

DISPATCHER

Volume 36 #2

Next Meeting: **February 14, 2018**

FEBRUARY 2018

Doors Open at 8:30—Meeting Starts at 9:30

At Garden Grove Elks Lodge

Snacks: **A - F**

February Speaker: Claudia Dallas Gomez

Topic: COLORstory

Workshop: The French Door

Claudia made the leap into modern quilting with her eyes wide open. After a 25- year career in commercial interior design, she took her visualization skills in graphic design & color and applied it to fabric. She uses architectural software to design her quilts, and then she dyes her own custom color palettes. When it comes to quilting, she organizes space with bold shapes & rhythmic echo quilting.

“If you can’t see the quilting from across the room, then the work is not bold enough to draw the viewer in.”

She loves sharing her passion for fabric dyeing, color and freestyle piecing. From April through November, Claudia holds fabric dyeing workshops at her studio in Redondo Beach.

Find out more by subscribing to her newsletter:
<http://www.devotedtocolor.com/newsletter.html>



A word from Our President

As I sit here contemplating my newsletter article as President of this amazing guild, I am struck by how we have grown since this guild was first formed. As a charter member, I have watched us grow and get better each year. Those first few years, we outgrew our meeting space three times. And, now, we have this wonderful facility that can hold all of us with no problem.

My goal for this year is to keep this guild running smoothly and get to know more of you better. While I know a lot of you, there are still too many of you I don't know.

We are so fortunate to have all the wonderful speakers and workshops that we do. They come to us from all over the United States and offer a wide variety of topics and workshops to satisfy every quilter. Just this year alone, we will have workshops on modern quilting, paper piecing, embellishments, finishing and binding, piecing, applique, and wool. And, our workshops are the best deal in town, hands down, at \$30. If you haven't taken a workshop yet, this is the year to do it. Our workshop facility is wonderful and brightly lit. You will find it one of the best ways to get to know other members better as well. See Robin Gallagher and Pat Barton at the workshop table to sign up.

My primary focus this year will be on our philanthropy efforts. Throughout the year I will be issuing challenges to each of you. The first one is for everyone to make at least one of the Perkiomen blocks for the Thomas fire victims. The pattern can be found on our guild Facebook page and on the Ventura Modern Quilt Guild's website. This will be an ongoing project as so many people have been affected by this fire and the need is strong. Bring your block(s) or quilt top to a meeting and we will make sure they are delivered to the proper party.

Until next month.

Happy Stitching,

Marie

2018 Officers Installation



Heartfelt appreciation from your past President

To all my friends in OGQG

Thanks a million stitches for my wonderful President's quilt. I love it. It's perfect. I appreciate every element and am so grateful to Pam Boozan who headed up this endeavor. And also to Cecilia Hosford, the quilter -- my awe in your quilting skills just grows. Mary Stockard, of the giant table and even more giant heart, your handprints are all over this! And every block is colorful and different and happy! I smile every time I look at them.

Do come by and see this wonder on the Guest Room bed at my house. It brightens that room so much my guests will be awake all night!

Xoxox

Gayle Wayne



WAYS AND MEANS - BASKETS

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

February brings us Valentine's Day, Presidents Day and Martin Luther King Day! A month of celebrations!

First of all a big thank you to those who brought pieces made by me that you have won over the last two years, to last month's meeting. I enjoyed my time "on stage" sharing my quilting projects and stories. For me, quilting is so much more than starting and occasionally finishing projects. The people I have met during my days with the Guild have led to friendships that I never would have otherwise. It has given me opportunities to learn and grow in so many ways. Most of all, it has enabled me to experience love and support in good times and not so good times. It has made me realize that I am never alone!

Oh my, that last paragraph is so.....not like me! But then maybe it is!

As you continue to recycle and downsize, please remember the baskets. Please consider your gently used items (not only quilt related) for our baskets. Holiday items that are still useable would be appreciated.

Just a gentle reminder: make sure you deposit your tickets by the end of the break. Also, as a courtesy to speakers, please purchase tickets before the meeting starts (We try to set up approximately one hour before) and during the break. Thank you for your cooperation.

Many thanks to those of you who faithfully support our efforts by buying tickets and donate items every month! You make our efforts worthwhile and our baskets successful! You are fantastic!

Hoping to see you at our table and hope someday YOU will have a winning ticket!

