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# Coastal Quilters Guild of Santa Barbara and Goleta Annual Meeting Minutes

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Hybrid meeting at Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Church for Coastal Quilters Guild

**Zoom link is:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link/register/tZAKcuuvqDlrGtPhgp8bcpBnUMn9AGiWx636>

Meeting ID: 849 5276 9107

Passcode: 920711

Called to order by **Barb LaPlante** at 7:00 pm Annual Business

**Parliamentarian – Kristen Watts (not in attendance)**

**Marcia Greiten** presiding on behalf of the Elections committee.

According to section 7.4.C of the guild bylaws approved July 1, 2022; voting may be by voice or ballot, accept that officers and directors must be elected by ballot or acclamation. A candidate who runs unopposed will be elected by acclamation not ballot. Therefore, the following slate of candidates who are running unopposed for the guild year 2024/2025 are hereby elected by affirmation effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

- President, Barbara LaPlante
- Recording Secretary, Jennifer Hendrickson
- Treasurer, Debra Patalzick
- Corresponding Secretary, Isabel Downs
- Membership coordinator, Carole Kennedy
- Parliamentarian, Kristen Watts
- Program Director – Susan Katz
- Public Relations Coordinator – Christine Knight
- Speaker Liaison – Polly Matsuoka
- Workshop Coordinator – Margaret Dear

**President's 2024 Annual report; President Barbara LaPlante**

Due to the efforts of Bee Saunders and her outgoing Board, our Guild started this year with strong membership numbers, money in the bank resulting from a successful fabric sale, and a fully established set of programs. The growing pains of shifting to our hybrid meeting structure and fine tuning the use of Zoom for Guild meetings had been largely accomplished. Thank you those who made those changes possible. We had a working platform from which to continue programs and add back some which had been waylaid during the pandemic. I will call this the “Year of Having It All.” At first, I had great misgivings about our hybrid plus in person meeting structure, feeling that it was pulling our membership in two directions and creating two constituencies. Standing at the podium where a speaker is unable to see the Zoom audience, takes some real adjustments. However, I saw the enthusiastic participation on our bus trip to Road to California, the number of willing helpers and shoppers for our recent fabric sale, and the call for Quilt Show Chairmen being met as our members stepped up. Now I am convinced that

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we are truly one Guild and I have learned that each member will participate at the level that is fun and inspirational for them.

So, by the numbers, what follows is a recap of our Activities this past year:

**Members:** Currently we have 198 members, 19 of whom are new this year. Our average meeting attendance is 73 of which approximately 30 attend virtually.

**Finances:** As of April 30th, we had , in the bank, having received a boost of \$7,000 from our fabric sale in April. Treasurer Sandy O'Meara will share more details.

**Programs:** We had 5 speakers travel to Santa Barbara to present in person and conduct in person workshops. Additionally, one of our own, Maria Dzreeva, presented as a member showcase. Our speaker tonight is appearing to us virtually, and volunteer members of the California Heritage Quilt Project came to share the mission and scope of cataloging significant quilts. For those who love finding more virtual sources, the Guild paid for a two-day Global Quilt Connection "Sampler Platter." We enjoyed two wonderful and widely attended parties; a picnic in July and a tea party holiday gathering in December. And now we will look forward to our annual Guild Challenge which will be hung next month.

**Workshops:** A total of 107 members participated in 7 workshops held at St Andrews Church, including two which were taught by talented Coastal Quilters Guild teachers. We had a Sew Day to support Community Projects and will have a "no strings attached" Sew Day on Saturday, May 11th.

**Coffee Break:** Our monthly Coffee Break virtual meetings attract about 16 members each fourth Friday. In addition to sustaining Guild friendships virtually, they have provided mini tutorials on various subjects and techniques, which have been videotaped and placed on our website for reviewing at your convenience. One of the highlights of the year was tuning in to the Coffee Break Holiday party to see the festive headgear worn by at least 25 attendees. Our creativity is not limited to quilting!

**Communication:** Behind the scenes Chris Knight, our publicity director, is posting notices about Guild meetings and events, almost daily on Facebook, (with 574 followers), and Instagram (with 254 followers). The April Fabric sale posting was our highest reach so far with April numbering 2,100 viewers. And the Quilt Show Announcement garnered the highest "Reactions" in our history. Sue Kadner sends out the Tuesday E Blasts with information pertaining to upcoming programs and meetings wherever she is in the world, and she is the ongoing publisher of our Directory. The Newsletter Team turns out an informative, detailed publication, in about four days after receiving the articles. They are an amazing, efficient, and necessary piece of communication to our membership. And lastly, if one somehow fails to read the Newsletter or E Blast, or posts on Facebook, Webmaster Bonnie Barber, keeps our website current with updates to photos, videos, and documents.

