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Coastal Quilters Guild of Santa Barbara & Goleta, California

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Guild Meeting

July 11, 4 pm

Annual Picnic

"Super Salads"

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall
4575 Auhay St., Santa Barbara
In-person

Board Meeting

July 18, 6:30 pm,
via Zoom

Coffee Break

July 26, 1-3 pm,
via Zoom

Sew Day

July 27, 9 am -3 pm
St. Andrew's Church

Next Month's Meeting

August 8, 7 pm

Kena Dorsey

"My Quilting Journey &
Using African Prints"

Live Oak Unitarian

Universalist Congregation
820 N Fairview Ave., Goleta
In-person and via Zoom



News articles due
July 21, midnight

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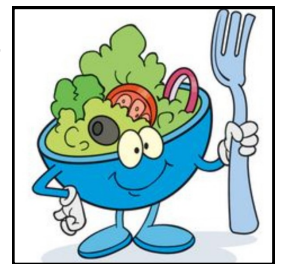
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address, phone, email, etc., please
email: info@coastalquilters.org

July Meeting: Super Salad Spectacular Potluck

July 11, 4 pm, in-person,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, 4575 Auhay St., Santa Barbara

The annual Guild picnic meeting will feature a selection of salads, breads and desserts. We'll start with the business meeting, lasting about 45 minutes, followed by games, dinner and entertainment by singer/songwriter Penelope Salinger. All indoors, rain or shine.



What to bring - last name beginning with the letter:

- A & B: dessert.
- C through E: bread, rolls, muffins, biscuits.
- F through Z: salads both savory and sweet.

Yes, we'll have the Treasure Table, Door Prizes, Show & Tell, tote bags for purchase, workshop sign-ups, Membership renewal, Quilt Show tickets & volunteer sign-ups, BUT, this is a chance to visit with Guild friends and enjoy a dinner together. If you can't join us at 4 pm, please feel free to come as your schedule allows. Questions? Email me! See you there.

- Barb LaPlante, president@coastalquilters.org.

July Sew Day - Free!

Saturday, July 27, 9 am - 3 pm, in-person, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Join us for a FREE Sew Day. Members may bring projects they are working on for sale at the Quilt Show Boutique or their own projects, including post-cards and quilts for Community Projects donations. Also available will be cradle kits and unfinished quilts needing finishing, along with batting and some fabrics from the locker. We'll also have Quilt Show submission forms for your quilt entries, including Heritage Quilts. It's been suggested that a camera will be available to help members with quilt submission photos. It's an all purpose day! Set up at the church starts at 8:30 am for those who can come early and help would certainly be appreciated. Don't forget to bring your lunch or other refreshments to keep you well nourished while sewing.

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

President's Message

Having the past year as President "under my belt" I am now looking forward to the next Coastal Quilters Guild year. Our Board welcomes, new to her position, Treasurer Deb Patetzick, along with Workshop Coordinator Margaret Dear and Program Director Susan Katz, both of whom are reprising roles they have held in the past. It is a great comfort to be supported by so many Guild leaders who are doing their jobs for a second or third (or more!) term. Practice will make us better!



On June 26, the Board will meet to get to know one another personally and to plan for the next year, and by the time you read this, those ideas will already be in the works.

Bee Saunders is also reprising her past role of Block of the Month Chair to revise our BOM for the next year. She will be introducing a "sew along sampler quilt" of blocks that you can make throughout the year, keep and then sew into a larger quilt. The details are being fleshed out but I will be able to share more at our Guild picnic.

Plans are in place for a lively, fun filled social meeting on July 11, starting at 4 pm. Some of you love these daylight meetings and the food will be spectacular if past picnics are any guide. If you are new, we welcome you to come and join other members in a party setting as we dine together. If you have a friend or prospective member, this would be a wonderful chance for them to meet us.

