

QUILT SCRAPS

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Spring has arrived, a season of hope and renewal, and every day we get closer to the possibility of in-person guild meetings! Meanwhile, we have been wildly successful at our new venture with virtual meetings and workshops. In March, Mel Beach gave a fascinating lecture on free motion quilting laced with amusing references to her favorite reality TV shows. To the 103 of you that attended, wasn't that great fun?

The very next day, Mel gave a wonderful workshop on free motion quilting. It was my very first virtual workshop, and I discovered there are a lot of advantages in virtual classes. You don't have to show up early to get a good seat. Mel was able to show us great closeups of her quilting techniques and work individually with each of us, answering questions and offering suggestions. And no one but me could see just how inept I was at my first attempt at free motion quilting!

If you did not attend either of these events, you will get another chance this month to join us on April 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. for our third virtual Guild meeting. We are looking forward to our speaker, **Karen Cunagin**. Karen's topic will be "All My Best Ideas" which is a lecture she presented at the International Quilt Festival, Long Beach and the Visions Art Museum. And don't forget that you can share your quilts just like we did at in person meetings. You will need to send a picture of the quilt to our Zoom mistress, Elizabeth O'Toole at otoolee@me.com and she will post it during the sharing segment of our meeting. You will have the opportunity to tell us all about your quilt.

Don't forget that you are free to invite friends to our virtual Guild meetings, and there will be no charge for guests as long as we are meeting virtually. Just sent your friends e-mail address to Elizabeth O'Toole at least one week before the guild meeting so that she can send your friend a virtual invitation.

There will be no workshop this month, but we do have virtual workshops planned for May, June and July! Meanwhile, take a look at the virtual workshops being offered by other organizations that are mentioned in this edition of Quilt Scraps.

Happy Spring, and keep quilting!

Linda Stanwood
President, 2021
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PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE BY LAWS

The Board of the El Camino Quilters Guild is proposing a revision to the guild by laws to change the membership year to March 1 through the last of February. Currently, our membership year runs through January 1 to December 31.

The reason for the proposed change is to allow our yearly membership drive to run more smoothly. At the current time, the guild board changes on the same date that all members are required to renew their membership. This creates certain difficulties. The new board members need to be added to our bank accounts and authorized to accept credit cards. Sometimes setting up this financial transition with our bank takes several weeks. Meanwhile, we have a guild meeting on the second Thursday in January where we generate a lot of credit card, check and cash transactions through our membership renewal drive.

To alleviate the confusion and delay that is created by trying to transition to a new board and run a membership renewal drive at the same time, the board is proposing the following amendment to the guild's by laws (*proposed changes are in italics*):

Existing By Laws:

Section 2 Dues Dues are to be established by the Board and approved by the Membership. The Membership year is from Jan 1 to Dec 31.

Section 3 New Members New members joining January through August shall pay full dues; those joining after shall pay reduced membership fee. New Members shall be able to access the By-Laws and Standing Rules online at elcaminoquilters.com. Printed copies will be available on request at Guild meetings at the Membership table.

Proposed Revision:

Section 2 Dues Dues are to be established by the Board and approved by the Membership. The Membership year is from *March 1 to the last day in February of the subsequent year.*

Section 3 New Members New members joining *March through October* shall pay full dues; those joining after shall pay reduced membership fee. New Members shall be able to access the By-Laws and Standing Rules online at elcaminoquilters.com. Printed copies will be available on request at Guild meetings at the Membership table.

We will be voting on these changes at our next guild meeting on April 8, 2021. All guild members present at the meeting will be eligible to vote. If you have any questions concerning this proposed change, you can raise those questions at our April 8 meeting or you can contact any board member to discuss your questions before the meeting.

MAY WORKSHOP

Our May workshop will be with Jean Impey. There are a limited number of participants (20) for this workshop. Spots will be filling fast and on a first come first paid basis so e-mail Claudia McGraw at cmcgraw260@cox.net or call her at 760-212-2597 or 760-967-6980 to reserve your spot.

