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The Sew & Tell

North County Quilters Association



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Presidents Message by Connie Allan

Hello Quilters,

I hope everyone is enjoying a beautiful April! We had a wonderful March meeting with Sue Bouchard as our speaker—such great inspiration for all of us.

A big thank you to Jenn for her hard work filling our open positions. She has already filled three roles as of this newsletter! If you're interested in getting more involved with the guild, be sure to check out the open positions listed later in the newsletter. And remember—you don't have to do it alone. Partner up with a fellow member and become a dynamic duo!

April brings our Good Cheer Workshop, a wonderful opportunity to support our charities while enjoying time with fellow guild members as we work on quilts together.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on April 20!

Have a great week!

Connie

**Our next guild meeting is
May 18, 2025**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1087 Country Club Lane
Escondido, CA 92026

Doors open 5:45 pm _Meeting begins 6:30 pm

Message on our April Program

This month's program comes to you from the Good Cheer ladies - Sandy, Linda, Sue, Leslie & Claire (who doesn't attend meetings but is very much a part of Good Cheer, participating in fabric sorting, kit production, program creation, etc, at our Good Cheer meetings).

There will be a pile of flannel quilts to tie. We provide needles, perle cotton, and scissors - you provide the elbow grease. They will be donated to Interfaith.

Karolyn Hart will demonstrate wool applique. She did this 2 years ago and everyone was fascinated. She'll also bring several finished pieces for you to ogle. They are spectacular.

We will demo the mitered corner that we use when we fold the back over to become the binding. Done properly, it results in nice, neat corners that finish off the quilt perfectly. If your corners are wonky, be sure to watch this demo and learn a better way.

We'll also show you how to make 8 half square triangles at once - far and away the easiest method to create these great blocks. So many ways to use these building blocks of quilt making.

This is always popular with a handful of you so we will bring light boxes, markers, and muslin so you can trace quilt labels from the book we'll provide. And - there will be a quilt show of some of our personal quilts that have never been shared at the meetings, or if they were, it was long ago. All 5 of us are good quilt makers so it'll be a treat to see many of the personal quilts that hang in our homes.

See you there!



Message from Membership

Hello to all you very talented and creative quilters, I was always told as a child that April showers bring May flowers (my sister's birthday is in April and mine in May!) Hoping we have rain because I love flowers. Having said that, I am hoping that attendance will be great even if it rains. We had 51 members and 7 visitors attend in March! .It is so wonderful that we have dedicated quilters coming to enjoy our common love for quilting, learning from each other, hearing wonderful speakers to enrich and encourage us to try new styles, methods or techniques, and its always a highlight when members share quilts with us too. In June, we will be able to collect payment for 2026-2027 membership dues if you want. But until then, please continue to sign in, wear a name tag, invitie a friend and enjoy another great meeting.

Sew happy to know you all,

Lynn Cass

Membership Coordinator

Good Cheer

We had a great return rate this month - 12 quilts and 22 pillow cases.

Quilts from - Romany Bowers, Rebecca Complin, Sandra Elliott, Soozee Sidebottom, Jill Conger, Donna Harris, Elainerose Wingo, Deb Stevens. [See them all here.](#)

Pillow cases from - Rebecca Complin, Sandra Elliott, Donna Harris, Deb Stevens, Marie Tuck.

Thanks to all of you who took a quilt kit in lieu of a pillow case kit. Pillow cases kits will be back next month.

No need to stuff your finished item back into the zip lock baggie that the kit came in. Folded up with the baggie and instructions separately makes less work for us when it comes time to take photos of everything. Thanks.

We're working on some new patterns and hope to have one or two ready for the April meeting.

Claire, Sandy, Linda, Sue & Leslie

PARLIMENTARIAN

Hi everyone!

I have 2 good news items to share!

The first bit of good (actually great) news is that Toni Collins has taken on the role as the next PARLIMENTARIAN!!! Rebecca Complin has agreed to be our next SECRETARY!!! Stephanie Swadell has agreed to be our next MEMEBERSHIP CHAIR!!! Gail Fisher and Katie Fallon will be in charge of FAT QUARTERS!!! Thank you for taking on these roles to ensure the success of the guild for the next 2 years!

The 2nd bit of good news is that are only 7 positions left to be filled!!! 3 are board positions and 4 are committee chairs.

