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North County Quilters Association



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Presidents Message by Suzie Owen

Happy September, fellow quilters! Welcome back to another year of fun, learning, and companionship. Our summer break is over, and this guild year promises to be a great one. Dani Donnachie has lined up an interesting and informative roster of speakers for us, and throughout the year we will continue to enjoy White Elephant fabric sales, Blocks of the Month, raffle baskets, a year-long challenge, and more! The Quilt Walk is Sunday, October 18 and promises to be amazing! We are continuing to sell tickets for our beautiful Opportunity Quilt, with the drawing coming up in December. In January, we will unveil our new Quilt! This month, don't forget to bring in your membership dues and forms, as well as those lovely summer projects you've completed to share with everyone. We are excited to see what you've been working on!

Our next guild meeting is October 19, 2025

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

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



Message from VP of Program

NCQA is back together again! The speaker this month is "You." Reconnect with existing members and connect with new members. The new Board will be introduced and share about their role within the Guild. What's going on? Listen as committees tell you the latest information in Advertising, Fat Quarters, raffle baskets, Block of the Month, Good Cheer, Membership, Directory, Rare Bears, the Newsletter, social media, the Website, Security Blankets, White Elephant sales, the Quilt Walk, Charities, the Opportunity Quilt, Classes, and new community collaborations. Finally, don't miss the chance to win a great door prize and please bring your summer quilting projects to Sew and Tell.

Treasurer Update

The guild is now able to accept membership dues with Zelle through Wells Fargo Bank. The email address is admin@ncountyquilters.com. Please add a memo/note to what category you are making a payment for. This is another way to pay dues but we still can take cash or check!

Sandy Hunter,
Treasurer

Nametags

Magnetic Guild nametags are now available to order! Only \$10.00! They are 1 x 3.5" white, with our Guild logo, and personalized with your name in black. The first name is larger for easy reading. The turnaround is quick, so you can order at one meeting and pick it up at the next.

Message from Membership

Welcome back to our returning members, we are so happy you are able to join us for the new guild year. Also, a BIG WELCOME to any new members that are joining us for our first meeting of the year. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2026-2027, please complete a Membership form and drop off at the Membership Table with your \$40 annual dues. We will have forms available or you can find them on our website, www.ncountyquilters.com. All membership forms will need to be received by the October Meeting in order for your information to be included in the Directory, the Sooner the Better would be greatly appreciated.

Some helpful tips when you arrive at the meeting: (1) sign-in on the attendance sheet on the piano; (2) wear your name tag or you can purchase a temporary name tag for .25 cents; (3) please keep us updated on your information if it changes during the year; (4) if you are bringing a guest, please have them sign in on Guest sheet, pay \$5 or present a guest pass for them.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us and we will get the information for you.

Deb Stevens and Romany Bowers,
Membership Co-Chairs



Magnetic Guild Nametag Sample

Treat Table

Our esteemed Treat Table coordinator, Soozee Sidebottom, has moved out of state. 😞 We will miss her and her popcorn balls and cookies! The Guild needs someone who can step into this position. If you enjoy baking and/or can coordinate volunteers to bake monthly, please call Suzie Owen at 925-864-5022. A big thank you to those bakers who helped last year—we truly enjoyed your delicious treats and appreciate your efforts. We hope this delicious program can continue.

Good Cheer

There was a lot of activity in the Good Cheer group over the summer. We met every 2 weeks, even thru the heat. We made a lot of quilt kits and a pile of pillowcase kits—lots of things for you to choose from at the September meeting. Stop by the table to see samples of the quilts and choose which kits you'd like to sew.

We also made a lot of quilts and knitted items for Gently Hugged. Altogether over July and August, we turned in 35 quilts and 18 pillowcases to Interfaith. Gently Hugged received 17 quilts, 7 sweaters, 3 hats, and a pair of booties. As usual, we can thank Linda Steiner for the knitted items. If you knit or crochet, whip a few hats to donate. [Many of the quilts can be seen here.](#)

We're happy to be back for a new guild year!

