

QUILT SCRAPS

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Well, that was FUN! The El Camino Quilt Guild held its first ever virtual quilt guild meeting on February 11, 2021. We caught up with our quilting friends, heard about the Guild's ongoing activities, and got a chance to see the gorgeous quilts our fellow guild members have made during the pandemic. We had 81 members attending, and thanks to our new Zoom Committee, the meeting ran as smooth as a silk quilt.

So don't miss our next virtual guild meeting on March 11, 2021. The great Mel Beach will be our speaker. Read all about her program in the article in this newsletter. You will also have an opportunity to share those wonderful quilts you have been creating over the past year. Send a picture of the quilt you want to share to Elizabeth O'Toole at otoolee@me.com. Then attend the meeting and tell us all about your quilt.

You are welcome to invite friends to our March meeting. The Board has decided not to charge for guests as long as we are meeting virtually. This is a great time to get some of your friends interested in our guild. You will shortly be receiving an e-mail invitation to the meeting. We are asking that you RSVP to the invitation for yourself and any guests (please include your guests' e-mail addresses). Our Zoom Committee needs an approximate count of how many people are attending so that they can best format the meeting. But even if you forget to RSVP, join the meeting, enjoy Mel Beach's presentation, show off your quilt, and catch up with your friends. The meeting will open at 9:00 to give you a chance to socialize, and we will officially kick-off at 9:30.

We are also now offering virtual workshops. Read all about Mel Beach's workshop that will be held on Friday, March 12, 2021 in this newsletter. There are still a few spaces available if you act quickly.

On a more somber note, I'm sure you have all heard about the disasters in Texas caused by freezing weather, winter storms, and power outages. If anyone knows of a local organization that is collecting quilts for the people of Texas affected by these disasters, please post that information on our Facebook page so that our interested and generous guild members can help out.

Linda Stanwood
President
linda.stanwood@gmail.com



MARCH PROGRAM

NOTES FROM MEL BEACH:

FREE MOTION CREA-TV AND REALITY

Tune in as I share my love of free motion quilting as it relates to my guilty pleasure of watching reality television!! I'll share my own unscripted, real-life adventures of learning to free-motion quilt. You won't want to change channels as I share my confessionals about my fear factors, extreme makeover story, myth busting tips and tricks for quilting on a domestic sewing machine, and "show"mance with some of my favorite tools and notions! Be sure to set your TiVo and DVR, as you won't want to miss this humorous and inspirational presentation - complete with a trunk show finale!

Workshop:

Modern Free Motion Fillers and Fun!

Do you love the look of modern quilts but unsure how best to quilt all that negative space? In this workshop, I'll share my favorite mark-free, modern quilting motifs involving C-curves, loop de loops, zig zags, and door beads. We'll explore how simple changes to each of the designs will yield all new filler designs! This is a low-stress and super fun workshop that is perfect for quilters who are new to free-motion quilting, as well as those looking to add new modern designs to their quilting repertoire. You'll leave with new design ideas, tips and tricks for free motion quilting success, and the confidence to add beautiful, modern quilted texture to your modern quilt tops!



MARCH WORKSHOP

MEL BEACH VIRTUAL FREE MOTION QUILTING WORKSHOP
FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021 – 9:30 AM.

We are happy to announce that our Workshops are starting again – Virtually on Zoom. This is a wonderful way to gather and learn from a highly respected quilter.

Mel Beach will be hosting our March Workshop on free motion quilting virtually. She is experienced in successfully teaching this way and making it fun.

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.

To see work created by Mel Beach, visit her website – www.melbeachquilts.com.

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

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	~OR~	Vicki Greene
7104 Almaden Ln		4661 Barcelona Wy
Carlsbad, CA 92009		Oceanside, CA 92056

BY 3/31/21 to be eligible for the 1st quarter prize drawing!!!

We will have a virtual prize drawing 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!

We hope you'll become a 2021 UFO groupie with us! Sew on !

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

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Friendship Groups are not meeting in person at this time due to COVID restrictions. Some groups are meeting by Zoom, others are not meeting, but staying in touch with each other.

We will be able to assist you more as we are able to meet in small groups again. If we can assist anyone with a Zoom meeting, please let us know.

For more information, please feel free to contact us at:

mcd572@aol.com Maryann Donovan

tritacco@gmail.com Tara Ritacco

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

hannielu@aol.com

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:

March - Mel Beach www.melbeach.com You can also check her out on Facebook, Pinterest and The Quilt Show, Episode 2112

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!!

