



The Village Quilter

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August Birthdays

16 – Nancy Hill
19 – Ardis Duhachek
20 – Kim Good
21 – Carol Kratzer
29 – Jona Newcomb
30 – Mary Morrison
30 – Anne Ottemann
31 – Sharon Wilhite

Message from the President

I officially survived my first general meeting and board meeting as the new president! Stepping into this role brings so many new experiences and information all at once. Honestly, maybe I should start a blog. I would call it, “Diary of a Newbie Quilt Guild President.” Maybe not.

So far, I have only experienced a tiny fraction of what this position actually entails. Behind the scenes, there is the budget, insurance, venue contracts, programs, and social media to learn about, just to name a few. Being in this new role is amazing, but it can easily send you down a rabbit hole and completely out of your comfort zone.

The biggest positive is building brand-new relationships and creating a much greater connection with this wonderful guild community. For now, my strategy is to take it one step at a time, keep learning, and pour a glass of wine “prn”... means *as needed*.

We have important guild business to discuss at our next meeting on August 6th. Please review the proposed budget for FY26-27 that is emailed with your August Newsletter prior to the meeting. We will discuss the proposal and ask the attending membership for approval.

The meeting starts at 6pm, and the doors open at 5:30pm. Our speaker is Karen Brown’s UFO.

I am so excited for this journey and look forward to seeing everyone at the August meeting!

Ardis Duhachek
FQG President

“Stitching our guild community closer with fabric, friendship, and fun.”



Message from the 1st VPs

Connie and I are breathing easier since the calendar and contracts for the guild are set for the year. We are looking forward to the August guild meeting to tickle the topic of UFOs. Karen Brown, of Just Get It Done Quilts, has a video we will share. It presents in an organized, but doable fashion of how to deal with those UFOs that you may have been collecting and ignoring. Bring a UFO to the meeting or a picture of one and be prepared to share it with your table group.

Message from Membership

Time to Update Our Roster! Annual Dues & Information Renewal

It is that time of year again! To keep our guild running smoothly and ensure our directory stays accurate, it is time for our annual **membership dues renewal and information update**. Renewal dues are just \$10 this year only for those who were members in the 2025-2026 membership year.

Please note: All members are requested to fill out a fresh **Membership Information Form** this year—even if absolutely none of your contact details have changed. (A blank form is included on the last page of the newsletter.) Over time, details like secondary phone numbers or email formatting can hit a snag, so a complete baseline refresh ensures our communications reach everyone perfectly. You can drop off your completed form and dues directly at the membership desk during our next meeting or mail them in using the instructions on the form. Thank you for helping us keep our guild records seamless and up to date!

August Meeting

We will be discussing UFOs using **Karen Brown** from “Just Get It Done Quilts” to empower us with what to do with our collection of UFOs. I know you all have them; it’s just a matter of how many you have? The goal of our meeting is to incentivize and give you tools to reduce that number. Get ready for a UFO challenge of a slightly different kind.



August Workshop

We'll be making quilts for the Quilts of Love committee. The workshop will be on Friday, August 7 (not Saturday). The first ten participants will have access to a kit with a new pattern which is easy as pie and sure to please new moms.



September Meeting

The September meeting will be a member-led trunk show, featuring **Linda Wright**, **Bonnie Engel**, **Ursula Hohaus-Hawkins**, and **Janice Deneau**.

September Workshop

By popular request, the September workshop on **Friday** will be “All About Binding” taught by **Sue Bouchard**. Her workshops are perfectly organized for participants to get the most out of whatever the topic is. A detailed handout will be provided so that you can put the new binding technique into practice. The workshop will cover straight binding, French, accent, back to front, infinity and techniques on how to change the color of the binding to enhance the design of the front of your quilt. Each one offers a different design option for the perfect finish to your design.



October Meeting

Karen Bolan from Northern California is a former employed engineer and a new to us presenter. Some requests from guild members have been on the topic of color. Karen will be presenting: “*Seeing Light in a New Color.*”

Last year this presentation was well received by another guild in the county, and we are pleased to have her share it with us in October. Karen describes the lecture this way.



