



A Publication of North Cities Quilt Guild - January 2026

Monday, January 26th

Meeting begins at 6:30pm

Presidents Message

Happy New Year! It's 2026 already! A new year! Made any resolutions? Time to start a new project? Or finish a UFO? Whatever your plans are for this new year, make sure you take some time for you!

We tend to get so caught up in our daily lives, that sometimes we forget who the most important person is, ourselves! Sleep in a little later, have that extra piece of toast or pastry. Take time to play with your pets. That said, we have a great year of activities, speakers and workshops coming up. I'm looking forward to our January meeting when we do our Round Robin techniques, presented by some of our very own talented members. Then in February our speaker will be Wendy Matheson, who will be talking about Designing with Snail's Trail and Storm at Sea. March is our March Madness, which is always a blast to attend!

There are many more activities, workshops and speakers set for this year. Let's make it a great year!

~ Sheri



Dates to Remember:

January 26th : Guild Meeting

February 23rd : Guild Meeting

February 24th : Workshop

JANUARY PROGRAM

Hello fellow quilters and Happy New Year!!! We have such an exciting year ahead for our Guild. I hope you're able to attend our January 26th guild meeting. We will be having a round robin demo for our program. Four of our members will be sharing their expertise with you. Rita Jones will demonstrate mitered corners. Ricki Bremer will demonstrate lined prairie points and show how to use them to finish an easy sweatshirt jacket. Phyllis Beam will demo several ways to make ½ square triangles. Sandy Brown will demonstrate how to put zippers in bags.

I want to encourage you to sign up for workshops. You can't beat the cost! No matter how much you think you know, there is always something new to learn. You don't know what you don't know, right? We've contracted with great people who are very knowledgeable to lecture at our meetings and conduct our workshops.

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP

Wendy Mathson will be first for the new year in February. She will be lecturing at our meeting about Snails Trail and Storm at Sea and her workshop will continue the theme on Tuesday. If you are interested in a kit for the workshop, please let me know. Wendy will have rulers for you to use if you don't want to buy them.

There is a change for our July 27th Guild meeting and August 1 workshop. Debi Hanna's lecture will be Her Own Quilt Journey. Her workshop is Flying Kites. Debi is a certified Quilt in a Day instructor. She will also teach us how to use Accuquilt. If you have the Guild postcard, please note the change. Feel free to call me with any questions. See you Monday, January 26 at our meeting.

Norma Holland – You'll find my info in the directory.



Philanthropy

January 2026

Hope everyone had a good 2 months of holidays. Due to your support Philanthropy was able to donate Stockings: 235, Quilts: 196, Pillowcases:184, Placemats: 38. Congratulations!!!

NEW NEWS: Philanthropy sew day is open to all who would like to work on any of your own projects as well as participating in the charity sew. Please let me (Paulette Fletcher) know if you are coming so we have enough table and chairs set up for you.

Fabric sale: the plans are to have 2 fabric sales prior to the meetings in February and June 2026. If you have anything you wish to donate to the cause please bring to the January meeting.

MARK your calendars: the next sew-in day is January 29, 2026. (This is a change in date for this date only)

Yorba Linda Presbyterian church: 19301 E Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda.
We have all kinds of projects for you to choose from – all the way from complete quilt kits – to simple strip kits and adding borders to an existing quilt to make it larger in size. Come when you can – leave when you must. BRING YOUR LUNCH and your sewing supplies.

No sew days in Nov and Dec.

Future Sew days 2026 are: Feb 26, Mar 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug 27, Sept 24, Oct 22.

Wants and Needs: We need members to bind quilts. We have a stockpile of completed quilts except for binding. Please come by the Philanthropy sew day or the next meeting and pick up a few to complete. The binding can be sewn on or hand binding.

Reminder that any fabric donations must be larger than a fat quarter.

Long arm or domestic quilters: to finish these wonderful quilt tops.