**Community Projects:** Our membership supports the mission of giving back to our community by fulfilling the requests presented by our hard-working Community Projects Team. This year we witnessed quilts being donated to Villa Majella (14 baby quilts), Visiting Nurse and Hospice (15 veteran's quilts). 147 Cradle Kits were donated to The Unity shop and 212 placemats were donated to Meals on Wheels. 21 Fidget quilts found their way to Vista Del Monte and Maravilla. St. Vincents was given 24 children's quilts, and the Ridley Tree Cancer Center received 10 lap quilts. 3 quilts were given to local organizations for their raffle or auctions. Aside from placemats and cradle kits, a total of 8 quilts have been made by members and given to our community. This is amazing and wonderful news.

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Satellite Groups: Coordinator Sue Orfila managed to ascertain that we have 15 active Satellite Groups with a total of 151 members participating. This does not include those Zooming in for the Coffee Break, or meeting as a Zoom Committee, and many of that number attend 2 or even 3 Satellite Groups. These small sewing circles are the hidden backbone of Guild volunteers and generate the spark that sets programming ideas flowing.

Other Committees and Special Projects: From Block of the Month to Door Prizes, the Library, our member connection to SCCQG, the Guild Challenge, Postcard Making and Sales, Fabric Sale Fundraiser, the opportunity quilt fundraiser, Bus trip organization, Refreshments, and finally the bi annual Harvest of Colors Quilt Show, we keep a robust schedule staffed by member volunteers. Those who chair these projects appear to make the work behind their contributions seem easy. But we all know otherwise, and I thank you all for your work to support the Guild.

Finally, what comes next? We are fortunate to have a full Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 Guild year, and we have all but a few of the Committee Chairman positions filled. There has been some talk about Block of the Month shifting to a Monthly Sew Along.... This is if Kika is convinced that a project that meets our varying skill sets can be found. The Board has talked about looking into our website so that we can prepare for future updates. Digital forms are being created to allow membership renewal online, and quilt show documents will become interactive forms posted on our website. I would love to learn of any great projects that our members experienced while attending other Guilds, and I will shamelessly copy any ideas that allow Coastal Quilters to operate as efficiently as possible while bringing inspiration and fun to our quilting community. Thank you.

#### **Treasurer's report; Sandy O'Meara**

- Beginning July 1, 2024, we had \$42,000,
- April 30, 2024, balance in the accounts is \$34,000
- We spent more than we made by \$8,000, not sustainable
- How do we bring in money?
  - Fabric sale
  - Baskets & Raffles
  - Membership dues and donations
  - Opportunity quilt
  - Workshop income
  - Interest income
- What do we spend money on?
  - Rent our meeting space for our hybrid meetings
  - Storage space rental (\$410)
  - Guild Tote bags for new members
  - Lecture fees for speakers
  - Workshop expenses for classes
  - PO box rent
  - Insurance
- So what do we do, bring in more money and spend less

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Annual meeting is adjourned at 7:16 pm,

Speaker presentation and general business meeting to follow the speaker, see part 2 of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hendrickson, recording secretary

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**Speaker Introduction and Presentation began at 7:18pm,**

## **Speaker**

- Teresa Duryea Wong, presenting on Zoom and introduced by Speaker Liaison, Polly Matsuoka
- 25off Teresa's book and free shipping at [www.teresaduryeawong.com](http://www.teresaduryeawong.com)

**Break; we will skip the break tonight and you can get refreshments on the way out**

Guild business meeting is called to order at 8:27pm

## **Remarks by Barbara LaPlante**

- presentation of thanks to Ranell Hansen and Linda Bird (the fabric sale queens!)

