are so thankful and appreciative for all the love we put into what we have done and will continue to do for the families in need.

Linda Penrod, Director of the "Women in Crisis Unit" with the Long Beach Police Dept.



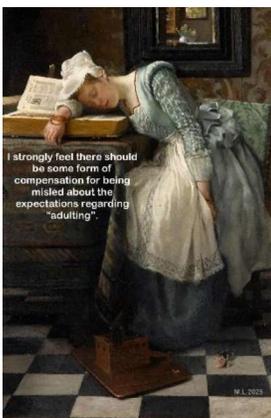
Rebecca Younger from "New Life Beginnings".



Tia Ewing from "Caring Connections"



Michele Wintersen, director of "For the Child"; Carolynn, Chairperson for QBS Community Relations; and Janet Newsom, who is both an accountant at For The Child and the QBS Auditor for 2026.





Programs By Alan Calgato

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Holiday Party Greetings

Dawn presented each member with an ornament she crafted herself. A wonderful remembrance of our evening and year of sharing with our quilting friends. Carefully filled with sand, shells, needles, and fabric. Thank You, Dawn.

Also, given out were Holiday gift-wrapped Pillowcases with printed instructions for our members to take home, sew up, and bring back for community relations in January 2026. Dorothy Foral matched up 40+ from fabric at Carolynn's Garage. Some of the fabric is vintage.



Holiday Party Potluck

Our Potluck was a wonderful mix of all our favorites, along with our own choice of desserts.





Workshops By Lois Wilkinson and Theresa Vine

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



Community Relations By Carollynn Machado-Guarino

The Community Relations Committee hopes you've had a wonderful holiday season. We were able to donate 751 items over the year. We will have our first committee meeting on January 24th, 10 am at Carollynn's garage. Please bring your ideas and thoughts on how we can support our community and local charities for the upcoming year. If you haven't been a part of the committee before, now is your chance to get started or just come to check things out. Looking forward to a great 2026.



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

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

The Charities We Support

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](#)

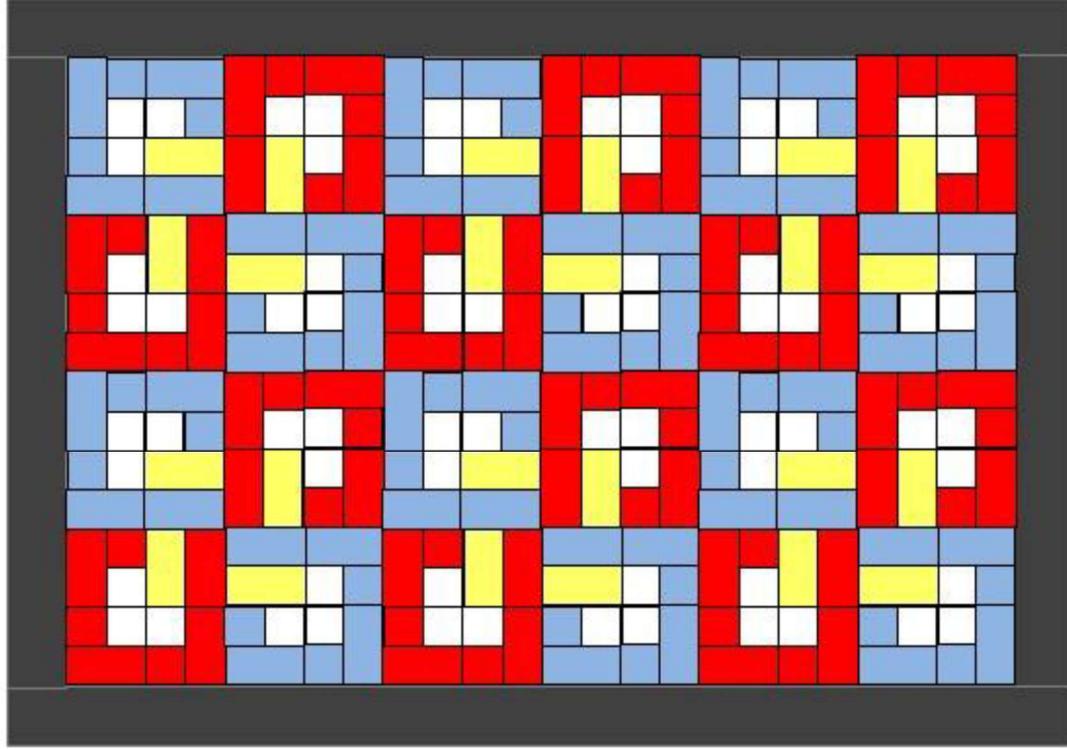
[Miller's children](#)

