

# DisPATCHER

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Next Meeting: **To Be Determined**

May 2020



**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

How are all of you doing? Are you sewing for hours, using up that prime stash of fabrics and patterns, making masks for your family and friends- and their friends, reading a good book, trying new recipes- with what you have in the pantry, or growing your hair and wondering when can you get your nails done? Me too! I have been doing it all and up sewing until 2 am on several nights.

I am so proud to be part of this worldwide group of sewers who have jumped into action and are now making masks, ear savers, caps and gowns to help anyone they can reach. You will see in our list below that many members are getting masks out in the 100's, one in the 1,000's.

The board has met and discussed how to move forward during this isolation. Due to the government predictions of the size of meetings that will be acceptable, we have decided to cancel June. We are always dark in July, so August would be our next General meeting if there are no health concerns. We have gone over ideas to keep us all connected and entertained, you will see below in their reports that we have really been creative. I hope you join in as we are planning some fun events and activities.

Please watch your email as you will be receiving notices other than the Newsletter, for monthly quilt blocks, challenges, sew a-longs, and future meetings. If you do not have a Facebook account, this would be a good time to consider it. We have about 170 members there and we share daily what we are working on and completed. It is so inspiring to see what we are all up to.

**SPECIAL NOTICE-** We will be having a Zoom lecture from Jean Impey very soon. Watch your email for the link.

Robin Gallagher has stepped down, as Second Vice President, to handle important family business that needs her immediate attention. I do have a replacement that I can announce after our next Board Meeting.

Keep up the good work sewing, stay safe, and keep in touch with each other. I do miss seeing you all at our meetings and gatherings and I think our next meeting will be terrific!

Christi Kolisnyk



## A word from Our President—2nd page

*Sunshine & Shadows**Sunshine's*

*Glenda McNeil has 30 women working for her making masks for hospitals, and CHOC as needed. To date she has donated well over 10,000. She has pictures and notes that I would love to share here, but they won't come out well. I will post on Facebook so you can see a small part of her efforts. Thank you Glenda for going above and beyond and pulling in so many resources for a common cause.*

*Donna Ebnit has been sorting washing and delivering fabrics for mask making to Glenda. She has offered this to anyone in need.*

*Madeline Sherman picked up a bolt of free fabric from Moore's Sewing and has been making masks for donations. I think she is near 200 now*

*Marie Blash has also been making and collecting masks for hospitals*

*Marilyn Pond has made masks for Long Beach Police department, and she is currently working on ear savers. She received a Long Beach Police coffee cup for her Thank you*

*Many of us are making masks and donating to organizations, family and friends. So happy to hear all the wonderful members stepping up and donating so much of their time, fabric and resources. Please keep posting pictures on Facebook or forward to Bonnie Lippincott*

*Shadows*

*Sherril Gerard has passed away from a 6-week battle with cancer. Her husband has asked in lieu of flowers to send stories and memories to the house for the family.*

*I have not heard from many of injuries or illnesses. This is rare so please do check in with anyone you know that lives alone or has not been in the best of health under normal circumstances.*

*I would like to start a phone tree with our members. I am asking every member here to go to your roster and call the person in the book right after your name. If you do not hear from the one before you, do not take it personal, they might not be getting the information. Give it a week and then call them. Just a check in call to keep us all connected.*



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

### From Pat Barton, Workshop Chairman

We've all seen life change unexpectedly over the last few months. I've missed seeing all of you at our general meetings and workshops. Our special connection, made through quilting, is a true joy in my life. For now, we can't meet as we'd like but I feel so fortunate to live in a place and time where I can "meet" with friends online, email, text and phone. We will, hopefully, be back to our "normal" soon. In the meantime, your OGQG Board is busily planning ahead for the second half of 2020. Here are some great things coming up for workshops.

### [The Fish Class – Susan Wade](#) August 13, 2020



What a super-fun time we'll have creating fish of our own imagining. Susan will teach us her own special technique for fabric collage.