We are offering two ways to pay the \$45 fee for your workshop. You can send a check to Claudia McGraw at 3932 Tortuga Cove, Oceanside CA 92058 made payable to El Camino Quilt Guild. Alternatively, you can call Linda Kelly at (760) 529-5297 and give her your credit card information. Your spot is secured when paid for.

If you have any questions about how to use Zoom, contact our newly formed Zoom committee chaired by Elizabeth O'Toole at otoolee@me.com. The committee will be happy to walk you through the simple steps to use Zoom.

UFO CHALLENGE

It's NOT too late to become a 2021 UFO groupie!!!

Go to the El Camino Quilters website under the guild activities tab and print out the UFO entry form. Fill out a \$10 check to El Camino Quilters and send your entry form and check to:

Gretchen Clare
7104 Almaden Ln
Carlsbad, CA 92009

Vicki Greene
~OR~ 4661 Barcelona Wy
Oceanside, CA 92056

Our first virtual prize drawing will be held during the April Zoom meeting. You will be entered into the drawing if your 1st listed project is complete before the deadline of March 31st! Be sure to send a photo of your completed project, quilted and bound, and the label to either of us!

For those of you who like to plan ahead, the 2nd deadline is June 31, 2021.

Join in the fun and become a 2021 UFO groupie with us! Sew on!

Gretchen Clare (grenlyc3@gmail.com)
Vicki Greene (vgr851@aol.com)

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Each year our friendships go through changes. We have affected all of us with the COVID pandemic.

Please review the list below and let us know if the information needs adjustments. We are hopeful that small group meetings will occur soon. I know some friends have been sewing outside together, or meeting by Zoom.

See the special note below as we have a new member that would like to form a new group. If you would like help in doing this, we can help.

Friendship Groups

2021

Group	Contact	Open	Not Open	Location	Meeting Day
Open Sew	Patti Rusk	X		Oceanside	Monday
Classic Quilters	Lucia Bailey		X		
Crusty Crows	Elizabeth O'Toole		X		
Dream Stitchers	Lendia Kinneman		X	San Marcos	1 st Thursday
Last Friday	Gail Yakos	X		QIAD ?	Last Friday
Material Girls	Nancy Ganske		X		
				members homes	
Ocean Waves	Jeanette Blackburn		X	Oceanside area	3 rd Tues
Ps & Qs	Carol Grega		X	members homes	3 rd Monday
Patchwork Pals	Dana Lovelace		X	members homes, San Marcos	Wednesday- last in month
Quarter-inch Queens	Joyce Boyagian		X		
Quilty Pleasures				Rancho Carlsbad	Thurs

Sew Sassies	Jill Sterns	X	Bonsall	1st Thurs
Sew and So	Patti Rusk	X	Oceanside	Tuesday
The Blockheads	Ann Fait	X		
Vista Senior Center Group	Sherry Smith	X	Rancho Carlsbad	1st & 3rd Thurs
www.needles	Doris Mugavero	X	Escondido	last Wed
New Group	Ellen Pankuch	X	Escondido, Rancho San Pascal	Tuesday

Co-Chairs:

Maryann Donavon & Tara

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New Group to Form in Escondido Area:

A new friendship group is forming in the Escondido area. Suggested initial parameters include daytime gatherings on Tuesdays centered on general quilting, with an 8 person maximum. All are negotiable as we get acquainted with each other's interests, and limitations. We'll start off with communication by email and phone then shortly could move on to an outdoor meeting. If interested email Ellen Pankuch, pankuche@yahoo.com., Rancho San Pascal, Escondido CA Hope to see you in the near future!

POST YOUR PHOTOS

Remember we have a website also that wants to show off the fantastic work of our Guild members. When you send a picture of your finished quilt to our FaceBook site, also send a picture of it to me so I can post it, too. I just need your name and the title of the quilt. Easy Peasy! Unlike our FaceBook page, the Guild Website is an open forum, open to public viewing, just as it has always been when you have shared at our Guild Meetings.