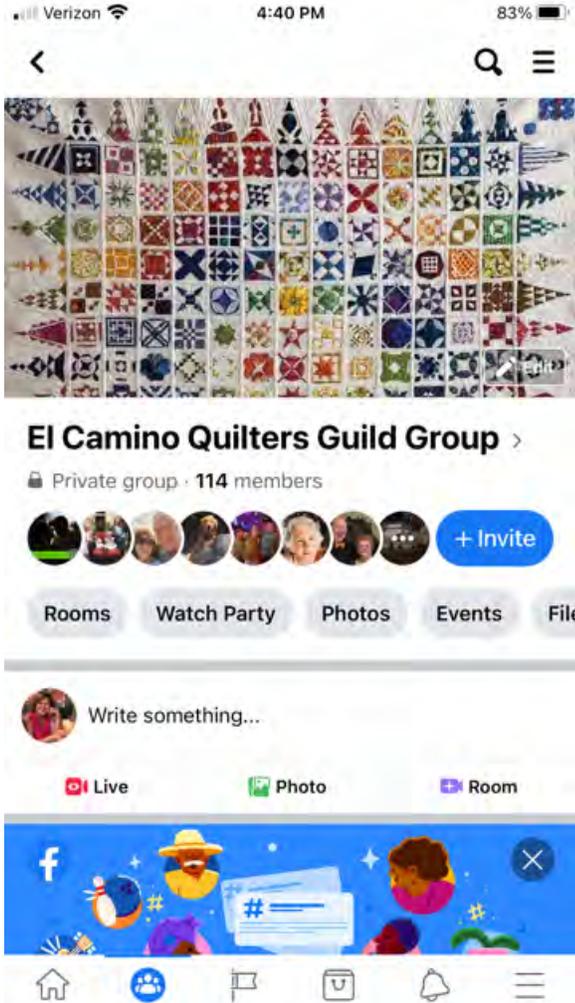
Happy quilting everyone! Stay safe and keep in touch!

Nancy, Mary Jo and Stephanie

Ready for another Sew-Along?

By Marlene Charron and Kathy Anglea

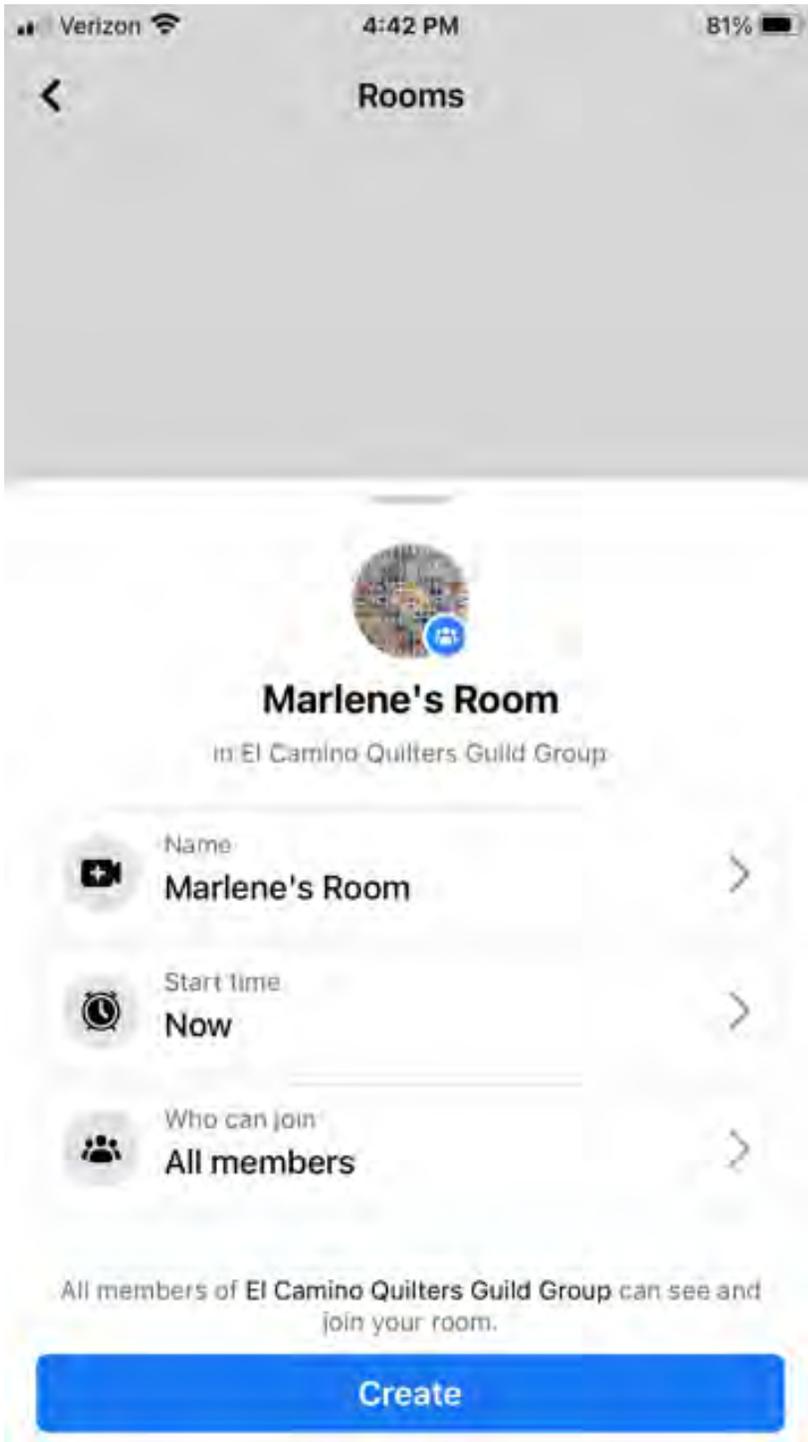
Well now that we have our first Zoom guild meeting under our collective belt, maybe we're ready for another sew-along. Some of you are suggesting monthly ones! That's more than Kathy or I can handle right now, but we have a great idea!