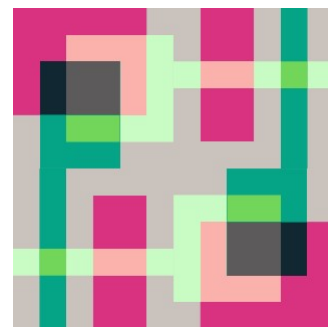
The opportunity to play with color has drawn people to quilting for generations. Whether using intuition, color theory, or simply what we have on hand, we have all developed color palettes for our quilts that speak to us in some way. What are they saying? In this trunk show lecture, explore different properties of color and see them in action. Follow Karen's journey as she seeks to understand color and how to use it for the biggest impact.

Her website is <https://www.karenbolan.com/>.

October Workshop

On October 3, **Karen** will offer a newly developed workshop that accompanies her color lecture. It is called “*Special Effects with Color*” and is described below.

Journey into color mastery by creating illusions and tricking the eye. Color is one of the most exciting things about quilting, and yet it's easy to feel unsure about our choices. By understanding how we see color and then creating illusions with color, students can develop color confidence and giddy enjoyment. In this class, learn to define and use basic color theory terminology; apply the principles of additive and subtractive color as they relate to vision, light, and the physical world; create mutable color illusions; create a color palette with afterimage effects; and create transparency illusions including a complex transparency illusion with more than two overlapping shapes and textures.



This workshop will not end with participants producing another UFO. It is low key, learn as you go, and if you don't have the suggested fabrics, then just come with your general sewing supplies. Karen will provide enough fabric for you.

Introducing ---

This is new feature for the newsletter. Our members have many varied interests and styles of quilting. This feature is intended to help you get to know everyone in the guild.

First is Donna Fox, Secretary for this guild year. Here's what Donna said about how she came to quilting.

"I found quilting when I was looking for buttons. This is how it happened. One day as a fairly new Fallbrook resident and a sewist of many things for many years, I drove into town looking for buttons for a shirt I had just made. Much to my disappointment I realized there was no place in Fallbrook that sold buttons! Somehow, I found out there was, after all, a fabric store in Fallbrook. I went to Quilter's Cottage immediately. I was in awe of all the beautiful fabric! Yet, when I asked about buttons, the reply was no, sorry. But wait! The owner said there was this jar with random buttons and invited me to just pick out what I needed. Wow! That was amazing to me, and I started liking Fallbrook a bit better.

Then I noticed an announcement for the 2023 FQG Quilt Show. I took the card and determined to attend. There at the show entrance a nice lady asked me if I wanted to join. I said yes, I love to sew but I've never made a quilt. She said that's okay, you can learn. So, I sent in my application and then found Melanie Han's YouTube series "My First Quilt" which I watched on repeat. At my first meeting I met many happy, friendly women. I picked up Quilts of Love kits, and I was soon making quilts! I love (almost) everything about quilting. What I love most is the sewing, as simple as that sounds. I also enjoy learning from lovely FQG quilters. So that's how looking for buttons led me to quilting!"

Sunshine and Shadows



If you attended the Rotary 4th of July pancake breakfast, you may have seen guild member Janice Deneau. After the breakfast, the Rotary sponsors a "dog show" highlighting not only dogs in categories such as the dog with the longest tail, but skill sets such as drug sniffing, and in Janice's case dog tricks. Pictured here is Janice with Mr. Vinny, a toy Manchester terrier. While this dog is reluctantly competing at AKC dogs shows, he loves learning tricks. Vinny and Janice are now involved with dog Rally classes (a new term for me.) Janice's involvement in these dog things along with her quilting, is surely evidence that quilters are multi-interested, multi-talented folk, not just one trick pony....er one trick dogs.

