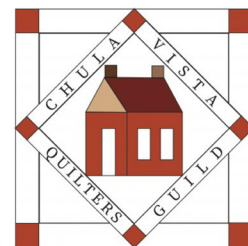


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Who had a chance to visit Road to California and see our members beautiful quilts? It's such a joy to admire a quilt and secretly think "I know her".

It is always so inspiring to see such creative quilts. If you missed it, you have another chance to see beautiful quilts at our show in May. That time is fast approaching and more details will be discussed at our next meeting. Volunteers for the show will be needed so ask yourself how you could help. We also need volunteers to take the opportunity quilt to groups to help raise money.

We will have Alex return at this months guild meeting to collect quilts for the NICU as part of her Girl Scout project. Anything you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Suggested size is 30x30. If we each could contribute one it would make a huge difference to some parents who will know someone cares.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at the meeting

— Janelle

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UPCOMING EVENTS >>>>

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026
SOCIAL BEGINS AT 6:00 PM
MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

CHECK OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

ON THE GUILD WEBSITE

WWW.CHULAVISTAQUILTERSGUILD.COM/CALENDAR

GUILD NEWS + REMINDERS

CHAIRPERSONS 2025-2026

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Karen Collin

CHALLENGES

Maureen Waterhouse

CUDDLE QUILT

Pat Doege

DOOR PRIZES

Burma Dunn

GREETERS

Melody Cernitz

50-50

Joette Fredricksen

FAT QUARTER RAFFLE

Janice Lambert

HISTORIAN

TBA

NEW MEMBER HOSTESS

Jeri Nolfi-Brown

MEMBERSHIP

Janice Lambert

OPPORTUNITY QUILT 2026

Robyn Phelps

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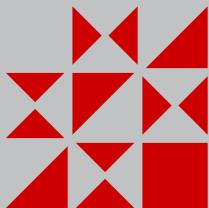
Rebecca Davidson

SOCIAL MEDIA

Gloria Sawyers

TICKET SALES

Susan Allers



WEDNESDAY QUILT CLASSES



EVERY WEDNESDAY | 9AM-12PM

Classes offer a variety of quilting methods led by multiple instructors. Enrollment is open, come when you can, by donation only.

Contact: Susan Bellis

Location: Bayview Orthodox Presbyterian Church
505 East Naples St. Chula Vista 91911

NEXT MEETING

SWAP TABLE

Bring any quilting, sewing, crafting items you no longer need or want and send them to a new loving home. Be sure to browse the table for something that could be used in your next project!

Any questions—contact
Carolyn Dexter at 619.349.2861

REFRESHMENTS

SHERRY SMILEY

CINDY BROSCHE

KAREN COLLIN

GREETERS

Susan Allers

REMEMBER TO BRING: Name Tag | Guests & New Members | \$ for 50:50 Drawing | Fat Quarter for FQ Drawing (see chart below for color/pattern) | Rope Bowl Class Payment | House blocks for block of the month swap

**BRING ANY COMPLETED BLOCKS FOR
THE GUILD OPPORTUNITY QUILT**

MONTHLY FAT QUARTER RAFFLE

January - Red
February - Greens
March - Flowers/Showers

April - Showers
May - Beachy
June - Red, White + Blue

July - Summer
August - No Meeting
September - Halloween

October - Fall Colors
November - Christmas
December - Your Choice

BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2025-26

I don't know about you, but I'm having fun with this BOM. My first block was traditionally pieced with some dimensional elements. The second was appliquéd. The third is in the process of being foundation paper pieced. And I already have plans for the next block thanks to something I saw at Road to California. I can't wait to see your next creations!! **Don't forget to bring your finished block to the next meeting (6 1/2" unfinished or untrimmed).** I will have your next backgrounds ready for you. ~ Karen C.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER

At our January meeting **Linda Fox** joined our guild. She has been a guest at meetings and shown her beautiful quilts in our Quilt Show. She attends the Wednesday morning class with many guild members. She also belongs to Legacy Quilters Guild in Santee and Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild in Lemon Grove. She is at Road to California Quilt Show learning about precision piecing.. She is an advanced quilter! She is interested in Art Quilts and Collage. Her hobbies are water aerobics and swing dance. She is a wonderful addition to our guild and we are happy to welcome her.

