



El Camino Quilters Guild Orientation

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

- Annual Dues** Annual guild dues and Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets, a combined total of \$45 per year, make up the membership package and must be paid in full with new membership applications or membership renewal applications. The member may elect to keep the 24 tickets (chances to win the Opportunity Quilt) or sell them to others.
- 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 that are available for member's use. A basting day can be arranged as needed by interested members. Contact a member of the board.
- Door Prizes** Members are required to bring a door prize in their birthday month. Door prizes should be quilt or sewing related items.
- e-Newsletter** *Quilt Scraps* is the monthly e-newsletter of El Camino Quilters. The deadline for submitting items to the e-newsletter is the Monday following the general meeting.
- Friendship Block** A drawing is held four times per year for the Friendship Block recipient(s). The winner(s) selects a block pattern and provides instructions and fabric as desired. Members volunteer to construct and donate the block. Those eligible have been members for at least six months and have completed at least two friendship blocks for during the preceding two years. The first recipient each year 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** The 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.
- 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 each general meeting a block pattern is given out. Members are encouraged to make a block and turn it in at the next meeting. For each block turned in you receive one chance in a drawing to win a set of blocks. One per participant per drawing.
Monthly Sharing	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.
Name Tags	Name tags should be worn at all Guild activities.
New Member Coffee	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.
Opportunity Quilt	The Opportunity Quilt is a main source of income. Every member is responsible for selling or purchasing \$20.00 worth of tickets. The cost of the tickets is included with the Membership Fees. Members may sell their own tickets at scheduled events.
Opportunity Table Drawing	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.
Philanthropy Cuddle Quilts	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.
Philanthropy General	Other philanthropic activities are undertaken periodically to support the community.
Quilt Show	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.
Refreshments	Refreshments are served during the break at general meetings. Each member is expected to bring refreshments to the meeting in their birthday month. Please bring on disposable plates.
SCCQG	El Camino Quilters is a member of the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds
Website	Our website: www.elcaminoquilters.com , 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.
Welcome Team	The Welcome Team greets members at the door and is available to assist guests and new members. If you are new to El Camino Quilters please let the Welcome Team know so they may show you around.
Workshops	Beginning in Jan. 2010 - workshops will be held on the Friday following the guild meeting at Quilter's Paradise unless otherwise scheduled. See the Workshop schedule for details. Costs vary. Members receive signup priority.