



Coast Lines

Coastal Quilters Guild of Santa Barbara & Goleta, California

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Guild Meeting

December 12, **3 pm**

Holiday Tea Party

St. Andrew's Church

4575 Auhay Dr, Santa Barbara

In-Person

Special Presentation

December 14, 10 am, via Zoom

Kestral Michaud

"Design for Realism"

Board Meeting

December 19, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

Coffee Break Holiday Party

December 20, 1-3 pm, via Zoom

Next Month's Meeting

January 9, 7 pm

Jenny Lyon, In-person

"My Tippy Top Tips"

Live Oak Unitarian

Universalist Congregation,

820 N Fairview Ave., Goleta

Next Month's Workshop

January 10, 9 am - 3:30 pm

Jenny Lyon,

"Fearless Free Motion -

Start With a Square"

St. Andrew's Church

In-person

Bus Trip - Road2CA

January 25, 7 am - 7 pm

News articles due

Saturday, Dec. 21, midnight

send to: newsletter@coastalquilters.org

with images sent as

separate jpeg or png files

Questions? Or to change your address, phone, email, etc., please

email: info@coastalquilters.org

December Meeting: Holiday Tea Party

December 12, **3 pm**, in-person, St. Andrew's Church, 575 Auhay Dr, Santa Barbara

Come one, come all! Join us to shop a fun, curated boutique of items offered by Guild members as well as invited community makers.

Note: Please bring cash or checks as not all sellers can take credit cards.

Next, we break out the tablecloths, teapots and festive centerpieces for an afternoon Holiday Tea Party. Generous Guild members have offered to provide savory selections for the buffet table and others responded enthusiastically with offers of cookies and other sweet treats. We will have various brewed teas, including non-caffeinated options.

The business meeting, commencing at 4 pm, will be as brief as possible. We will introduce our newest members and present a gift to each of them. After refreshments are served, members are invited to create a "make and take" craft project. Unless you have already communicated with the Committee, there is nothing extra to bring to this party - other than your mug or teacup - so please come and enjoy this social time with Guild friends.

*There will be no Show & Tell, Treasure Table or Community Projects.

*Don't forget to bring your mug or teacup!

- **Nancy Butterfield, Welcome Committee Chair**



Check This Out ...

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President's Message

At our general Guild meeting last week, I was surprised at how many of you came out, on a dark and cold night, to be together to share your interest in quilting. It was a loooong meeting, but one filled with ideas for future projects and programs. We gave our last mention about the quilt show, and I noted that after the final accounting, we made a profit of \$7,218.16. Woohoo!



On Saturday, we had a fully subscribed pair of Daylesford Quilt workshops, which was further proof that we want to sew and learn together. And now, we are hosting a party to celebrate all that we have achieved together in 2024. We passed a clipboard asking for help to make the December 12 tea party festive and delicious and 21 of you signed up to bring food. Set up and clean up are covered for that event, as are centerpieces, tea brewing and craft wrangling help. Once again, when asked, you step up and volunteer. I hope that those who are new to our Guild, or who do not attend our meetings regularly, come out for this social and fun-filled afternoon.



A second party opportunity will be the Holiday Coffee Break, on Zoom December 20 at 1:00 pm. You may choose to appear on screen in festive headgear, and you may choose to participate in the gift swap of something that can be mailed in a flat envelope. But even if you just want to Zoom in, you will be welcomed and inspired.

As you read this, Thanksgiving, the holiday which is the annual reminder of all that we have to be grateful for, will have passed. I want to say that I am so very thankful for the support and friendships that have come my way because of becoming more active in our Guild's programs. I look forward to seeing you on December 12.

- Barb LaPlante, CQG President

Coastal Quilters Guild Board

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Workshop Coordinator: Margaret Dear

Block Sew Along: Bee Saunders
Challenge: Isabel Downs & Melinda Lewis
Community Projects: Susan White, Michelle Garbarino, Nancy LaRoche-Blau & Kathy Piasecki
Door Prizes/Raffle: Linda Estrada & Marilyn Martin
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Opportunity Quilt: vacant in quilt show years
Quilt Show 2024: Nancy Butterfield & Ranell Hanson
Refreshments: by committee
Road To California Trip Coordinator: Isabel Downs
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Webmaster: Bonnie Barber
Welcome Committee: Nancy Butterfield
Zoom Committee: Susan Bullington Katz

December Birthdays

Nancy Miller	December 2
Debra Patelzick	December 4
Nancy Butterfield	December 5
Jennifer Hendrickson	December 5
Susan Carty	December 6
Edalee Keehn	December 10
Elisa Purnell	December 15
Amy Wilson	December 16
Ranell Hansen	* December 23
Dundie Schulte	December 27
Jennife*Frangos*	Decem*ber 27
Kristen Watts	December 31



Holiday Coffee Break

December's Holiday Coffee Break will be the **THIRD** Friday, December 20. We won't have a front porch holiday quilt show this year, since we just had our big quilt show, but we are going to have an online swap!