## 2020 WORKSHOPS!

### ORANGE GROVE QUILTERS GUILD

#### Member Workshop Sign-Up Sheet for 2020

Member Name and Phone Number

E-Mail address



**You are only enrolled in a workshop once you have paid. Workshop theme is subject to change.**

**Workshop fees will not be refunded.**

_____ August 13	Susan Wade	\$40 _____
	The Fish Class - Fabric Collage	
_____ September 10	Becky Goldsmith – Paper Piecing	\$40
	Bullseye Quilt	
_____ October 15	Tina Curan	\$40
	Wreath-O-Rama Tree Block and Pillow	
_____ November 12	Cathy Van Bruggen	\$40
	Baltimore Spring - Hand Applique	
	December NO WORKSHOP	
_____ TOTAL	TOTAL	\$

**If one of your chosen workshops is full you may be put on the waiting list. If you are on the waiting list, you will be notified if a space becomes available to you. You will then refund the person whose space you're filling.**

**Questions? Contact Pat Barton: [pat.barton@verizon.net](mailto:pat.barton@verizon.net).**



## 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



## Keeping in Contact During This Time of Covid-19

In this time of "Social Distancing" and no guild meetings the guild is working on keeping everyone informed.

We are now sending out our newsletters and other guild emails from a company called "Constant Contact." They have been very helpful in getting our newsletters and information out there.

Previously, we, Kathy Harvey and sometimes, me, were using our personal email addresses and using what's called "blind copy," sending the newsletters out in batches of about 20 or so, to our members, not hard, mostly time consuming. When my web designer daughter explained to me that we were jeopardizing our personal email addresses by doing this, i.e., we would be branded as "spammers" and be unable to use our own email addresses for our own use, and therefore, she suggested using "Constant Contact." As it turns out the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds has started using them as well.

Be assured that even though we can send as many emails per month as we want, we will not be "spamming" you with a lot of emails.

We are, however, going to send more than just the newsletters. In the coming days we will be having a "Mystery Quilt" put together for our guild by Lyn Mann. It should be fun. We will also have this information on our Facebook page. If you don't open your emails yourself . . . some have their husbands, children or friends managing their emails, be sure to tell them about the Mystery Quilt Along. We don't want you to miss out!

Also, as you probably have heard, we have a Facebook Page just for Orange Grove Quilters. It's fun to see what everyone is doing in this time of "sheltering in place." If you would like to join us and aren't sure how, give me a call and I can help. Even if you don't want to go on Facebook for any other reason, it's worth a try.

Bonnie Lippincott

# Headbands to Save our Ears!

(Used with permission of Jessica Fediw, of "Happy Together with Jess.")

It is a very different time in our world right now with the spread of the COVID-19 virus. I have received a few messages about people using this headband pattern to create a special headband with buttons for face masks to be attached to.

Thank you to Stephanie from Steph Jacobson Designs for being the first to share with me the one she had made and making me aware of this type of project.

I had a bunch of headbands in my stash and added some buttons (and whipped up a face mask with the ear elastic for a visual) so if you are interested in doing this you can have an idea of where to place the buttons.



Also, I suggest attaching buttons with embroidery thread for extra strength. Some people also prefer to use their sewing machine to add the buttons. I have always struggled with that, so I prefer to sew on buttons by hand lol. Something to consider though. But no matter what type of thread you use, make sure to sew it on really well so it will last for the workers. The buttons I have used are typically around 1", a little smaller or a little bigger, from my stash. That seems to be a good size.

go to (copy and paste)

<http://www.happytogetherbyjess.com/double-sided-fabric-headband-pattern/>

The link to the pattern is just below the cute little girls, in "What you Need."

## Knitted "Ear Saver"



Size of needles is not really important. I used 5s. But, I would think any size from 5 to 8 would be fine.

Cast on 20 stitches of worsted weight yarn (Or however many you need to measure about 4 inches in length).

Knit every row until piece measures approximately 1 ½ inches wide.

Cast off and weave in ends.

Sew buttons on, any size from ¾" to 1 ¼", on each side for elastic to attach.

Have fun,

Marilyn Pond



**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!



## PHILANTHROPY REPORT - April 2020

Hopefully things are going as well as can be expected under the circumstances and everyone is keeping safe and healthy.

Realizing that things are being done in an entirely different way we want to continue to support the organizations that continue to count on us for our philanthropy efforts.

Unfortunately we will not be able to have Sew Day for some months, possibly the remainder of the year. We still want to suggest that everyone continue to contribute but in a different way. If anyone has a quilt to donate please contact Sherry Lincoln or Jane Oglesby and we will make safe arrangements to pick up any items you might have. At this moment we do have several quilts that need binding attached. There are also pillow case kits and quilt kits available. Again, if you are willing to help contact Sherry Lincoln or Jane Oglesby and arrangements will be made to safely deliver and pick up.

We have had a request from St. Joseph's for scrub hats and ear savers.

