



March 2020

Northern Lights

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March Meeting has been cancelled

Presidents Message:

Hello NCQG Quilters, another Spring season is upon us and I hope you are all finding peace and comfort in your quilting projects!

I am going to remind everyone of our upcoming events and workshops that are planned; however with the many unusual circumstances that are unfolding in our dear country, it is still unknown what we will be able to do with our Spring schedule. Just as a reminder from the email I recently sent everyone, we **will not** be having our March Madness business meeting on March 23rd. We are hoping and planning to be able to meet on April 27th for the lecture by Cindy Wiens, "Live a Colorful Life." Then, on April 28th, Cindy will be leading us in an exciting workshop, "Selvaging My Sanity."

I want to encourage you to continue working on the *Block of the Month* and *Bits and Pieces*, and complete those "UFO's." Also, Rita will have kits available for the Philanthropy quilts to work on until we meet again. I want you to know that each of you will be in my thoughts and prayers for peace, health, and welfare during these challenging days . . . we are a great guild with wonderful people . . . and we are a very blessed country that will get through this difficult time.

Debi Hanna

Dates to Remember

- Tentative dates:
- April 27th—Guild Meeting
- April 28th—Workshop
- May 9th—Spring Luncheon

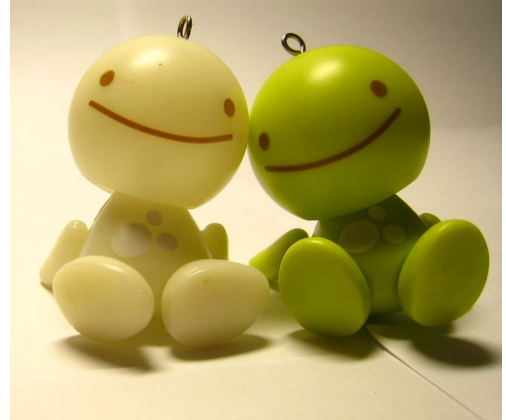


Friendship Groups

A Friendship Group is a great place to make new friends, learn new skills and improve techniques. Friendship groups are formed by members of the guild and each group has their own meeting schedule and focus. Interested in joining or starting a new Friendship Group? Please see Kat Bloom at her table.

Kat Bloom

Friendship Group Chair



UFO Challenge

UFO Challenge - We are off to a fine start! So far 15 people have signed up and we had 11 quilts turned in at the January Meeting. doesn't it feel good to finish things???

Second Turn in is the March Meeting. Bring what you have done so far to get your ribbon and button. If you have not signed up yet, it is not too late - I will take sign ups until the last turn in. We will have forms at the turn in meetings (or email me for one hollylopes@yahoo.com) and the fee is \$10. No limit to how many you can turn in at a meeting and substitutions are OK! It only has to be started in your head to be a UFO. Call Holly Lopes for more information at 714-326-5555. Time to get sewing!!

Happy Quilting!

Holly Lopes

PHILANTHROPY

Once again, our table was very busy at the February meeting. We so appreciate all the hard work you ladies are doing, and your generous donations. Rita and Tammy

Pictures below—Everyone is helping get ready for Philanthropy Boot Camp



Spring Luncheon

Time to Get Your Tickets for Spring Luncheon 2020

The date is **Saturday, May 9, 2020** which is the day before Mother's Day.
We will be at the Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church, 19301 E. Yorba Linda, Ca.
The time is **1:00am-2:15pm.**

Tickets are now ready for purchase at \$35.00/person. They will be sold at the next two meetings or mail a check to NCQG PO BOX 376 Yorba Linda, Ca. 92885-0376.

We have a few updates:

- Our two featured quilters have been contacted and are busy deciding which quilts they would like us to feature.
- We are happy to announce singer Gavin Braun will be back to entertain us.
- There will be normal drawings for door prizes this year as they lend themselves well to the theme "It's in the Bag".
- We will be trying something new this year for ticket sales. Anyone purchasing 4 tickets becomes a Table Hostess and will receive a special ticket for a chance to win a basket of goodies just for the Table Hostesses. The purchase of 8 tickets will be 2 tickets.