We're calling it the Flat Swap -- anything flat-ish and easy to mail, the choice is up to you. Could be a mug rug, a travel valet, a set of quilted coasters, quilted hot pad, key fob, glasses case - there are tons more possibilities, but that's a start.

The swap is open to all members, and we hope you'll join in! To sign up, email Karen Pickford, kjpickford20@gmail.com, with your name, email address, mailing address (where you'll be on December 15), favorite color(s), and three or more of your favorite hobbies and/or things.

The **deadline to mail** it is **December 10**, so people will receive them by December 15. When we get together for the online holiday party on December 20, our main activity will be to share in unwrapping our swap items.

We would also love to see any holiday decor or gifts you've been making, so take a few photos of those and send them to zoom@coastalquilters.org for a fun show & tell.

Even if you decided not to participate in the swap, put on some festive headgear, a holiday sweater, or grab a favorite beverage and join us on Zoom at 1 pm on the 20th. Everyone is welcome!

- Susan Bullington Katz



Join the Quilt Guild Board!

Our Guild needs your help as we look to fill seven board positions for the upcoming year:

- **President**
- **Membership Coordinator**
- **Recording Secretary**
- **Corresponding Secretary**
- **Public Relations Coordinator**
- **Speaker Liaison**
- **Parliamentarian**

Each of these positions is currently held by an incumbent member who is ineligible to hold the role next year.

Joining the Board is a wonderful way to connect with fellow quilters, support the Guild's mission, and make a meaningful impact. With remote Board meetings, it's easier than ever to get involved and you'll have plenty of guidance along the way.

Ready to learn more? Contact any of the current, outgoing members to learn about their role. You can also read a more detailed description of duties in the Bylaws section towards the back of the membership Directory. Let's work together to keep our Guild thriving!

**- Kristen Psaty Watts,
Parliamentarian,
Elections Committee Chair**

Door Prize Winners

Our wonderful November door prize baskets were won by Dundie Schulte, Linda Bird and Janis Meloy. Our name tag winner was Linda Bird. Congratulations!



And a special note from the Treasurer, member generosity also added \$70 to our coffers! Many thanks for buying tickets!

- Marilyn Martin & Linda Estrada

January Meeting: Jenny K. Lyon: “My Tippy Top Tips”

*January 9, 7 pm, in-person & via Zoom,
Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Goleta*

Join us for a talk by Jenny Lyon who calls herself “The Quilt Skipper.” Her tagline is “Quilting Makes Me Skip for Joy!” It sounds like we are in for an exuberant evening with her talk entitled, “My Tippy Top Tips for Successful and Joyful Free Motion Quilting.”

Jenny says, “My current work is centered around whole-cloth pieces, with intricate free-hand free-motion quilting. Because there is little or no piecing, the story is told through the line of the thread. I consider this to be “sculpting” the fabric, since the stitches create line and shadow on the quilt surface.”

Jenny takes delight in teaching her style of free motion quilting on domestic machines and seeing her students become successful and confident. I highly recommend checking out her website ahead of time - quiltskipper.com - to see Jenny’s beautiful work.

- Polly Matsuoka

Daylesford Workshop Wrap-up

The Daylesford workshop was an enormous success, with 22 people in attendance. In the morning session, Bee Saunders demonstrated several blocks that went into the quilt. We all sewed and a few of us actually got the next row started. (Not me, I got stuck making the same block over and over. It was cute and I might use it in several places.)

In the afternoon session, Carol Fay demonstrated more difficult blocks that we might want to put into the quilt and explained the best way to keep the quilt square. It was a very valuable day. We also talked about scheduling another session or a sew day in 2025. We will have to wait and see if that happens. All in all, everyone had a good time.

