



The Village Quilter

September 2025

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September Birthdays

- 1- Jane Larson
- 9 - Judie Erickson
- 11- Kathy Proctor
- 13 - Tina Rainey
- 15 - Cindy Stephen
- 17 - Gigi Sartor
- 18 - Julie Parker
- 25 - Nancy Miller
- 29 - Gayle Luczyk

Message from the President

The month of August flew by so quickly! Trying to finish my quilt entries for our November Quilt Show, August collage workshop and prepping for September's quilted jacket workshop—I need to take a breath!

Many of you already know that Mara Woods has resigned her position as Country Store Chair for our Quilt Show. You might not know I have decided to move forward as the new Chair. Mara has spent a significant amount of time collecting, sorting, measuring, and preparing donated goods for sale at our Country Store, which is a significant source of income for our guild. Her efforts are greatly appreciated.

Moving forward, we will be simplifying our efforts, selling all yardage by the pound and will not pre-cut any new donations. Speaking of donations, we are still accepting your stash fabrics, kits, UFOs and notions; please contact me for delivery or pickup arrangements. I have Mara's list of volunteers, but we could use a few more people to help sort and price notions, kits and UFOs and during the show. We need everyone's help to make our Quilt Show a success.

Have a great Labor Day!

May your bobbins always be full!

Becky Forbes
FQG President



Message from 1st VP

Hello, my Cute Quilting Friends!!!

Hopefully everyone is enjoying their last days of Summer. Ugh it's been very hot the last few days. Can't wait until the cooler fall days come. All my animals will be so happy too!

Let's recap our last fun workshop of a Laura Heine Appliqué taught by Susy Nash. It looked like everyone was entertained by her at the meeting. So at the workshop we had 17 people in total. Everyone seemed to learn so much and enjoyed themselves. I know I am a newbie, and I am learning so much all the time. I try even with the hobbies I have been doing most of my life to still be open to learning new techniques and tricks. I plan on being a student my whole life. I have never met anyone who knows everything, nor will you. Come join the student of life train, it's always fun and keeps the brain sharp!!

The October workshop is the embellishment class with Shelley Swanland. We can make our new jackets and our quilts even prettier with some awesome techniques she will be showing us.

In October for the program, we are going to speak to the quilt show coming up in November. This is everyone's quilt show. That's how we sustain ourselves financially so let's all pitch in 1000% and make this so successful. Many hands really do make light work. Please reach out to Cindy or Becky if you want to help. There is always something that needs to be done. With that being said we would also love to see everyone's quilt/work in the show. I believe submissions are allowed up until Sept 30th. It doesn't need to be perfect. I don't judge nor should anyone else. We are all on this journey of life and I am truly proud of all of us for finding a passion that gives us joy and that we can share with others.

That's all for now. Keep cool everyone and see you around town.

Julie

Message from 2nd VP
Workshop for September



Fallbrook Quilt Guild

Diana Karna will be our September 4th meeting speaker. She is a "garment sewist turned quilt lover," and in her presentation she will go over in-depth construction of the quilted coat and its many variations.

The fun part of her lecture is being able to try on different coats of various sizes and seeing what they look like on someone who is not a size 2.

If you want to learn more, visit to her website at www.stitchingstyle.org or search for her YouTube videos.

She will also be teaching the workshop on the same subject on Saturday, September 6th from 9-3 at the Fallbrook Public Utility District.

Member fee: \$40
Non-member fee: \$50
Pattern fee: \$30

Advance preparation needed.

If you wish to sign up and reserve your spot, contact:
DixieLJohns@gmail.com

August Membership Report

FQG Membership Report as of August 7, 2025

1. **Meeting Attendance** was 62
 - 46 members both who have renewed
 - 5 members not yet renewed.
 - 1 new member
 - 6 guests- 3 paid & 3 pass
 - 2 from Hemet guild selling Opportunity Quilt tickets
 - 1 Speaker
 - 1 Speaker Assistant
2. **Renewal Status of the 80 members from last year**
 - 15 not renewed- A second email reminder was sent 8/9/25
 - 56 have renewed
 - 9 exempt members kept on roster (past presidents & charter member)
3. **Two New Members since last meeting-** (Welcome letter sent)
Bonnie Engel
Mary Hyde
4. **Membership as of 8/7/25 is 74**
 - 56 Paid renewals
 - 09 Dues exempt members
 - 05 New members
 - 04 Former members who renewed (*these are members who didn't join last year*)74
5. **Airtable** will be updated this month and a new membership list will be printed and distributed at the September meeting.
6. **New membership cards & a guest pass** will also be distributed at the September meeting.

Thanks

Ardis and Donna

Co-Chairs

Quilt Show Update

We're happy to say that Becky Forbes has taken on the role of Country Store Chair, with assistance from many ladies who have volunteered to help. Tricia Voight is no longer assuming the role of White Glove/Demo Chair because she will be helping Becky, in addition to Newsletter and her other contributions to the guild. Let Cindy know if you are interested in coordinating White Gloves and Demos. We thank Mara for the many weeks she spent working on the Country Store. We are in good shape to finish the job.