I look forward to seeing and sharing your photos. Jeanette Blackburn
webnett@sbcglobal.net

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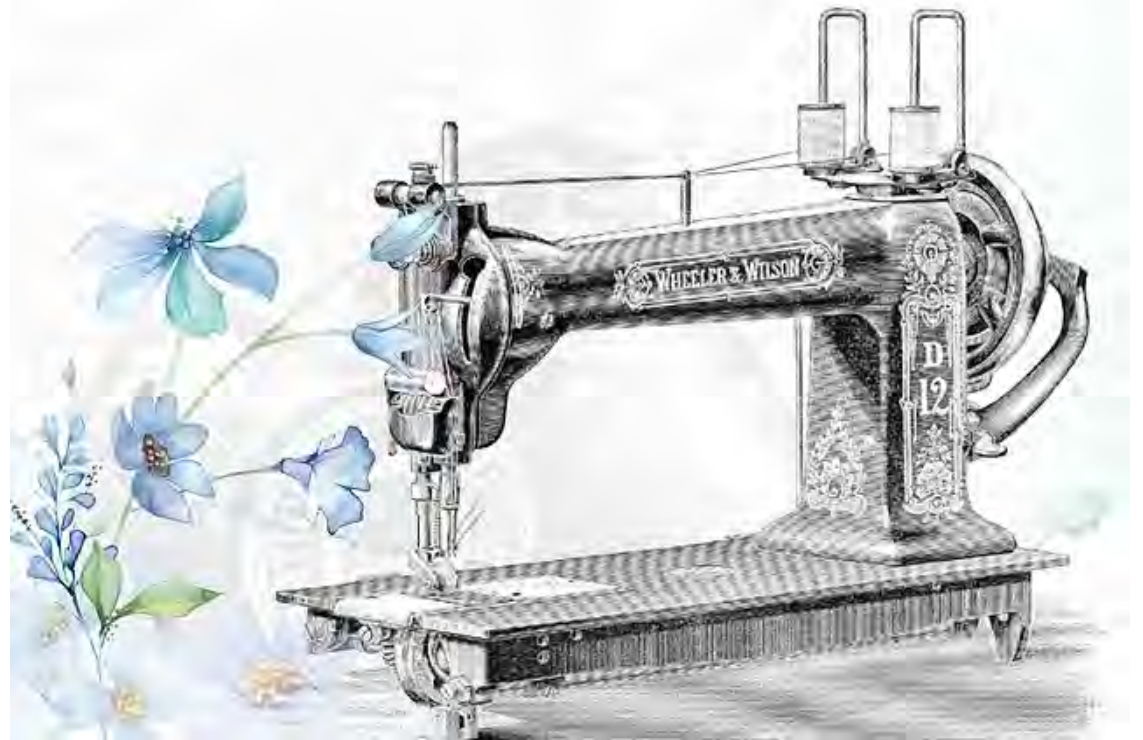
Garage Sale Table

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all those involved in the Garage Sale Table over the years. Special thanks to the Ruths for their dedication to this venture on behalf of Cuddle Quilts. Additional kudos to Sharon Martineau and Nina Aguilera and all of the “tote volunteers” who transported and stored items. The totes have all been rounded up and consolidated. Donations were made to several charities, books were donated to Visions Quilt Museum and remaining items will be stored for sale at some point.

We will no longer be collecting or accepting donations for the Garage Sale Table, when we begin meeting again. If you have sewing-related items to donate, give Jan Jordan a call. Cuddle has a charity resource for notions and fabrics that they can't use. Cuddle Quilts will continue to be a top priority in terms of assuring they have all the batting or other supplies they require, in order to continue their phenomenal work.

Blocks and tops and more tops, oh my!

Some very generous person/persons donated several vintage quilt tops and pieced blocks. All are, for the most part, hand pieced. Some still have the papers attached, dating from 1937 to 1951. There are five or six tops in varying sizes and colors. There are also two collections of pieced “blocks”: 90 or so Pickle Dish sections and dozens of Grandmother's Flower Garden sections arranged in an unusual elongated arrangement. Rather than storing these for the foreseeable future, we would prefer to sell them to loving homes. If you are interested in any of these lovelies, contact Patti Rusk (justpatti@cox.net or the Guild Members FB page) for photos.