Justine Gentile and Carol Logue



Philanthropy

Sew Day /Demo—February 8 at Driftwood Mobile Park in Huntington Beach 10:00am

Thank you all for picking up the sandwiches for quilting. We are getting somewhat caught up on that end. We have had a wonderful response from Orange County Cancer Center, in fact such a wonderful response that we are going to be in need of more adult lap size quilts. So, if you are interested in sharing your talents on an adult level...

We will continue to have pillowcase kits each month. Jane tabulated total number needed to meet last years gift to Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County, divided by 11, the number of Guild meetings and that is the number of kits we will have available each month. We are already ahead of our goal, so thank you so much for using kits and also using your own stash! Patterns are available at the Philanthropy table on Guild day.

As of this writing we are planning our mini free motion quilting clinic to be held at Driftwood Mobile Park on February 8. Looking forward to learning new techniques and just practicing quilting. Quilting is like getting to Carnegie, it just requires practice, practice, practice.

Thank you again for all your generous support and tireless work on behalf of Philanthropy. Many happy, warmer people because of your contributions.

Becky Meekhof

Additional Sew Day Info for February-

We are so excited about our plans for the February meeting. Sharon Closson has agreed to demonstrate free motion quilting (FMQ). Along with this she will demonstrate her method of using plain Elmer's glue to "baste" quilt sandwiches together. This all by itself will be worth coming to Sew Day! If you are planning to come and participate please bring the following:

1. Sewing machine with darning foot set up.
2. 90/14 Quilting or Topstitch needles.
3. Thread, better to have bobbin thread contrasting to top thread for tension purposes.
4. Quilting gloves are an advantage, but not absolutely necessary
5. Sketch paper and pencil/pen.
6. Optional extension table for your machine.
7. Sewing machine manual in case there are questions in regard to use of your machine.

The plan is to use very small philanthropy quilts or the plethora of fat quarters that philanthropy currently has as practice materials. Please bring those bits of leftover batting you might have to use to make the practice pieces.

February Workshop
Claudia Gomez
Thursday February 15, 2018



For February, our Guild will be hosting Claudia Gomez, a local quilter and designer. Claudia is a Modern Quilter and she specializes in hand dyed fabrics.

Claudia will be teaching “The French Door”. The French Door is a fun improvisational class where no two blocks look alike. You will build your blocks by free cutting your favorite COLORFUL fabrics. After making the 10 blocks, we insert them into the “door” and they become glass panels. We will play with COLOR in both solid and print fabrics.

There are still a few openings. I would love to have you join us for a fun day of learning, laughs and just hanging out with fellow quilters.

The workshop is held at 5200 Blackpool in Westminster. The instructor begins teaching promptly at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Doors to the room open at 8:15 a.m. giving participants plenty of set-up time in order to be ready to begin the class on time.

Remember to bring your lunch, drinks and necessary supplies in order to enjoy your day creatively sewing with quilting friends old and new.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

Workshop Chair: Robin Gallagher, robingallagher@yahoo.com

Member Workshop Sign-Up Sheet for 2018

Member Name _____ Phone number _____

Email Address _____

You will be notified if one of your chosen workshops is full and you are put on the waiting list. If you are put on the wait list, you will be refunded your payment and payment will be due only if space becomes available to you.

_____	January	NO WORKSHOP	
_____	February 15	Claudia Gomez	\$30.00
_____	March 15	Jackie Kunkel	\$30.00
_____	April 12	Peg Pennell	\$30.00
_____	May 10	Deanne Eisenman	\$30.00
_____	June 14	Helen Young Frost	\$30.00
_____	July	NO WORKSHOP	
_____	August 9	Norma Whaley	\$30.00
_____	September 13	Brenda Henning	\$30.00
_____	October 11	David Taylor	\$30.00
_____	November 15	Leah Zieber	\$30.00
_____	December	NO WORKSHOP	
_____	TOTAL		_____

Please check the workshop you wish to sign up for. Workshop must be paid for before you can be put on the list.