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

Here are some pictures of our quilts being used at Miller Children's and Women's Hospital.



Knot Hard (48" x 68")



Yardage

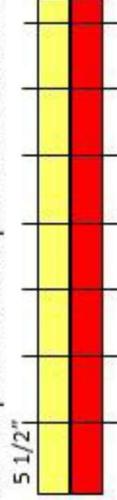
Red	1 yd (33")
Blue	1 yd (33")
Yellow	3/8 yd (12")
White	5/8 yd (18")
Border	7/8 yd (27")
Binding	5/8 yd (15")
Backing	3 yds

Cut

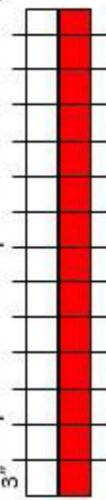
11 @ 3" x WOF
11 @ 3" x WOF
4 @ 3" x WOF
6 @ 3" x WOF
6 @ 4 1/2" x WOF
6 @ 2 1/2" x WOF

Sew

Sew 2 yellow strips to 2 red strips. Crosscut at 5 1/2". (need 24)



Sew 3 white strips to 3 red strips. Crosscut at 3". (need 36)



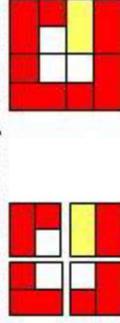
Crosscut the remaining 6 red strips at 5 1/2". (need 36)



Sew a 5 1/2" piece to the RIGHT side of each red/white unit.



Sew 3 red/white units and a red/yellow unit into blocks as shown.



Repeat this process with the blue, white, and yellow strips.

Arrange 2 red and 2 blue blocks together as shown at left to form a yellow "knot" in the center. Continue this layout with the remaining blocks. (4 x 6 grid) Sew into rows, then sew rows together.

Sew on top, bottom, and then side borders.

Quilt and bind.

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

Show and Tell By Dorothy Foral



Edyth Henrickson

Edyth created this stunning quilt with a Christmas theme of the wreath. Quilted by Annette Morales.



Tish Granillo

Tish made this colorful quilt as a Christmas gift for her daughter. Quilted by Kate Weber.



Melody Doukenick

Melody made this traditional Christmas Tree skirt and quilted it herself. A wonderful choice of fabrics with themed prints.



Jo Melis

“Take Eighteen” is a super-easy, super-fast lap quilt. And it uses up a lot of your end pieces – the strips are only 5” x WOF. This one is for donation.



Jo Melis

“Knot Hard” – also for donation.



Thanks to all the participants! Without your beautiful quilts there would be no Show & Tell. The theme for January is anything Black and White.



Interim Opportunity Quilt for 2026 By Kate Weber and Committee

We have an Interim Quilt for January through May. It was made by Linda Fowler and is being quilted by Joyce Allen. The quilt will debut at the January guild meeting. The drawing for this quilt will be at the May 2026 guild meeting.



2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

For 2026-2027, we will be making a red, white, and blue quilt for the semiquincentennial (250th) celebration of the Declaration of Independence. This quilt will debut at the May 2026 guild meeting.

Tickets - All members are expected to sell at least \$10 worth of tickets (2 six-ticket packets). Because QBS is organized as a 401c (3) non-profit, we are allowed to have raffles. However, by law, tickets cannot be sold online or through the US Postal Service. We need you, our members, to make the salesperson-to-person. Ticket prices are 1/\$1 or 6/\$5. If asked, or as part of your ticket sales “pitch”, you may accurately say that the money is used to support our philanthropic work (making and donating quilts and other items), and quilting education for members (for example, workshops and presentations).