Thanks to all of you from: Paulette, Rita, Tammy and Linda



Opportunity Quilt for North Cities Quilt Guild by Helene Born

Happy New Year! The sales from taking this quilt out to other guild meetings has been somewhat disappointing. However, we will be taking this quilt to the Ontario Convention Center to sell tickets in the atrium at Road To California on Thursday January 22 and hope to do well.



Below is the schedule for the balance of the year until the winner is drawn at the June meeting. We would like to take the quilt to non-guild locations such as restaurants or grocery stores to try to increase the sales. Our goal is to make around \$3,500.

We will have a second Christmas themed quilt that we will work on scheduling in the near future. The second quilt winner will be drawn at our November Jingle Mingle.

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Mtg Time</i>
Rd 2 CA (Ontario) See signup sheet	22-Jan	9:00 -5:30
Inland Empire (Corona) Helene & Trudy Teshima	9-Feb	(6:00) 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Beach Cities (Mission Viejo) Helene & Anna Lee	12-Feb	(6:00) 6:30 - 8:30 PM
African American (Inglewood) Helene & ?	15-Mar	1:00 - 4:00
NCQG Gala	9-May	TBD
Orange Grove (Garden Grove) Anna Lee & ?	13-May	(8:15) 9:30 am - 12PM
El Camino (Oceanside) Paulette ?	9-Jun	(8:30-9:00) 9:30 am - 12 pm

If you have any suggestions as to locations where we can show this quilt and sell the tickets, please contact me.

Thank you, Helene Born Hborn07@yahoo.com 714 504 2614

Bits And Pieces Block Exchange 2025-2026



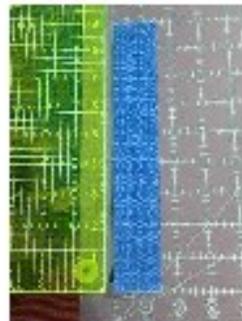
The purpose of the exchange is to help you use up those scraps! This year's quilt is a scrappy lattice quilt. It is a perfect way to use up left over charm or layer cake squares, binding strips and any other scraps you have laying around.

To participate **make 8 squares and put them in a zip-lock bag with your name** on them. All 8 can be made out of the same fabrics or a variety of fabrics. You may turn in up to 3 bags each month. You can join in at any time and it's ok if you miss a month. There will be "turn in" and "pick up" baskets available each month. Drop your blocks off when you check in, they will be shuffled and ready for pick up the following month.

FABRIC CHOICES:

Please use a print for the 5 inch by 5 inch square

Please use a solid or a blender for 2 inch by at least 8 inch strip. (Time saving tip...If your strip is a little longer than 8 inches you don't need to trim it. Just find the mid point and use it. You will trim the extra off in step 6)



If you have any questions, please contact **Tina Hawbaker** 562-708-1188 or tinalittlelamb@gmail.com



1. Cut your square diagonally



2. Fold all three pieces in half and either finger press or mark the center on the back of each piece.



3. Match the center of one strip with the center of one triangle. Pin. Sew with 1/4 inch seam allowance



4. Repeat with the second triangle



4. Press both sides open



5. Fold strip in half and mark the center point of the strip by finger pressing or with a pencil on the back



6. Use the 45 degree angle on your ruler to trim the block to 5 1/2 inches by 5 1/2 inches



7. The block you turn in should measure 5 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches.

8. Make 8 blocks and put them a in ziplock bag with your name on it.

Please note.... If you want to keep one for yourself you will need to make a 9th block!

January Thaw Free Quilt Block

By: Elaine Huff

If you're looking for a simple yet striking star block to add to your quilting repertoire, the **January Thaw** quilt block is a great one to try! This delightful block features an elegant eight-pointed star design and is constructed using just three basic units: hourglass blocks, square-in-a-square units, and snowballed corners.