Covid-19 Guild Challenge

Put your thinking caps on, get your creative juices going! Join us for this unique guild challenge! Here are the guidelines.

1. Do a wall hanging with the theme as the Covid-19 pandemic. How it affected you - what it means to you.
2. Must be 24" square with a sleeve and a label on the back.
3. Must have at least a 2" square of royal blue fabric. This is to honor nurses serving on the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is the color of the nurses scrubs in the operating room.
4. It will be due at the first meeting that we are able to get together. The board is hoping for April.
5. As we get close and we know we will meet, you will be required to let me know that you will be bringing a wallhanging to enter.

There will be a prize for each category (not as fancy as the last ones!) Here are the categories:

1. Viewer's Choice
2. Best use of Royal Blue Fabric
3. Best theme representation

4. Most humorous representation

Have fun!

Sandy Buckley

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HI, QUILTERS!



Just want to share a friendly reminder that YOU have a great way to stay connected with other guild members.

Our private member Facebook page allows you to post and view everyone's photos of all those quilts/projects you've been working on. We've even had some quilts "designed by committee", providing tips and suggestions along the way.

But, did you know that there's also a "ROOM" icon that allows you to create a virtual chat room? It's kind of like Zoom without the hassle.

We hope to SEE more of you and your quilts soon!

Marlene Charron & Kathy Anglea

PROGRAMS 2021

Community, sharing, inspiration, support, encouragement, a sense of belonging, and friendship are what makes *El Camino Quilters* a special guild. COVID-19 has deprived us of this and will for a while longer. When life returns to "normal", we'll appreciate the sweetness of our guild experience all the more!

Our 2021 roster of speakers has been set and they are as excited to come as we are to have them! The roster is on the website and Facebook Group page, but here's a bit more information about some of them if you want to dig deeper:

April - Karen Cunagin www.karencunagin.com

May - Jean Impey www.SewJean.com

June - Dora Cary www.orangedotquilts.com

July - Shawnee Miller www.thrillingthreads.com

August - Velda Newman www.veldanewman.com Also on Facebook (velda newman quilts) and The Quilt Show, Episode 903

September – Grace Errea www.amazingquiltsbygrace.com Also on Facebook (grace errea quilts) and The Quilt Show, Episode 1303

October- possible fund raiser

November – OPEN for suggestions!!

Happy quilting everyone! Stay safe and keep in touch!

Mary Jo and Stephanie

Kennel Comforters has started this year with a few changes on how it keeps the various guilds informed on what is going on with Kennel Comforters and their work with the San Diego county animal shelters, animal rescue services and organizations providing these services. We will be providing the guild with information (via newsletter article) every three months (quarterly— March, June, Sept, Dec.). If there is information taking place during a month we will not be putting out an announcement to the guild that the guild should be informed about, we will make sure there is information put out to the members at the guild meeting or in the guild newsletter. If you know of an event taking place that you are sure the guild members want to hear about (regarding rescue animals) please let us know so we can inform the other guild members. We always want to keep you informed on what is going on in the county regarding rescue animals. We also want to let you know how many beds we continue to produce. For example, each month we generally produce approximately 75 round beds (cats and small dogs) and approximately 5-10 mat beds. There is always a greater demand for round beds (the cats and small dogs love them!)

We also will start (when we can get the information and it is available) featuring some of the local and county shelters and rescue groups providing some of their history and activities. They are interesting places to learn about and the employees and volunteers love what they do to take care of the county's rescue animals. They work hard and love what they do to make sure the animals in need are taken care of.

This March we will feature the ***Rancho Coastal Humane Society***, located in Encinitas (next to the 1-5 freeway on the east side of the freeway). They were founded in 1960 and as a member of the San Diego Animal Welfare Coalition, RCHS abides by the pledge that No healthy, treatable animal will ever be euthanized for time or space. Our shelter stands with the Coalition and Abides by the Asilomar Accord when it comes to serving this community and its animals. Kennel Comforters has always enjoyed working with them and providing them with hundreds of cat and dog beds.