Remember, these positions can be shared with another person! I actually recommend this so that you can share the responsibilities and help each other out when needed. These positions need to be filled by the April meeting, so that it can be approved by the everyone. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if one of these positions are just screaming your name!!!!

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

PRESIDENT

Simply put, the president runs all of the guild meetings and the board meetings!! Board agendas are pre-printed for you!!

VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS

The Vice President is responsible for arranging and coordinate out monthly speakers/monthly programs. Between our potlucks, Good Cheer Work Party, and usually one other member led meeting, we only need about 5 or so speakers per year!! **And this year, the speakers for Sept and October will be DONE FOR YOU!!**

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEETINGS

This vice president is responsible for the setup and take-down of each of our meetings, opening and locking the doors of the church. The good news is that the tables and chairs are already set up on Mondays! You just need to arrange them, so it works for our meeting, then put them back where you found them!

NEWSLETTER

Collections information from both board and guild members, prepares the monthly newsletter and emails it to the members. Connie has the format already available to you!

OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIRS

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Arrange to display the quilt at various locations and be in charge of the distribution of member raffle tickets.

QUILTY TREASURE BASKETS

Designs a raffle basket of choice monthly to sell tickets. Able to collect items for the basket from White Elephant if needed. **Can also coordinate others to sign up/volunteer to do a "basket of the month" (you don't have to do them all!!) Basket usually includes a mini quilt that has been donated by guild members.**

ADVERTISING

Responsible for seeking out annual advertising commitments from local businesses, primarily to have them published in our directory and newsletter. Reaching out to the advertisers who are already in the directory is a great place to start! We just ask them if they would like to renew!! This helps bring revenue into our guild.

Thank you everyone! Think about which one you would like to fill! I will be in touch! Jenn

White Elephant

Fellow Quilters, Our April and May meetings will be the last opportunities to shop White Elephant this guild year. In June we'll be enjoying the end-of-year Potluck. We're sure some of you are already thinking about "quilty" holiday projects and gifts, or may need a little inspiration. So to help in that direction, holiday fabric will be included in the May selection of fabric and again in the fall.

Remember to bring a tote bag to carry home your purchases!

Shopping starts at 5:45 pm when the doors open. See you then.

Gail B



Far Quarters

Sewing, clothing, fashion themed prints

Quilt Pleasures Opportunity Baskets

The theme for April will be Fashion Show

\$3 Block DUE

This is the last returned block of the year! We hope all who have participated have had as much fun as we have had creating these for you all. It looks like we will be creating next year's blocks as well. Looking forward to more DONE's as we map and plan next year!

Katie Fallon & Gail Fisher

Guild Year Challenge

DUE AT MAY MEETING! Rules to be entered into the competition are as follows:

- 1- MUST use any sized piece of the Challenge Fabric provided
 - 2- MUST have a star of some kind somewhere in your project
 - 3- MUST be a completed project (binding, pillow stuffed, etc)
- It does not need to be a quilt. This can be clothing, crafting, home accessory like a pillow sham, head wear, etc.

Katie Fallon & Gail Fisher



April Birthdays

A very Happy Birthday to all our members with a April Birthday!

Maureen McClellan 4/1
Suzan Fornof 4/15
Sue Ragan 4/19
Paula Huntington 4/29



Stop by the White Elephant table to select \$5.00 worth of fun material for your birthday gift!

Newsletter

There will be no June newsletter as I will be in Texas for the arrival of my 4th grandbaby.

May/June Articles for the newsletter are due no later than May 25th.

Don't forget to send us your Show and Tell. We would love to share your master pieces! Please include a brief write-up for your finished piece.

Please send all articles and Sew and Tell to newsletter@ncountyquilters.com.

Newsletter Advertising

Need to make some space in your sewing room? Now you can advertise in the newsletter each month! New or used items related to quilting - patterns, tools, fabric, sewing machines, etc - are all suitable. This is not a place to sell boutique items that you've made. If in doubt, call or email Leslie at maugreall@gmail.com or 619-993-1655. Price for guild members is \$5 for up to 5 sentences and a one photo. Non-guild members pay \$10.

I won the mini quilt raffle several months ago and sent this cute quilt up to my friend's daughter. It was immediately used and loved as a doll blanket. Passing along some quilt appreciation to the next generation.
-Laurel C





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