Showing the Quilt - The quilts will be traveling to various guild meetings, where we will offer raffle tickets to their members. Sometimes we are even invited to show the Opportunity Quilt at another guild's show. We usually get to see their show without paying an admission fee! If you'd like to tag along on one of these trips, please let Kate know.

Intraguild - UFO Challenge By Jody Baca and Linda Monsen

THE UFO CHALLENGE IS BACK: The information sheet and sign-up form are on pages 15 and 16.

The first UFO due date will be at the February 2026 Guild meeting.





Birthdays

Our January Birthday Members

Lori Davies	Jan 02
Teri Meggers	Jan 12
Donna Lindley	Jan 16
Signe Kaleel	Jan 18
Mary Washington	Jan 19



Our December Birthday Members

Melody Doukenick and Linda Fowler



Open Sew

The doors of the Burns Community Center in Lakewood are open to all quilters and needleworkers monthly on the 3rd Wednesday, 9 am-3:15 pm, starting January 21st. All are welcome! Work on specific projects or bring your own. Cutting mats, rotary cutters, irons, and boards are available. You bring a sewing machine, tools (such as pins, scissors, and patterns, etc.), and a project.

Quilting Wednesdays dates: 9 am-3:15 pm

1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, and 11/18.

Please mark your calendars.

Burns is located at 5510 Clark Avenue, Lakewood. It is close to restaurants and drive-thru food or bring your own lunch. This is a community center activity. Everyone is welcome to come and sew.

Ask Teri Meggers, Linda Fowler, Carol Beliso, or Kate Weber for more info.

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

January 2026

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

Schedule of Events

Board Meetings are at Carollynn's home or via Zoom starting at 6:30.

- **General Meeting** is at Arbor Road Church¹ in the Fellowship Hall Basement at 7pm - doors open at 6:15pm. The program this month is **Jeff Warner, "Bargello Lecture/Trunk Show"**

- **Workshop** is at Arbor Road Church¹, Room A-110 from 9am to 3pm. This month is **Jeff Warner, "Bargello"**

- **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	February	March
	03 Board Meeting 07 Sew So Saturday 12 General Meeting 14 Workshop 21 Sew So Saturday	03 Board Meeting 07 Sew So Saturday 12 General Meeting 14 Workshop 21 Sew So Saturday

¹Arbor Road Church, 5336 E. Arbor Road, Long Beach, CA 90808

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. Thank you.

A little bit of nostalgia and practical too. **Record Coasters**



https://weallsew.com/45-rpm-record-coaster-sewig-tutorial/?j=1285678&jb=8001&l=330_HTML&mid=10964997&sfmc_sub=32390074&sfmc_subscriberkey=5A1DF413-69FD-E711-80F1-3863BB34B7D0&u=34613482



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.

January Last names beginning with A – B

Thank you for your contribution of snacks.

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



Sew So Saturday by Carolynn Machado-Guarino

Come and enjoy sewing, knitting, or any hand or machine work you would like to do. No obligation to work on any guild project. Shop from our wall of free fabric with smaller and larger pieces. Drop by with a charity donation, fill out a ticket, and say howdy.

Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm

January 3

January 17

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



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



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County



Programs

www.acaciaquiltguild.org/meetings

Workshops

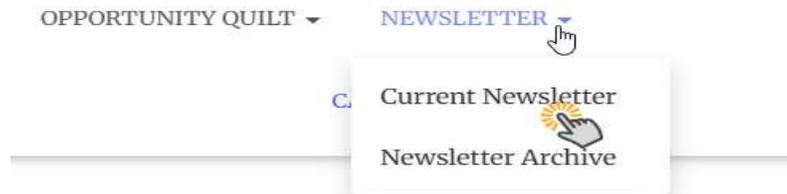
www.acaciaquiltguild.org/workshops

Website **Website By Dawn Lindelin**

Did you know you can download a copy of the newsletter as a PDF file so you can print it out?