Workshop theme is subject to change and will not be refunded. Kit and Material fees are to be paid to the instructor at workshop.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

COORDINATED BY CHERYL GUACCI AND PATTY THOMPSON 2018

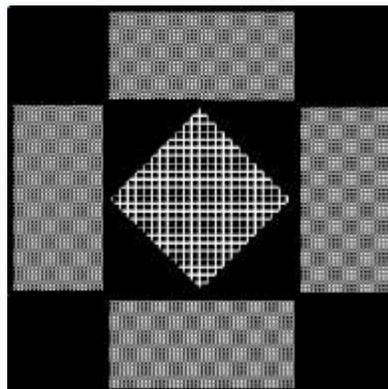
“Happy Valentine’s Day”... We love all the participation you are giving to the Block of the Month. Last month nearly 100 six inch “Bowtie” blocks were submitted. These were divided between two winners - Valarie Lopez and Bea Vieira. Congratulations, ladies.

The block to be turned in at the February meeting is a very simple six inch “Heart”. Use a white or cream background and any red or pink for the heart. The heart can be made from the same fabric or two different ones. Please see the website for complete details.

March’s Block of the Month is “Amish Diamond”. It is a traditional 12” block. It should be made from SOLIDS: black for the squares and triangles, red center, and your color choice for the four remaining rectangular pieces. Please use a good quality 100% cotton. Use a scant ¼” seam allowance. Upon completion your block must measure 12 ½” square unfinished.

BLOCK CONSTRUCTION:

1. Cut one 6 ½” square for the red center.
2. Cut four 3 ½” x 6 ½” rectangles from your solid color fabric choice.
3. Cut eight 3 ½” squares from the black. Mark a diagonal sewing line on the wrong side of four of the squares.
4. Using one of the marked black marked squares, align a 3 ½” black square with right sides together on the upper left corner of the red center square. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim off the excess leaving a ¼” seam allowance. Press the seam open. Sew another square to the opposite corner in the same manner. Complete the two remaining corners in the same way. Square this block to measure 6 ½” if needed.
5. Assemble the pieces according to the diagram below. Make rows first and then join the rows to complete the block. Press all seams open as you go. Give your block a final press. Be sure it measures 12 ½”. Bring this block to the March meeting.



HERE’S HOW IT WORKS!! Complete up to five blocks. Return your completed block(s) for this month to the Block-of-the-Month table at the meeting, and, for each block you make, your name is put into the a drawing. Before the end of the meeting one or more names will be drawn and the winner (s) win the blocks to take home and use as you like.



FINISHED
IS BETTER THAN
PERFECT

2018 UFO CHALLENGE

Members in Challenge—44
Number of Quilts Finished—37

Quilt Due in March #5

Sign up now...it isn't too late to join in all the fun...
and to finish your UFOs!

Prizes in January went to Judy Hughes, Cathy Tierney, Dana Cox, and Barbara Loureiro...congrats to all.

"There are so many benefits to finishing your UFOs, like tuning out the world, and tuning in your creative spirit."

- Susan Derring

**Orange Grove Quilters Guild
Quilters' UFO Challenge 2018**



This is a chance to turn five UFOs into quilts in only one year!

Decide which of your UFOs need to be quilts . . . pick 5

Describe the finished quilts on the next page. Make sure that No. 1 is the one you want to work on first. Give enough information to easily identify each quilt. For example, “green churn dash” is a better description than “Bill’s birthday quilt.” Fill out both copies of the list and keep one for yourself so you know what to work on next!

“Finished” means quilted, bound and labeled.

The first quilt, due on January 10, 2018 will be No. 1 on your list. It may be turned in early. After that, one quilt will be due every two months, except the fourth quilt will have 3 months because we have no meeting in July. The order of the quilts will be chosen randomly from the remaining numbers. That means that the second quilt due will **not** necessarily be #2 on your list.

When you turn in your first UFO for inspection, you will be given a ribbon and a button to attach showing that quilt is finished. You will receive another button for each UFO as it is recorded as finished. There will be drawings for prizes after each due date is reached; therefore, all who finish even just one quilt will be eligible to win a prize that month. Other prizes will be awarded when the year is up.

Due Dates:

January 10

March 14

May 9

August 8

October 10

Orange Grove Quilters Guild
UFO Challenge 2018
Finished is Better Than Perfect!

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Entry Fee: \$10.00 Rec'd on _____ By _____

Quilt	Due	Description
1	January 10, 2018	
2	?	
3	?	
4	?	
5	?	

SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE

Four tulips table topper made by Mary Mathews and donated by Mary Burger was won by Bea Vieira. Wonderful seeing so many of you at our first meeting of 2018. Hard to believe that time flies so fast. Your continued support is very much appreciated. What we do is an important element in keeping breast cancer awareness in the forefront of our members. Your generosity continues to amaze me and I am ever grateful for your ongoing support.



