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Next Meeting: **To Be Determined**

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Since we can't meet right now, be sure to watch your email! We have some fun and exciting news that will be in our email. Although we cannot meet right now, we can stay connected, busy and still keep our distance.

Another way to stay connected is on our Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ogqgmembers/>

As our guild weathers this storm, let's remember the ties that bind us.

A word from Our President

As I write this I sit here and seriously wonder what day and what month is it? What an interesting time of our lives! What keeps me amused most days are my 2 new grandchildren, just 6 months apart, I am loving the stories and pictures that I get daily. As a Ukrainian grandmother I am now referred to as Baba.

What is keeping you busy? I hope you are using the guild and the friendships to keep in touch and keep inspired. I have had several phone calls that the phone tree has been quite fun in reaching out to members. We have had some new friendships and sharing of common interests. If you have not made your call to the person right after you in the roster, give it try. Say hello and share a few minutes of your day.

Are you joining in the Mystery Quilt? It took me awhile to pick my colors- 3! Three colors that coordinate, how hard is that? I do not know why I must consider every possibility and compare it to another. Why can't I just pick three and go? I think the planning and cutting is a fun part for me. As I am planning, I do consider where I will use it, or who could I give it to. I hope you are on board, week by week is easy to stay on track and we will all end up with a beautiful quilt. The same but different.

Our Orange Grove Quilters Guild Facebook page has become quite the hub of activity. This is a great place to sew and share. If you are questioning a color combo or how to, this is the place. We do love to help each other. And we love to see what everyone else is working on. It's inspiring and uplifting.

Our webinar with Jean Impey went so well that we are planning them for every month that we are not able to meet as a group. That means that even though we have always been dark in July, we will still offer an artist to inspire us. We will try to have them on the second Wednesday of the month. Watch your emails for coming speakers.

Unfortunately, we have lost two of our board members this last month.

Phyllis Morrow has resigned as 1st Vice President, her husband took an early retirement and they have permanently moved up north. We know she will enjoy her new home and probably find a guild up there too.

Britta Laski will be stepping up as 1st Vice President.

Robin Gallagher has resigned as 2nd Vice President, to handle important family business.

Ann Leibovitz will be stepping up as 2nd Vice President.

Thank you, Britta and Ann, for accepting the positions and welcome to the team! We are happy to have you both join us.

I thank you and I ask again for your patience while we, the board, do our absolute best to consider all the possibilities for the guild moving forward. Every board member has had to adjust to this new environment. I am more than happy to have such strong women to work with.

Christi Kolisnyk

Sunshine & Shadows



Sunshines

I am so happy to share that I had a granddaughter April 27, 2020. Ellie Reese Korn.

Carol Lougue had another GREAT grandchild; she is now enjoying #8.

Glenda McNeil now has 80 women working for her making masks for hospitals, and CHOC as needed. To date she has donated well over 12,000. The need is subsiding for medical facilities as supplies are becoming more available to them.

The mask making continues by many of us, however I think settled to mostly personal now.

After cancelling the ad in The County Register for the 2020 quilt show, they on their own, printed the ad as a whole page with a banner across it stating "Cancelled -watch for rescheduling". So truly kind of them to post this for us- for free! (next year's show is undetermined)

Shadows

Ginger Titterington's mother has passed away .

Kathleen Jack had a bad fall on April 1; she is having treatments.

Carolyn Poppen fell on Palm Sunday and broke her hand. Making it tough to sew!

If you know of any guild member with a Sunshine or Shadow, please let Christi Kolisnyk or Bea Viera know.



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SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

Some important news about our guild Facebook page. Our Facebook page is Orange Grove Quilters Guild. We have had it for a while and it has been very fun and useful, especially now. It is a closed group, only for our members.

At this time, our Facebook page has morphed into the only place that guild members can "meet." We are showing our finished Philanthropy quilts, our UFO's, and other quilting related Facebook posts. And now that we are a closed group, our Mystery Quilt will be able to be added. Our Mystery Quilt is for GUILD MEMBERS ONLY. The guild has paid for the use of this mystery for our members only. That is the way the contract was written, and we must adhere to it.

Anyone that wants to join the guild can find the Membership Form on our website, or-
orangequiltersguild.com.

Bonnie Lippincott



KEEP
CALM
and
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ON

WORKSHOPS

What a jog in the road we've taken these last months. None of us could have predicted the situation we're experiencing in our Guild, our community, our country, or the world. It's been unsettling and life-changing for us all.