Those working on the quilt show, especially Nancy and Ranell, are planning for a spectacular comeback show in the Exhibit (the BIG) Hall at Earl Warren Showground. We need lots of quilts to fill the space, so I hope that each of you will enter at least one quilt to show. We will have a special exhibit honoring our past Guild President, Nora McMeeking, who was a pattern designer, author and lecturer and taught some of us to quilt. The Heritage Quilts should be a

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Coastal Quilters Guild Board

NEW

Guild President: Barbara LaPlante
Recording Secretary: Jennifer Hendrikson
Treasurer: Debra Patetzick
Corresponding Secretary: Isabel Downs
Membership Coordinator: Carole Kennedy
Parliamentarian: Kristen Watts
Program Director: Susan Katz
Public Relations Coordinator: Chris Knight
Speaker Liaison: Polly Matsuoka
Workshop Coordinator: Margaret Dear

Block Sew Along: Bee Saunders
Challenge: Isabel Downes & Melinda Lewis
Community Projects: Susan White, Michelle Garbarino, Nancy LaRoche-Blau & Kathy Piasecki
Door Prizes/Raffle: Linda Estrada & Marilyn Martin
Library: Traci Cope
Newsletter Distribution: Mary Ringer
Newsletter Editor: Eileen Lewandowski
Newsletter Layout: Elisa Purnell
Opportunity Quilt: vacant in quilt show years
Quilt Show 2024: Nancy Butterfield & Ranell Hanson
Refreshments: by committee
Road To California Trip Coordinator: to be determined
Satellite Group Coordinator: Sue Orfila
SCCQG Representative: Rosana Swing
Webmaster: Bonnie Barber
Welcome Committee: Nancy Butterfield

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community draw because so many associate the craft of quilting with hand pieced and quilted blankets. I know that many of you have some of these quilts which have been lovingly preserved and passed down, and what a treasure it will be to see them hanging. But they will need a sleeve to be properly hung.

Putting on a show of this size takes woman power and financial resources. If your days of climbing ladders and lifting and handling quilts are past, please think of another way that you can support the exhibit. You can sign up for a job where you can sit, buy presale tickets to give to your friends or even give a financial donation. This is primarily a member showcase, but it is a fundraiser too. We will blink, it will be show time. We need *your* help to pull it all together.

- Barb LaPlante, CQG President

August Speaker: Kena Dorsey, “My Quilting Journey & Using African Prints”

Our August speaker is Kena Dorsey presenting, via Zoom, “My Quilting Journey and Using African Prints. She is an energetic and entertaining presenter, according to our Program Director Susan, who took a class with her at Road To California. Kena says she loves using big, bold, rich colors including African prints, Indonesian batiks and Kaffe Fassett. We are in for a colorful adventure as we follow along on her quilting journey.

You can see her work at KenaQuiltStudio.com, where her first line is: “Where the exploration of portrait, art, and modern quilting meets at the intersection of your imagination...” Kena is also on Instagram at [kenaquilts](https://www.instagram.com/kenaquilts).

As usual, our meeting is hybrid on August 8, 7 pm at Live Oak. Join us in-person or on Zoom for a great presentation.

- Polly Matsuoka

BOM Winner

Congratulations to Linda Bird, our final Block of the Month winner. Kika shared with members at the June Guild meeting that Linda has consistently submitted a block each month. We also owe Kika a debt of gratitude for all her hard work as Block of the Month chair from July 2020 to July 2022 and again this past year. We look forward to the new group projects the Guild plans to offer in the future!



Yes, We Still Want Refreshments...

At the recent Board meeting I shared that Mary Wenzel has requested to be replaced as our Refreshment Chair, and asked did we want to continue setting up the refreshment table? The answer came back with a definitive YES.

It was proposed, and I agree, that we have five Guild members each commit to setting up and cleaning up the refreshment table two times during the year. We have a tablecloth and insulated water jug stored in the closet at Live Oak. *All you have to bring is ice.* We'll continue to have a refreshment reminder to bring a snack during your birthday month in each newsletter.

