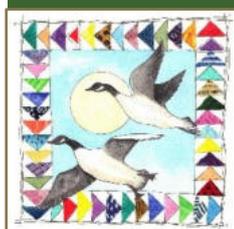


December 8, 2025



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

President's Message

Cindy Hinds

As we approach the end of the year, I'm thrilled to invite you all to our December meeting, which promises to be a joyous celebration of both the holiday season and a monumental milestone for our guild. This year, we celebrate 40 incredible years of creativity, friendship, and growth.

Over these four decades, our guild has become more than just a community of quilters; it's been a source of lifelong friendships, artistic growth, and meaningful community involvement. We've shared countless memories, supported one another, and learned so much together.

This festive gathering will include a look back at our journey, special presentations, and of course, plenty of holiday cheer. I look forward to celebrating with each of you and honoring the legacy we've built together.



next meeting

December 8, 2025

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Meeting

In person | **NO Zoom Provided**



Join us at the Stonefire Grill at 4:30 pm before the Guild meeting, to meet our speaker, be with other guild members, and relax before the meeting.



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Jingle and Mingle

It's Party Time!

Please join us for a trip down
Memory Lane as we celebrate turning

Forty!

Games • Prizes • Raffles

Holiday Dessert Buffet and Beverages

Monday, December 8th, 6:30 pm

The Los Olivos Community Center

101 Alfonso, Irvine

Please note: This location for December meeting only



Coming Attractions — Program Updates

Linda Sullivan – January 12, 2026

In January, we ring in the new year by welcoming **Linda Sullivan** with her new lecture, “Auriphilosophy.”

Quilters who love bold palettes and joyful design already know Linda Sullivan, the creative mind behind Colourwerx. With her signature mix of vibrant hues, modern aesthetics, and playful energy, Linda has built a reputation for inspiring quilters to embrace color fearlessly. Her quilts radiate enthusiasm - and so does she.



Linda’s passion for color and craftsmanship led her to a new chapter in her creative career: serving as an Aurifil Thread Ambassador. Known worldwide for their high-quality cotton threads, Aurifil partners with artists who embody excellence, innovation, and a clear, distinct voice in the quilting community. Linda fits that vision perfectly.

Her partnership with Aurifil amplifies what she has always championed: quilting should be joyful, expressive, and uniquely yours.

With her infectious enthusiasm and commitment to quality, Linda Sullivan remains a vibrant ambassador not only for Aurifil thread—but for the joy of quilting itself.



Coming Attactions — Workshop Updates

On Sunday, November 9th, we had a fun and productive time with Barb Vedder who taught her timeless “Pineapple” quilt pattern. Thank you, Barb!

Highlights of Barb Vetter’s Lecture & Workshop



W I P (Work in Progress) — lots of potential here!

Linda & Carl Sullivan — January 11, 2026

On January 11, 2026, we are kicking off the new year with **Linda Sullivan from Colourwerx**. Linda will be teaching precision piecing with her new pattern **STRIPPIN' AND STITCHIN' WITH PAINT BOX**. **Each student will receive a complimentary copy of this pattern on the day of the workshop.**



This is a fun and easy project using strip piecing and triangles. Linda’s tips and tricks allow students a stress-free project to perfect their 1/4” seams and tricky triangle shapes.

Additionally, pulling together the supplies for this workshop couldn't be easier: just one 2 ½” strip roll plus two 1-yard cuts of coordinating fabric is all that is needed for this 48” x 48” quilt.



This workshop will be held at Orange Quilt Bee and costs \$40. You can sign up for this workshop at the December guild meeting or by contacting Gail Larderuccio.

Coming Attractions — Workshops Continued

Patty Murphy — February 9

In February, explore color and design through **Patty Murphy's striking Misunderstood Quilt** — a captivating composition made entirely of Flying Geese blocks. How apropos for the Flying Geese Quilt Guild! Using just two colors, this quilt creates a stunning sense of movement and depth, perfect for those who love experimenting with contrast and simplicity. Patty will guide participants through the principles of hue, value, and color placement while sharing tips for developing confident, vibrant color schemes. Students can follow the pattern or adapt the design to suit their own creative vision. Drawing from her book, *Zero Waste Quilting*, Patty will also show how to put every scrap to good use, turning leftover pieces from this project into new creations. Participants will leave with a completed—or well on the way to completed—quilt top and fresh ideas for thoughtful, waste-free quilting.