Here's how you do it:

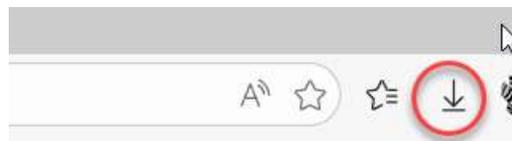
1. From the Quilters by the Sea website, click on Newsletter or Current Newsletter (from the dropdown menu). Either click will take you to the current newsletter.



2. Once the Newsletter opens, find the Download arrow on the gray bar above the newsletter banner. Click the arrow, and it will automatically download.



3. If it doesn't open as a PDF automatically, you can find it in your Downloads folder. Depending on your operating system and browser, this may be in different spots. Frequently, it is a small arrow up by the address or URL bar. See the picture below,



4. Or you can look in your File Explorer, Finder, or Files app, depending on what device you're using. The PDF will be in the Downloads folder.



5. Now you can print out your newsletter on your printer and enjoy reading it without squinting at your computer screen -or tablet.

Note: These instructions were written for a computer or tablet. They will be similar on a phone; just make sure your phone connects to a printer.

Membership By Charlotte Lee and Melody Doukenick

Happy New Year!!! It's time to renew your membership; you can do it online starting Jan 2nd, in person at the next guild meeting, or through the mail. Also, wear your name badges to the meetings, and we will have some drawings for that. Ensure your membership information is accurate and legible if you are writing it down. We look forward to seeing you at the next guild meeting!

The membership form is on the next page.

Sunshine and Shadows by Carollynn Machado-Guarino

Please let me know if you or someone you know is experiencing a "Sunshine or Shadow".
Carollynn Machado-Guarino (contact info in the roster).

Special Events by Samantha Reams

ROAD TO CALIFORNIA Bus Trip

We have a bus through Supervisor Hahn's office to take QBS members and their guests to Road to California on Friday, January 23, 2026. Bring two fat quarters (or larger) or \$2 to buy into the BINGO game on the bus!

Contact Samantha Reams (email and phone number in the roster) before the guild meeting to reserve a seat. Samantha teaches full-time, so texting or emailing is best. Payment is due at the January guild meeting.

Fee: Bus and admission \$30

The bus is only \$15

Tickets are only \$20

Point of contact: Samantha Reams

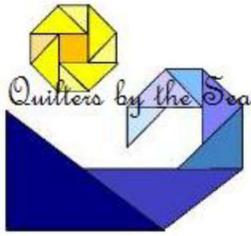


WELCOME TO COLORADO NEWBIES



1ST ANNUAL MEETING OF NEW RESIDENTS IS THIS WEEKEND





Quilters By the Sea
Membership Registration
January 1, 20__ to December 31, 20__

For new members, please fill in the information below. If you are renewing your membership, please fill in your name and note any information that has changed.

Membership Type: (please check one)

- New Renewal Charter Junior

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** CA; Other: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Home; Cell; Work

2nd Phone: _____ Home; Cell; Work

Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ (No year please)

Email: _____

Other Information: _____

DUES / FEES

\$40.00 Yearly

\$20.00 after July 1st

Make checks payable to "Quilters By the Sea"
Dues are due no later than the February General Meeting
Submit to Membership or Mail to: P.O. Box 92814, Long Beach, CA 90809

For Administrative Use
Received: _____
Entered: _____
Check #: _____
Receipt #: _____