Volunteers would need to arrive at the meeting about 6:20 and set up the table with tablecloth, napkins, cups and water jug. Then at the end of the meeting put the supplies away. Would you be willing to take two meetings??

Mary, we appreciate that you have been chairing this area consistently for several years. Thank you!

- Barb LaPlante



Door Prize Winners

Our June door prize winners are: Marcia Greiten, Sherry Lafler and Sandy O'Meara. Our winner for wearing her name tag is Sue Reinhart. Congratulations!



- Marilyn Martin & Linda Estrada

Challenge Results

Many thanks to all who participated in making our Coastal Quilters Guild 2024 Challenge such a success. We had a total of 19 quilts hung, and all of the quilts showed such amazing creativity and imagination. Help with hanging the quilts came from Sue Kadner, next year's Challenge Committee Chair Isabel Downs, plus Carol Fay's husband. Three of the quilts hung were made by Committee Chair Patti Hunter, and since they were previously seen at meetings, they were ineligible for voting. Both "roomers" (who voted by paper ballots) and "zoomers" (who voted digitally) had their votes tallied. We had significant donations from Trader Joe's, Roxanne's and Grant House for the prizes. The fabric gifts for everyone participating in the Challenge came from our fabric sale collection.



*Overall Favorite 1st Place:
Ranell Hansen*

The results of the voting were as follows:

1st Place: Ranell Hansen, "Tree of Gustatory Delights"

2nd Place: Isabel Downs, "I am an Artist—Not a Cook"

3rd Place: Linda Boynton De Sepulveda, "Joy"

Most Humorous: Pat Masterson, "Banish Canned Peas"

Best Use of Theme: Bee Saunders, "Fast Food, Slow Delivery"

Pictures and information related to the quilts are available on our website. Thank you to Bonnie Barber for managing to put together the data and pictures. Thank you to Jennifer Hendrickson for making it possible for the "zoomers" to vote.



**- Patti Hunter, Carol Fay &
Ranell Hansen,
2024 Challenge Committee**

Membership

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership! For those who have not yet renewed, NOW IS THE TIME! Please be aware that you must be a member in order to submit your quilt to this year's Harvest of Colors Quilt Show.

Next year's Guild membership will be active from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The 24/25 Membership form is available on the Guild website. There are several methods for renewing:

- Print a copy of the form and send it, along with appropriate fees (\$50) using check or credit card, to the address on the form. Be sure your contact information is current!
- Call in your renewal, using your credit card, by reaching out to Carole Kennedy.
- Renew with cards, checks or cash at meetings.

Please note the additional fees which cover new Directory mailing costs (\$2.00) or newsletter mailing costs (\$24.00). There is also a check box for donations... Thank you!

- Carole Kennedy, kenncarn@yahoo.com

Quilt Show Boutique

Our boutique has just two tables remaining for any current member wanting to sell their handmade items. Interested?

Please email Rosana Swing - rsrdswing@gmail.com - prior to July



11 to reserve a table. Each seller will be paid 75% of their total sales with 25% going to CQG. If you wish, you can designate 100% of your sales to the Guild. Besides the great items made by our members, there will be:

- fantastic postcards our members created.
- selection of vintage quilts.
- hand stitched molas from San Blas.

**- Ursula Almeida & Rosana Swing,
HOC Boutique Co-Chairs**

Quilting Tips, Tools and Hacks

Do you have a favorite sewing tip or trick to share? Please send it along to newsletter@coastalquilters.org.

Yay! My bag stands up! Recently, I stitched up a tote bag and used a new-to-me product - a foam/fabric stabilizer that is used in lieu of batting or fleece. I was very happy with the result. The foam is easy to sew and quilt through. There are a number of companies that sell this product, but the one I used was [By Annie's Soft and Stable](#). I used the Soft and Stable to stabilize the outer layers of the bag and used a medium weight fusible interfacing to stabilize the liner and pocket.