Fabric Requirements for January Thaw Quilt Block:

12" Finished

- Light/White: 1 - 5.5" square, and 4 - 4.5" squares
- Medium 1/Orange: 1 - 5.5" square
- Medium 2/Multi-Color: 1 - 4.5" square, and 4 - 2.5" squares
- Dark/Navy: 2 - 5.5" squares, and 4 - 2.5" squares



Sewing Directions:

Step 1: Corner Units

Easy peasy - just snowball one corner! Using the four Light/White 4.5" squares and the four Medium 2/Multi-color 2.5" squares, snowball one corner of each of the Light/White squares as shown in the picture below.



Step 2: Square in a Square Unit

Using the Medium 2/Multi-color 4.5" square and the 4- Dark/Navy 2.5" squares, sew together a Square in a Square unit. The tutorial for making a Square in a Square quilt block can be found here: <https://fabric406.com/blogs/fabric406-blog/how-to-sew-a-basic-square-in-a-square-block> Trim/square up the units to 4.5" square.



Step 3: Hourglass Units

Now you can make **four** Hourglass units as shown in the picture below by using the two Dark/Navy 5.5" squares, the Light/White 5.5" square, and the Medium 1/Orange 5.5" square. Trim/square up the units to 4.5" square. You can find my tutorial for making an Hourglass quilt block at: <https://fabric406.com/blogs/fabric406-blog/how-to-sew-a-basic-hourglass-or-quarter-square-triangle-block>



Step 4: Putting It All Together

Lay out the Corner units, the Square in a Square unit, and the Hourglass units in a typical [Nine Patch](#) configuration as shown in the picture below.



Step 5:

Sew the units together into three rows as shown in the picture below. Press the seam allowances away from the Hourglass units.



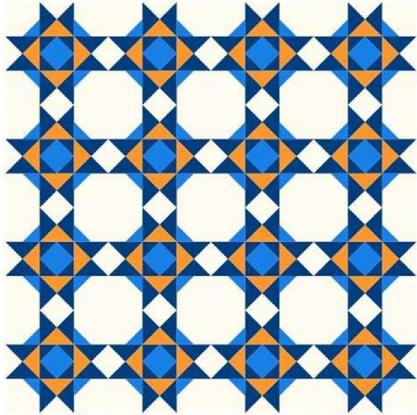
Step 6:

Sew the three rows together to complete the **January Thaw quilt block!** Press the seam allowances toward the center of the block.



Layout Ideas:

Here's the basic 4 x 4 layout using colors similar to the tutorial. This creates a nice design across the quilt!



Same layout as above but with the addition of sashing and cornerstones. Sashing is handy to use because you don't have to match up points when sewing the top together.



2026 NCQG RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

MONDAY, JUNE 29 – THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026

Payment Amt: _____
Check #: _____ attached
____ Paid online
Date Payment Rec'd: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE:

Name: _____ Address: _____
Street, city, (please include zip code)

Phone Numbers:(cell) _____ (home) _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone No. _____

I PLAN TO ATTEND: (Choose One)

____ Two nights \$ 475 ____ Mon ____ Tues ____ Wed (please indicate) ____ Three nights \$675

Name of Roommate: _____ Single Occupancy rooms may be available for an additional fee.

I prefer a room located: ____ Ground Level ____ Upstairs ____ Handicap Accessible

There is no elevator on the premises. We will try to accommodate your preferences, however, we cannot guarantee room locations.

Special Requests: Dietary/Other _____

A \$150 deposit must accompany this form to hold your spot. (Cancellations will be handled on a case by case basis.)

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the "North Cities Guild Quilt Retreat" to be held June/July 29-30, 2026, in Temecula, California (collectively referred to as the "Retreat"). Travel to and from Retreat Center and quilt-related activities are also covered by this waiver of liability.

