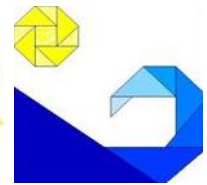


Quilters by the Sea



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Newsletter September 2026



President's Corner By Kate Weber

This month is our annual business meeting. We'll discuss our finances and hold the election of officers. It's important that you participate.

On the fun side, we have a mystery on our hands courtesy of our speaker, Ann Turley. Ms. Pincushion's quilt is missing! Where did it go?

A huge THANK YOU to Jody and Alan for arranging our 'Stay Local' retreat at the Segerstrom Shelby Event Center. It was a great space, and we hope to do it again next year.

Special Points of Interest:

- Next Board Meeting – September 1
- Next General Meeting – September 10



Bellflower Car Show By Kate Weber

The Bellflower Lions Foundation, a non-profit, has graciously allowed QBS to participate in their Car Show on October 3rd at no charge! We will be selling Opportunity Quilt tickets **and other items made by members!**

We are looking for pillowcases, postcards, steering wheel covers (instructions are on page 9 of our August Newsletter), and other "quilty" items. The September workshop is an Open Sew and a great time to make an item for the Opportunity Quilt Booth sale.

These items were selected to avoid competing with fee-paying vendors.

This is the last guild meeting before the car show. Bring your donated items now.



Hoffman Tour Show By Kate Weber

This was a really fun outing for the whole group. We arrived in various carpools from more than four different quilting guilds. Jean Impey (top-left picture), a longtime Hoffman speaker, gave a lecture on the company's history (yes, surfing was involved!), how batiks are made (really, chicken poop?), and their expansion into digitally printed fabrics.



Fabric samplers with available colorways circulated through the group.



"Cheater cloth" is also available!



Then off for a trip around the warehouse floor, seeing the historical fabric collection and many of the new fabrics in the current inventory. We saw how they move the fabric from WOF rolls onto the bolts we see in the quilt store. Then we got to spend some money increasing our fabric stashes.



Programs By Theresa Vine

Hello Quilters,

Make sure not to miss Ann Turley's presentation: "An Unseamly Event" on Thursday, September 10th. And join us at 4:30 pm:

Corner Bakery,
5312 Clark Avenue
Lakewood, CA 90712
(562) 416-0803



Workshops By Lois Wilkinson

Dear Quilters:

REMINDER:

Please sign up for the LAST WORKSHOP OF 2026:

Zina Clark will present "HELENA" on Saturday, September 12, 2026.

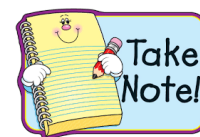
Looking forward to a full workshop!



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

Remember To...

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



September is National Sewing Month

The observance of September as National Sewing Month began with a proclamation from President Ronald Reagan. In 1982, he declared this special month-long celebration "In recognition of the importance of home sewing to our Nation." Subsequent Proclamations declared that "Tens of millions of Americans sew at home. Their efforts demonstrate the industry, the skill and the self-reliance which are so characteristic of this Nation."

National Sewing Month is the recognition of a creative form of self-expression that we celebrate in September but enjoy all year. The month-long Open House of retailers, bloggers, online stores, schools, organizations, individuals, and more is a great time to renew interest, share ideas, be inspired, expand your knowledge, and express your creativity. Happy sewing!

[To learn more, read the history of National Sewing Month.](#)



Parliamentarian By Jo Melis

The time to elect next year's Board members is getting close! So far, the following people are running for office. Please consider submitting your name for one of the open positions. Kate or I will be happy to take your name!

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| • President | Kate Weber |
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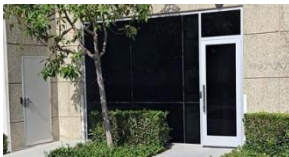
As all nominees are running unopposed, voting at the Annual Business Meeting shall be conducted by a simple show of hands. A majority of "Yes" votes confirms the slate.

If you are unable to attend the September meeting, you can cast an absentee ballot by printing this page, circling the people you wish to vote for, and mailing it to me (address is in the roster) before the September 10th meeting.



Retreat by Kate Weber

What's behind this innocuous door? A whole lot of stitching and fun.