**- Margaret Dear,
Workshop Coordinator**

January Workshop: Jenny K. Lyon, “Fearless Free Motion Quilting - Start With A Square”

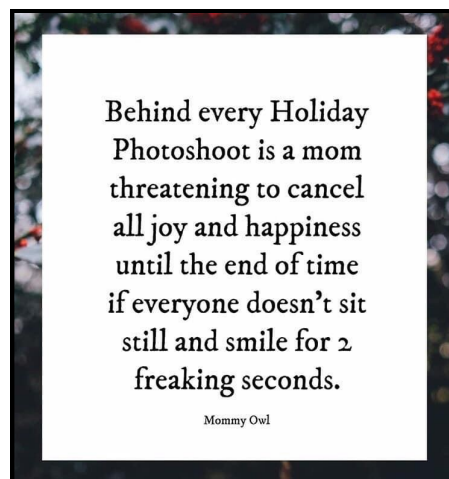
Friday, January 10, 2025, 9 am - 3:30 pm, in-person

If you went to the Guild meeting in November, or were watching on Zoom, you saw the beautiful sample Jenny sent to promote her January workshop, “Fearless Free Motion: Start with a Square”. Her sample inspired many members to sign up so there are just a few spaces left as of this writing. Ms. Lyons can only take 20 in her class so those signing up late will be put on a waiting list. Do sign up in case a spot opens up or perhaps . . . if we have enough for a second session, she might be able to stay another day. Yeah, I’m an optimist.

Jenny is an award winning quilter and has been teaching free motion quilting since 2006. In this workshop, you will create a unique free motion quilted piece using your domestic sewing machine and a starter scrap of fabric as inspiration. The class is perfect for experienced beginners.

You can access Jenny’s supply list and a video preview of the class on our Guild website under Programs ([here](#)). Or see the video and browse through her quilts by going to quiltskipper.com.

**- Margaret Dear,
workshops@coastalquilters.org**



Community Projects

At the November meeting, Community Projects accepted 1 cradle set, 5 placemats, 4 lap size quilts, 2 veteran quilts and 1 baby quilt. Thanks to all who made donations!

Marty Frolli and Lori Schiferl, members of Running Stitches Satellite Group, went through the Guild locker looking for veteran fabrics, leaving with a full box plus a couple of bags of red, white and blue fabric. Marty then sorted the fabric, made up packets and let members of the satellite group make selections. We are looking forward to seeing the completed veteran quilts!



On the donation front, Kathy and Susan selected 20 quilts from our stash and delivered them to Ridley Tree Cancer Center. Another quilt was selected for their upcoming fundraising auction. Nancy took 12 quilts and 16 pillowcases to St. Vincent's, where they were happily accepted by Gladis Barboza.

But our work is never done! At the January 2025 meeting we will have cradle kits and the bin of PhD's. We are also happy to receive completed placemats, pillowcases, baby quilts, fidget quilts, along with lap size and bigger quilts. Remember, if you need batting for your projects let us know and we can accommodate.

We appreciate your continuing hard work and support. Our community partners are so grateful for the items we donate to their organizations.

**- Michelle Garbarino, Susan White,
Nancy LaRoche-Blau & Kathy Piasecki**

Library

A new year is almost upon us. Is there some new technique you've wanted to learn? Maybe 2025 will be the year you tackle that new idea you've been tinkering with. Do you want to see if there is a book about this new technique you can consult for free? Keep reading...

Please consider checking out our Guild library in January—it is an amazing resource! We have over 700 resources for you. How great is that? What is in the library, you wonder? You can find out on our Guild's website [here](#). More books will be added in the next two months, so keep checking back. You can search by author, title, or technique. The last tab highlights the newest books that have been added to our collection. Happy stitching and enjoy all that the holiday season brings your way.

-Traci Cope

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Education Booth

While the Quilt Show seems so long ago, the last edition of CoastLines was bursting with show content. Here are a few photos from the outstanding



Education Booth that we saved to be savored this month.

Karen Bunker, Education Committee member, helping with half square triangles.

Pat Masterson demonstrating the Appliquik tools.



A visitor enjoying a quiet moment with a quilt book selection.

Challenge 2025 - Idioms, Adages, Familiar Sayings

No words on the block, the image must “tell the story.” Examples:

- As alike as two peas in a pod.
- The light at the end of the tunnel.
- Birds of a feather.
- Like father, like son.
- To wear your heart on your sleeve.
- Born with a silver spoon in your mouth.
- Pushing up daisies.
- Good weather for ducks.
- To make a mountain out of a molehill.
- Cat got your tongue?
- It’s a piece of cake.

Due at May 2025 meeting, to be revealed at June meeting with voting by the membership according to the following criteria:

- Best Interpretation (that is “yup, you got it”).
- Most amusing interpretation (“that’s tooooooo funny”).
- Most obscure (“a real head scratcher but in the end, hits it squarely on the nail head”).