WHO'S WHO IN OUR GUILD?

WHO'S WHO #13

After reading the facts below, see if you can pin-point which member has:

1. She grew up on a potato farm.
2. She went to a small school in a small town. Her graduating class was considered large and there were 59 members.
3. She learned from a friend about a trade school in San Francisco where she could study to be a medical assistant. She had to walk through the Haight- Ashbury neighborhood, the center for the 1960's counterculture and hippie movement. She was a part-time nanny for a Jewish family who she lived with while going to school.
4. She went back home and met her husband to be, who was a Navy corpsman (medic). After they were married he had to go to Vietnam and he didn't meet their firstborn until she was nine months old. They lived in seven states and two foreign countries (Japan and Italy).
5. She was interested in quilting over the years. She met Myra Langley who took her to quilt stores and introduced her to the guild. She has been a guild member for almost thirty years.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM + WORKSHOP



ARLENE | HERITAGE OAKS QUILTS

February's speaker is Arlene Arnold of Heritage Oaks Quilts. Arlene specializes in antique quilts and her lecture is "250 Years of Quilt History". She will be sharing quilts and their stories from as early as 1770. From Civil War quilts to quilts of the Westward Expansion, Arlene brings our history to life.



MISSED THE QUILTED JACKET WORKSHOP?

You're in luck! Diana of Stching Style is ready to teach a second workshop for this quick quilted jacket pattern. The class would be combined with Friendship Guild and Sunshine Guild.

Let Melody know if you are interested and we can prepare a date with the other guilds.

From Amber: The class was excellent! Arrive with your quilted panels, or a quilt to cut and you can leave with your jacket completed! Most everyone in the class left with a finished jacket in the 1 day class. All I had left to do was attach my snaps when I got home. My new jacket is so cozy!



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Chula Vista Quilters Guild
presents

ROPE BOWL WORKSHOP



With Cheryle McCullough

Saturday February 14, 2026

9:30 - Noon

Mar Vista Baptist Church
888 5th Ave. Imperial Beach

\$12 check payable to Chula Vista Quilters Guild

You will work on (and probably finish) a small bowl during the workshop. And, you will learn decorative techniques, finishing methods and lots of tips and tricks.

THERE'S STILL SPACE!

Text 619-370-7775 (Melody) to register
for the Rope Bowl Workshop

PAPER PIECING WORKSHOP WITH JOY MILLER

(previously known as Joy Schlarb!)

Joy does absolutely stunning paper piecing and has agreed to lead a workshop! She will guide beginners (and those of us who have tried and tried) through the basics of paper piecing with a straightforward, small project. The workshop will be on Saturday, April 11 from 9:00 to noon. The location is to be determined. The fee is \$12.00 to the Chula Vista Quilters' Guild. Sign up at the February meeting with Melody.



QUILT SHOW NEWS

2026 Quilt Show Update

Set up date: 13 and 14 May

Show and Vendor Mall May 15 and 16, 2026

[Deadline for Entries: Sunday, May 3, 2026](#)



The Show Committee has many irons in the fire right now! Here's what's going on:

- **[Important reminder!! Publicity, while coordinated by Joette Fredericksen and Jacque Blix, is everyone's job!!](#)**
 - **The San Diego Cruisin' Quilters Shop Hop is March 6th through 14th this year. We will have paper bookmarks available at the February meeting and a sign-up sheet asking people to drop off bookmarks at all the county quilt shops when you visit them.**
 - Our publicity chairs will be mailing out show information to all 101 guilds listed on the Southern CA Council of Quilters Guilds (SCCQG) website. We have also posted a notice about the show on their site.
 - **Please distribute flyers and bookmarks wherever you can and publicize our show on your social media apps!** Also, if you visit any senior centers or Assisted Living facilities, please drop off some bookmarks or flyers – this should be a great target audience for us! There was a flyer in the January Newsletter and there is a different one in this Newsletter for you to print out and distribute.
- **Please see the reprint of the 2025 Show After Action report elsewhere in this newsletter.** We have made some significant changes to awards, categories, processes, etc. Please refresh your memory so that you won't be surprised at this year's show.
- **NOTE: correction to the categories listed in the January Newsletter.** It was decided after last year's show to change the name of the Soft Creations category to **Unique Creations**. Also, due to a declining number of entries in the Youth Category, **youth entries will now be folded into the regular categories.** Each youth entrant will still receive an Honorable Mention or participant ribbon.
- **Debbie Elliott**, our Vendor coordinator, has already secured two vendors for the show. Both "Dancin' with Clay" and "Enjoy the Little Things" have been very popular at our shows in the past, so we are happy to welcome them back!