Information regarding the patterns will be posted on FaceBook. Again, if and when you have something to donate contact Sherry Lincoln or Jane Oglesby to make arrangements for pick up. Cecilia Hosford is working on a quilt challenge that we can all participate in. As soon as that is available we will be posting the information on FaceBook.

Sherry Lincoln and Jane Oglesby

## WAYS AND MEANS—BASKETS

Just a little note of encouragement to all of you!!!

Hope you are coping-keeping busy-sewing, reading, whatever keeps you going-KEEP DOING IT!

When we get to meet again-and you know we will-we will draw for the beautiful blue and white quilt and of course, have our baskets filled with goodies. Guess I'll have to take the St. Patrick's Day things out of the baskets and save them for next year!

Need a project!??

Have some orphan blocks or a block that you would like to try, or a favorite block?

Make a 12 inch block, add some borders, quilt, bind and ta-da! You have a small wall hanging/table topper. Don't want it? Save it for a gift, Christmas, birthday etc, donate it to us for the baskets. Put four smaller blocks together and do the same. In a friendship group? If everyone made one, you could exchange or donate them to a nursing facility when this is all over.

Keep busy and stay safe!! We are strong! We are QUILTERS!!!!

Carol and Justine





## Quilters' UFO Challenge 2020

Perhaps it's time to reconsider how we view our UFOs. When we join the UFO Challenge we choose projects that we know we want to finish.

But what about those other projects that lurk in the depths of sewing rooms where we can forget about them, ignore them, or pretend we never started them? Like quilts we started but decided we didn't like the colors chosen? Or decided we didn't like making the block after all? Or a project started in a class to learn a technique? Even orphan blocks are UFOs.

Well, pull out those poor neglected UFOs and get creative! Make them into table runners, table toppers, place-mats, pillows, wall-hangings no matter the size, mini-quilts (12"x18") to donate to animal shelters (don't forget our four legged friends). Possibilities are endless!!

This is the challenge to every quilter to dig out those UFOs and make use of them. There's no better time than now! Don't forget to post your completed UFO on Facebook and maybe tell us a little bit about your UFO. You may give another quilter inspiration.

I will continue to track how many UFOs are no longer UFOs. So far 14 quilters have finished 44 quilted projects. We can do better! So see you on Facebook. There is a \$20 gift certificate for the quilter who finishes the most UFOs.



## SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR OUR GUILD MEMBERS

### IT'S A MYSTERY!!!

To help keep us all connected during this pandemic, we have asked Lyn Mann to do a Mystery Quilt for our guild members. I think you all know Lyn and that she is well known for doing mystery quilts. Nothing to sign up for – each week starting around May 8 every guild member will receive an email with instructions to make a quilt using the fabrics from your stash—no special rulers or triangle papers. It can be as scrappy or controlled as you like.

The first week will have the supply list and then, each week you will receive a new “clue” to make your quilt. At the end of 6 to 8 weeks, if you follow along, (and I hope you all will) you will have a lovely quilt top ready to share with the guild. At the end, maybe we will have a contest to “Name That Quilt”.

I hope you will all join in. I know I am looking forward to a project to work on with all of you. We can post our progress on Facebook to see what everyone is doing.

Let me know if you have any questions. Marie Blash

## BLOCKS FOR PRESIDENT'S QUILT



You ladies are so wonderful. So far I have received about half of the blocks for the President's quilt. Thank you all so much. Please keep them coming in. You can mail them (2 stamps on either a #10 business envelope or 5x7 envelope) or drop them by my house at my front door. Please try to get them to me by June so the layout and sashing can begin. If you need a color photo to help with your fabric selection, please let me know and I will either text or email one to you.

Questions: Marie Blash

marieblash@att.net

## May 2020 Birthdays

Mary Lou Ripper May 2  
Linda Monsen May 3  
Cindy Wright May 3  
Mary Lou Shuplock May 6  
Karen Quane May 8  
Jan Zussman May 10  
Kathleen Greer May 11  
Debi Hanna May 11  
Pauline Wilson May 11  
Sandra Bloore May 14  
Patricia Essington May 14  
Sharon Whittermore May 15  
Carol Guibert May 17  
Beth Shibley May 17  
Lyndell Darby May 18  
Mimi Benvin May 20  
Donna Jenks May 21  
Linda Ryan May 21  
Stephanie Shenk Romesburg May 22  
Sally Flatebo May 25



*Our members  
who have birth-  
days 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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