San Diego Fair

Irene Althaus and Tricia Voight recently spent the day at the fair demonstrating Sashiko. This was a “make & take” demonstration. Most satisfying was sharing with young visitors who were very excited to learn this very old Japanese form of mending that has become a new quilting art form. We had some older visitors checking us out too. All in all, it was a fun day. We demonstrated 3 separate days showing our skills with Sashiko and sewing disappearing 4-patch blocks.



Our members made quite a showing at the San Diego County Fair! Nine members entered 20 quilts. The winners included:

Becky Forbes - Paradise in Bloom - 2nd Place
Tricia Voight - Sashiko Hand Embroidery Wall Hanging - 1st Place
Tricia Voight - Judy Niemeyer Paper Pieced Design - 2nd Place
Carol Wilson - Huckleberry - Honorable Mention
Carol Wilson - Black Eyed Susan - 3rd Place

The quilts are displayed below.



Sharon Wilhite



Tricia Voight, Second Place



Sharon Wilhite



Bonnie Engel



Becky Forbes



Carol Wilson



Carol Wilson



Carol Wilson – Honorable Mention



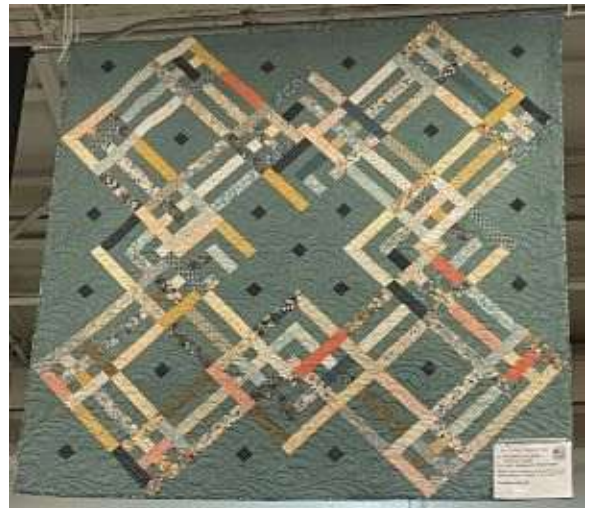
Allyn Kaye



Carol Wilson



Sandy Scott



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Becky Forbes

July Show and Tell

We had a wonderful speaker in July, Chris Brown, who told us about Elizabeth Hospice and all the work they do for people at the end of life. Kathy and Cindy provided him with some of the quilts set aside for them.



There were also lots of great quilts shown at our July meeting.



Sharon's tiger face



Sharon's finally finished



Kathy's quilt: An Ugly Holiday Opportunity Taken, back and front



Cindy's American 250 quilt



Temre's Black Sheep quilt



Sharon's An Everyday Hug



Tricia's Sashiko



Tricia's fish



Tricia's Fantasy Under the Sea



Kris's Memory quilt from T-shirts
for a friend who lost husband



Jewell's Patriotic quilt of love



Mary's Those Trees quilt



Sandy's patriotic quilt



Kris's It's A Mad Mod Xmas quilt



Back of Mad Mod Xmas quilt



Kris's Tigritude quilt



Back of Kris's Tigritude quilt



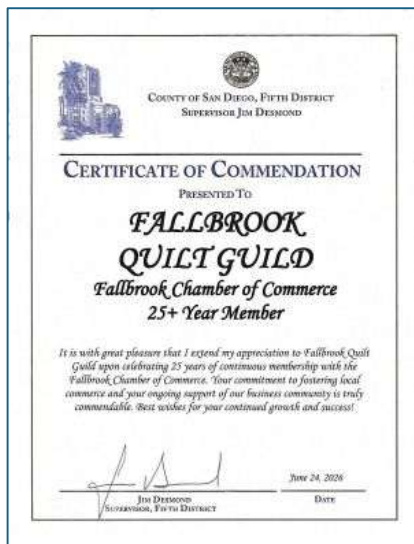
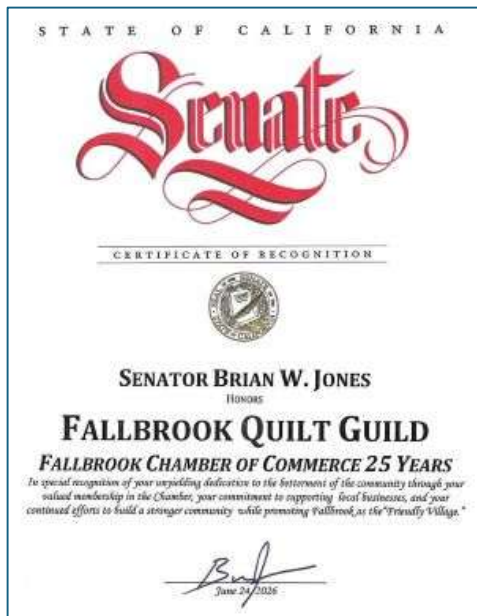
Label for Kris's tiger quilt