QUILT SHOW NEWS

- Burma Dunn, Susan Bellis and Carmen Richardson **are working on some innovative ideas for the 2026 baskets.** Susan will do a presentation on this at the February meeting
- ***Please be aware that the Sew and Craft Booth reduces prices on all items sold after 1pm on Saturday by 50%. If you don't want your items reduced, be sure to pick them up by Saturday at 1 pm.*** This is intended to reduce the amount of stuff we have left over that gets donated to various charity shops.
- Our insurance request forms, and payment have been submitted to the Southern California Council of Quilters Guilds, thanks to our treasurer, Sharon Kirkwood.
- Susan Bellis has obtained our show participation labels for 2026.
- Susan Allers, our Opportunity Quilt Ticket subchair, will have envelopes with tickets and a picture of our hand quilted Opportunity Quilt, "Summer Lily." Available at our meetings. Remember, we ask that each member sell or buy at least \$20 worth of tickets. These proceeds are a major funder for our monthly speakers. Please pickup an envelope at the next guild meeting.

Looking forward to another great CVQG Show, Laurel Maloney and Kathy Cadwell, Quilt Show Co-chairs

UPDATE ON VENDORS FOR THE CVQG 2026 QUILT SHOW:

We have two confirmed vendors:

Dancin' Clay by MJ - Vendor of beautiful handcrafted polymer clay designs.

Enjoy the Little Things - Vendor of adorable crochet animals, veggies, etc.

I am so excited to work with these awesome vendors again. If you have a vendor that wants to be part of the show, and they did not receive the application packet, please send me an email.

Debbie Elliott
Vendor Coordinator
dlelliott01@gmail.com



QUILT SHOW NEWS



Calling All First-time Entrants to our Quilt Show!!

A major goal of our show is to have an entry from every single member! Yes, your creation is good enough! We want to highlight EVERYONE's work to encourage people to join our guild. We don't want to scare them off by only exhibiting work by our expert quilters! **If you are a first time entrant for our show (i.e., you've never had anything exhibited at a CVQG Show), be sure to mark "Yes" to the question at the top of the Entry Form. All first time entrants will be entered into a drawing to receive a \$25. prize.** We're also hearing rumors that EVERY first time entrant may get a special surprise! Hmmm, wonder what that will be?!!! Stay tuned.....

-Laurel Maloney and Kathy Cadwell, Show Co-chairs

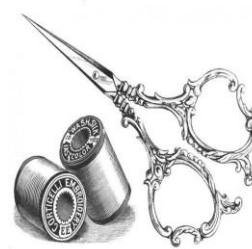
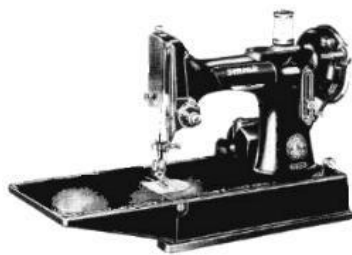


Opportunity Quilt tickets

If you haven't already seen it, this is a picture of our hand quilted 2026 Opportunity Quilt, "Summer Lily." We anticipate each member will sell \$20 in tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. This supports our guild expenses (like monthly speakers) and helps to keep our dues at a reasonable level. Tickets will be available for you at the guild meeting or contact Susan Allers 619-495-0777 to have some tickets delivered.

We will be taking the quilt to other Quilt Guilds to sell additional tickets. You can sign up for this adventure at the February meeting.