## **Fabric sale**

- We made \$8601.50
  - Thanks to all who helped, sorted, and priced ahead of time
  - Linda Bird who stored the fabric in her garage
  - Those who transported fabric to the sale and the husbands who helped
  - Those who helped the day of the sale
  - coming to the zoom meeting ahead to prepare for the
  - cashiers who spent time ahead to train
  - Darilyn Kisch who headed up the cashiers
  - Nancy Butterfield and Sandy O'Meara who set up the square
  - Chris Knight publicizing the sale online
  - Carole Kennedy's granddaughters & daughter in-law who helped clean up and set up. They were paid \$150 for their college funds
  - Thanks for supporting the sale with your purchases

## **Membership -Barb LaPlante**

- renewal forms are here and available on the website and can be paid here in person
- there will be an online form coming to the website soon and payment online as well

## **Challenge – Barb LaPlante**

- We need a challenge person for next year – volunteers could shadow this year

## **Potluck and picnic – Barb LaPlante**

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- July 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm
- indoor picnic at St Andrew's due to the entertainment needing the piano
- need 4 volunteers to help coordinate the food and details
- Contact Barb to volunteer

### **Treasure table**

- volunteers needed to clean up in the coming months,
- Contact Barb to volunteer

### **Corresponding Secretary - Isabel Downs**

- Letter received to the guild with a request to finish fancy forest for a lady who recently passed and did not finish it. Willing to pay for it to be completed to the right person, Contact Isabel for more details or to volunteer

### **Community Quilts – Cathy Piasecki**

- Received many donations of quilt tops, placemats and cradle kits
- Some members have taken quilts to be finished tonight
- We received more quilts tonight that need to be finished as well
- Thank you for your donations to community quilts

### **Quilt Show – Nancy Butterfield**

- Kids can Quilt is happening - encourage the young people in your life to work on and submit a quilt to the show
- Aug 15<sup>th</sup> is the due date for Quilt Show entries
- Sept 1 is the deadline for quilt collection
- Keep working on your quilts for the Quilt Show
- Our volunteer coordinator is going to be asking soon for volunteers for the Quilt Show

### **Website - Bonnie Barber**

- THIS Sat from 9am-3pm, is the sew day, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 spots still available.
  - You can still join by emailing Bonnie
- Kena Dorsey is coming to us IN PERSON for a workshop in Sept
  - Kena talk to us via zoom in Aug. Her topic is raw edge applique with African fabrics
  - Kena is also an actress and a high school teacher
  - She is wonderful and really fun!

### **Coffee Break – Susan Katz**

- Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm via zoom;
  - special spotlight on the work of Bisa Butler
  - everyone is welcome to join us for the coffee break, even if you have never come before!
- June coffee break;
  - featuring quilts on the go, traveling bag or lap quilts or fabric items that travel
  - Send photos of travel items to [zoom@coastalquilters.org](mailto:zoom@coastalquilters.org) for the slide show, send as many photos as you would like

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## **Challenge – Patti Hunter**

- Accepted about 20 challenge quilts
- 3 quilts in process, that we will accept anyways; if you have one in process, let us know we would love to have more challenge quilts!
- Next month is the big reveal

## **Block of the Month – Kika Hutchings**

- 7 blocks submitted, but nobody wanted the blocks this month
- June block is the last block of the month, diagonal dash

## **Show and Tell**

- Ranell Hansen – tamarack jacket from Grainline studios made from a quilt
- Maria Dzreeva – baby quilt “Legacy buddies”
  - cactus quilt featured in McCalls Quilting magazine
  - tank top made from fabric at the fabric sale
- Isabel Downs – looking for bugle LA times JLo dress las all of the bugle beads
- Matt Eardley – NEW member,
  - doing sales and service for a new sewing machine store in SB
  - New store will be a selling Bernina sewing machines
  - fabric, threads, supplies and more
  - 4175 state st, Near state and the 154, next to El Mercado
  - Sew Santa Barbara
- Jennifer Hendrickson – mondo bag
- Pat Masterson – used a coloring book to help create a pattern, “Holding hands”
- Jennifer Hendrickson – tell – Don’t forget, Central coast shop hop Friday, May 31 - Sunday, June 2
- SB succulent society is having a sale 10am – 3pm at Rocky nook park
- Belinda Lewis & Isabel Downs volunteer to do the challenge for next year

## **Door Prizes: Linda Estrada**

- Membership - Kathy Piasecki
- Basket #1- Ursula Almeida
- Basket #2 – Pat Masterson
- Basket #3 – Susan Katz

## **Final reminders by Barb LaPlante**

- May Board meeting on May 16th: 6:30p on Zoom (note the ½ hour earlier start)
- Newsletter deadline is May 19th
- Coffee Break on May 24th at 1:00 by Zoom
- Quilt Show meeting, May 23rd at 7:00 by Zoom
- Links for the above Zoom meetings will be sent in a Tuesday E Blast during the week of the meeting.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:03 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hendrickson