



The Village Quilter

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December Birthdays

- 5 – Rosalie Mikelson
- 7 – Jewell Burke
- 10 – Trisha Bresser
- 11 – Becky Shirkey
- 28 – Gloria Salazar
- 30 – Collette Ford
- 30 - Linda Palmer

Message from the President

A big thanks to our Quilt Show Co-Chairs Cindy Stephen & Kathy Proctor! Our quilt show was a HUGE SUCCESS due to Cindy & Kathy's leadership and all the helping hands of our volunteers! Some of us had a few sleepless nights and have grown a few more gray hairs, but we are already looking forward to our next quilt show in 2027.

Our December general meeting (Thursday, December 4th) is our annual holiday potluck. The "Around the Block" friendship group will be our hospitality committee for the afternoon. Please bring your favorite food to share; we always have a wide variety of delicious things to eat. Doors open at 12:30, lunch starts at 1pm.

Our Ways & Means Chairman needs two volunteers to display and sell tickets for our opportunity quilt at the Fallbrook Wine & Bite Art Walk on Friday, December 12th. The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce has arranged for us to display our quilt at "Rexy's" on Main Street inside the front of the store. You will need to arrive around 4:30 to set up, event runs from 5-8pm. Please contact Tamre or me if you can volunteer.

Happy Holidays!

May your bobbins always be full!

Becky Forbes

FQG President



Message from 1st VP

Hello dear ladies,

Let's start with Wowsie Wow what a quilt show!! It was so much fun to help with and attend. Thank you, thank you to FQG and to everyone who had a hand in making this come together. I do know it takes a village, and our friendly village did great!! A special thanks and a round of applause to our fearless leaders Cindy and Kathy for tackling this new challenge as well as Sandy for her commitment to the show for so many years prior!! Great job ladies, taking on this challenge and making it such a success!! What an amazing November program, thank you!

Now for December we are having our annual holiday potluck/meeting as usual. I so enjoy all the yummy food and seeing everyone's smiling faces. For our program we are showcasing/presenting the 3 people's choice winners from our quilt show. They were so gorgeous. I would also like to invite everyone to bring their favorite holiday quilt/wall hanging to parade around the room. So please join the Holiday Parade in the Community Center at our year end meeting featuring all of us and our beautiful and loved treasures. Can't wait to see what you bring.

Lastly, we will be going to our Hoffman fabric tour Wednesday January 14th. I will shortly be sending out a separate email for those who signed up.

Happy Holidays to everyone with many THANKSGIVINGS for allowing me to serve you on the board this year. Wishing you many blessings and good health.

Julie Murray

1st Vice President

Quilt Show News

Many thanks to all our members, former members, husbands, sons, daughters, friends, and Rotarians who contributed to the tremendous success of our Quilt Show! Feedback was extremely positive and financial results were amazing. Through your hard work and openness to new ideas, we attracted 50% more paid attendees than our 2023 show. Auction attendance was up by 28%, largely due to the Door Prize baskets that you so generously donated.

Here are the preliminary income results, excluding taxes collected and fees:

Category	Gross Amt
Vendors (Doesn't include \$200 wooden bowl donation to the auction)	\$ 750
Admissions	\$ 6,100
Country Store	\$ 9,726
Auction & Door Prize Tickets	\$ 13,525
Total	\$ 30,101

We received positive feedback from our vendors, and attendees enjoyed having them in the showroom. Lesson learned... we apologize that some quilts were hidden by vendor displays. That won't happen again...

Congratulations to our Viewer's Choice Winners:

1st Place goes to Bonnie Engel for "Longwood Beauty"



2nd Place goes to Becky Forbes for

"Paradise in Bloom"



3rd Place goes to Tricia Voight

for "Sashiko Scenes"



During the show, we presented quilts to 5 veterans. The 6th was unable to attend because he was hospitalized, but his quilt was delivered privately. Charlotte Seidman, our own Vietnam Veteran who served in the Army Nurse Corps as a senior for 2 years of active duty and 4 years in the reserves, assisted with the presentation.