-Susan Allers, Opportunity Quilt Tickets Subchair



The Chula Vista Quilters Guild proudly presents the
**2026 Chula Vista Quilt Show
and Vendor Mall**

**Friday, May 15, 2026, 10 am-4pm
Saturday, May 16, 2026, 10 am-3pm**

**NOTE: Free parking in front and back!
Handicapped accessible**

**Bayview Orthodox Presbyterian Church
505 East Naples St, Chula Vista, 91911**

**Only a \$5 donation for entry!
Door prizes awarded every half hour**

**Buy a ticket for a chance to win our
2026 Hand-Quilted Opportunity Quilt, "Summer Lily"**

Special Exhibit: Hoffman Challenge

**Featuring our traditional Boutique with handcrafted items, Sew and Craft Booth offering fabric and gently used craft supplies, Basket Raffle and Food Service!
PLUS, our Vendor Mall featuring fabric and a variety of crafts**

**Please note: Guild booths/admission and food service only accept cash/checks
Vendors take credit cards**

QUILT SHOW NEWS | LAST YEAR'S RECAP

Quilt Show After Action Report & Recommendations for 2026

Everyone who entered or helped with the quilt show should give themselves a big pat on the back! It was a great success in every area except attendance on the second day and we certainly can't control for cold and miserable weather. We made over \$1,000 for the guild, exhibited our wonderful creativity for all the guests, kept all our vendors happy and gained at least 2 new members., hurray!

The Show Committee met for our after action meeting on May 10th and identified some issues and necessary changes for next year:

Here are some problems from 2025 Show that need to be addressed:



1. **Please read e-mails, newsletter entries and the entry form and follow the directions related to the show.** Every time someone doesn't, it just creates more work for the people setting up the show..

2. Sleeves

- i. **Must be FOUR INCHES wide** and be pinned or sewn on – **no glue!**
- ii. If your quilt is more than 90 inches wide, the sleeve must be split
- iii. Sleeve must extend completely from one side to the other. Partial sleeves cause the quilt to droop down on the sides
- iv. Instructions on how to make a sleeve will be posted in the Newsletter next spring



3. QUILT TAKE IN IS ON WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE SHOW. Quilts will NOT be accepted on



Thursday morning, unless you have made prior arrangements with the Quilt Take-in chairs, In the middle of hanging and moving furniture around, someone has to find the cards, find the roster, attach the description card and deliver it to appropriate area. Please read the guidelines and follow them.

4. **DO NOT CALL THE REGISTRAR AFTER 8 PM.** This is clearly listed on the entry form. Despite sending out many e-mails listing the number of entries for each member, Shawnie received numerous calls after 8 pm the week before the show, asking, "Did you get my entry?"

5. Do not take down your quilts after the show from the display areas! Take them after they are on the patio tables. Two entries were missing when we went to take down one of the display rooms, we thought they'd been stolen. The Show Committee does NOT need that kind of excitement at the end of a show!

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QUILT SHOW NEWS | LAST YEAR'S RECAP

The Show Committee is also planning the following changes for next year:

1. Quilt Show Categories and Prizes:

- i. **We recommended that only one prize per category go to a guild member. For example, if a member places 2nd and 3rd in a single category, they will receive the 2nd place ribbon and cash award plus an honorable mention ribbon for their other entry.** The 4th place winner will move up to the 3rd place ribbon and cash award.. This was put to the membership for a vote at the May meeting and approved.
- ii. Since we have consolidated the categories over the years due to space limitations, the number of entries in each category has increased. To reward more of our members, in addition to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners with their cash prizes, we will also award ribbons to the 4th and 5th places in each category (no cash award.)
- iii. Since the numbers in the Youth Category continue to decline, this will no longer be a separate category. Youth entries will be folded into the regular classes but all youth entrants will continue to receive a participation ribbon.
- iv. After some debate about having either a different or separate Special Exhibit, it was decided to keep the Hoffman as our special exhibit.
- v. We will be changing the name of “Soft Creations” to “Unique Creations” to better describe what’s in this category for our guests. No change in the category parameters.