Stay Local Retreat was a big success, and we all want to do it again. Due to unusual circumstances, the Seegerstrom Shelby Event Center was available for a



Saturday/Sunday sewing retreat in this eclectic car museum.

Alan and Jody, our terrific organizers and leaders!





Philanthropy By Carollynn Machado-Guarino

While we have a formal team working to get many quilts to our charities, we know every member of the team is turning fabric into messages of care and support for our neighbors going through challenging times. With our holiday party moved to November, we only have 2 months to make a big impact. Please submit tops with backs whenever possible. And of course, complete quilts are even better. We look forward to receiving your wonderful, creative, and caring items.

Thank you, Jo Melis, for sharing your wonderful patterns. This month's free pattern is below.

The Charities We Support

Here is a list of the Charities we support. 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](#)

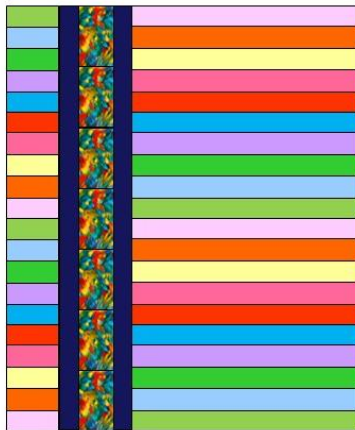
[Miller's children](#)

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



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

Side Streets (~52" x 70")



Yardage

Prints 10 @ 1/4 yd ea (OR 20 4" x WOF strips)
Focus 1/2 yd (12")
Sashing 1/3 yd (10")
Binding 5/8 yd (18")
Backing 3 1/4 yds

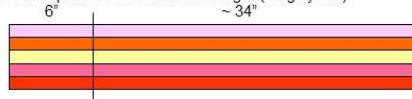
Cut:

Prints 2 @ 4" x WOF from each print
Focus 2 @ 6" x WOF
Sashing 4 @ 2 1/2" x WOF
Binding 7 @ 2 1/2" x WOF

Sew:

Sew 5 print strips together along the long sides. Repeat to obtain 4 strip sets (strata).

Cut a 6" wide strip from the ends of each strata and set aside. Trim all the remainder strata pieces to be the same length (roughly 34").



Sew the 4 short strata together along the 6" edges. Sew the 4 long strata together along the 34" edges.

Sew the 2 focus strips together along the short edges. Sew all the sashing strips together along the short edges. Now sew sashing to both sides of the focus strip.

Sew the 6" strata to the left side of the sashed focus strip. Sew the 34" strata to the right side of the sashed focus strip, flipping if desired.

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



Opportunity Quilt for 2027

By Kate Weber and Committee

American Glory Revisited is a salute to the Declaration of Independence, signed 250 years ago.

The tickets for this quilt will be \$5 each or \$20 for five. The drawing date for this quilt will be at the May 2027 guild meeting.

Several quilt showings are being set up. Check in at the Opportunity Quilt table if you want to show and sell tickets for this marvelous quilt. Knowing how to set up a quilt rack is not a requirement! Take our quilt and see how things are done at other guilds.

Shout-out to Cathe HB! She took our quilt to the Bowers Quilt Fair and brought in over \$200 in ticket sales! Lovely, lovely, lovely.



Birthdays

Our **September** Birthday Members

JoAnn White	Sep 15	Debra Simmons	Sep 21
Marc Hyatt	Sep 17	Randy Miller	Sep 22
		Margot Taub	Sep 29



Open Sew

This is not a QBS event; this is For Your Information only.

The Burns Community Center, 5510 Clark Ave., is open to all quilters and needleworkers on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 pm. No fee! All are welcome.

Quilting dates: 9/16, 10/21, and 11/18. Mark your calendars.

A Little Show and Tell

This is what Brad did during our dark month. Kudos.





Threads of the Game by Jeff Warner and Kate Weber

Don't miss the chance to stitch your guild's name into Olympic history. Bookmark our domain at www.threadsofthegames.org to check out our full launch on September 1, and be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @threadsofthegames for sneak peeks, design inspiration, and project updates.

Go to the website above. It lists the categories for three separate challenges along with the size descriptors. Let Kate know if you'd be willing to work on a QBS guild quilt for the juried challenge.