In our Guild, we're actually some of the most fortunate of people. We have been brought together by a mutual love of quilting. Along the way, we've made life-long friends. Friends who, by-the-way, totally understand our passion for quilting, shopping, and collecting fabric. As we quilt together, we share the stories of our lives and make special connections. These connections hold strong even in these crazy times.

For now, we need to take a step back from our workshops. Our August and September workshop teachers have canceled and we're up in the air for other future workshops. For anyone who has enrolled in these classes, I will be working with our Treasurer, Sandy Bloore, to issue your refunds.

In the meantime, your Board is busily working to provide us all with entertainment and connection. We have several online projects going. Just check out our Facebook page to see our philanthropy quilt-along and our mystery quilt. And join the Facebook UFO challenge.

We also had a terrific webinar with Jean Impey. In the near future, you can look forward to having monthly webinars with great teachers. We're also working with teachers who are excited to give online workshops. So stay tuned and we'll update you on what's available

We will, hopefully, be back to our "normal" soon. In the meantime, your OGQG Board is busily planning ahead to turn our crazy times into exciting times.

Pat Barton, Workshop Chairman

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BOUTIQUE

We certainly have been facing some challenges lately, hopefully you all have been able to make adjustments and it has gotten a little better as we get used to doing things differently.



As you all know our Quilt Show has been cancelled until sometime next year. We want to thank you for all the donations made to the Boutique and assure you that these items will be safely saved for the future. If any of you would like to have your items back please contact Sherry Lincoln and arrangements will be made to get them to you. Next year we will have a great Boutique if the items that have been donated are a sample of what is yet to come.

Thank you so much for your generosity. Please stay healthy and safe. Hope we can be together again soon.

Sherry Lincoln and Fran Bodle

PHILANTHROPY REPORT



PHILANTHROPY

Well, philanthropy is still very active, thanks to the many members that participate. We have a supply of pillow cases and quilts that will be distributed as soon as the organizations start to accept them. That might take place sometime in June.

We have several quilt tops that need to be quilted. If anyone is interested in doing some quilting this would be a great way to practice and possibly try something new. It is not necessary to be a skilled quilter. The quilts are usually not any larger than a lap size and some are baby size. It could be your choice. Remember delivery is available.

We are also running short on backing material so if you have fabric that is at least 2 to 3 yards or more and you have no use for it, we would be more than happy to accept it. Again pick up is available.

I hope you have been checking out Facebook for the pictures of the quilts from the philanthropy challenge. The plan was to display them at the quilt show but that will be impossible now. Jane is taking pictures of them and posting a few daily so everyone can see how talented and generous our members are. Thanks for participating and they will all go to a good cause.

Britta Laski has generously volunteered to coordinate the school supplies we collect for the Marine family's at Camp Pendleton. Look for her announcement in the newsletter and Facebook.

Don't forget to continue following Cecilia Hosford Philanthropy challenge of Scrappy Trip Around the World. If you haven't started yet it is not too late. She has everything posted on the Facebook page.

Thank you as usual for your support. Don't forget pick up and delivery is available. Just give us a call or text.

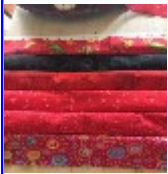
Sherry Lincoln and Jane Oglesby

WELCOME TO THE ORANGE GROVE QUILTERS GUILD

QUARANTINE PHILANTHROPY BLOCK QUILT-ALONG PROJECT

We are making these **Scrappy Trips** pattern blocks. Every other week we will announce a color and you can do it either in that color or scrappy. One of the strips must be a "black" fabric. Easy Peasy! Each block takes six (6) 2 ½ inch strips.

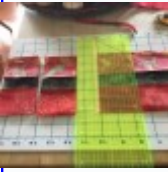
Turn these blocks into Philanthropy when we can meet again, or you can make a quilt top for Philanthropy. However you want to do it. Be sure to make blocks for yourself! Join in the fun!



Step 1: Take 5 strips in the color and one black strip. Sew together, any order, do not iron until done.



Step 2: Now iron towards every other row. Then fold rights sides together and sew the final seam to make a tube.



Step 3: Square off one end of the tube and then cut into six (6) 2 ½ inch strips.



Step 4: Pick up the first loop of squares and unpick the seam above the black square. You want to continue opening the strips so the black runs diagonally across the block.



Step 5: sew rows together and you are done! Do not trim, we will do that.

There are several of us on Facebook so be sure to share ideas, comments, and pics there.

Any questions email or contact Cecilia Hosford.

This pattern is being used with the permission of Bonnie Hunter.

To see the whole quilt finished, go to Quiltville.com and on her Free Pattern page you will find "Scrappy Trips."