2. Registrar Issues/Entry Form Changes:

- i. If entering “Unique Creations” category, you will be asked what your item is (pillow, book cover, hat, etc.)
- ii. If a youth is entering (regular categories now), be sure to include the age of the maker.
- iii. We will be reducing the size of the description cards as there were comments that they covered too much of the entry. As a result, **DESCRIPTIONS will be limited to 45 words or less.** The Registrar reserves the right to edit the descriptions if necessary.

3. Quilt Take in

- i. **Hours for quilt take in will be reduced to 10 am to 2 pm on the Wed before the show**
- ii. **Unless there are extenuating circumstances (like the error we had on the entry form, correct day, wrong date, or an emergency), we will NOT ACCEPT QUILTS ON THURSDAY MORNING.** Every member has the opportunity to call the quilt take in chairs to make other arrangements if they can’t make the regular time/date. Trying to fit quilts in on Thursday morning causes extra work and delays our set up.

4. Display Issues



- i. When smaller quilts are hung behind larger quilts, the backing on the larger quilt frames them and distracts from the appearance of the smaller quilt (see picture on the left—credit to Susan Allers). We will put lightweight fabric between the quilts with disparate sizes. **Needed: Volunteer(s)** to work with Melody to obtain this fabric and hem as necessary. Estimated cost included in 2026 budget submission
- ii. To open up space near the exit from Sew and Craft, we will block off the two small bathrooms and move the Opportunity Basket tables down and away from that entrance and seat the ticket seller at far end.
- iii. To make finding the show easier, we will post a sign for the Quilt Show on Telegraph Canyon Rd, Janelle Hickey volunteered for this job.

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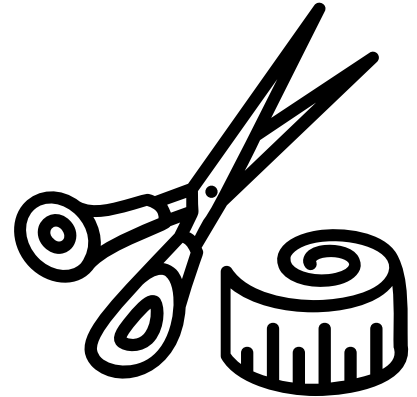
5. Budget Issues

- i. We printed 350 programs in 2025 but, with recycling baskets at exit, had many left over. Will print 175 in 2026.
- ii. We will continue the First Time entry contest, winner will be awarded \$25 vice a prize basket.
- iii. We will budget for \$100 for Opportunity Baskets to allow for the purchase of some fillers to complete baskets, like notions, etc.

2026 QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE

Next year's Annual Quilt Show challenge theme has been announced: SEASONS!

Entries must not exceed 40"x40" You can incorporate multiple seasons or highlight a single season.



WHO'S WHO #14

After reading the facts below, see if you can pin-point which member has:

1. She was born and raised in a fishing town in Massachusetts, north of Boston. She played the clarinet in the band and performed at concerts, pep rallies and at football games.
2. After school and practice, she worked nights at a soda fountain. Her husband to be came there and that's how they met.
3. He was in the navy and after they were married they were stationed in Providence, Rhode Island. After that duty they put in for Brunswick, Maine, but instead were sent to Brunswick, Georgia. It was quite a culture shock.
4. They were stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba during the Cuban crisis. They arrived with two children and left with three. Next was Norfolk, Virginia where he was on an aircraft carrier. Then at a very interesting duty at the space program in Houston, Texas.
5. Finally, they were stationed in San Diego where he had 15 different duty stations in San Diego County and their children had a very stable home and school life.
6. She worked as a Bookkeeper at the Bonita Pet Hospital and met someone who invited her to the Chula Vista Quilters Guild. She has been a member since 1993.

Find the answer to Who's who #14 later in the newsletter!