We would be very pleased to include any member's quilt in the quilt display. Remember we are looking for Quilts, Wall Hangings and Table Runners containing a Spring or Summer theme or colors. Please fill out the form Rita Jones has. She will let you know the due date for turn in. Also make sure your quilts have your name on them.

Questions:

Joanne Burkhart
(714) 637-6432

*Any changes to dates
will be communicate
once they are known.*



Membership Notes

Hello Quilters!

I hope you've had a good month! I'm sure you've all been busy sewing!

We had three guests join us for our January meeting. We also had three women join our guild.

Please welcome these new members:

Andrea Bailey

Carolyn Esposito

Kristyn Shipley

Please note the contact info for these three above as well as three members added in late, did not make the current printing of our year book. There will be info sheets you can pick up and slip in your yearbook for future reference.

Have a good day!

Betty Ann Wytcherley, Membership Chair

Upcoming Workshop

April 28th

“ Salvaging My Sanity...One Stitch at a Time.”

You will make a small quilt showing spools using selvages as the thread.

You will need to bring your own fabrics.

Please start saving selvages now.

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once they are known.*

Contact Kath Finch
to sign up for this
workshop

Block of the Month

North Cities Quilt Guild

March BOM 2020 [Blue Chains]

(Make up to 5 blocks to receive a ticket for each block)

March Fun Facts:

Name means: Walk in Unison

Zodiac Sign: Pisces

Flower: Daffodil

Birthstone: Aquamarine

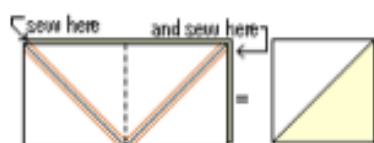
Fabric Supply: [You can change the fabric combinations]

White- Color 1: one 2-1/2" x 20" strip

Shamrock- Color 2: one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip; one 2-1/2" x 5" strip

Green print- Color 3: one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip; one 2-1/2" x 20" strip; one 2-1/2" x 5" strip

Cutting Instructions

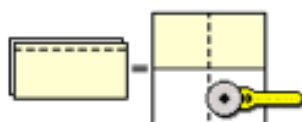


Stack Color 2 and Color 3: 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strips, right sides together and all edges aligned.

On the back of the top strip, mark the 4-7/8" square line and mark the diagonals in the direction shown at left. Sew 1/4" above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square lines. Cut apart on the marked diagonals, and on the 4-7/8" square line. This will make four half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. They should measure 4-1/2".



Sew Color 1 and Color 3 2-1/2" x 20" strips right sides together along a long edge using a 1/4" seam. Press seam to darker side, and cut into eight 2-1/2" units



Sew Color 2 and Color 3 2-1/2" x 5" strips right sides together along one long edge. Press to darker side, and cut into two 2-1/2" units



Focus fabric

Bits & Pieces

SOIREE – WELCOME TO THE PARTY

Bring six blocks to exchange for each monthly meeting. The block is so (sew) fast to make! I really enjoyed the process and I hope you do as well!

Cutting Instructions:

Using the colored fabric of your choice cut one 5" square and four 2 1/2" squares for each block (Note: You can use a layer cake (10 X 10 square) this will yield 2 blocks.)

From the assorted white on white fabric cut a strip 1 1/4". Sub cut this strip into four 5" long rectangles. You will need four rectangles for each block.

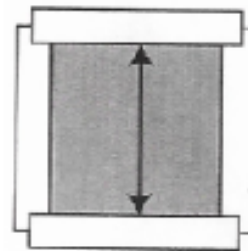
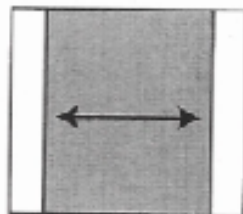
Mark the diagonal on the wrong side of the 2 1/2" squares.