Patty's book, ***Zero Waste Quilting*** is required for the class. The pattern is included in the book. It is available at Patty's website or on Amazon.



This workshop will be held on **Monday, February 9, 2026**, from 10 AM – 4 PM.
Las Lomas Community Center in Irvine.
The cost is \$40.

Linda Nitzen – March 8

In March, we are thrilled to have our own Linda Nitzen teaching this delightful "Spring Hare Pillow" workshop. Linda is a past president and the owner of Sewing 101. She sells exclusively Tilda fabrics, books, buttons, and kits, plus a few of her own patterns.

You can make this adorable pillow just in time for spring. It is perfect for your home or to gift that special child in your life.

Linda will be putting together kits for \$35 which include Tilda buttons, covered to coordinate with the pillow fabric, or \$23 without the buttons. The pattern is available at no cost at tildasworld.com. You can choose a kit from the pink, yellow or green background when you sign up. The pillow is approximately 18" wide by 16" high. An 18" pillow form works great.



The workshop will take place on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at Orange Quilt Bee from 10am to 4pm. The cost is \$40.



Sign-ups begin at the next guild meeting on December 8, 2025.

A Message from the Parliamentarian

Proposed Slate of Officers

Trudy Cleveland

We have finalized the slate of officers for 2026. I want to thank members for taking the time to participate in the nominating committee process. We will introduce our slate of nominated officers at the December meeting.

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2026 Proposed Slate of Officers

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Quilt Show Wrap-Up



Recognition & Awards

Sue Glass

We had a really nice quilt show wrap-up at our November 10th guild meeting. We awarded the opportunity quilt to **Gayle Graham**, as well as the winners of the prizes for most ticket sales, and the winner of our worker's quilt, **Lori Maze**. There are photos of the winners, and the committee, and the parade of quilts elsewhere in this newsletter—thanks, Joanne!

I also wanted to thank all of our members again for your work at the show, making boutique items, donating quilts, and supporting the raffle baskets with individual donations and full baskets. We also need to mention all of the friends, neighbors, and members of other guilds who came to see our beautiful quilts and creative items as well as shop our vendors and other show activities.

Your efforts will help support all of those wonderful visiting lecturers and workshop teachers this coming guild year. It was my pleasure to be the show chair for 2025.

Now it's on to **Little Red Hen** and our **Auction** later in 2026. ~Sue Glass

Outstanding Recognition

Our 2025 Quilt Show Chair – Sue Glass



The 2025 Quilt Show Committee



Quilt Show Wrap-Up — Continued



Winning Entries

Viewer's Choice

Twilight Garden – Pam Hadfield



Viewer's Choice – Creative Arts (we had a tie)

English Paper Pieced Star of Bethlehem Table Runner – Ruth Honer

Princess Aurora Wedding Variation Tutu – Julie Layne



Quilt Show Wrap-Up — Continued



Award Recipients

Opportunity Quilt Winner – Gayle Graham



Most Opportunity Quilt Tickets Sold –
Gina Whitelaw



Worker Award – Lori Maze



Quilt Show Wrap-Up — Continued



Parade of Quilt Winners



Quilt Show Wrap-Up — Continued



Parade of Quilt Winners — Continued



Quilt Show Wrap-Up — Continued



Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

Mary Lu Booker

Thank you

Thank you to all of the members who picked up their tickets to sell or purchase for themselves. Thank you to those members who showed our quilt at various outside venues, including many quilt guilds in the area.

We surpassed our budgeted dollar amount for this show, over \$7500.



Awards were given to the top 3 ticket sellers —

1. **Gina Whitelaw** was our top ticket seller, selling 1290 tickets. She received a mini quilt made with one of the extra applique blocks from the Opportunity Quilt.