Please save your soda can pull tabs! The Elks ladies, The Emblem Club, collect these tabs to benefit our local Ronald McDonald House. Bring your tabs each month to the OGQG general meeting. There will be a basket on the stage for this purpose. The collection will be donated to the Emblem club and will be taken to the Children's Hospital. This is an effortless way to support a local charity!

President's Quilt

LAST CALL FOR BLOCKS

Have you finished your block for Christi's quilt? Have you either dropped it off or mailed it to me? If you have, thank you. The ones I have received are beautiful. There are still some I am waiting to receive. Please be sure to mail yours before June 30. At that point I will be squaring them all up and starting the assembly. If you are having difficulty, please let me know. I will do my best to help you out.

Questions: call or email Marie Blash.

Please mail to me, Marie Blash. My contact information is in our yearbook.

Thanks!

Quilters' UFO Challenge 2020

How is everyone doing on finishing their UFOs?

I know a lot of us are now working on the mystery quilt from Lyn Mann. But don't neglect your UFOs!! Work on them in between clues. Remember UFOs do not have to be full sized quilts. Take whatever you have started and be creative in repurposing into something manageable. Challenge yourself to finish it even if you don't like it. You can always save it for a gift - as the saying goes one's trash may be another's treasure. Or save it for our boutique. Or you donate it - for instance, Meals on Wheels always need placemats (and it doesn't have to be a set!) I hope I have given you more encouragement to tackle your UFOs.

This is open to every member of our guild and there will be a prize for the quilter who completes the most projects when we are able to meet again as a group. For those of you who signed up at the beginning of the year with your 5 projects, please keep working on those 5! As announced at the March meeting, #3 was due in May. Next one due is #5 in August and then #4 in October. Those who complete all 5 projects are eligible for the grand prize of \$150.00 gift certificate. Even if you don't complete all 5, you will be eligible for other prizes. Please keep me informed as you finish your UFOs so I can credit you.

Please continue to post photos of your completed UFO on Facebook. I do check Facebook every day or you can email or text me a photo. I am in the directory.

I am continuing to track how many UFOs are no longer UFOs. So far 18 quilters have finished 62 quilted projects. I would love to see that number higher!

Janet Haynes





SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR OUR GUILD MEMBERS

IT'S A MYSTERY!!!

We hope you are enjoying the Mystery Quilt designed by Lyn Mann for us. The Board decided to have something to keep us all connected while we are in the midst of social distancing. As you know, clues will come out on Friday mornings. If you are a current guild member, you should be receiving each clue via Constant Contact email from Bonnie Lipincott. If for some reason you are not receiving the email, please notify either me or Bonnie. If you have any questions regarding the assembly, etc., please only contact me. Bonnie has a lot on her plate, and I will be happy to help if I can. No matter what, do not contact Lyn Mann.

While you are enjoying each clue and wondering what the final quilt will look like, start thinking of a name for our quilt. We will select a winner once we get to the end - the rules are:

you can not use the words covid, corona, quarantine or the number 19

one submission per member to me but not until we receive the last clue. Christi and I will then select the winner. What will you win – not sure yet. That is also still a mystery!

On another note, this mystery quilt is for members of Orange Grove Quilters Guild only. Please respect that and do not share with friends who are not members of our guild. Thanks.

Questions: Marie Blash, marieblash@att.net, 714-814-3765

June 2020 Birthdays

Valarie Miranda-Lopez	June 1
Sharon Closson	June 4
Jeff Digiantonio	June 4
Judi Taylor	June 5
Bonnie Bush Wagner	June 7
Mary Bennett	June 8
Robin Capalbo	June 8
Cindy Vadala	June 8
June Omiya	June 10
Sharon Sutton	June 11
Joyce Oberle	June 12
Katharina Rozenstraten	June 14
Lisa Hsueh	June 16
Madeleine Billitti	June 17
Donna Shaffer	June 19
Irene Haydik	June 21
Ruthann Arlart	June 24
Claudia Viola	June 24
Yvonne Williams	June 24
Sherry Lincoln	June 25
May Belle Vincent	June 25
Virginia Fajack	June 26
Diane Ramirez	June 28
Karen Garrity	June 30
Pamela Osorio	June 30



Our members who have birthdays during the months we are not meeting may pick up a fat quarter from Karen the next time we meet.





Stay in and quilt!

You might want to check this out...

Top 5 Quilting Influencers that Are Inspiring Us the Most Right Now | Quilting Daily
<https://www.quiltingdaily.com/top-5-quilting-influencers/>



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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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