

September 2021



# Northern Lights

A Publication of North Cities Quilt Guild

**Monday September 27th**  
Meeting begins at 7:00pm  
**Check Email to RSVP to Evite**



## SEPTEMBER :

### **Come and celebrate North Cities Quilt Guild 25th Guild Anniversary.**

This is an in person celebration! Join us at 7pm at Placentia Presbyterian Church. Packaged dessert and bottled water will be provided. There will also be Party Favors and Special Gifts.

- We need to wear a mask
- We need to keep a social distance
- We will not be serving food

#### Dates to Remember

- September 27—Guild Meeting
- October 25—Guild Meeting
- October 26—Workshop “Crazy cushion”



# Presidents Message

Dear NCQG Ladies,

It's NCQG 25th Anniversary Celebration!!! How amazing that 25 years ago, a dedicated and devoted group of quilters met together to form our wonderful guild. Besides recognizing our Charter Members, our Past Presidents, and our Anniversary, we will be installing the New Board members for North Cities Quilt Guild!

As we celebrate our 25 th Anniversary, we are asking you to respond to the official invitation online. The Placentia Presbyterian Church is asking that we wear masks and social distance. I'm sure we can manage that as we graciously attended our Jingle Mingle and our Ice Cream Social this year.

We will have party favors and special gifts for each member. At our meeting, we will also be drawing the winning ticket for our "2020-21 Carolina and Friends Opportunity Quilt." Our new 2021-22 Opportunity Quilt will be revealed for the first time!

As I leave the position of President, I want to share that it has been a pleasure serving as your leader. I want to thank each of you for your time and support for our special guild. The Board, especially Susan Lee and Joanne Burkhart as First VP's, have worked tirelessly to provide special programs so we could meet in person with the "Mini Jingle Mingle" and the "Ice Cream Social and Fabric Sale". Doreen Job, as VP of Special Events, helped with our first Zoom Workshop. We were leaders in the quilt world with our first Zoom workshop. We had wonderful variety of workshops and even had our annual Mystery Retreat. Beth Steil, as VP of Future Programs, has wisely researched and provided a variety of creative workshops for 2021-22. You will be impressed! Dora Luz Arroyo, as Secretary, has faithfully taken notes and recorded our meetings with clarity and ease. Thanks to Mary Fitzgerald for her support as Treasurer by working with our budget to keep it balanced. Thanks, also, to Debi Hanna as Past President for providing guidance to our Board.

Our Zoom meetings were creative and fun with the resources of Helene Born and Amy Estrada who assisted with our speakers, with our monthly Show and Tell Slide Shows, and our own "Wheel of Fortune" for our Door Prizes.

Our August NCQG Meeting featured our own Patchwork Star, Marcia Pittman. She joined us from Winston Salem, North Carolina to share her quilts on Zoom and opened up her quilt shop for a tour. Marcia was amazing and an inspiration to us all. We especially appreciated her staying up late to be our guest since she lives in a different time zone.

We have some positions open on our committees. Please consider joining to assist NCQG as we transition back to meeting in person.

Wishing you the best in your quilting adventures for 2021-22!

Betty Ann

# Quilt Blocks for Habitat for Humanity

## Philanthropy Cubby Hole Blocks for Habitat for Humanity

Keep 'em coming! I have two twin tops completed and likely two more on the way!

I have made a decision to use the red and white blocks for the youth bedrooms and now I am requesting the same blocks in a more subdued color way for the adults. This may seem odd to you, but give it a try. **Make the same Cubby Hole blocks in black with white/cream, brown with white/cream, or purple with white/cream.** This will be a more neutral color scheme with just a pop of color.

### Cutting instructions for one block

Use color for center and whites for the frame or you can reverse and use white for the center and the color in the frame.

Cut one center square 3.5"

Cut 2 rectangles 1.5" x 3.5" for 2 sides of the frame

Cut 2 rectangles 1.5" x 5.5" for top and bottom of the frame

They will measure 5.5" square cut edge to cut edge. Do not trim. Use an accurate 1/4" seam allowance and use good quality quilting cottons.

Drop them in the box on my front porch, pop them in the mail or give them to me at our in-person meeting in September!

Thank you for your continuing support in this special partnership with the Yorba Linda Presbyterian Mission Committee. Everyone is excited for the day this family moves into their new home and our beautiful quilts will be in their welcome basket.

Blessings all around!

Becky Sproal



# Philanthropy

Because of your efforts to complete quilt tops, our Long Arm group (Vicky John, Shelly McGuine, and Rita Jones) and those that do the binding we have had quite a productive year. In addition to our existing donation sites we are looking for sites that can take larger quilts. A number of different sites are under consideration.