Much Love,

Barbara Purks

Help Support Thomas Fire Victims

The Ventura Modern Quilt Guild has launched an effort in support of the Thomas Fire Victims. Scott Griffin, VP of Ventura Modern Quilt Guild, has designed a beautiful [Perkiomen Valley Block](#) to make as relief for Thomas Fire victims. Click on the block name to view the size and fabric suggestions. Choose any solids or prints you wish to use, lights and darks as indicated. All blocks go to superbuzzy (address is included on the block information file). There is no deadline on block submission, but we would like to get quilts assembled out to the needy folks in January and February as they begin to rebuild. The guild will assemble them into quilts for those in need after this devastating fire. VMQG will be arranging sewing and quilt finishing soon. If your guild is interested in participating in this project, please contact them at communications@venturamodernquiltguild.com.

An added note from Gayle Wayne:
Efforts by OGQG for the Thomas Fire Victims

Six completed quilts and more than 200 large Perkiomen blocks are on their journey to the Ventura Modern Quilt Guild whose efforts to assist the Thomas Fire -- and now Mudslide -- victims will result in hundreds of quilts being sewn and distributed to people who lost everything. Thanks to all of you who took the time to do this. We are continuing this effort because the need is huge so if you want to make a few more blocks, or a quilt, or whatever, we will forward what you create. Bring to the next Guild meeting and turn them in to Gayle Wayne.

“STITCHES IN BLOOM”

Quilt Show Update

July 21 and July 22, 2018



Hello Everyone! Our quilt show had its first kick-off activity with the Quilt Challenge – ‘Quilt On A Stick’ packets sold by Dolores Gilbert. She still has some packets for those that still want to participate. It is going to be unique and fun to see what you come up with. I have a few ideas, and have to get started myself!

The drapes are ordered, and the planning continues. We will announce when you can start turning in your boutique items, and submit the information about your quilt entries. The UFO challenge results alone could fill our room. You are so talented and we can't wait to see your entries.

I have a need for another volunteer. Lynn Radell will not be able to coordinate the Opportunity Baskets for the show. If there is anyone out there interested in working with the friendship groups to get our entries that would be most appreciated. The last two events have had such spectacular entries that we raised \$3000 in basket tickets. It is a major contribution to our fundraising, with most of the work done by the friendship groups.

Jane Oglesby and I look forward to seeing your artwork. The next quilt show meeting is February 6, 10:00 AM, at Pam Boozan's home. Great progress everyone.

STITCHES IN BLOOM QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

We will be having a boutique again at our quilt show in July. We are asking for new handmade items to sell during the two day quilt show. Every guild member is welcome to participate so we can make it a success. All money raised goes to support our guild.

Below are some ideas for the boutique. They can be everyday or Holiday themes:
table runners, table toppers, mug rugs, decorations, pincushions, bags, purses, placemats, jewelry, oven mitts, hot pads, thread catchers, luggage tags, tissue holders, gift items, baby items or anything else you would like to make.

Completed items can be brought to the guild meetings starting in February. There will be a table in back for drop-off. Please put your name on items if you would like them returned in case they don't sell.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call, email or text Fran Bodle, home 714-540-2399, cell 714-321-0244, email jp2592@aol.com or Sherry Lincoln, home 714 848-2029, cell 714-514-9983 or email sdlincoln06@gmail.com.

We also will need volunteers to man the booth and will be sending a sign-up sheet around during the guild meeting.

Thank you
Boutique Chairpersons
Fran Bodle and Sherry Lincoln

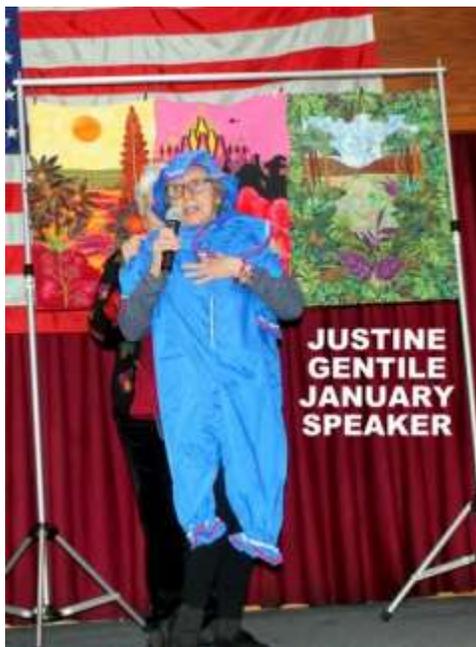
January Show and Tell



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Some Highlights from our January Speaker, Justine Gentile



January Winners!