Kris's 70s Vibrations quilt

Quilt Guild Recognition

Becky Forbes shared with us the recognition the guild received from the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce at their recent meeting. She received on behalf of the Guild Certificates of Recognition from State Senator Brian W. Jones, State Assemblyman Carl deMaio, County Supervisor Jim Desmond, and Lila Hargrove of the Chamber for the Guild's 25 years of membership in the Chamber.





Opportunity Quilt

The quilt run provided us a chance to show our new opportunity quilt. It was displayed at Quilter's Cottage on July 11 and 12.



For Sale

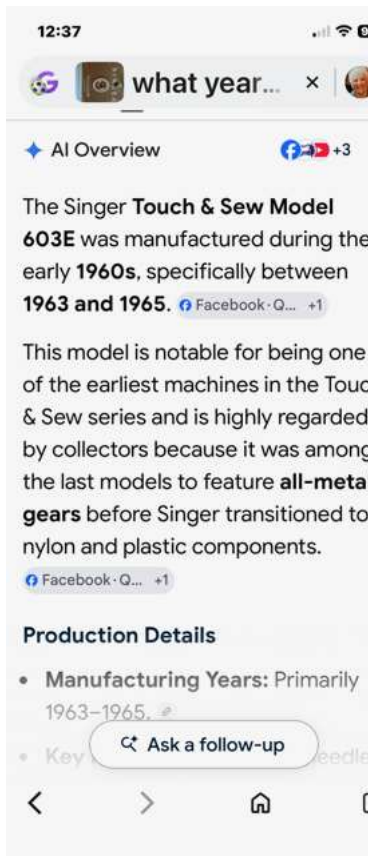
This is new feature for the newsletter. If anyone has any quilting related items for sale, please submit a photo, description of the item and price, and it will be published in the newsletter.

1. **Judie Erickson**, 760-213-1507

The first item is provided by Judie Erickson. Free Singer 603E. It's a sweet little machine and it was working fine when it was put away ages ago. If no one wants it, she'll take it to the thrift store.

This machine was serviced and then put in closet for 10-12 years. Light came on but didn't run when I plugged it in.... I suspect it needs oiling and general service. Last year the machines were made with all metal and zero plastic parts.

Machine and cabinet free to good home. Pick up in Fallbrook or will deliver in Fallbrook.



Bobbin area of the Singer 603E

2. For Sale by **Tricia Voight**, 760-468-3267

BABY LOC REGENT SITDOWN QUILTER

Model BLRT18

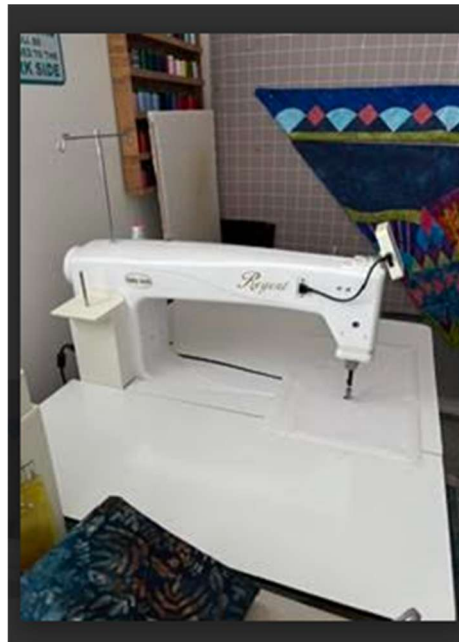
Similar model new with slightly larger sewing area 20" as opposed to 18" - \$9500

Like new condition, Asking \$4500

Includes all accessories: user's manual, bobbin winder, bobbins, necessary open toe foot and ruler foot and several rulers that I have collected for free motion quilting.