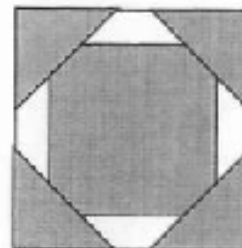
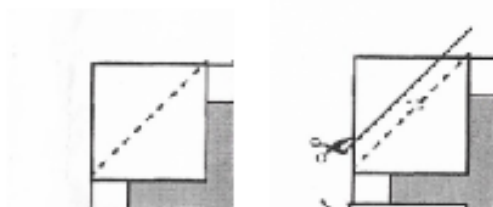
(Note: You will also need one white on white to finish the quilt cut at 6 1/2" X 6 1/2")

Block Construction:

Sew a 5" X 1 1/4" strip to two opposite sides of each colored 5" square. Press the seams out toward the strips. Add the strips to the other side of the square. (These won't match to the end but just center them on the square) Press the seams out toward the strips



Match the 2 1/2" square to the edge of the strip at the side corner. Sew along the drawn line. Sew all four corners using this same technique. (You can trim the back with a 1/4" seam but it's not necessary) Press seams away from the center to complete the block. Finished size is 6 1/2" X 6 1/2".





MARILYN BARBOUR	Mar 04
LINDA MAGNUSON	Mar 08
PAULETTE FLETCHER	Mar 09
MARIAN GIBSON	Mar 16
CAROL PANKOW	Mar 17
KAT BLOOM	Mar 18
DARLENE COVINGTON	Mar 19
DOROTHY MEURS	Mar 21

Bring and Do...

- * Do Come in Early and Sign in
- * Bring a Friend or Two
- * Do return Library Books
- * 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

For Sale

For Sale asking \$15 for the small mannequin, \$93 for the adjustable one and \$30 for the rolling case. The rolling case the dimensions are 13" high, 20" wide and 9" deep. Contact Laberta Malone for more information.



February Show and Tell



Charline Berg showed three quilts, which she pieced and Emily Hanson of Montana quilted. The first, a king-size in dark purple and Kaffe Fassett fabric, is called Showering Stars. Charline saw the pattern at FabricLand and loved it. She didn't know how large it would be until she saw one displayed on the Central Coast Shop Hop, and another at Monica's in Palm Desert. It features many long strips.

Her second quilt, a 56x64 lap quilt in multi-colored primaries, is called Kindred Stars. Charline saw this quilt displayed in Woodland Hills on the Shop Hop and bought a kit. She feels Emily really made it special with her quilting.



<— Charline next presented a 60x60 Christmas quilt, which she calls "Blitzen with modification." She was trying to use up her Christmas stash and found this easy pattern. She went off-center on purpose because she wanted to! And Charline, we're glad you did, because all three quilts are marvelous!

—> Paulette Fletcher pieced, and Lynda Walters quilted, a queen size quilt in purple and grey Paulette calls her "robot quilt." She used robot themed fabric in this quilt she made for her daughter. What a fun gift, Paulette!



<— Helene Born pieced and quilted a queen-size quilt in charcoal, cream and assorted Moda solids, in the pattern "Parameters." The was a block-of-the-month project with the Modern Quilt Guild. Helene made this quilt, featuring simple 12" blocks which she won, for her daughter's birthday. She added arrows and plus signs in her layout to give it more pizzazz. Your daughter will love it, Helene!



<— Linda Boyle presented a fun full-size quilt in grays, with four jeep panels as the centerpiece. She started this UFO, which she pieced and quilted, in June, 2019. Linda found a jeep panel and Jeep fabric a while ago, but it sat while she pondered what to do with it. She and her husband have a Jeep, and she finally decided to make a warm couch quilt for her 6'2" husband who's always freezing! It features no batting, but heavy fleece backing, and it's taller than her husband. Bet he's loving it during these cold evenings, Linda!

—> Holly Lopes pieced, and Marcia Pittman quilted, a queen size quilt in green, blue and purple batiks she calls "Butterfly Batiks." She started this quilt in August, 2019 at the 2019 NCQG Mystery Quilt Workshop with Diana Fish. Holly loves the butterfly motifs in the batiks, and felt that Marcia did a fine job quilting butterflies in the borders. We do too, Holly—it's beautiful!



<— Gail Mitchell showed a twin-size quilt she pieced, and Cindy Kruse quilted, in blacks with multi-brights. Gail started this UFO, which she calls, "Sticks & Stones," in 2012. She saw the pattern in a Quilters World magazine, and was attracted to the colors and simplicity of the pattern. Gail says she's been using 1 1/2" square bright scraps as leaders and enders since then, and that it was a fun quilt to work on. And we had fun seeing this lovely, bright quilt, Gail!