If you're looking for a basic tote bag pattern, check out Guild member Ranell Hansen's Lined Shopping Bag pattern which you can download for free from the CQG website [Community page](#).

- Marty Frolli



July Birthdays

Rosalind Perry	July 1
Melinda Lewis	July 2
Patty Six	July 8
Carolee Clayton	July 10
Elaine Kovar	July 11
Carol Fay	July 13
Traci Cope	July 14
Prem Taylor	July 19
Ruth Matuszeski	July 20
Michelle Shook	July 20
Kika Hutchings	July 22
Helmina Schenck	July 24
Susan Katz	July 29
Naomi Hicks	July 30
Una Lopez	July 30
Linda Cassirer	July 30

Community Projects

At the June Guild meeting the Community Projects table received many projects... placemats for Meals on Wheels from Linda Bird, Suzanne Ahn, Mary Ringer and Linda Estrada, who also turned in a couple of fidget quilts. Linda Bird turned in finished cradle kit sets destined for Unity Shoppe's Christmas giveaway. Marty Frolli added to our stash of finished veteran quilts and Sue Orfila returned some of the unfinished quilts she had quilted.

At the upcoming July 11 picnic, we will have available cradle kits and more unfinished quilts waiting to be quilted.

Please stop by for a visit, look through what we have to offer and let us know if you have any requests for items you may need from the Guild's locker. Also, keep in mind our July 27 Sew Day!

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

Volunteers Needed - Judging Day

September 23, 8:30 am - 4 pm,
Goleta Valley Community Center

This is one very busy, very fun day and we need you! If you have helped with judging in the past, you know how much fun this day can be, so come back and have even more fun! Of course, we welcome anyone who is new to the process and we would love to have you join us as part of the Judging team. Can you help with any of these jobs?

- **Scribes:** transcribes the judge's comments about quilts. Need 9.
- **Aides/Folders/ HOLDERS:** Need 9.

To volunteer, please contact Isabel Downs, ifdowns@gmail.com, or Sam McIlraith, hiketobird@gmail.com.

- Carole Kennedy

What Are The Judges Judging?

This is an opportunity for you to be honored with a ribbon but also an opportunity to receive constructive feedback about your quilting skills. The judge's goal is to provide useful comments to help you become a better quilter. Their comments take into account where you are in your journey, beginner to expert. Don't be afraid to have your quilt judged, go for it!

There are two main categories they consider: Visual Impact and Workmanship. Listed below are some of the criteria. You can find articles online as well as YouTube videos which will provide more information.

Visual Impact: • The wow factor! • Design is interesting, draws viewers in, tells a story or evokes a feeling. • Colors and values are well chosen and placed. • Unexpected, unusual, or innovative elements. • Effective use of scale and proportion of all design elements. • Quilting enhances the design. • Quilting is a strong design element.

Workmanship: Piecing and Applique • Do block and segment intersections line up accurately? • Are the pieced points consistent or are some chopped off or floating? • Do borders, sashing, edge of quilt and all "line" elements appear straight? • Are there shadows that show through light fabric? • Are the seams straight, curves smooth and piecing thread not visible? • Applique curves smooth, tips sharp, valleys consistent. • Is the applique edge treatment consistent and not distracting? • Does the whole quilt, including the edge, lay flat? *Try blocking, a little water can fix a lot.* • Is the binding of equal width, fullness, with consistent corners that are not bulky? *This is the last thing the judge looks at; get it right!* • Quilt is neat and clean, make sure to trim all threads.

Quilting: • Is the amount of quilting sufficient and appropriate for the design? • Is the quilting thread tension and stitch length consistent? • Are straight quilting lines, smooth curves, quilting lines free from glitches? • Are quilting starts and stops noticeable?