Threads would like some sample quilts to take around and use to promote the special collection. These quilts are guaranteed for exhibition at RD2CA and RD2VA, as well as for a SoCal display during the 2028 Olympic/Paralympic Games. QBS members are making such a quilt.

Here's Teri's patch! →



If you want "a piece of the action," let Kate know. Numbered patches need makers! Talk to Kate!



1 available	X Dawn C	X Signe
X Janet	X Alan	X Kate
X Teri	8 available	X Tish



A Special Quilt Exhibition Celebrating Athletic Excellence & Artistic Craftsmanship

Threads of the Games is an upcoming international quilt exhibition that celebrates the powerful intersection of athletic spirit, global unity, and textile artistry. Created by a coalition of Southern California Quilt Guilds, this premier event will showcase high-caliber quilts that capture the movement and emotion of world-class sports throughout Los Angeles during the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2028.

Whether your passion lies in traditional patchwork, modern design, or intricate fiber art, Threads of the Games invites you and your guild to participate in this unique celebration.

Three Challenges for Quilters

The Miniature High-impact design in exactly two feet square. A uniform format that makes every design decision count double.	The Guild Lottery Enter the draw, get one random Olympic or Paralympic sport, and sew a single collective 65" x 85" masterpiece.	The Open Freeform to 85" x 85" (340" around), hung tall or wide. Narrative, conceptual, gloriously unruly.
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Call for Entries & Participation

Theme: Summer Olympic and Paralympic sports, athletic excellence, sportsmanship, the global games, athletes, Olympic history, venues and competition.

Techniques Accepted: Piecing, appliqué, art quilting, modern, traditional, hand/machine quilting, and mixed media.

Entry Portal open July 14, 2027 - September 17, 2027

Exhibition Goals: Highlight the incredible talent within the quilting community and local quilt guilds and share our passion for quilting with the global community.

Visit www.ThreadsOfTheGames.org for complete details.
Follow on Facebook and Instagram @ThreadsOfTheGames

September 2026

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

Upcoming Events	October	November
	03 Sew So Saturday 08 General Meeting 10 Workshop 17 Sew So Saturday	03 Board Meeting 07 Sew So Saturday 12 General Meeting 14 Workshop 21 Sew So Saturday

Schedule of Events

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

- **General Meetings** are at Arbor Road Church¹ in the Fellowship Hall Basement at 7 pm - doors open at 6:15 pm. This month's program is **Ann Turley - An Unseamly Event, an Interactive Mystery!**

- **Workshops** are at Arbor Road Church¹, Room A-110, from 9 am to 3 pm. This month is **FAST PROJECTS: pillowcase, gift card holders, etc.**

- **Sew So Saturdays** are at Carolynn's home in "The Garage" and are subject to change. **9 am to whenever.**

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

Be sure to check out the 'What's Happening' article for upcoming events from other quilt guilds, and if you have a moment, look at the 'Open Sew' article too.

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

Free Project

If you find a free project online that guild members might enjoy, please send the link to quiltersbythesea@gmail.com. Thank you.



Great for back-to-school. Mini Cooler Bag "Frosty".

https://blog.bernina.com/en/2026/08/sew-a-mini-cooler-bag-frosty-free-sewing-tutorial/?sfmc_subscriberkey=3755867b-9ea0-ef11-8a6b-0022489fdc2d



Hospitality by Joyce Allen

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

September: last names beginning with R-S

Thank you for your contribution to the snacks.

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



Sew So Saturday by Carollynn 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

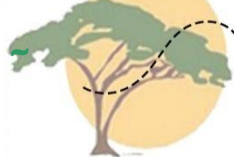
September 5

September 19

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



Here's what's happening with our sister guild



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County



Programs

www.acaciaquiltguild.org/meetings

Workshops

www.acaciaquiltguild.org/workshops

Membership By Charlotte Lee and Melody Doukenick

Greetings, looking forward to catching up with everyone! Don't forget to wear your name badges. Until then, happy quilting!

Sunshine and Shadows by Carollynn Machado-Guarino

Please let me know if you are experiencing a "Sunshine or Shadow" that you would like to share with the guild. Carollynn's contact info is in the roster.

