



## El Camino Quilters Orientation

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

<b>Annual Dues</b>	\$60 annual dues includes access guild meetings, 25 Opportunity Quilt tickets (\$20 value), one Guest Pass (\$10 value). Membership year begins every January. As of September 1, dues are reduced to \$40, and include the Opportunity Quilt tickets and guest pass.
<b>Board Meetings</b>	Members of the Board of Directors are elected for two-year terms. The Board meets every month, generally the meeting is the Friday before Guild meetings. Any members may attend.
<b>Bus Trips</b>	Bus trips may be arranged for members to attend area quilt shows and events based upon interest. Minimum requirements are approximately 50 and the fee is usually about \$50.
<b>Cuddle Quilts</b>	This group is the most tireless collection of quilters in the Guild. They coordinate the collection and storage of fabric, construction and distribution of items to local charities. Some of these organizations include San Pasqual Academy students, Tri-City Oncology, local NICUs, Polinsky Children's Center, local seniors' centers, residential facilities, for developmentally disabled adults, Marine moms and babies, Veterans' charities and more. Projects are ALWAYS available for completion at Guild meetings; tops to be pieced, quilted, and bound. In addition, the group meets monthly at several locations. Details are available on Quilt Scraps and our website
<b>Door Prizes</b>	Members are expected to provide a door prize at the meeting of their birthday month. Prizes should be a sewing- or quilting related item, either wrapped or in a gift bag. Please do not include your name. Check in at the Membership table, then take your gift to the corner of the stage. If you are unable to attend on your birthday month, or forget, please bring the gift to the next meeting. If your birthday is in a month without a meeting, please choose another month to bring your gift.
<b>e-Newsletter</b>	Quilt Scraps is the monthly e-newsletter. Submissions should be emailed to the editor by the 15 <sup>th</sup> of each month. All submissions are subject to review by the President.
<b>Facebook</b>	Please check Facebook for news and photos..."friend" us and share!
<b>Friendship Block</b>	A drawing is held in May and September for the Friendship Block recipients, with three members each drawing. The winner(s) determine a block pattern and provide(s) instructions and fabrics desired. Members volunteer to construct and donate the blocks. Those eligible to submit a request for blocks must have

	belonged to the Guild for at least six months and must have completed at least two Friendship Blocks for two other members. The first recipient each year is the longest participating member who has never won.
<b>Friendship Groups</b>	These groups are a great way to make new friends, learn new skills or improve skills. Contact the Friendship Group Chairperson. There are more than 15 groups offering a wider variety of interests...and there's always room for a new group! Friendship groups are also asked to participate at some level in Guild fund-raising activities.
<b>Guild Challenge</b>	The Guild may choose to hold a creative quilt challenge, based on a selected theme.
<b>Lucky Block</b>	Each month the pattern is published in Quilt Scraps and is available at each meeting. Members are encouraged to make a block (or several) to turn in at the next meeting. Members receive one "chance" for each block turned in. One set of blocks may be won, per participant per drawing.
<b>Name Tags</b>	Name tags should be worn at all Guild activities. Use your creativity to make something fabulous! All members wearing name tags will receive a ticket at the Welcome Table that enters them in the door prize drawing.
<b>New Member Welcome</b>	Periodically, a get together is scheduled for new members. This is a great opportunity to meet other new members and the Board. Check the website for details. Dates will be announced at meetings and posted in Quilt Scraps
<b>Opportunity Quilt</b>	This is a major fundraiser every year. Each member is given 25 tickets with their membership packet. Members may keep the tickets, or sell them to friends. Tickets are sold monthly at Guild meetings. The quilt also "travels" to quilt shows and meetings of other area guilds. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 25 for \$20. Please contact the committee chairperson if you are interested in taking the quilt to another guild. The quilt is constructed and quilted by Guild members.
<b>Philanthropy</b>	Additional projects are taken on by this committee as requested by local charities.
<b>Prize Table Drawing</b>	The Opportunity Table is an additional source of income for the Guild. Members are able to purchase tickets for a drawing at the end of each meeting. Prize items may be fabric, books or notions.
<b>Quilt Frames</b>	The Guild owns large basting/quilting frames, available for member's use. Contact a member of the Board for further information.
<b>Quiltlets</b>	Each member is encouraged to make a Quiltlet. The pattern is on the website and in Quilt Scraps. These are little quilts of your own design. Be creative! The Quiltlets are displayed at most meetings and at the <b>Guild Quilt Show</b>
<b>Retreat</b>	Every February, the Guild hosts a retreat in Temecula at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center. It is a wonderful opportunity for friends, fun and lots of quilting!
<b>SCCQG</b>	El Camino Quilters is a member of the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds
<b>Sharing</b>	Members bring completed projects to share at each meeting; there is a limit of two quilts per person. It is inspiring and great fun to see the talents of other members. Sharing forms are available at the sharing table (usually located at the far side of the stage). Each quilt will be folded and the form included. During

	sharing, your photo may be taken. Please let the Guild photographer know if you prefer no photo.
<b>Silent Auction</b>	The Silent Auction is another major source of income for the Guild. Members are asked to donate items in specific categories. Those in attendance bid on the item. Everyone is a winner!
<b>UFO Challenge</b>	Members may sign up for the UFO Challenge. The cost is \$10 per year. Those who participate commit to the completion of 4 projects: one every two months. Completion of projects is noted by the committee as completed. At the December Holiday Party, those who complete projects are part of a special drawing for great prizes!
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.elcaminoquilters.com">www.elcaminoquilters.com</a> contains information about the Guild, including workshop information, activities, speakers, bylaws, standing rules, Board activities, and more.
<b>Welcome Team</b>	Those on the Welcome Team are committed to making certain that all new folks feel a part of the group. They are happy to show you around at meetings!
<b>Workshops</b>	Workshops are generally held the Friday following Guild meetings and are usually presented by that month's speaker. No workshops are scheduled the month of major fundraising events or retreats. They are held at Quilt in a Day in San Marcos. See the website for details. Fees are \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. Sign up and pay fees at Guild Meetings or by mail. There may be a waiting list, so sign up early.
<p><b>Ready to Volunteer?</b> Guild activities are only possible through the efforts of our members. We need your talents! Consider serving on a committee or becoming a Board member. If you're interested, let our Guild President know.</p>	