

About Us! For New Members

COASTAL QUILTERS GUILD

We are delighted to welcome you to the Coastal Quilters Guild (CQG) of Santa Barbara and Goleta, a community of quilters who enjoy meeting together every month to share projects, learn from the leading practitioners of quilt making, catch up with our friends and meet new ones while relaxing during the always lively (and especially yummy) refreshment break. The purpose of this document is to provide you with details of what we do and how we do it. Note that all fund raising supports the activities of the Guild, a California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation (501C) (3).

GUILD MEETINGS: Guild meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 4575 Auhay Drive, Santa Barbara. Meetings begin at 7PM although we recommend showing up around 6:30PM so you can check out:

- **Door Prizes.** Purchase raffle tickets and you might win one of the amazing door prizes, all donated by local businesses and valued at \$50-\$100. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tip: bring address labels so you don't have to write your name on each ticket! Winners are announced at the end of the meeting.
- The **Guild Library.** Peruse some of the many books, magazines and video tapes which can be signed out on a monthly basis.
- **Block of the Month.** View the quilt blocks that participants have made, following pattern instructions distributed the previous month in the Guild Newsletter. Everyone who brings in a quilt block is eligible for a drawing to win that month's blocks. Winners are announced at the meeting.
- The **Treasure Table.** See the fabric, magazines, patterns and other items that members bring in to share with others. Who knows, you might find that perfect bit of fabric to complete your latest project and all items are free!
- The **Community Quilts Table.** Inspect the latest submissions and get inspired to make a quilt. Each year the Guild sponsors one project for our members to make quilts or quilted objects for a local charity. Fabric, batting and pattern suggestions are available but members are free to use their own fabrics and/or designs too. These projects are very rewarding and in the past couple of years Guild members have made approximately 400 placemats for Meals on Wheels and 80 twin bed quilts for Transition House. This year we are making child-sized quilts for the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation for young patients.

- The **Bulletin Board**. Scan for items of interest such as sales, other guild shows, quilting seminars, etc.
- **Workshops**. Read the information, see sample work and register for upcoming Workshops. (More on this later.)

MEETINGS begin with the ring of a bell by the President. During the **first half of the meeting** there are:

- **Announcements** by the President
- **Committee Reports**
- **Show & Tell**: An important component of the meeting, members bring quilting projects to *Show* them off and *Tell* wonderful stories about how or why they were made or acquired. Although you are on the stage, you are two feet from the first row, and no one will see that little itty bitty bothersome corner mess that you despaired over. This is an opportunity for members to shine and show off their latest work and know that the appreciation of others will be forthcoming. We are looking forward to seeing what you bring too!

During the break, there are those yummy refreshments we mentioned and a few minutes to socialize. Our members are a gregarious group and always welcome new members, although sometimes we do get involved in our conversations and miss a new member—so please say hello and introduce yourself. (This is also your opportunity to buy raffle tickets, peruse the library, enroll in workshops—all those things you didn't get to do if you could not get to the meeting early.)

The second half of the meeting is the **Program**. Programs include, but are not limited to, guest speakers, many of whom lead a Workshop (see below) the day after the meeting. The monthly programs for the year are published in the Membership Directory & Handbook and detailed in the annual Schedule of Meetings, Lectures & Workshops. Copies of both these documents are included in this Packet.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: A variety of special programs are offered in the months when we do not have a speaker, such as:

- The **Annual Guild Picnic** is devoted to meeting and getting to know members who have joined within the last 12 months. This is also when the culinary side of our quilting members comes out as everyone (but you new members) contributes to a potluck; the spread is fabulous!
- **Challenge Quilts**: A popular annual event for Guild members only. The Challenge Committee designates a theme, size or specific design requirements (or all of these) and

members use their creativity and skill to turn the challenge into a fabulous quilt. The challenge quilts are presented during a meeting and both members and guests get to vote on their favorite entries; prizes are awarded to the lucky winners.

- **Silent Auctions** with contributions from members who have spent the summer cleaning out their closets, especially their fabric and notions stash. One person's junk is another's treasure, as they say!
- **Members' Showcase.** The Showcase is a chance to see the work of one or more of our members and hear how they have progressed in their quilting careers.
- **Surprise Meetings** where only the board knows what is going to happen ahead of time so no details can be revealed here. Suffice to say that a good time is always had by all and we are looking forward to seeing you there too!
- **Library Book Sale.** When books and patterns start stacking up, the Guild Library has a sale. This can be once or twice a year.

WORKSHOPS: Details about each of the speakers and their workshops can be found in the [Schedule of Meetings, Lectures & Workshops](#) and on the Guild's website:

<http://www.coastalquilters.org>

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and may be made no earlier than the regular Guild meeting held two months prior to the Workshop date. A separate check is required for each registration; if the paid registration exceeds the class limit, a wait list will be generated. Fees will be refunded only if a class is full and a replacement can be found on the wait list. A list of supplies that will be needed for the workshop is handed out when you register.

Workshops are on the day following the meeting at which we heard the lecturer and are currently held at the Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA; they usually run from 9am to 3:30pm but the exact time depends on the instructor.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT: Each year, a Guild member or a Satellite Group donates a quilt to the Guild for use as a fund raiser. Ticket sales go for a full year and each member is expected to sell at least \$10 worth of raffle tickets. The winning ticket is drawn at the December meeting.

NEW MEMBERS' COFFEE: These are currently held every couple of months. You will be invited to a New Members' Coffee, hosted by our President, where you meet other new members as well as continuing members of the Guild.

COAST LINES: The Guild's newsletter is distributed monthly, and contains a calendar of Guild activities, news about members, local quilting events, and other items of interest to our

members. CQG members may submit sewing related items to appear in the Quilting Resources section of Coast Lines. Articles should be sent to the Coast Lines Editor (see Officers and Committee Chairs listing). The deadline for article submissions is the 3rd Friday of every month and can be sent via email. The newsletter may be received by email as well as a paper version.

SATELLITE GROUPS: Within the Guild there are a number of smaller Satellite Groups. These Groups are formed for a variety of quilt related activities and often take on projects for the Guild, such as Block of the Month or Refreshments. This is one of the best ways to get to know your fellow Guild members. If you are interested in joining or forming a new Satellite Group, contact the Satellite Group Committee Chair.

GUILD SHOWS: Every two years, the Guild sponsors *Harvest of Colors*, a judged quilt show where Guild members exhibit quilts, fabric art pieces and wearables. The next show will be held in the fall, 2010. You will be hearing more about the Show over the next year.

GUILD BOARD: The business of the Guild is conducted by a Board which meets monthly, on the third Thursday of each month. Positions are for one year, with a two year limit. Elections are held at the May meeting and take effect at the July meeting. A list of the current Board is listed in the *Membership Directory and Handbook*. Meetings are open and all Guild members are welcome.

BYLAWS: A copy of the Bylaws can be found in the *Membership Directory and Handbook*.

DISCOUNTS: Many quilt and fabric stores give discounts to Guild members. Check the inside back cover of our newsletter for a list of local stores and be sure to ask at out of the area fabric stores too.

WEB SITE: www.coastalquilters.org Updated regularly with information about upcoming events.

NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION? For more information or questions about a topic not covered, please contact any Board member.