Please submit your Quilt Show entries as soon as possible so we can get an idea of the volume we will have on display. Entry forms can be found on the website under [Members > Forms](#), or you can click this link [Quilt Show Entry Forms](#). We look forward to seeing your beautiful quilts at our show!

If you have a quilt to donate to our auction, you can click this link [Auction Donation Form](#). Simply print the form, fill it out, attach to the quilt, and drop your quilt off at Betsy Shirkey's home or bring it to the next meeting. Please notify Betsy if you can help with quilting or binding donated quilt tops.

Also... the **Sew and Sews** are donating one of two door prize baskets that we will have in the auction room. For the second basket, we have an Autumn theme that will consist of **new** handmade items such as an apron, dish towels and other items you would like to donate. We are including some new, unopened quilting items that were donated by **Quilter's Cottage**. If you have a contribution, or you would like to make a table runner or other Autumn themed item, please let Cindy know.

Looking forward to an exciting show!

Cindy Stephen and Kathy Proctor

Quilt Show Co-Chairs

Friendship Corner

Sewing Sisters

Submitted by Wendy Bean

Our group started approximately 15 years ago with only 7 founding members and so we named ourselves "Seven Sewing Sisters". Over the years we gained and lost members and currently have 10 quilters only two of whom are original. Our name has changed along with the members, and we now go by "Sewing Sisters" - the only thing that hasn't changed is the fondness, warmth and laughter shared by all.

We were much more industrious in the beginning encouraging each other to teach whatever skills we possessed. We did several box swaps (each member puts fabric and a pattern in the box which is passed around until each quilter has added a block). Eventually everyone would get enough blocks in her box to make a quilt.



Box Quilt by Wendy Bean

At our last meeting we were treated to several vintage quilts that were discovered by Connie Follstad. She was surprised to find them in a box donated to the Country Store. It was assumed these hand and machine stitched pieces made during the 1940's were from Laurel, Mississippi. A set of blocks were paper pieced on newspaper with that identifying information. The quilt tops included one with large triangle pieced pinwheel blocks with each blade made up of four triangles, a modified colorful bowtie quilt top, another a square patchwork with what appears to be shirting, and one with beautiful diamonds forming a complex star block with a center square and finally a cross or X block sometimes called the Crossing Quilt. Exciting to see these treasures 80 years in the making!

Pictures of the vintage quilts.



News from SCCQG

SCCQG 2026 Special Exhibit Road to California Quilters Conference January 21-24, 2026

What is *home* to you? How do you quilt *home*?

Group and individually made quilts accepted for consideration.
Quilts of all styles and techniques are welcome so long as they fit the requirements below.

Entry requirements are as follows (please read carefully):

- The quilt must have been finished in 2025/2026 and be in good condition.
- Size: perimeter should not be larger than 240" overall and no smaller than 60" overall. Items that don't meet this criterion may be accepted and may be folded for display purposes.
- Embellishments must not protrude more than ½" from the surface of the quilt.
- The quilt must be made of fabric and quilted either by hand, or machine, or both.
- It must be constructed of three layers and bound or closed around all quilt edges.
- Quilt/hanging must have an attached 4" hanging sleeve (basted or safety pins allowed).
- Entrant must be a current member of an SCCQG Member Guild or an Affiliate member.

- Enter by email. Entries must include a separate digital jpeg photo named as follows: entrant's last name_(underscore)name of quilt_(underscore)guild initials.jpeg. For example: "Weber_clubby_QBS.jpeg" Each entry must have a

short paragraph describing how the entry represents the theme. (The Exhibit curator reserves editing rights.)

Online entry form at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1W8jpx12PnBCmIgyodBWgDZDrxUESM1NBO8kWgFJVND8/edit>

Timetable

December 26, 2025 (Friday) All entry forms and photos due.

Entries need to include a current email address for confirmation of receipt. See instructions above. Photos may be of the quilt flimsy so long as the quilt is finished and arrives on time.

January 9-19, 2026, Deadline for exhibit drop offs at various locations.

*Entries may be dropped off at several locations in lieu of shipping.

----See FAQs on following page for locations and "NLT" dates----

**All entries are required to have a 4" hanging sleeve. Sleeves may be basted or safety

January 24 – February 12, 2026, Quilts will be returned according to prior arrangements. SCCQG will not ship quilts to owner. Unclaimed quilts will be donated to a charity.

Questions: SCCQGRD2CA@gmail.com

SCCQG and Road reserve the right to reject quilts not suitable for hanging.

Frequently Asked Questions and Other Info

- Hanging Sleeves – You tube has several videos on how to make a hanging sleeve. I like [this one](#).
- Quilt containers –Your quilt entry needs to be fully contained in a cloth bag (a pillowcase for example). Why? The quilts are packed in suitcases and plastic crates until they arrive at the convention center. Quilts fall out of too small shopping bags and quilts that are rolled don't pack into a suitcase well. If you haven't noticed in the past (good!), the pillowcases and bags are pinned to the back of your entry so they are handy when the exhibit is dismantled. It's difficult to pin through stiff plastic carriers. Your contact info on the outside of your quilt bag makes it easier and faster to sort and return quilts. I will make an effort to contact you if your quilt doesn't get picked up, so your info needs to be on the case.
- Hanging the exhibit - Want to get a preview of the show? Join us on Monday, January 19 at 9:00am at the convention center and help hang this exhibit. You may also volunteer to hang other exhibits (after SCCQG's is hung!) and see more quilts "up close and personal." You will be charged for parking-but get a receipt (electronic and text me a copy) and you can be reimbursed.