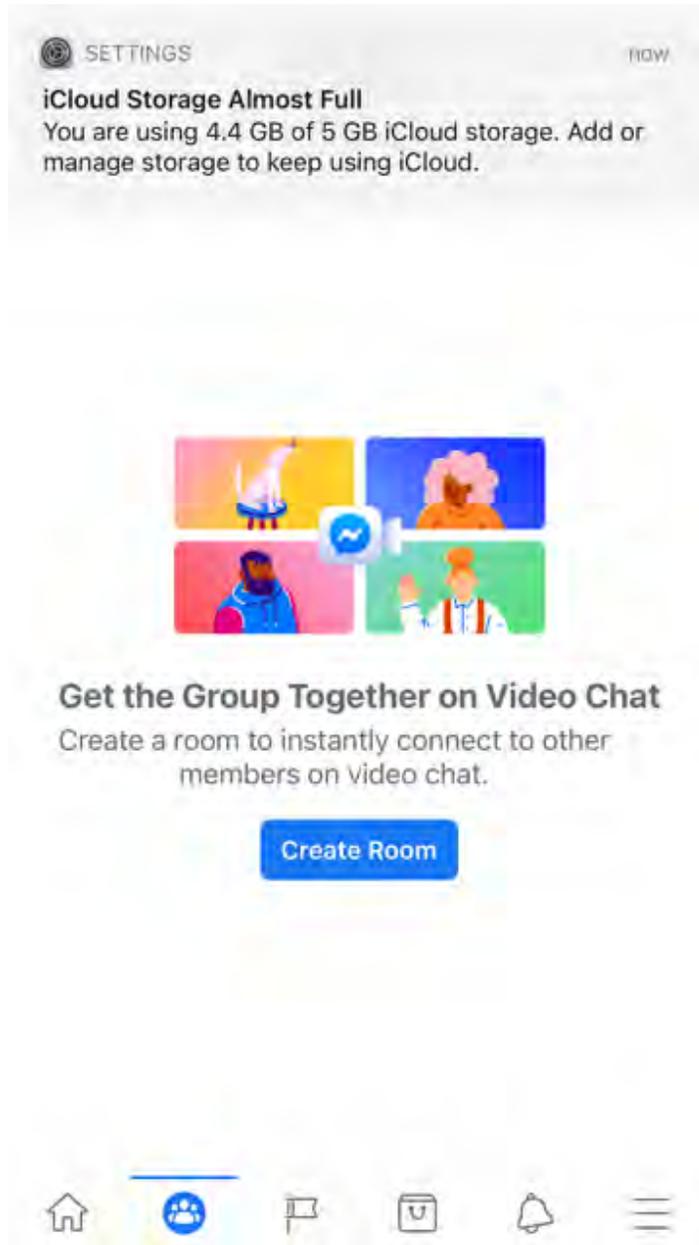
You've all heard about the evolution of driverless cars, and that's how we have envisioned our Members-Only Facebook page. So, we're proposing a little tutorial for those who'd like to volunteer to host a future sew-along on our Members-Only Facebook page.

It's pretty simple, and here's a quick overview:

1. Open the group page and find the "Rooms" button
2. Select the "Rooms" button to get to the next screen.
- 3.



Select "Create Room"



4. Name your “room/event (*like “Monday Funday Sew Along”*)”, schedule your Video Chat & select “Create”.

If you select “Now” as the Start Time, and “All Members” for “Who can join”—BIN-GO— any member currently online can instantly join you on our Facebook page. So! Whose game to experiment with your friendship group of a few friends? And maybe volunteer to host a sew along for a few hours?