To give you an idea of how busy they are and widespread their work reaches throughout the county, RCHS received twenty- six pallets of pet food and supplies arrived at the Rancho Coastal Humane Society (RCHS) at 389 Requeza Street in Encinitas on Jan 6 to be distributed to qualified pet rescue groups on a first come – first served basis. This cat and dog food and other products from Chewy are donated through Rescue Bank ® operated by Greater Good Charities, a non-profit organization that supports animal rescue and rehabilitation groups by providing services and supplies. Particularly during the COVID 19 pandemic, many animal rescues have struggled to provide for the pets under their care. For this giveaway, Rancho Coastal Humane Society will pay the shipping costs for the rescue groups. There is no cost for the food and other supplies.

Kennel Comforters is so happy and proud to work with RCHS and loves to provide handmade, colorful, comfortable, soft, and safe cat and dog beds that are made for dreaming! And our feedback says that the animals love cuddling up in them.

Thank you from our hearts for all the donations, volunteering, and love you have given to the homeless animals in San Diego county.

Merilyne Hickman

CUDDLE QUILT

Here is a guide to recommended sizes.

Baby/wheelchair/Foster Angels/receiving blankets or quilts 40"-45" x 45"-50"

Lap/ teens/adults 48"-60" x 60"-76"

Breckenridge or San Pasqual 64"-70" x 76"-90"



Bev Tyner
[1275 Temple Heights Dr.](#)
Oceanside 92056
Tuesday or Thursday

Jan Jordan
[623 Plumosa Avenue](#)
Vista 92081
Monday or Wednesday

Candy Mittag
[24140 Majella Dr.](#)
Ramona 92165
Anytime

KENNEL COMFORTERS

The Global Quilt Connection Presents:

The All Star Virtual Sampler Platter!

[Registration is now open](#) for the All Star Virtual Sampler Platter! Have you been reluctant to try virtual workshops? This jam-packed exciting virtual event is sure to be a rollicking good time and will give you a taste of what a virtual workshop is like with some of the best teachers the virtual world has to offer!

To register, go to www.globalquiltconnection.com/specialevents.html. The workshops will be held on **Saturday May 22, 2021 3-6pm (eastern) and Sunday May 23, 2021 3-6pm (eastern)**

In this live Zoom meeting an All-Star cast of 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate some of their favorite quilting techniques over two different days. It's a showcase of a wide variety of styles and techniques, from traditional to modern and art quilting techniques with something to please everyone! You will receive a PDF that includes written instructions to go along with each teacher's demonstration, as well as a page with tips for making the most of the live demonstrations.

[This event will NOT BE recorded.](#)

Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like, grab a cuppa and join the fun. Between each 15 minute demo we will offer short zoom tutorials that will help you get the most out of a Zoom workshop.

The live Zoom meeting will have at least a 1,000 person access limit at any one time. If the meeting is full when you log in, you will be directed to a youtube livestream and won't miss a thing! We will have moderators on board to make sure the viewer experience is as smooth as possible. Note that this will be a Zoom meeting, not a webinar.

[This event will NOT BE recorded.](#)

For sale: 9 month old Babylock Altair sewing and embroidery machine with IQ monitoring. It's a beautiful machine but due to health changes I would like to sell it.

Eleanor Myrus

858-248-2758

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...Push buttons on my sewing machine
...Bring me your clothes to iron
...Pull on any loose threads
...Wonder aloud why I'm still in my pajamas
...Come looking for food this is not the kitchen



APRIL

- 3 Lendia Kinnaman
- 3 JoAnn Lamb
- 5 Phyllis Lewcock
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Hello Quilters!

QUILTING is SEW much Fun!!! I have been sewing and having a blast and I know you have been too. I am offering a special 35% discount to all El Camino Guild members on your first quilt with me.

Give me a call, I can meet you or you can drop off at my home in Carlsbad.

Rena Hernandez