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



Fat Quarters



NEW \$3 Block

NEW \$3 BLOCK for SEPTEMBER! Bring your cash and come visit us early for your chance to pick up our next super fun block. These are pre-cut and easy to follow one-page patterns. Remember, you do not have to be present to participate. So help a friend and pick up an extra kit for someone who would enjoy the break and make something pretty. Also, you are welcome to pay for the kit at the meeting then allow us to snail-mail a person the kit to complete!

Always know that if you win all the blocks and have felt overwhelmed at the thought of finishing the quilt...no worries! We can help! If at any point you have won all the \$3 blocks and you need help to put it all together or you would like to donate them back, please contact us. We are happy to make magic happen.

We are committed to helping everyone be involved in the fun this year.

Katie Fallon & Gail Fisher

White Elephant

Hello NCQA Shoppers!!

Going forward, fabric will be \$3 a yard, three quarters of a yard will be \$2.25, and half a yard will be \$1.50. Fat quarters will only be 50 cents now, and all panels will be \$3.00. All the previous fabric we had will remain at old pricing for clearance.

Come check out the White Elephant table for the deals and new fabrics collected over summer! And, in time to start those gift for projects, holiday fabrics will also be available!

Opportunity Basket Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for a few creative volunteers to help put together our Opportunity Baskets! It's a fun way to share your creativity with fellow quilters and add a little excitement to our meetings.

Our **September Opportunity Basket** has a **Halloween** theme! 🎃👻 If you'd like to put together a basket, please sign up and help us make this month's drawing extra fun!

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 five sentences and a one photo. Non-guild members pay \$10.

Security Blankets

Here we are at the beginning of another Quilt Guild year, and I would like to remind everyone about our Security Blanket project. About twelve years ago, our guild teamed up with Palomar Forensics to make fleece blankets for their survivors of sexual and domestic abuse as clothing is often taken for testing. Over that period of time, we have averaged well over two hundred blanket donations each year, and they have been greatly appreciated. Our main source for fleece was JoAnn Fabrics. We started this past year quite well, because many of us stocked up when they were closing. We did donate seventy-four blankets, but from February until June we only received seven. Unfortunately, the need is still great, so with everyone's help, I think we can keep this project going.

Each blanket takes 1-2/3 yards of medium weight, 58-60" wde fleece (solid or subtle print). Cut off the selvages and make a single turning on all four sides. Sew with your favorite stitch. Three blankets can be made with 5 yards. Yardage can also be donated.

Hobby Lobby online has a pretty good selection in a variety of sale prices. I'm not sure about Michaels. Check out thrift stores for fleece yardage (smaller pieces can be used for Gently Hugged). If you find a good source, please share the information.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

Maureen McClellan
760-224-3494

Opportunity Quilt

Thank you so much to everyone who helped sell Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets at Inspirations Quilt Shop in July. We made \$591. Thanks also to Janice for giving us the space. I will have a sign up sheet for a new shop hop taking place October 7, 8, 9, and 10. It is put on by [Cruisin' Quilters "Pumpkin Smash"](#), and we will be at Inspirations. There will also be a sign up sheet for ["The Butler Did It"](#) holiday craft show at Williams Barn in San Marcos on October 23 and 24. Thank you for your support. See you on the 21st.

Maureen McClellan, 760-224-3494

Message from the Editor

Welcome back NCQA members! You may notice some minor improvements in this September edition such as the 12 font size text and clickable links in [blue underlined font](#), which will take you to related websites or emails. Ads and flyers are linked to their respective websites as well! Please check them all out!

I will be out of town at Pismo Beach for the September meeting, but I will see you all soon at the next event! Sew much to look forward to!

Elainerose Wingo, 619-200-2072



Newsletter

October articles for the newsletter are due no later than **October 3rd**.

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.

August and September Birthdays

A very Happy Birthday to all our members!

August Birthdays!