Please email Marlene at mccharron@cox.net if you’re interested in hosting.

CUDDLE QUILTS

SERENDIPITY, the faculty of happening upon fortunate discoveries when not in search of them. This word was coined by British author Horace Walpole (1754) while creating a bit of literary fiction. So the word may be made up but during this covid time serendipity is a perfect description of our Cuddle adventures.

Typically we provide quilts, NICU blankets, placemats, and pillowcases to many different organizations but COVID pruned that down to groups that help babies, toddlers, vets, and hospice. That allowed for us to focus as quilts poured in from you at an amazing rate.

So when a need for domestic machine or longarm quilters, binders, or quilt back makers would pop up, we would get a call, text, or email offering the exact help that we needed...sometimes before we needed it!

There are always, almost every week, projects being returned completed and projects being handed out to eager helpers-YOU! Many times a fabric donation would occur and there would be the perfect materials needed. Individuals and groups stepped forward and enthusiastically and repeatedly worked on bags-BIG bags- of quilt works. I really did have worries that I was asking for a bit too much but those concerns were decidedly squashed by all of you helpers.

So Cuddle continues to dwell in an almost fictional space where serendipity occurs regularly but the results are very real and continue to add a sprinkle of wonder to those who receive our handmade goods.

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

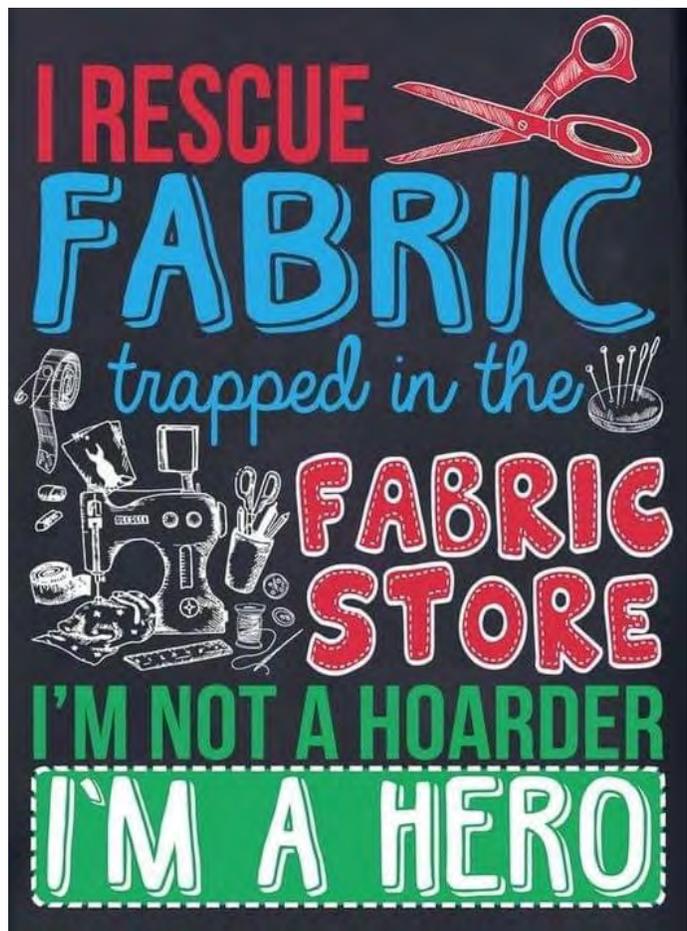


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- 2. Nellie Harrington
- 2. Cheryl Leddom
- 3. Hazel Samuels
- 5. Deborah Bragen
- 6. Dana Lovelace
- 6. Elizabeth O'Toole
- 7. Carol Ramsing
- 7. Debby Siebert
- 10. Patti Goodman
- 12. Laurie Paurazas
- 13. Jo Ann Foster
- 14. Debbie Gunning
- 14. Shelly Hoffman
- 15. Shirley Van Sickle
- 16. Nina Aguilera
- 16. Ruth Bunyan
- 17. Lorna Cress
- 18. Ann Fait
- 20. Judy Brook
- 22. Marlene Charron
- 22. DeDe Palmer
- 29. Linda A. McCague
- 30. Joyce Boyajian

Tip of the month!

Want to see tutorials on skills to construct blocks and to finish your quilts? Check out [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) or Facebook posts from Colourwerx Basic Blocks and Missouri Star Final Stitch posts.



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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