The in-person Philanthropic sew is happening September 23 at Rita's or you can join via Zoom. We have a number of mystery projects that were donated in a partially completed state. There have been some requests to see where we donate these wonderful gifts, so if you are interested in going on a delivery or two please let me know.

Philanthropy Participants: (those we know)

Mary Fitzgerald	Mary Weifenbach
Delores Gilbert	Mary Lou Ripper
Anna Lee	Gail Mitchell
Fran Mathews	Beth Stiele
Ricki Bremer	



A special Thank You to Delores Gilbert who has been binding the majority of the quilts this month.

Pillowcase kits for children are also available in at both Rita's and my porches. If you have never made these pillowcases they are really easy. The fabric is fun and bright.

We would love to recognize all of your efforts so please remember to put your name on your donations and completed quilts and kits that you drop of at either Rita's courtyard or my porch.

Hope you all stay safe and look forward see you all soon.

Paulette



## And the Winner is.....

Our September meeting will be special because besides installing our newly elected board members, we will be drawing the name of one very lucky winner for our beautiful Opportunity Quilt, "Carolina Lily and Friends".

Some statistics for inquiring minds. Last year we had 55% member participation. So far, as of this writing we have 49% participation of our membership. 40% of our members did not pick up their tickets and they will receive them in the mail so they too, can have a chance to win! 11% of members have picked up their ticket packets, but have not returned them.

We have an Opportunity Quilt every year. Some guilds raise their dues and include the opportunity quilt tickets as part of their membership dues. We have been fortunate to have a few "fun-raisers" each year to provide funds for our speakers and workshops. Our Opportunity Quilt is of equal importance and the hope is that all members participate in the purchase or selling of the tickets.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person at our 25th Birthday of our guild this month! And congratulations to.....

Becky Sproal  
Opportunity Quilt Chair

## Out And About

October 2nd  
10am—4pm

Old Town Temecula Outdoor Quilt Show  
Temecula Valley Museum  
28314 Mercedes St., Temecula, CA 92590  
<http://www.temeculavalleymuseum.org/>

# August Mystery Retreat

Rita Jones did it again! She planned and executed a most successful and wonderful Mystery Quilt Retreat!

We received some clues a month in advance. This enabled us to purchase our material and cut it in preparation and anticipation of the big day. During the preparation we used a product called: "Thangles". Some participants had used Thangles before on other projects. To some of us, this was a learning experience. Thangles enabled us to make zillions of half square triangles with perfect points! We love Thangles now!

There were wonderful volunteers who arrived on Friday to set up tables, chairs, and electric cords. Many hands made the work lighter. Thank you to all the volunteers for your tremendous help! A big THANK YOU to the Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church and coordinator Becky Sproal for letting us use the facility. This was our FIRST in-person get together in over a year!! Everyone was so happy to be together! Smiles were on everyone's faces!

Rita Jones is a master teacher. She had everything so well planned that she made it look easy! There were drawings for notions, fabric, and even table runners! Everyone won a prize!!

Our lunches were catered by Sally Ann Catering. We pre-ordered our choices. Rita lined cute little plastic lunch boxes with gingham-styled tissue paper, put our lunch inside, and tied it up with a bow. The plastic box can be used later for our quilting gadgets! Because Rita had everything running smoothly, she sewed blankets and other things for the Guild's Philanthropy recipients while we worked on our mystery quilt.

Later in the afternoon the "Mystery Quilt" in red, white, and blue was revealed! Everyone was thrilled to see what their future quilt would look like! We took a group photo in front of it, but as you can see in the photo, there were so many of us, you can only see a small portion of it. When the individual quilts are finished, you will be delighted to see a variety of them during the Guild's "Show and Tell"!

Thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you to the people who stayed to help put the room back in order. Thank you to the young people who helped carry heavy sewing machines and "stuff" out to ladies cars when we finished.

Thank you to Rita Jones for the most fun, in-person "MYSTERY QUILT RETREAT"!

# August Mystery Retreat Cont'd



# UFO Challenge

UFO Challenge Final Turn in September meeting!! Time to finish up!!

This will be the last chance to vie for prizes and exhibit your finished works for the year. And if you need to turn in several UFOI's this month, no worries! We will accept all of them at the last turn in for the September meeting!!! You can turn in via email still by Noon Sunday September 26. If we do meet in person, you may bring them to the meeting, your choice. Just show me that they are quilted, bound and labeled.

Do all you can to get your ribbon and button(s). If you don't get all your UFO's done this cycle, we start again in October. Just put one stitch in front of the other!!!

I'd like to announce that starting for October, Anna Lee will be your new UFO Challenge chair. Let's all support the Challenge by getting ready to enter the next cycle with Anna Lee.

Blessings to you!