Year At a Glance

Fallbrook Quilt Guild YEAR AT A GLANCE

Year	Month	General Meeting Community Center, 341 Heald Ln, Fallbrook			Workshop FPUD, 990 E Mission Rd, Fallbrook			Executive Board Meeting FRHD, 1636 East Mission Road, Fallbrook		
		Date	Time	What	Date	Time	What	Date	Time	What
2025	July	10-Jul	6pm	Veteran Notes of Appreciation Susy Nash (Certified Laura Heine Instructor)	12-Jul	9am	Paint Barn/Yard Quilt (@Charlotte Seidman's house)	16-Jul	1pm	Meeting
	August	7-Aug	6pm	Diana Karna	9-Aug	9am	Susy Nash (Laura Heine Collage)	13-Aug	1pm	Meeting
	September	4-Sep	6pm	2025 Quilt Show Update	6-Sep	9am	Diana Karna (Quilted Jacket)	10-Sep	1pm	Meeting
	October	2-Oct	1pm	Quilt Show Nov 7 & 8	3-Oct	9am	Shelly Swanson (Embellishments)	8-Oct	1pm	Meeting
	November	---	---	Potluck	---	---	Quilt Show Nov 7 & 8	12-Nov	1pm	Meeting
	December	4-Dec	1pm	No workshop in December	---	---	No board meeting in December	---	---	No board meeting in December
2026	January	DARK	---	No general meeting in January	DARK	---	No workshop in January	14-Jan	1pm	Meeting
		TBD	TBD	Hoffman Tour + Bus Trip						
	February	5-Feb	1pm	Cindy Stephen	7-Feb	9am	Cindy Stephen (Free Motion Quilting)	11-Feb	1pm	Meeting
	March	5-Mar	1pm	Rob Appell	7-Mar	9am	Rob Appell (Wonky Log Cabin)	11-Mar	1pm	Meeting
	April	2-Apr	6pm	Quilts of Love	4-Apr	9am	Becky Forbes (Curves Gone WILD! - Proud Mary Quilt)	8-Apr	1pm	Meeting
	May	7-May	6pm	Linda Ballard	8-May	9am	Linda Ballard	13-May	1pm	Meeting
	June	4-Jun	6pm	Potluck, Installation, Opportunity Quilt Drawing	6-Jun	9am	TBD	10-Jun	1pm	Meeting (turnover)

Quilt Show News from Becky

Thank you for your volunteer efforts thus far and we will continue to move forward with all the wonderful donations we have (and hope to still get).

Yesterday was my first day to see everything we have and wrap my head around the magnitude of the effort. WOW! We have a lot of wonderful things! Going forward, we will not be cutting fabric and pricing--all fabric will be sold by the pound (excluding panels, kits, UFOs and non-fabric items). We will keep it simple and as stress free as possible.

Work parties at the barn will usually be in the morning, before noon, when it is cooler.

We are still accepting donations and need more volunteers! Please let me know if you have donations and we will arrange for drop off or pick up. And, let me know if you can volunteer!

Warm regards,

Becky Forbes

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**The following was omitted from the last Friendship Corner featuring the Easy Piecers. I apologize, Tricia.*

The construction committee for the Leaf Symphony quilt (from Easy Piecers) consisted of Hildegard Duckworth, Ursula Hohaus-Hawkins, Linda Kacirek, Maria Lansberry and Deb Raver.

Current membership in Easy Piecers includes Cathy Plocki, Charlotte Seidman, Connie Follstad, Deb Raver, Dixie Johns, Jessie Lee, Margie Beaver, Michelle Wood, Nonie Osborne, Sharon Walters, Sarah Sandor, Ursula Hohaus-Hawkins, Viki Lewis, and Vikki Sanchez.

Membership Reminder

Airtable is considered main FQG membership roster. Airtable is online and accessible all the times. For those not using Airtable, a paper copy will be available at the September meeting.

Current members can pick up their new membership card and guest pass.

For members who haven't renewed, please do so at the September meeting or by mail.

*The membership form is found, fillable & printed at:
<https://www.fallbrookquiltguild.com/membership>. Dues are \$50.*

*Membership form & dues can be mailed to the: Fallbrook Quilt Guild,
P.O. Box 1704, Fallbrook, CA 92088.*

If your choice is not to renew, you will be considered a guest and asked for \$10 donation to attend meeting.

Please contact Ardis Duhachek at ardis.duhachek@gmail.com for questions.

Thank you

Ardis Duhachek

Donna Fox

Co-Membership Chairs

Upcoming Event