- Carole Kennedy

Quilt Show Update

Plans for this year's Harvest of Colors Quilt Show are coming right along. Keep making wonderful quilts. Here is the latest on all things Quilt Show:

Tickets:

- \$15 presale tickets available until Sept 15. \$18 at the door.
- Purchase at Guild meetings or via online links on the Quilt Show page on our website. ****All tickets are good for both days.****

Dates To Remember:

- Deadline for all quilt entries: August 15.
- Last day to deliver quilts to Collectors:
 - Judged quilts: August 31.
 - All other entries: September 10.
- *Keep in mind...* Our Quilt Show is a Member's Showcase. We encourage every member to enter at least one quilt in the Show. Even if you are a new member and don't think your first effort is 'show worthy', enter it anyway. Someone will be inspired by the work you have done.

Things To Remember:

- Start submitting entries now, especially those Heritage quilts... we know they are already done. All quilts use the same online form, check it out on the website. Again, need help? Ask a teenager... Seriously, call Nancy Butterfield or Sue Orfila.
- Judging is optional but very informative. It is a good learning experience to find out what an accredited, impartial person thinks about your quilt. You can't win if you don't enter...
- Be sure to volunteer to help at the Quilt Show or on Judging Day, September 23. Working together helps build community with fellow Guild members. You can do more than one volunteer shift. Contact Sam McIlraith to sign up.

-Ranell Hansen & Nancy Butterfield,
Quilt Show Co-Chairs

Quilt Show Jobs - We Need YOU!

Many hands make light work and make the work fun – we are counting on you to help make our Quilt Show a success!

Quilt Show Jobs: Pre-Show:

- Acquisitions - collect show quilts from fellow members – we need at least 9 more volunteers to help. Super important and low impact for a short period of time.
- Judging - September 23 – this is a full day and we need another dozen volunteers to assist. If you have not been involved in judging before, it is an enlightening process, one you will want to be a part of. Not only will you be helping with our Show, you will also learn the finer points of what judges are looking for.
- Set-Up - begins on Friday morning, October 4, usually 8 am: at least 15 more volunteers. This is one of our most needed areas – please consider being a part of this important activity.



Quilt Show: Saturday & Sunday, October 5-6, three shifts per day, each day: 9:45 am – noon, 11:45 am – 2 pm and 1:45 – 5:00 pm.

Sit Down Options:

- Admissions - sell tickets, collect money, provide wristbands, and greet attendees.
- Raffle Ticket Sales - help sell raffle tickets as one of our “fun-raisers”!
- Volunteer Check-In Desk – help to check in volunteers as they arrive and leave, fill spots as needed and be a Jack/Jill-of-all trades.
- Security – seated job to help at entrance/exits.



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Standing, Walking & Partial Sitting Options:

- White Glove - monitor quilt displays, encourage guests to look and not touch, and talk about the quilts and quilting in general – great fun!
- Take Down & Quilt Return - begins at close of the Show, Sunday 4 pm – 8 pm, 20 people needed. Another important need – with a passel of volunteers helping, we can wrap the Show up quickly and efficiently!
- Boutique – assist with writing up, tallying, cashiering, or bagging – lots of variety for those who want to sit or stand.
- Community Quilts – provide information to guests about all the wonderful activities in which we participate and provide quilts for.

And MORE!!

Special just for Show volunteers: remember - new this year - each day you volunteer on the weekend of the Show, you will receive free parking at Earl Warren (yes, parking will be charged this year). Another great reason to volunteer!

Our Guild can only put on a great show with your participation – we hope you are inspired to volunteer leading up to, and the weekend of! Please feel free to reach out to me via phone, text or email. My contact details are in the Directory. I will have a volunteer sign-up table, live, at each upcoming Guild meeting and I'm happy to answer any questions you might have. If you attend our meetings virtually, feel free to reach out to secure your desired volunteer spots!

**- Sam McIlraith,
Quilt Show Volunteer Coordinator**

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