Table dimensions 36wX32d, adjustable height for sitting or standing to quilt.

Available for inspection and hands on trial.



**Fallbrook Quilt Guild
YEAR AT A GLANCE**

Year	Month	General Meeting			Workshop			Executive Board Meeting		
		Community Center, 341 Heald Ln, Fallbrook			FPUD, 990 E Mission Rd, Fallbrook			FRHD, 1636 E. Mission Road, Fallbrook		
		Date	Time	What	Date	Time	What	Date	Time	What
2026	July	2-Jul	6pm	Elizabeth Hospice	...	...	No workshop	8-Jul	1pm	Meeting
	August	6-Aug	6pm	Karen Brown "UFO Challenge: Introduction"	7-Aug	9am	Quilts of Love: Baby Quilts (Friday)	12-Aug	1pm	Meeting
	September	3-Sep	6pm	Member-Led Trunk Show: Linda Wright, Bonnie Engel, Ursula Hohaus-Hawkins, Janice Deneau	4-Sep	9am	Sue Bouchard "All About Binding"	9-Sep	1pm	Meeting
	October	1-Oct	1pm	Karen Bolan "Seeing Light in a New Color"	3-Oct	9am	Karen Bolan "Special Effects with Color"	7-Oct	1pm	Meeting
	November	5-Nov	1pm	Arlene Stevens "California Heritage Quilt Project"	7-Nov	9am	Becky Forbes "Holiday Patchwork Forest"	11-Nov	1pm	Meeting (FRHD closed. Location TBA.)
	December	3-Dec	1pm	Holiday Potluck and Table Game	...	...	No workshop	...	...	No board meeting
2027	January	DARK	...	No general meeting	DARK	...	No workshop	13-Jan	1pm	Meeting
	February	4-Feb	1pm	Dona McKenzie "Studio 180"	6-Feb	9am	Dona McKenzie Studio 180 "Carolina Lily"	10-Feb	1pm	Meeting
	March	4-Mar	1pm	Member-Led Blooming Flowers School House: Dimensional Flowers	6-Mar	9am	Floral Quilt by Members	10-Mar	1pm	Meeting
	April	1-Apr	6pm	Christa Watson "How Do I Quilt This?"	3-Apr	9am	Christa Watson "Walking Foot Boot Camp"	7-Apr	1pm	Meeting
	May	6-May	6pm	Kathy Proctor "Becoming a Quilt Judge"	7-May	9am	Becky Forbes "Quiltworx Desert Sky" (Friday)	7-May	1pm	Meeting
	June	3-Jun	6pm	Install Officers, Potluck, Opportunity Quilt	5-Jun	9am	TBA	9-Jun	1pm	Meeting



Fallbrook Quilt Guild Membership Application

CHECK ONE: New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Past President or Charter ☐
(exempt prior to 2014)

NAME: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE/ PARTNER _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ STATE/ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH: _____ DAY: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES: **Special Rate for the July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 year.**

- ☐ \$10.00 (Returning 2025/2026 members)
- ☐ \$30.00 (New members)
- ☐ \$15.00 (Junior Membership age 18 and under)

DATE: _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$____ Check # ____ ☐ Cash ____ ☐ Credit Card ____ (last 4 digits) ☐

NAME BADGE: ☐ New Member ☐ Replacement

How do you want your name to read on your nametag?

TYPE: Pin ☐ Magnetic ☐

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OR bring completed form to the next General Meeting.



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