2. Second place was **Trudy Cleveland**, selling 420 tickets. Trudy received a certificate for a free workshop or guild membership for 2026.



3. The third award went to **Julia Renaud** who won a free guild membership for 2026.



Congratulations to our top sellers but remember every ticket counts. We appreciate your support of your guild!



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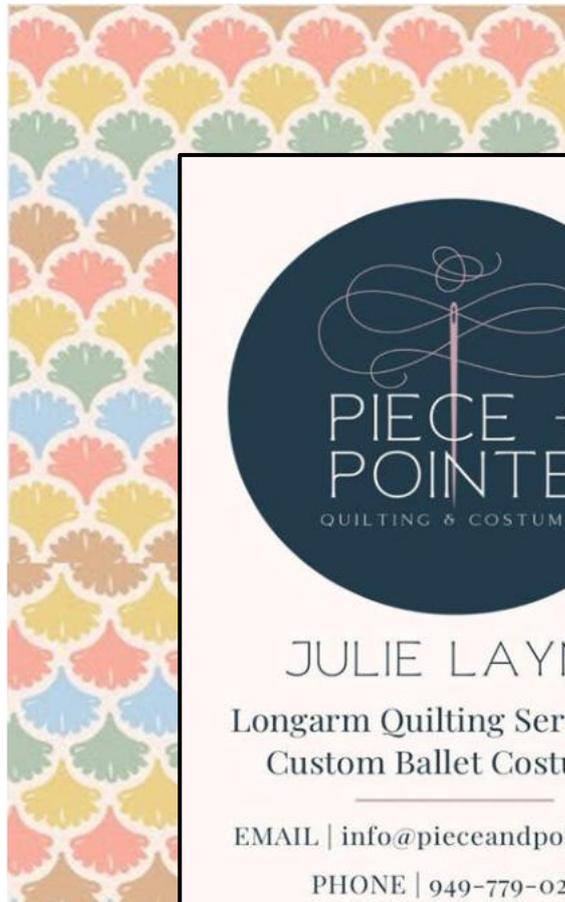
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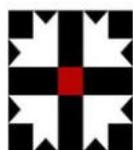
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Community Service

Food Drive for Irvine Families Forward

Julia Renaud

Thank you to all of our guild members who brought food items and food gift cards to our Monday night guild meeting. Your donations filled Cindy's rear section of her car!

Cindy delivered the donation on Tuesday and overwhelmed the staff at the Irvine Families Forward. This donation will be well used at this holiday time.

Thank you all for your generosity and Happy Holidays. 🎀

Cindy, Michelle, and Julia



Membership Form

Flying Geese Quilters Guild

February 1st Through January 31st

Membership Form Due on or before our February meeting date (to be included in directory)

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name: _____

Today's Date: ___/___/___

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- Do NOT Include any of my information in the membership list
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Birthday (month/day only) _____

OPTIONAL - Please provide an emergency contact. This information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL.

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Membership Fee: \$50 – Checks Payable to: Flying Geese Quilters Guild

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Attn: Membership

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Important Information: As a Flying Geese Quilters Guild member, your name and contact information will appear in the guild's printed directory, (available only to members.) The guild's website, newsletter, or email announcements will **NOT LIST** your contact information unless we have your permission.

Last Meeting Highlights

Monthly Creation

Cheri Carey-Whitman

Mary Branca was the winner of the November Monthly Creation! Mary won a set of four Christmas themed placemats and coasters which were anonymously donated just in time for the holidays. They will make a festive table setting!

Monthly Creations is still looking for creations for 2026. Please see Cheri at the next Guild Meeting to sign up for a month.

Monthly Creation tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



As a reminder, there will **be no Monthly Creation in December** in lieu of our Anniversary/Holiday party.

Thank you.
Cheri Carey-Whitman



Zoom Report

Eileen Wintemute



Twelve people participated in the meeting via Zoom in November. The speaker's slide show presented clearly on the video. We kept the stage lights turned off which minimized the washing out of the colors on the images and live quilt display. No problems with the microphone were noted.

Birthdays & New Members

Happy Birthday to our December Flying Geese!