As consideration for being permitted to attend and participate in the Retreat I forever release the Retreat organizers, any Retreat affiliated organization, and their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, and representatives (collectively "Releasees") from any and all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have, or may have in the future, for injury, death, or property damage, related to (i) my participation in these activities, (ii) the negligence or other acts, whether directly connected to these activities or not, and however caused, by any Releasee. I also agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of any Releasee in connection with any of the matters covered by the foregoing release.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE RETREAT AND MYSELF AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature of Participant

Date

***This form, with your deposit/payment is required to hold your spot. Please make check payable to:
NORTH CITIES QUILT GUILD***

***Your payment may be made in person at a Guild General Meeting, on-line at the Guild website,
or via mail-in to P.O. Box 376, Yorba Linda, CA 92885*** NCQG Registration Form 2026

NORTH CITIES QUILT GUILD TEMECULA RETREAT

MONDAY, JUNE 29 – Wednesday, July 2, 2026

Arrival - Monday, 2:00 p.m. Departure - after lunch on Wednesday/Thursday

Our Guild will be hosting our second overnight retreat this coming summer! As the coordinator, I am so excited that the Guild is sponsoring this opportunity for us to gather together to finish up some of our UFO's or start a brand new project, and have a great few days away from our daily routines. Getting to know our fellow Guild members better is an added bonus!

The retreat will be held at the Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center, located in the beautiful wine country of Temecula. If you've not had the opportunity to attend a retreat at this location, you are in for a real treat. The grounds are serene, secure, and private, overlooking the vineyards that are so prevalent in this part of the valley.

Our group will occupy a spacious and well-lit classroom – which has space for approximately 20 quilters. Each retreator will have an area to “set up shop”, with an additional *small* private space next to his/her table to set up a personal cutting/ironing station.

Sleeping accommodations are offered in clean and well maintained double rooms. Each room features two twin beds, a dresser/desk, a table and chair, with an attached bathroom (*no tub/shower only*). Rooms are air conditioned and/or heated, with the temperature controlled by the occupants.

During your stay, all meals are included beginning with dinner on Monday night, and continuing through lunch on Wednesday/Thursday. Meals are served in the dining room, which is located a short walking distance from the classroom. There are also provisions for those who prefer to drive to meals. The kitchen staff plans complete meals (yes, that means dessert is included!), and caters to those with special dietary requirements.

The Center also provides 24 hour availability to tea, coffee, and cocoa, and each classroom has its own small kitchen where there is a refrigerator and microwave for our use.

In addition to free time to sew, the guild will be busy planning some fun activities and door prizes.

Now that you are excited to come with me on this adventure, it's time to get signed up! There is a Registration Form in the newsletter and on our website. You may register on the website, or register with me (Rita Jones) at the general meeting. As we are limited to the number of quilters who can attend – you won't want to hesitate. To sign up, you will need to return your Registration Form with a \$150 deposit (cancellations will be handled on a case-by-case basis). You can come with a friend from within the guild, or someone who is not a guild member. Retreators who are not guild members will be required to pay the additional \$55 to join the guild as part of their fee. In return, they will be provided with 30 tickets to enter the drawing for a chance to win our new Opportunity Quilt!

Please read this information and the information on the Registration Form carefully! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me, Rita Jones. My cell phone number is in the Guild Yearbook. I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

SPEAKER AND WORKSHOP 2027

Do you want to learn a specific skill? Have an interest in a specific teacher or quilting subject? Planning for the 2027 speaker/class schedule is happening now and we are open to any suggestions!

Please contact Karen Kindschi at:
kblink@yahoo.com with any requests.



Mary	Carroll	4-Jan
Jill	Ellert	8-Jan
Kath	Finch	9-Jan
Larissa	Tan	10-Jan
Mary	Fitzgerald	18-Jan
Jenny	Hurst	26-Jan
Nedra	Kipp	28-Jan
Ginny	King	30-Jan

Hospitality

Please bring refreshments beginning with the last names: "A-C"

Remember to keep the hall Peanut Free

Bring and Do...

- * Do Come in Early and Sign in
- * Bring a Friend or Two
- * Bring your Block of the Month
- * Bring your Bits 'N Pieces Blocks
- * Bring those Beautiful Quilts for Show and Tell
- * Do Wear a Smile
- * Do Wear your Name Tag
- * Do Greet Someone New

JINGLE MINGLE FUN





A big thanks to the Scouts for their continued support!



