



# *El Camino Quilters Guild*

## *Orientation*

*A group to educate, inspire and encourage the art of quilting.*

- Annual Dues** Dues are \$25.00 and due in January.
- AQS Books** Most quilt and sewing related books can be ordered through the guild at a 30% discount. Catalog and order forms are at the general meeting.
- Basting Day** The guild owns large basting frames for member's use. Quilts may be scheduled for basting as needed on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact the basting chairperson. Held at Oceanside Senior Center.
- Door Prizes** Members are required to bring a door prize in their birthday month. Door prizes should be quilt or sewing related items.
- Friendship Block** A drawing is held four times per year for the Friendship Block. The winner selects a block pattern and provides instructions and fabric as desired. Members volunteer to construct a block and become eligible for the drawing by participating at least twice. The January recipient is the longest participating member who has never won.
- Friendship Groups** Friendship Groups are the key way to get connected within the guild, build new relationships and share and develop quilting skills. Contact the Friendship Circle Chairperson.
- General Meeting** is held on the second Thursday of the month. The business portion of the meeting begins at 9:30 followed by a 20 minute social break. The Program follows the break.
- Guild Challenge** The Guild holds a creative quilt challenge annually based on a guild selected fabric. Finished projects are presented in October.
- Library** Members in good standing may check out three items from the library at the general meetings. Items may be kept for two months. A \$1.00 late fee is charged for each month an item is late. The list of titles can be found on the web site.
- Lucky Block** At every general meeting a new block pattern is given out. Members are encouraged to make a block and turn it in at the next meeting. For every blocked turned in you receive one chance in a drawing to win the blocks.
- Name Tags** Name tags should be worn at all Guild activities.

<b>Monthly Sharing</b>	Members bring their completed projects to share at the guild meetings. It is inspiring and enjoyable to see the talents of other members. Please fill out a sharing form.
<b>New Member Coffee</b>	A new member coffee will be scheduled periodically, as needed, to welcome new members and explain anything you didn't understand here on the website.
<b>Newsletter</b>	<i>Quilt Scraps</i> is the monthly newsletter of El Camino Quilters. The deadline for submitting items to the newsletter is the Monday following the general meeting
<b>Opportunity Quilt</b>	The Opportunity Quilt is a main source of income. Every member is responsible for selling or purchasing \$20.00 worth of tickets. Members may sell their own tickets at scheduled events.
<b>Opportunity Table Drawing</b>	There is an opportunity drawing at each general meeting for fabric, a book and a notion. Members are encouraged to contribute a quilted or other handmade item for the drawings. Chances are sold during the social break and the drawing is held following the break.
<b>Philanthropy Cuddle Quilts</b>	Quilts and Afghans made by guild members are donated to a variety of organizations such as; The Polinski Children's Center, Alzheimer's Association and the Tri-City Oncology and Neonatal Units.
<b>Philanthropy General</b>	Other philanthropic activities are undertaken periodically to support the community.
<b>Quilt Show</b>	Volunteering to assist with the quilt show is an obligation of membership. All members are encouraged to enter quilt projects into the guild's show.
<b>Refreshments</b>	Refreshments are served during the break at general meetings. Each member is expected to bring refreshments to the meeting of their birthday month. Please bring on disposable plates.
<b>SCCQG</b>	El Camino Quilters is a member of the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds
<b>Website</b>	Our website: <a href="http://www.elcaminoquilters.com">www.elcaminoquilters.com</a> , contains information on General Meetings and location, Program and Workshop schedules, Board and Committee Members and philanthropic activities along with an extensive photo gallery of previous programs and member's quilts.
<b>Welcome Team</b>	For those who are brand new to the meetings, please let the welcome team know and they will show you around.
<b>Workshops</b>	Workshops are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Senior Center unless otherwise scheduled. See the Workshop schedule for details. Costs vary. Members receive signup priority.