—> Karen Thomas pieced, and Lee Ann Moore of Tranquility Quilting quilted, two quilts. The first, a queen size scrappy quilt in the Jewel Box pattern, Karen started around June of 2019.



<— Her second project, a lap quilt in Civil War colors with Sawtooth Stars, was a UFO Karen started in 2018. Both lovely quilts, Karen!

—> Beth Stiel pieced and quilted a table runner in bright florals, which she started in 2019. Beth says she enjoys taking blocks she likes and making table runners. This one was a paper pieced pattern she found in "Simply Modern." She used the bright florals she won in a basket at one of the Guild's Spring Luncheons. What a great use of your prize, Beth!





<— Phyllis Morrow and her sister Joyce Moore put together a full-size quilt in black, tan and cream, and Mary Alvarez quilted it. Phyllis and Joyce used a Kaffe Fassett pattern to turn their memories of Paris into a quilt. Joyce assembled all of the pieces. What a wonderful way to preserve your memories, ladies!

—> Phyllis also showed a small circle quilt she pieced and quilted, a wool “pennytopper” table topper in a pattern from Primitive Gatherings. What a fun piece, Phyllis!



<— Becky Sproal presented a 12”x12” mini quilt she pieced and quilted. This amazing pattern, called “Lidia,” is by Edyta Sitar of Little Handfuls. It features 24 Log Cabin blocks, and a total of 314 pieces in this mini quilt!

You have both tremendous patience and talent, Becky!

—> Teresa Malinowski completed a tote bag she began six years ago. This cute and useful bag is in black with white, red, purple and other colors. Great job, Teresa!



Vicki Johns pieced and quilted several projects.

<— The first, a wall hanging in pink and red, has a Valentine’s Day theme.

—> The second, called “Bake Shop,” is a lap quilt made from a whole charm pack from Moda.com.

—>The third, an Easter-themed wall hanging in a pattern by Elizabeth Hartman, features bunnies. Three cute, colorful and fun quilts, Vicki!



Diane Fisher pieced and quilted a baby quilt in orange and blue with a fish print. This quilt, in the pattern "Rail Fence," was started in 2016, when Diane was teaching her granddaughter to sew. What a wonderful talent to pass on to your granddaughter, Diane!



The Goin' to Pieces Friendship Group completed five quilts for philanthropy, from Bits 'n Pieces blocks. Becky Sproal and Diane Fisher quilted the baby or twin-size quilts, and many of the group's members worked on them. Diane quilted the rail fence and the pineapples with the green back. Wonderful, generous, work, ladies!



The Newbies Friendship Group also completed quilts for philanthropy, and Vicki Johns quilted them. The three lap or throw quilt tops are all made in the same fabrics, in blue, green, white and yellow. Participants in this charity project included Betty Ann Lawson, Tammy Messmann, Vicki Johns, Linda Magnuson, Susan Lee, Betty Getchell, Laberta Malone and Holly Lopes. Another great show of talent and generosity, ladies!

Guild Meetings (Overview)

We meet on the fourth Monday of each month, January through November (dark in December and May), at the:

**Placentia Presbyterian Church, in Key Center.
849 North Bradford, Placentia, CA 92870**

6:30pm - Social time, refreshments, library, opportunities, block exchange and more

7:00pm - Welcome, Business Meeting, Program, Show and Tell and Door prizes and other drawings

Monday April 27th	Lecture by: Cindy Wiens "Live a Colorful Life"	Tuesday April 28th	Workshop: "Salvaging my Sanity"
May	No Meeting	Saturday May 9th	Spring Luncheon
Monday June 22nd	Lecture by: Abby Hicks "Barn Door Quilt"	Tuesday June 23rd	Workshop "Barn Door Quilt Signs"
Monday July 27th	Lecture by: Elizabeth Eastmond "Technology in Quilting"		
Monday August 24th	Guild Meeting	Friday/Saturday August 21 & 22	Mystery Retreat
Monday September 28th	Installation Meeting		
Monday October 26th	Guild Meeting		
Monday November 23rd	Jingle Mingle		

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