Holly Batterman

Mary Alice Blanchard

JoEllen Cox

Cindy Crowell

Christine Dickey

Karen Gibson

Kelly Godbout

Tanya Goffman

Diane Healey

Julianna Huffman

Amy Hutto

Kathleen Irvine

Diane Jacob

Marian Mapes

Sandra Jo Roberts

Stephanie Schneider

Tom Stevens

Sandy Sutton

Wishing you a joyful, holly-jolly birthday filled with countless blessings. Cheers!

Please Welcome
Our New Flying Geese Member

Diana Karna



November Meeting Attendance

Members	79
Guests	2
New Members	1
Zoom	12
Total	94

Show & Tell



Lori Maze – Another Day in Paradise

Correction: In the October "Show and Tell", and displayed at this year's quilt show, I shared a VW Van quilt titled Another Day in Paradise. I mistakenly credited the design to Kelly Gallagher-Abbott. While I did purchase the pattern from her studio in Tustin, the actual designer is **Cindy Cooksey**. My apologies for the mix-up—Cindy deserves the creative credit!



Raelynn Nelson – The Quilt that was a Ghost

Made for my grandson and will accompany 2 books.



Holly Batterman – We're Going to Need a Bigger Boat

Made for Quilts On the Wall Guild Challenge "One Color Wonder." Based on a photograph I took scuba diving in Great Barrier Reef.

Show & Tell — Continued



Nancy Mueller – Fox Island Stars

This was created in Washington and quilted here in California. There are so many stars in Washington.

Nancy Mueller – Woven Stars

My 2nd attempt at Paper Piecing. It was so fun to do a scrappy quilt!



Gail Larderuccio – Pepper Pelican

This quilt is from Sandra Bruce's workshop. It is pixilated from a photograph. Each square is 2".

Show & Tell — Continued



Roseann Tennison – Game Quilt

This quilt was part of the raffle basket I won at our Quilt Show which was donated by the Sew Fun Friendship Group. The basket was entitled “Family Game Night.”

Sauni Rae Dain – FRED

Designed this from a photograph of my friend’s award-winning Malamute, in a class by Betsy Habick at Road to California.



Bretta Gunther – David’s Bird on Pillow

David Taylor’s class was the reason this quilt happened.



Show & Tell — Continued



Sonia Nelson – David Taylor's Hummingbird

I liked learning his technique for hand applique.

Trudy Cleveland – A-B-C's

Gift for my college roommate's grandchild who lives in China.



Deck the Halls!

UFO Challenge

UFO Challenge — Updates

Kathleen Quinn

What is a UFO? UFO stands for **Unfinish Objects**. This means that you have purchased the pattern and the fabrics to get started but never got around to getting it started. It's that partially completed top that you started at a class but haven't finished. It's a finished top that still needs to be quilted. It could even be that quilt that just needs binding and a label, but it's been sitting around a while waiting for you to finish them.

We currently have 26 members participating in the UFO challenge! Here are the status reports for October/November for those UFO Challenge completed projects that have been checked in and participated in the Show & Tell.

October/November

- We have received 11 quilts with a total of 44,482.5 square inches completed and 121 tickets earned.
- The winners were **Fay Keernan** (Cork materials), **Susan Culhane** (Wool Mat/Silicone pad for Iron), and **Eileen Wintemute** (Wool Mat cleaner.)

All the tickets earned will stay in the raffle jar throughout until the final prizes are drawn in April 2026. The next drawing will take place in February 2026 during the General Meeting. You must be present to receive the prizes. If you win a prize that winning ticket will not go back in the jar.



It is never too late to sign up and get those UFOs out of your closets, drawers, boxes, or wherever you are hiding those projects and getting these done so you can cross off your list of to-dos!

Better late than never, right?

Send me an email if you want to sign up! In this newsletter, there is UFO Challenge information and an entry form.