MEMBERSHIP



Intraguil BOM by Kate Weber

Hatchet Quilt Block - (4 blocks = 1 ticket in drawing)

This is a traditional block and very easy to make. Because of its smaller size, it can be made from scraps.

Materials:

Fabrics should be contrasting and complementary.

Fabric A 1 ea. 5" square

Fabric B 2 ea. 2½" squares

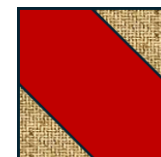
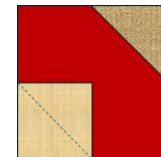
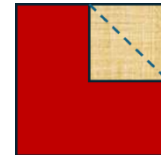
Assembly:

Place a small square at the corner of the large square, then stitch diagonally across the corner. The right angles of the two pattern pieces should be aligned with the fabric grain.

Fold the small square fabric to the corner and press. Repeat in the opposite corner with the second small square.

One block and so many ways to combine it!

Please make sets of four. There are many ways to put these together, so please do not stitch the four together! We'll let the winner do that.



Block of
the
Month



Sew Powerful Sew-A-Thon

BERNINA is a proud sponsor of this year's Sew Powerful Sew-A-Thon!

This incredible fundraiser supports the Sew Powerful Purse Program, providing girls in Zambia with the supplies they need to stay in school all month long.

The goal? Help 25,000 girls in 2026 — and we need your help to get there!

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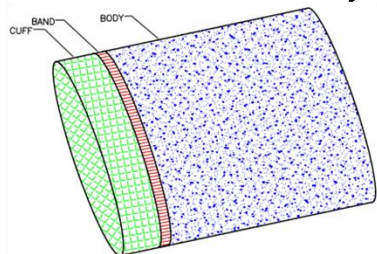


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Pillowcase instructions by Patti Paschall



Please note that these pictures were found on the internet. The person who posted them uses 12" of fabric for the cuff, 2 1/2" for the band, and 27" for the body of the pillowcase. We use different measurements, so please disregard the fabric measurements in the pictures.

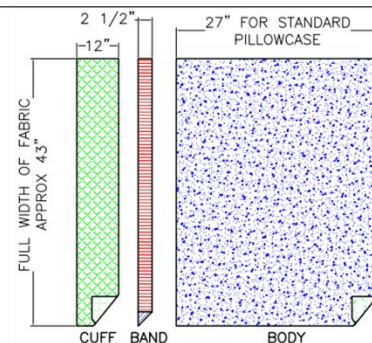
Material Requirements:

For the Body 27" by WOF (width of fabric)

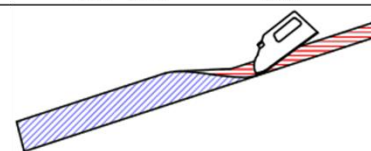
For the Cuff 9" by WOF

For the Band 3" by WOF

Cut the fabric to the size indicated in the **Material Requirements** above.



Press the band piece in half lengthwise, wrong sides together.



Attach the band:

Open band, align one raw edge with the top raw edge of the body

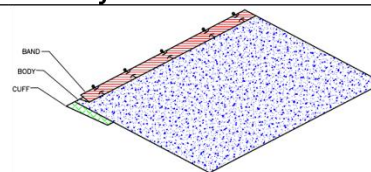
Stitch band in place, just a hair to the right of the pressed fold.

Refold the band so that both raw edges are aligned with the top of the body.

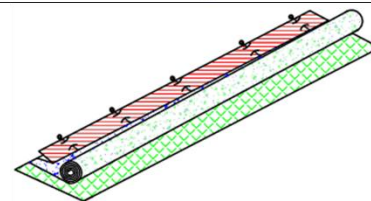
Lay and pin fabric together as follows, aligning raw edges:

Cuff right side up

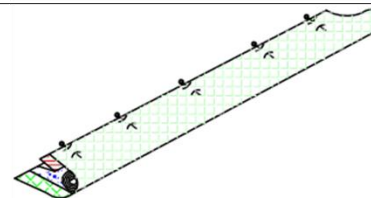
Body right side up with the band showing



Roll the body from bottom to halfway up the cuff (or fold the body any way you want, just so you can bring the cuff up over the body)

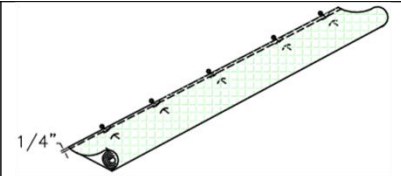


Roll the cuff around the body (the body will be encased inside the cuff) and pin the cuff's raw edge to all the other raw edges. Pin all layers together, making sure you don't catch the rolled/folded portion of the body.