THE YEAR AHEAD | CVQG 2026 PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

	SPEAKER	LECTURE/EVENT	WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY	ARLENE ARNOLD	250 YEARS OF QUILT HISTORY	-
FEB	CHERYLE McCULLOUGH	ROPE BOWLS	FEB 14 AT MAR VISTA BAPTIST
MARCH	LINDA SULLIVAN	SUCCESSFUL MACHINE APPLIQUE	MARCH 15
APRIL	CINDY LOHBECK	DIARY OF A DYE HARD	MINI WORKSHOP AT MEETING
APRIL	JOY MILLER	PAPER PIECING	WORKSHOP DETAILS TO COME
MAY	DANA KEELER	STITCHED IN TRADITION	-
MAY		CVQG QUILT SHOW	
JUNE		ANNUAL JUNE POTLUCK + QUILT SHOW RECAP	
JULY		CHARITY QUILT SEW IN	
JULY	MAUREEN WATERHOUSE	DYING WORKSHOP	WORKSHOP DETAILS TO COME
AUGUST		----- HISTORICALLY DARK -----	
SEPTEMBER	PHYLLIS CULLEN	IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FACE	POWAY WORKSHOP DETAILS TO COME
OCTOBER	BARBARA BLANTON	BETTER DONE THAN PERFECT	OCT 15 AT MT MIGUEL
NOVEMBER	BETH UPSTILL	ADVENTURES IN WOOL APPLIQUE	WORKSHOP DETAILS TO COME
DECEMBER		ANNUAL WINTER POTLUCK AND HOLIDAY BAZAAR	



GUILD NEWS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR | UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

VALLEY QUILTERS

FEBRUARY 13-14, 2026 | 10AM - 4PM

VALLEY-WIDE RECREATION CENTER 901 WEST ESPLANADE • SAN JACINTO, CA 92583

REFER TO WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: WWW.VALLEYQUILTERS.ORG

THE SAN DIEGO PEOPLE OF COLOR QUILT SHOW | SDPOCQUILTGUILD.COM

FEBRUARY 28, 2026 | 10AM - 3PM

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SOUTHEASTERN LIVE WELL CENTER | 5101 MARKET STREET, SAN DIEGO 92114

FREE PARKING ADJACENT TO STRUCTURE.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF LAKESIDE 40TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW AND BOUTIQUE

MARCH 20 - 21, 2026 | 10 AM - 4 PM

LAKESIDE VFW

12650 LINDO LANE, LAKESIDE, CA 92040

SWEETWATER WOMAN'S CLUB SPRING GARDEN AND CRAFT FAIR

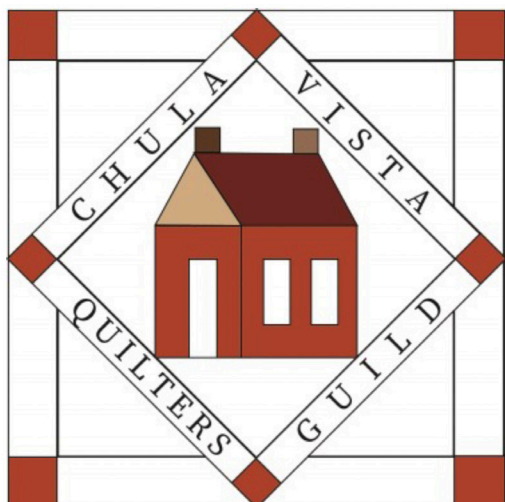
APRIL 17-18-2026, 10 AM TO 4 PM

SWEETWATER WOMAN'S CLUB


3855 SWEETWATER RD, BONITA, CA 91902



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CONNECT WITH US

 **The Guild Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at:**
COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MEETING ROOM
276 F STREET, CHULA VISTA, CA 91910
Enter at the back, near the intersection of Church and Center Streets. Social begins at 6pm. Meeting begins at 6:30pm, program follows.

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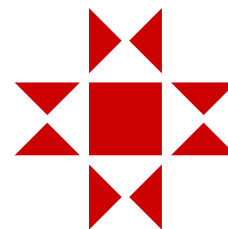
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Deadline is the 25th of the current month for publication the following month.

Thank you! - Amber Myers



KEEP TRACK OF ALL OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND BOOKMARK OUR CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE:

WWW.CHULAVISTAQUILTERSGUILD.COM/CALENDAR



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IN OUR GUILD IS
JANET STEVENSON**

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