UFO Challenge — Sign Up

UFO CHALLENGE 2025-2026

What is a UFO? You've purchased the pattern and the fabrics to get started but never got around to getting it started. It's that partially completed top that you started at a class but haven't finished. It's a finished top that still needs to be quilted. It could even be that quilt that just needs binding and a label, but it's been sitting around a while waiting for you to make them. Must have been started prior to December 2024 and a minimum of 200 square inches (Example 20in x 10in.) Whatever the case, let's dust off those older projects and complete some UFOs. You could even win a prize for doing so!

We want this to be fun and doable for everyone so here's how it's going to work. You choose from one to five UFOs you'd like to complete by April 2026. You tell me which month on which quilt will be done. A completed UFO is quilted and bound. We would really like to see labels and hanging sleeves as well, but for this challenge it's not necessary. You sign up below and pay a \$10 entry fee (no matter how many quilts you submit). You will get a ribbon to get started and will earn a special pin for each quilt turned in.

There will be a drawing each month a UFO is due among those who turn for that assigned month. There will be a special drawing for a "Grand Prize" for those who completed all five quilts on time! Additionally, tickets will be awarded for random drawings throughout our challenge period. Tickets are earned as follows:

- 1 Ticket for each UFO turned in (up to 5)
- 5 Tickets for turning in your UFO on time or earlier
- 3 Tickets for turning in your UFO late
- 1 Ticket if UFO has label
- 1 Ticket if UFO has a hanging sleeve

- 5 Tickets if UFO is older than 2008
- 4 Tickets if UFO is older than 2012
- 3 Tickets if UFO is older than 2016
- 2 Tickets if UFO is older than 2020
- 1 Tickets if UFO is older than 2024

Quilt Sizes:

- 1 Ticket – Smaller than a Baby Quilt – 2,475 sq in or under
- 2 Tickets – Baby/Crib/Lap – 45" x 55" = 2,475 sq in and higher
- 3 Tickets – Afghan/Throw – 55" x 65" = 3,575 sq in and higher
- 4 Tickets – Twin – 70" x 90" sq in = 6,300 and higher
- 5 Tickets – Double, Queen, and King – 80" x 90" = 7,200 sq in and higher

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen (check the member directory for contact information).

UFO Challenge — Entry Form

FLYING GEESE QUILTERS GUILD

UFO QUILT CHALLENGE 2025-2026 – ENTRY FORM

Full Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Entry Fee: \$10.00: Rcvd on _____ by _____

(Make check payable to Flying Geese Quilters Guild). **Please make a copy of this form for yourself.**

UFO Project	Description of UFO	Month Due	UFO Started When
UFO #1		July 2025	
UFO #2		September 2025	
UFO #3		November 2025	
UFO #4		February 2026	
UFO #5		April 2026	

Virtual Sew-Ins via Zoom

Mary Howland

Hello Members of FGQG!



Our annual **New Year's Eve** celebration will be here in just one month!

Put **December 31st** on your calendar and then start thinking of some unique ways we can ring in the new year with quilting, sewing, games, fun, and prizes!



Also, look for more info, which will be sent in a separate email in December. If you'd like to donate a prize(s) for the celebration, please bring them to the December guild meeting. Contact **Mary Howland** if you have any questions.



Virtual Sewing Room Details

Flying Geese Quilt Guild continues to have "sew-in" Zoom meetings. Members sign on for whatever length of time their schedules allow. We sew, iron, and chat while we get to know each other.

We ask questions and often another quilter has an answer. We share about new tools and/or gadgets we just had to buy. Of course, we show our fabric purchases, too. It's really a fun-filled time.

Please join us. We'd love to see you!

If you have sewing questions, please call or email **Mary Howland**. She will host these meetings.

Mondays from 9 a.m. - 12 noon

November 24

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

January 5, 12, 19, 26

Fridays from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

November 28

December 12, 26

January 16, 30

Philanthropy

Mary Howland

Hello,

Scraps, scraps, and more scraps - that's what we had delivered to Sew Day. Of course, there were boxes of larger pieces of fabric, too. We sorted the fabric so it could be used for various philanthropic projects. Thanks to the generous donors!

A huge thank you to all the members who sewed placemats so we could meet our holiday challenge. You did it! Lots of organizations will have holiday placemats to distribute and those placemats will brighten someone's meals throughout the season.