Veterans honored:

Three of the Marine Corps vets came from Wounded Warriors, 2 who participate in the program, and a 3rd who volunteers in a leadership role. **Hunter Cork, James Lotharp, and Retired Captain William (Billy) Crytser** each received quilts.

Retired Captain Norm Lord, who served for 28 years in the Navy and 14 years as a volunteer Fallbrook Sheriff's Deputy, also received a quilt.

Retired Sergeant Major Jacquelyn Gibson was referred to us by the Fallbrook VFW. She served for 23 years in the Marine Corps and was honored as the Grand Marshall of the Veteran's Parade.

Retired Chief Petty Officer Jeff Forbes who was also honored, served 23 ½ years in the Army and Navy, and continues to provide transportation to disabled vets for their medical appointments.

Prior to the presentation, several quilts were transferred from the auction to our veteran program. We made a conscious decision to reduce income because it is more important for our non-profit organization to serve our community!

If you incurred expenses in support of our Quilt Show, please submit them now so we can tally final income. Also, if you have credit card readers, please bring them to Cindy Stephen as soon as possible.

Congratulations on a successful show!

Cindy Stephen and Kathy Proctor

2025 Quilt Show Co-Chairs

February, 2026 Free Motion Quilting Workshop

Have you ever wondered how to take your own quilts beyond stitching in the ditch or meandering? At our February meeting, Kathy Proctor will reveal many of the tips and techniques that she has learned over the years. She will share her thought process as she prepares to quilt, along with a few tricks. Remember, done is better than in a closet. Although Kathy does freehand quilting on her stand-up longarm (without a computer), the methods that she teaches can be used on your domestic sewing machine.

On Saturday, February 7, Kathy and Cindy Stephen will conduct a free workshop for guild members at FPUD where you can learn techniques such as free motion feathers, wishbones, woodgrain, and more. In addition, grid quilting techniques such as orange peel and apple core will be covered. Bring your machine and a sense of adventure and we will assist you as you add a new skill or two to your machine quilting toolbox.



Message from Membership

There are no changes in membership since our last meeting.

Ardis Duhachek & Donna Fox

Membership Co-Chairs

2025 Quilt Show Thanks

I would like to thank my hard-working “check in” team for the excellent job they did accepting and handing back our many beautiful quilts. We had many compliments from visitors saying how much they enjoyed viewing the quilts and the way they were hung.

A heartfelt thanks to Jona Newcomb, Julie Murray, Bonnie Engle, Sheryl Kaplan, Ann Turley, Donna Carter, and two special non-members Cheryl Enyert and Denise Ward. Denise also provided extra tables.

Sincerely,

Penny Bottomly

**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	12-Jul	9am	Paint Barn/Yard Quilt (@ Charlotte Seidman's house)	16-Jul	1pm	Meeting
	August	7-Aug	6pm	Susy Nash (Certified Laura Heine Instructor)	9-Aug	9am	Susy Nash (Laura Heine Cottage)	13-Aug	1pm	Meeting
	September	4-Sep	6pm	Diana Karna	6-Sep	9am	Diana Karna (Quilted Jacket)	10-Sep	1pm	Meeting
	October	2-Oct	1pm	2025 Quilt Show Update	3-Oct	9am	Shelly Swantland (Embellishments)	8-Oct	1pm	Meeting
	November	---	---	Quilt Show Nov 7 & 8	---	---	PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A FRIDAY Quilt Show Nov 7 & 8	12-Nov	1pm	Meeting
	December	4-Dec	1pm	Potluck	---	---	No workshop in December	---	---	No board meeting in December
2026	January	DARK	---	No general meeting in January	DARK	---	No workshop in January	13-Jan	1pm	Meeting
		14-Jan	TBD	Hoffman Tour + Bus Trip						PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TUESDAY
	February	5-Feb	1pm	Kathy Proctor	7-Feb	9am	Cindy Stephen & Kathy Proctor (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	TBD	8-May	9am	TBD	13-May	1pm	Meeting
	June	4-Jun	6pm	Potluck, Installation, Opportunity Quilt Drawing	6-Jun	9am	TBD	10-Jun	1pm	Meeting (turnover)