Holly Lopes







ANDREA BAILEY	Sep 08
DORALUZ ARROYO	Sep 17
TRUDY TESHIMA	Sep 19
VICKI JOHNS	Sep 22
LORRAINE VOORHEES	Sep 23
CAROL BOLTON	Sep 28
JUDIE DEE	Sep 29

## Share and Care



Beth Stiel will be having neck surgery next week. Sending our love for a successful surgery and speedy recovery!

# Upcoming Workshops

October 26th

Workshop With Lori DeJarnatt

“Crazy Cushion”



**The last workshop of 2021! Come join the fun!**

If you want to feel comfortable, this is the workshop for you!

Becky McDaniel will be the master instructor! She will teach us how to make a paper-pieced CRAZY CUSHION. **This is how she describes the class:**

“This “Crazy Cushion” is paper pieced with 3 different designs—**Star Jasmine, Pineapple, Flying Geese** “I will show you how to do paper piecing using a light box. This technique makes it so much easier to get the points perfect! You will learn how to make the welting and the large hand quilting with pearl cotton to make your cushion pop.” “This cushion also has a zipper which makes it easier to wash if necessary. I will show you how to set and stabilize your zipper and put a fun handle on so that carrying your cushion is easier!”

Kits are available in 3 sizes at \$35 each. The kit will include:

- ⇒ Printed Paper Piecing Pages (16 pages)
- ⇒ 16x16x3 firm foam cushion
- ⇒ 3 ¾ yards of cotton cording
- ⇒ 22” x 1 ½” strap
- ⇒ 22” zipper
- ⇒ Pattern

**Becky will also have available:**

Neutral Fabric @ \$11/yd

YLI Monofilament Thread @ \$8

Sue Spargo #8 embroidery thread @ \$5

Big Stitch Needles @ \$6 for a package of 12 needles

9”x9” wool mats @ \$18

Light tablets @ \$25

Becky will also have instructions on how to order the cushion from an online vendor or you can buy foam at any local upholstery supply.

\*\*\*Email your **intent** to attend a Workshop to Doreen Job at:  
[drjob123@gmail.com](mailto:drjob123@gmail.com)  
You will be added to the list of attendees.

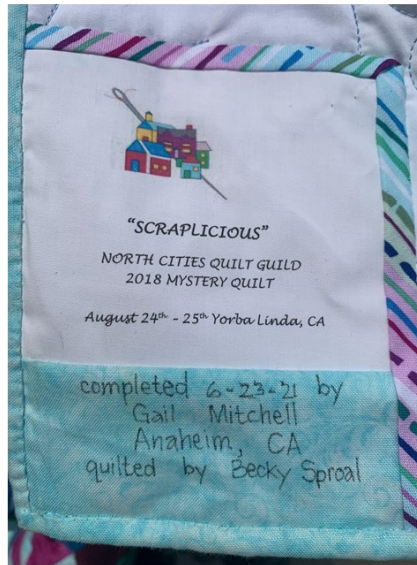
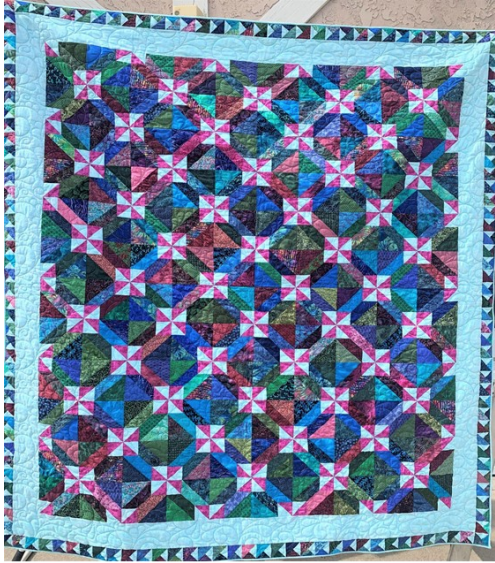
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Send check and form to: NCQG  
P.O. Box 376  
Yorba Linda, CA 92885-0376

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# Virtual Show and Tell



This is Gail Mitchell's 4th UFO turn in.

"Scraplicious" is from Rita Jones 2018 Mystery retreat.

Holly wants to remind all the UFO participants that September is the last chance for turn-ins!

## UFO Challenge - Holly Lopes



## Mary Ripper

First one is "Shoreline Log Cabin" by Judie Martin. The gray one is "Right Direction" my design.

## Virtual Show and Tell cont'd



Mary Ripper  
This one is Edyta Sitar's "Michigan" her last mystery quilt.



Mary Ripper  
"Stars Upon Stars"  
5,600 pieces.  
Thank you Becky for your inspiration

# 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

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Monday October 25th	Becky McDaniel	Tuesday October 26th	Workshop "Crazy Cushion"

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