Opportunity Baskets

#1: Carol Macey #2: Mary Alice Bendell

Door Prizes

Aileen Tsuruda: M & L

Paula Dudek: Orange Quilt Bee

Pam Boozan: Jenny's

Linda Webre: Mel's

Diane Willson: Bear's

Linda Castle: Jenny's

Marti Reiter: Orange Quilt Bee

Jeanne Concitis: M & L

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February Birthdays

			Feb 11	Louise	Nadeau
Feb 01	Justine	Gentile	Feb 11	Carolyn	Rhodes
Feb 01	Julie	Hampel	Feb 12	Rose	Cristino
Feb 02	Janet	Anderson	Feb 14	Mary	Anderson
Feb 03	Elaine	Cole	Feb 14	Betty	Hart
Feb 04	Margaret	Gritton	Feb 14	Martha	Aguilar
Feb 05	Shirley	Ellsworth	Feb 15	Susan	Servis
Feb 05	Susan	Derring	Feb 15	Pat	Rooke
Feb 05	Elaine	Pappas-Pucett	Feb 16	Patricia	Kessler
Feb 06	Catherine	Drace	Feb 16	Cheryl	Volbruck
Feb 09	Betty	Winek	Feb 20	Cynthia	Cooper
Feb 10	Gayle	Wayne	Feb 20	Marion	Powell
Feb 10	Linda	Webre	Feb 23	Gloria	Glatman

See Karen to pick up your Birthday fat quarter!



Coming Events . . .

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|----------------|---|
| February 8 | OGQG Philanthropy Sew Day |
| February 9-10 | Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show, 10 am - 4 pm, Admission: \$10
Valley-Wide Rec. Center, 901 W. Esplanade, San Jacinto, CA
More information at www.ValleyQuilters.org |
| February 14 | OGQG General Meeting |
| February 17-18 | South Bay Quilters Guild 2018 Quilt Show in Torrance
More information at sbqg2018quiltshow.weebly.com |
| March 2-3 | Desert Guilds Quilt Show 2018 in Palm Springs
More information at www.desertguildsquilts.com |
| March 10- 1 | Friendship Square Quilt Guild "Spring into Quilting" in La Habra
More information at www.fsqg.org |
| April 13-14 | Quilting by the Sea Quilt Show in Ventura
More information at www.camarilloquilters.com |
| April 21 | Simi Valley Quilt Guild Garden Party in Simi Valley
More information 805-527-2196 raganje@aol.com |
| April 21 | Quilted Treasures presented by Flying Geese Quilters Guild in Tustin
More information www.flying-geese.org |
| April 27 | Quilts: From the Bolt to the Bed -Los Angeles County Quilters Guild in Long Beach
More information Contact Nancy Needham 562-860-8821 |
| May 3-4 | Country Fair Quilt Show by Inland Empire Quilters Guild at Norco Fairgrounds
More information ieqg@hotmail.com |
| June 2-3 | FantaSea of Quilts Quilt Show at SOKA in Aliso Viejo
More information at www.beachcitiesquilters.org |
| June 2-3 | Stars Above The Sierras Quilt Show by Carson Valley Quilt Guild in Nevada
More information www.guiltshow.cvqg.com |
| July 21-22 | OGQG 2018 Quilt Show "Stitches in Bloom" |

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The ORANGE GROVE QUILTERS GUILD is a tax exempt group whose purpose is to educate, encourage and maintain high standards of design, technique, quilting and fiber arts and to inspire achievements in areas of creativity, quilting and fiber arts.

MEMBERSHIP is currently open. Annual Dues are \$25.00 per year beginning in January and ending in December. Guest donation is \$5.00 per meeting.

MEETINGS: The regular meeting is at 9:30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. (Doors open at **8:30a.m.**) **December's meeting is on the 1st** Wednesday. No meeting is held in July. Meetings are held at Garden Grove Elks Lodge located at 11551 Trask Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

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