QUILTERS BY THE SEA

Quilters' UFO Challenge 2026

- * This is a chance to turn four UFOs (Unfinished Objects) into quilts/finished objects in only one year!
- * Decide which of your UFOs need to be quilts/or objects you want finished - pick four.
- * Describe the finished quilts or objects on the next page. Make sure that No. 1 is the one you want to work on first. Give enough information to easily identify each quilt/object. For example, "green churn dash" is a better description than "Bill's Birthday quilt" or "Christmas table runner", or "pj bottoms." Fill out the list in the order that you will be turn in and make a copy for yourself so you know what to work on next!
- * ("Finished" means quilted, bound and labeled for quilts, and completed items for other objects.)
- * The first quilt/object is due at the Feb 2026 meeting and will be No. 1 on your list. It may be turned in early. After that, one quilt/object will be due about every three months: May, September, and November. In September, the third one would be due as there is no meeting in August, and you should have already started on completing the last object.
- * When you turn in your first UFO for inspection, you will be given a ribbon and notion to attach, showing that quilt/object is finished. You will receive another notion for each UFO as it is recorded as finished. There will be drawings for prizes after each due date is reached; therefore, all who finish even just one quilt will be eligible to win a prize that month. Other prizes will be awarded when the year is up!



QBS UFO Quilt / Object Description Form

(\$20 due with this form; will be used for awards and prizes.)

* Due at February's Guild Meeting

1. _____

* Due at May's Guild Meeting

2. _____

* Due at September's Guild Meeting

3. _____

* Due at November's Guild Meeting

4. _____

Name _____ Fee Paid _____

(This is not a fundraiser but an intraGuild participation activity.)

Classifieds **Classified Ad**

I am moving on December 22.
 Hoping to give away:
 Nearly complete 3-yard roll of washable cotton sateen fabric for printing ink-jet photos, \$36.00 value
 Complete setup for Singer XL5000 embroidery attachment
 Sulky Sticky for computerized machine embroidery
 double spool attachment
 various-sized machine hoops
 A couple more mystery metal arms
 Also have 8+ tubes of seed beads
 Three black cloth frog units
 Various silver color metal buttons

I would love a good home for all of this instead of trashing them!!
 Call, text, or email me – see the roster for contact information.
 Nancy Toussaint

Quilt Shop Day

Local Quilt Shop Day is January 24th in 2026.
 Local Quilt Shop Day is a worldwide event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of January each year. The day's purpose is to:

- Raise awareness of the importance of independent quilt shops to the local economy.
- Celebrate the creative pursuits of quilters, sewists, fabric enthusiasts, and crafters.
- Support local quilt shops.

Local quilt shops may plan special events to celebrate the day. You can use the Fabric Shoppers Unite 'Find Shops' Map to find participating shops in your area.



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The ad rates for 2026 are \$50 for a one-year period, covering any size ad up to one page.



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New to quilting??? Check out these sites.

Glossary of quilting terms - www.nationalquilterscircle.com/post/glossary-of-quilting-terms/

or here - 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

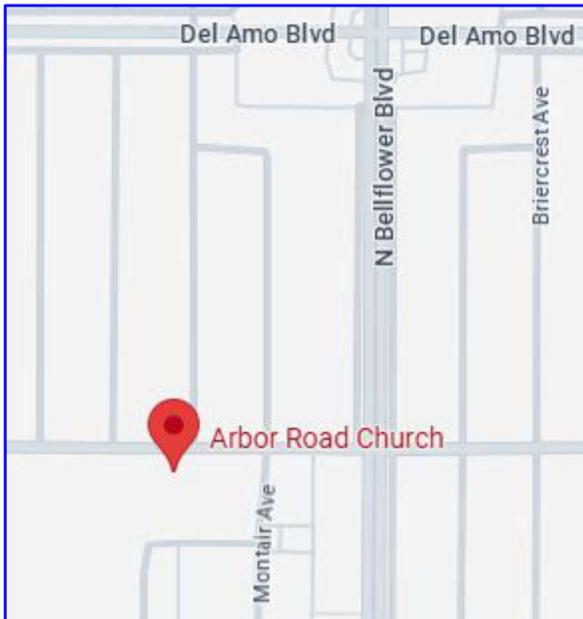
QBS Email Information

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”. Both of these are valid, so if you see “Suzie Quilter” please don’t junk it. It is from Quilters By the Sea.