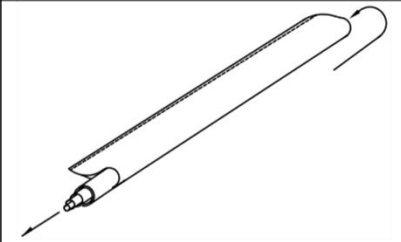


Sew a 1/4" seam along the raw edges.

Hint: A walking foot makes this step easier.

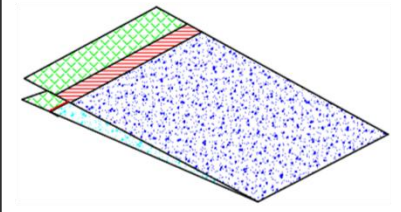
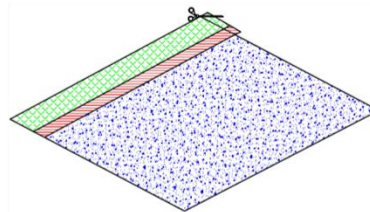


Pull the body out of the cuff, causing the entire cuff to flip right side out.

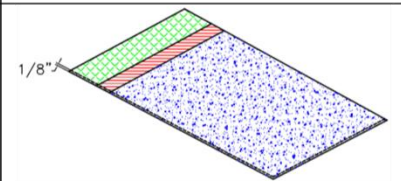


Press flat. Fold in half **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER** (aligning the cuff and band edges) and trim the selvages to straighten sides.

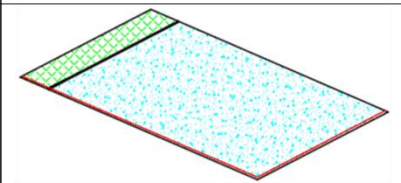
Note: the picture has you trim edges first, but then you must do them one at a time instead of one cut for both.



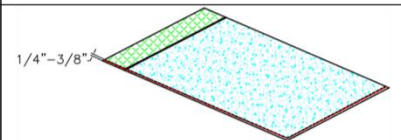
Sew a 1/4" seam (yes, the picture says 1/8") down the open side and along the bottom. Trim seam to 1/8" inch with either a pinking blade (best option) or a straight blade.



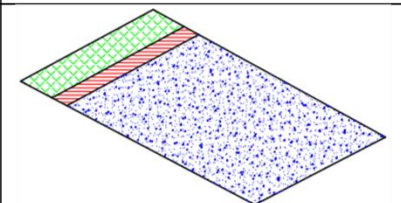
Press (optional, but makes turning easier).
Turn the wrong side out. Push out all corners and Press (again).



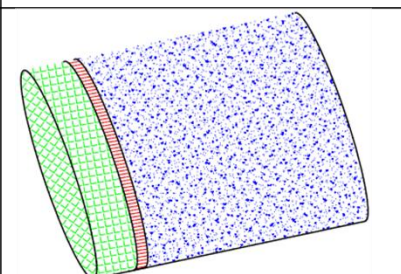
Sew a 1/4" - 3/8" seam down the same side and along the bottom, being careful to encase the previous seam.



Turn the right side out. Push out all corners and Press.



You are done - Wonderful.



What's Happening?



The Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild's 2026 Quilt Show is taking place on Saturday, October 24, and Sunday, October 25, 2026. For more information, see scvquiltguild.org.

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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

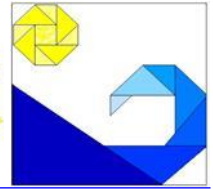
QBS Email Information

Some of us receive emails from the QBS account that say it is from "Quilters By the Sea", while 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 refrain from wearing perfume/cologne to meetings. Your cooperation in making our gatherings a pleasure for all is much appreciated.

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Standing Committees are listed under their respective officers.

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](#).

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 in the Membership Roster correct and up to date. 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 the 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.