Jingle Mingle Costume Contestants and Winners!

North Cities Quilt Guild: Sew and Tell November 2025



Quilt pieced by	Peggy Ochoa
Quilted by	Charmella Secrest
Size of quilt	44" x 56"
Colors in Quilt	Blue prints on pale gold background
Name/Pattern of Quilt	3-D Log Cabin Variation
UFO (Month & Year Started)	June 2025
Description	
3-D blocks made from scraps on a gold background with blue print border. Background & border fabric purchased at guild "by the pound" sale. All batik fabrics.	

Pieced by	Peggy Ochoa
Quilted by	Charmella Secrest
Size of quilt	44" x 44"
Colors in Quilt	Jade, ivory, gray
Name and/or Pattern of Quilt	Floating Squares
UFO (Month & Year Started)	October 2025
Description	
Light jade print with gray and dark jade squares on an ivory background. Downsized a 5-yard quilt pattern to fit a wall-hanging.	



Sheri Siedentop's three wool table toppers with Fall, Halloween, and Patriotic themes. Possibly a taste of what she'll be teaching at the June workshop?





Pieced and Quilted by	Krista Dickinson
Size of Quilt	throw
Colors in Quilt	Greens & Purples
Name and/or Pattern of Quilt	Lone Star

Pieced and Quilted by	Krista Dickinson
Size of Quilt	throw
Colors in Quilt	Multi
Name and/or Pattern of Quilt	Stack & Whack



Pieced and Quilted by	Mary Fitzgerald
Size of Quilt	Quilted Jacket
Name and/or Pattern of Quilt	Teresa Coates Elemental Jacket
Class (Instructor/ Location)	Teresa Coates through Orange County Quilt Guild

Quilt Pieced By	Diane Wilkinson
Quilted By	Tina Hawbaker
Size of Quilt	28" square
Colors in Quilt	Fall
Name and/or Pattern of Quilt	Fig Tree "Acorns"



Newbies Philanthropy



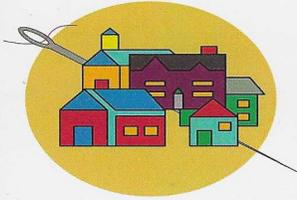


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Guild Meetings (Overview)



North Cities Quilt Guild

www.northcitiesquiltguild.org

Meets at Placentia Roundtable Women's Club
901 Bradford Ave., Placentia CA 92870

Meetings 4th Monday of each month
(except May and December)

Social Time at 6:00 pm
Meeting Begins at 6:30 pm

Programs and Workshops for 2025-2026

October 27/October 28, 2025
Dru Ferrell – "My Quilt Journey"
Workshop: Miniature Doll Quilts

November 24, 2025
Susan & Joanne
Jingle Mingle

December 2025
No General Meeting

January 26, 2026
Round Robin Quilt Techniques
by Guild Members

February 23/24, 2026
Wendy Mathson
Designing with Snails Trail & Storm at Sea

March 23, 2026
Susan & Joanne
March Madness

March 28, 2026 (Sat.)
Tina Hawbaker
Workshop:
Tips & Tricks to Make a T-shirt Quilt

April 27/28, 2026
Lori Allison
How to Make a Winning Quilt
Workshop: Show Off Table Runner

May 9, 2026
Springtime Gala

June 22/27 (Sat.), 2026
Opportunity Quilt Drawing
Sheri Siedentop – All About Wool
Workshop: Seasonal Wool Project

June 29-July 2, 2026
Rita Jones – Guild Retreat

July 27/August 1 (Sat.), 2026

Debi Hanna
Lecture – My Quilt Journey
Workshop: Flying Kites

August 24, 2026
Patchwork Stars

August 28/29, 2026
Rita Jones
Mystery Retreat

September 28, 2026
Installation of Officers

October 26/27, 2026
Catherine Wilson
Paper Piercing the Judy Niemeyer Way
Workshop: Table Runner

Contact Norma Holland for more information.

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