Holiday Sew Days

There's no Sew Day in December. We'll see you on Wednesday, January 21st from 10a - 2p at Orange Quilt Bee. If you have anything to return before then, you may bring the items to the guild meetings in December or January.

Gift Card Winner



Our winner of the \$10 gift card from Orange Quilt Bee for November was **Elizabeth Sykes**.

If anyone has questions about philanthropy, suggestions, or would like to join the planning team, please talk with Julie Layne.



Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. We are so grateful for all you do for our guild and its philanthropic organizations. May you have a restful Thanksgiving.

With love, gratitude, and hope, 

Mary Howland and all the philanthropy team

Philanthropy — Items Donated This Month



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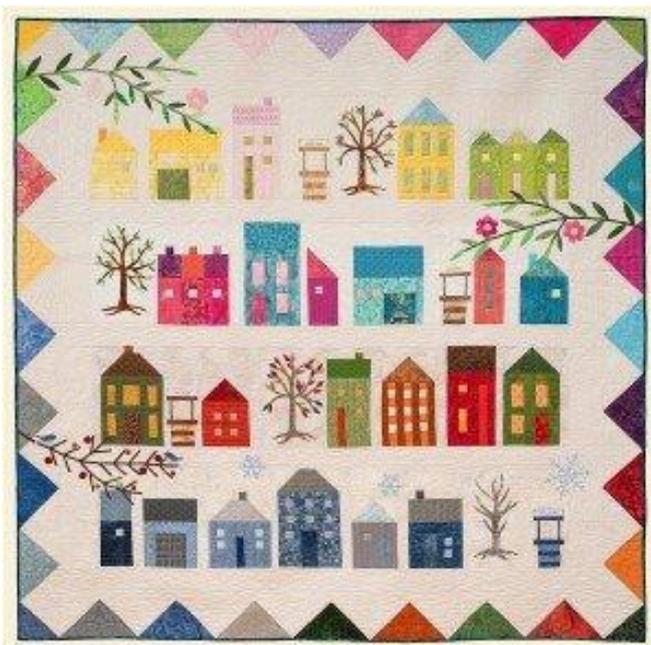


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SOUTH BAY QUILTERS GUILD 2026 Show Celebrating the Seasons

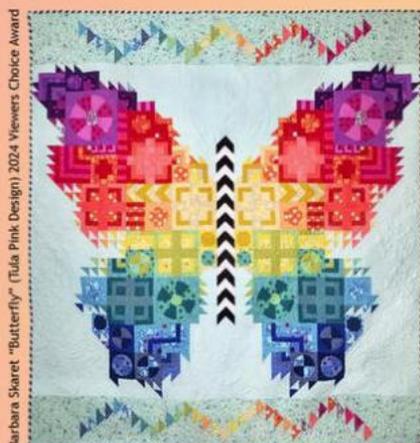
February 14 & 15, 2026
10 am – 4 pm

Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3330 Civic Center Drive
Torrance, CA 90503

DESERT GUILDS 2026 QUILT SHOW

Friday & Saturday, March 6 & 7

10am - 4pm



OVER 150
QUILTS ON
DISPLAY!

- Miniature and Challenge Quilts
- Boutique and Merchant Mall
- Raffle Quilts and Baskets
- Quilts for Sale
- Demonstrations

\$10 cash admission - free parking
Please no strollers

Palm Springs Pavilion
401 S. Pavilion Way
Palm Springs, CA



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Our Next Meeting

December Meeting ONLY

December 8, 2025

6 pm Social

6:30 pm Meeting

In person | **NO Zoom Provided**

Meeting Location

Los Olivos Community Center

101 Alfonso

Irvine, CA 92618



Please Note:

School rules allow only bottled water in the Multi-purpose room. Food and other drinks are not allowed.



- Come to the meeting
- Check in at the Membership Desk
- Wear your Name Tag
- Introduce yourself to someone new
- Carpool with a friend
- Bring Show & Tell projects to share
- Sign up for a Workshop
- Volunteer

Please be kind to those sensitive to perfumes, and refrain from wearing your fragrances to the Guild meeting.

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