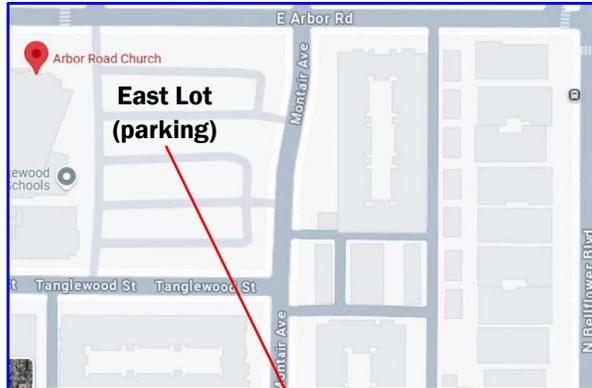


Many of our guild members have allergies, please do not wear perfume/cologne to the meetings. Your cooperation in making our gatherings a pleasure for all is much appreciated.

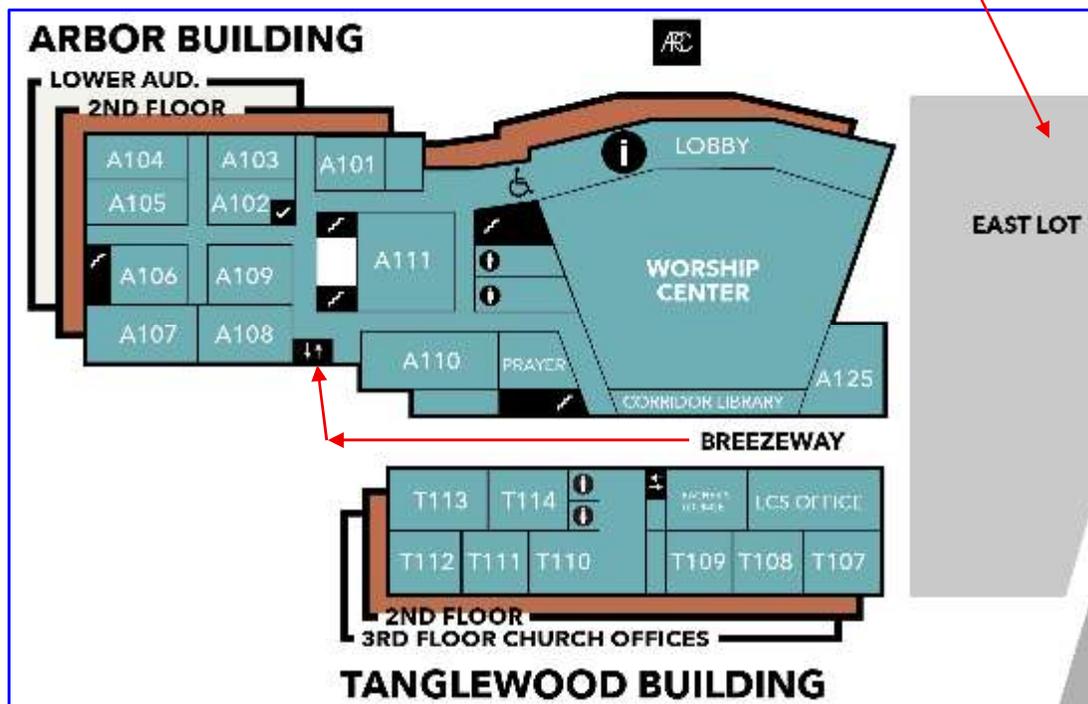
How to get to our meeting location.



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



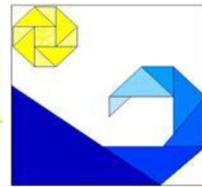
Once you park, here is how you get to the basement where we meet.



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 B level.
2. Walk straight ahead to the entry of the staircase and walk down.

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inspires friendships.”*



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POSITIONS - ELECTED

President
VP. Programs
V.P. Workshops
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Auditor
Membership
Special Events
Quilt Show (2026-2027)

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Intraguild Chairperson
Community Relations
Librarians
Parliamentarian
Newsletter Editor
SCCQG Representative

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Greeter
Guild Basket
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GENERAL MEETINGS are held on 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

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.

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.