



May/June 2026

The Sew & Tell

North County Quilters Association



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Presidents Message by Connie Allan

Hello Quilters,

Hope all quilters May is off to a fantastic start! I can not believe how quickly the Guild year has flown by.

We have an exciting May meeting planned with our speaker, Catherine Wilson, along with our yearly Challenge. Who is excited to see all of the amazing projects everyone has created?

June 15, we will have our year-end potluck. Themes for Left, Right Center game will be announced at our May meeting.

As this will be my last newsletter as President, I would like to thank the Board and all of the Committee members for their support and the time they have dedicated to helping the North County Quilters Association succeed over the last two years. A huge thank you as well to all of the members who stepped up to help fill the open positions. Your support and willingness to help are truly appreciated.

It has been wonderful meeting so many new faces over the last couple of years, and I hope to continue seeing everyone at the meetings I'll be able to join next year.

Have a great week!

Connie

**Our next guild meeting is
June 15, 2026**

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

Doors open 5:30 pm _Potluck begins 6:00 pm

Message on our April Program

Hi Quilters! Our last speaker for our Guild year will be Catherine Wilson. She is a quilt designer and certified Judy Niemeyer instructor. Catherine started Queenie Quilts in 2010 as a means of providing quilters with world class instruction and custom built kits to assist them in making their own Judy Niemeyer masterpiece. She loves traditional piecing with a modern edge, reinterpreting old quilt blocks in new fabrics, or old fabrics in modern settings. She is bringing some wonderful examples of this intricate paper piecing technique.



June 2026

Potluck and Games! We will be having our traditional potluck and playing Left/Right/Center for fabric pieces. (Details on the fabric themes and sizes will be announced at the May meeting.) The Guild will provide drinks. I am looking forward to a fun night with you all!

Message from Membership

Happy May to you all,

Well, our guild has had a wonderful year in so many ways, and a lot is because of you all. I want to thank all the various board members and committee coordinators for everyone's efforts in planning, organizing, and making it all come together this year. Thank you, Connie for your leadership and countless hours of following up on details and filling in where needed. Our little guild is so special, and I mean that in a wonderful way along with gaining many new members it still has a feeling of unity and caring that makes this guild stand out, I believe. It's been so fun to have a small part of the opportunity to be part of helping this fantastic group of quilters come together to enjoy the love of quilting. Over the years, I have met many fabulous and creative members, visitors, and speakers. Thank you all for inviting family and friends to join us too.

You may renew your membership in June if you want. However, our new year will begin in September. If you want to be part of the directory, please submit your membership form and payment in September, but possibly no later than the middle of October, I am guessing.

Thank you for your kindness and help when filling out your applications and notifying me of any problems or concerns.

Have a great summer break, and I will see you in September.

Lynn Cass
Membership Coordinator

PARLIMENTARIAN

Hi everyone!

We have 2 positions left to fill that are unfortunately required for us to continue operating as a guild. These positions must be filled in May for the North County Quilters Association meetings to continue.

If you are interested in helping, please reach out or feel free to stop by the Board meeting on May 18th at 5:30 PM.

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 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!

Good Cheer

We got a good return at the April meeting. Quilts from Sandra Elliott, Louise Anselmo, Ellyn Pika, Jill Conger, Rebecca Complin, Luann Ochs, Elainerose Wingo. Pillowcases from Beatriz Baez, Arlye Morrison. 10 bibs from Ellyn Pika. Thanks to all who helped with our charity donations and [see them here](#). Including the tied quilts from the April meeting, we turned in 32 quilts to Interfaith. They were very grateful.

We also dropped off the following to Gently Hugged - 4 quilts, 12 knitted hats (4 of which had matching booties), 1 knitted sweater, and 23 bibs. Thanks to Linda Steiner for the knitted items. Do you knit or crochet? Your leftover yarn can become a cute baby hat. Lots of free patterns on Ravelry.

We'll have a couple of new kits at the May meeting - stop by and take one. Be the first! And although there won't be a Good Cheer table at the June Potluck meeting, we will have kits with us, so be sure to ask if you need one (or three!). Please remember that even tho binding is the last thing you do to a quilt, there's no reason for it to be poorly done. Is it free of puckers? Are the corners tidy? Thanks for helping to keep the quality of our donation items high.

Happy sewing - Claire, Sandy, Linda, Sue, & Leslie

White Elephant

Our upcoming May guild meeting is the last opportunity to shop the White Elephant table until September! A reminder that holiday fabric will be included, so come ready with ideas for gifts, decorations, and more. Remember to bring a tote bag for your purchases. Shopping starts at approximately 5:45 pm or when we let you know table setup is complete. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Happy shopping!

Gail B and White Elephant helpers

Far Quarters

Mays Theme: Cat, Dog, and other pet prints

Junes Theme: Travel, maps, destination, cultural prints

Quilt Pleasures Opportunity Baskets

Mays Theme: FURever Friends

Junes Theme: Around the World



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. We will be there early to start to display and label your creations for voting! Your guild-peers will be voting for their favorite and prizes will be awarded! We can not wait for this meeting to see what you have all been up to!

Katie Fallon & Gail Fisher



Newsletter

A huge thank you to Elainerose Wango for stepping up to be our Newsletter editor for the next guild year!

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

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

Upcoming Birthdays

A very Happy Birthday to all our members .

May Birthdays!

Lynn Cass 5/11
Donna Marie Harris 5/11
Christie Yeager 5/20
Suzie Owens 5/21
Toni Collins 5/23
Tonita Waters 5/25
Gwen Gurlin 5/30



June Birthdays!

Francine Nadey 6/5
Jennifer Lutes 6/8
Karen Steadham 6/14
Dottie Probst 6/19
Arlye Morrison 6/26

July Birthdays!

Carol Shores 7/2
Annette Champion 7/13
Beatriz Baez 7/14
Phyllis Strckland 7/19
Carrie Harrison-Mortimer 7/27
Romany Bowers 7/29
Rebecca Complin 7/30

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

A colorful poster for the "SoCal Quilter's Run" event. The background is yellow with a white zigzag pattern. The text reads: "PACK YOUR PICNIC BASKET.... We're Having Summer Fun on the 2026 SoCal QUILTER'S RUN". Below this, the dates and times are listed: "JULY 9-12 & 16-19 THURS - SAT 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM SUN 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM". At the bottom, there is a QR code, the website "QUILTERSRUN.COM", and the hashtag "#SOCALQUILTERSRUN2026". The poster is decorated with various summer-themed illustrations: a picnic basket with a red and white checkered blanket, a sunflower, strawberries, a picnic table, a pitcher of lemonade, a glass of iced tea, a watermelon slice, a hamburger, a sun hat, a yellow dress, a pinwheel, and tulips.

Please click [here](#) to visit the website for more information.

Sew and Tell



I made this quilt for my friend who has Alzheimer's. She loves dragonfly's. - Dani



I made these two quilts for a silent auction benefiting our local FFA.
The Chicken quilt final bid was \$85,
The farm animal quilt final bid was \$100

Dani



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