Alyssa Cannon
Mary Lou Rushing
Jan Bigelbach



September Birthdays!

Karolyn Hart
Erin Steadham
Linda Steiner
Ellyn Pyka
Susan Peters

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

Sew and Tell



I made this for a friend who is having a total knee replacement. Her living room decor is lighthouses. I hope it keeps her comfortable.

Dani Donnachie



Lobster Quilt Finally Finished!

About 18 years ago my youngest daughter wanted a quilt made with lobster fabric, so we began collecting fabric as we visited quilt stores. The collecting went actually pretty swiftly but the making of the quilt was vastly delayed. Finally, this summer I made it a priority to get it finished! I mailed it to her mid July. Pieced and quilted on my home machine by me.

Jill Conger



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Quilt Walk 2026

A Celebration of Quilts & Community



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** for **Quilt Walk 2026** at the **San Marcos Historical Society, 1952 Sycamore Dr., San Marcos, CA 92069.**

This is a **FREE event**, open to everyone, and is being presented in collaboration with the San Marcos Historical Society.

Quilt Walk 2026 is simply a celebration of **quilts, creativity, friendship, and community**. Beautiful quilts made by our guild members through the years will be displayed both **indoors and outdoors**, giving visitors a chance to wander through the grounds, slow down, and marvel at the many wonderful things our members have created.

Do You Have a Quilt to Display?

We would love to include it!

Gail Fisher is managing all quilt intake for the event. If you have a quilt you would like displayed, please contact Gail **soon** at **760-715-2280**.

Katie Fallon is coordinating everything else related to Quilt Walk 2026. For general event questions, please contact Katie at **760-803-0835**.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will there be vendors?

No. There will be no vending of any kind at this event.

Will there be raffle baskets?

No. There will be **no raffle baskets** at Quilt Walk 2026.

Will food be available?

There will be no outside food vendors. Any refreshments available will be at the discretion of the site coordinators.

Can I bring my own food?

Absolutely! Visitors are welcome to bring a **blanket and picnic lunch** and enjoy the grounds.

Are restrooms available?

Yes, the event site has restrooms.

Are children welcome?

Yes! Children are welcome, and there is a **large playground and grass fields nearby** for families to enjoy.

What about parking?

There is **plenty of parking available**, including designated **handicap-accessible parking spaces**. Bring a friend, bring your family, pack a picnic, and come enjoy an easygoing Sunday surrounded by beautiful quilts and good company.



We hope to see you at Quilt Walk 2026!

Fabric and Craft Supply Sale

The next Fabric and Craft Supply Sale is on **Sunday October 4th**, from **10:00am to 1:00pm** at Laurel Conger's house, **1633 Encino Drive, Escondido, CA 92025**.



Sundance Neighborhood Group

The Sundance Neighborhood Group meets at 10:00 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Sundance Mobile Home Park at 2250 North Broadway in Escondido. We help each other with quilting tips and ideas. Also, we design quilting projects to do together. Every few weeks we have a Zoom Sew Day on a Saturday....we can stay home and visit while we sew. Please join us. For information, contact Paula Huntington, 760-294-6011.

Upcoming Auction/Boutique

Fellow Quilters,

My name is Jani Bones and I Chair the Annual Charity Auction/Boutique for the Almond Country Quilt Guild.

This year's event will be held on **Saturday, November 7th** at the **First Baptist Church of Paso Robles** from **12:30pm - 4:30pm**. Below is a flyer detailing our event as an invitation to you and your members to join us during our one-day event! Last year we raised \$20,000 and we hope to do even better this year.

Hope to see you there,

Jani

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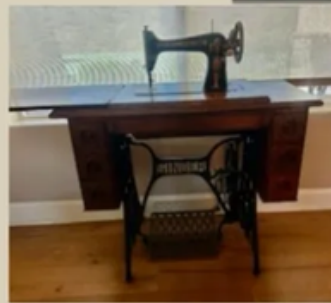
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