For this Challenge, the Co-Chairs encourage participants to donate their blocks for use in quilts given to Community Projects. The options are:

1. Judged, **Not** Donated: Size 15” square finished.
2. Judged, Donated: 12.5” square unfinished size (following the above rules).
3. Unjudged, Donated: 12.5” square unfinished size (need *not* follow above Challenge rules).

Isabel will assemble the donated blocks, judged and unjudged, for donation to Community Projects and is also making unfinished blocks to assemble into a quilt using Option 3. Questions? Contact us!

**-Isabel Downs, 805-450-0167,
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or Melinda Lewis 805-708-4233,
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Bus Trip!

Road to California

Quilter’s Conference and Showcase
Ontario Convention Center

Santa Barbara Airbus Transportation

January 25, 2025

Leaving Santa Barbara 7 am - Returning by 7 pm

Ticket Price:

\$85

Tickets Include:

Bus fare, driver’s tip, show admission, snacks.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE PAYMENT](#)



The Road Trip Bus is a great way to get to and from the show...and as we’ve seen, there’s a lot more to buy than just sewing notions and fabric! The Airbus is a great time and sooo relaxing, especially on the return trip after a long day of shopping and sight-seeing. Please join us on this fun filled outing!



Membership

The Membership total remains at 184 and 81 of those members attended the November meeting. I have 51 beautiful directories unclaimed. If you haven’t picked up your Directory, I will have them at the December Christmas party. You can also send me a note and pick your Directory up at my house. My e-mail is kenncarn@yahoo.com. The Holiday Tea Party is a great place for new members to meet others and socialize a bit. Hope to see you there!

Carole Kennedy

Daylesford Sew-Along - December

We had a lot of fun at the November workshop and hope to do another one early next year. Remember this is a

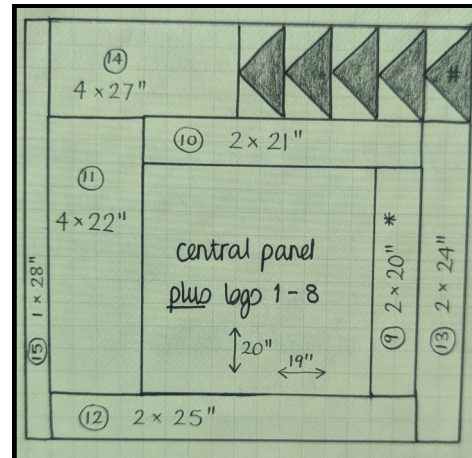
**choose-your-own-adventure, so be bold,
make your own choices and have fun!**

If you don't like a prescribed block then don't bother! Or if you want to make wider strips to include a specific block or fabric choice, then do that! To quote Captain Barbossa in 'Pirates of the Caribbean', "*the code is more what you'd call 'guidelines' than actual rules.*"

We spent a while talking through color choices and potential pitfalls. For those who weren't there:

- **Do include a full range of values** - many people were missing fabrics that truly read as dark. Manufacturers make a lot of medium tone fabrics, and our stashes tend to be dominated by them.
- **Be wary of too many busy prints** - these can be visually hard on your eyes. Including some small-scale tone-on-tone fabrics or solids will give your eyes a resting place. If you have several fabrics that want to shout out and be heroes, give them space from each other!
- **Take photographs in greyscale** - or use a B&W filter to check value. Standing back and squinting can also help with this. You want an even distribution of values - make sure the darkest values and the busiest prints move your eyes around the quilt by spreading them throughout.
- **Audition one full rotation at a time** to check for colour and value. It's easier to make changes before sewing! You do not need to have all the answers yet so don't try and plan the whole thing!

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TOP TIP: Select and cut fabrics for the piano key border in log 39 as you go! This will make your life so much easier when we get that far! Cut pieces roughly 2 x 5" and set them aside.

December's Sew-Along

After row 8, your unfinished quilt should measure 20½ x 19½". The diagram shows the FINISHED dimensions of each row, so be sure to add ¼" seam allowance when cutting your strips! There are fewer pieced blocks this month, so again we're going to do a couple of rotations even though the logs are getting longer.

* In the book, Jen pieces log 9 as two 1 x 20" strips. This is a fun way of adding small amounts of a fabric and you can divide any logs this way.

Log 14 contains 8 flying geese, which (finished) measure 4 x 2". Feel free to add more or fewer!

Piecing instructions are in the book or easily available elsewhere, and are probably already in your repertoire!

Any questions, please email, text or call - my details are in the Guild Directory. And HAVE FUN!!

- Bee Saunders



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