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Volume 39 #5 **Next Meeting:**

May 2021

Lecture– Zoom Webinar –May 12, 10am

Zoom Workshop –May13 9am-3:30pm & May 20 10-11



Since we can't meet right now, be sure to watch your email! We have some fun and exciting news that will be in our email. Although we cannot meet right now, we can stay connected, busy and still keep our distance.

Another way to stay connected is on our Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ogqgmembers/>

A word from Our President

Hi there my Quilting Friends

I have been remarkably busy this month, with my returning health and energy, it is wonderful. I did get to sew the current Mystery Quilt and have been playing catch up with my UFO's. My kind husband was so thoughtful and bought me a sewing table, so my machine sits flush with the table now. WOW, Ergonomic me! So, I suppose this is the end of a tired achy back. HA!

I have been very busy with our Board and preparing for what things will look like when we come back live. We will not only be following the government requirements in all protocol, but we will also be cautious in our return. While we have not finalized how every committee will be working, we know we will have to adjust regarding touching and passing items. We have made a few decisions and will keep you notified as we go through this together.

Our first concern was the passing of items from one household to another, and then passed along at the General Meeting. We have decided to eliminate Fabrics and Trims at this time. We will be donating the fabrics that you have donated to us. There are so many charities that can use the supplies and be helping families.

We have also decided that we will carry on with our Zoom meetings virtually through this year. We do have speakers on contract and want to honor those. We do realize some guilds will go back earlier; however, we do have a bigger group than most, and our average age is ahhh..... mature. My theory is better to come late to the game and be safe, than rush with uncertainty. By the first of the year any issues with groups gathering should be old news.

We will continue with our Drive-by meetings with Philanthropy at the Elks. The group is getting a lot done and there are a lot of friends meeting and sharing there.

While these decisions were hard, we will remain flexible as to the guilds needs. I know so many are anxious to get back live and back to normal. I encourage us to get our friendship groups back together, meet in a park or someone's back yard. Maybe sew together with a friend on our Sew Days or meet for lunch.

I am so saddened to report that we lost our Bea Viera this month. She passed peacefully with her children by her side. We will surely miss her.

If anyone would like to pick up Beas's position in the guild as the Sunshine and Shadows representative, please call me. She sent out cards to anyone who was ill.

Please continue to reach out to each other.

Christi Kolisnyk

Sunshine & Shadows

Sunshine- Vaccinations are available. Check your local area and register for an appointment.

Shadows- Bea Viera passed away peacefully. Her son and daughter were by her side.

Marie Gray is ill and home bound. She is unable to use her phone currently. A card in the mail would be thoughtful.

Barbara Tegal lost her husband last month.

Phyllis Lehmanns husband passed away on March 31, 2021.

Sally Flatebo has had her breast cancer return and is now undergoing chemotherapy.

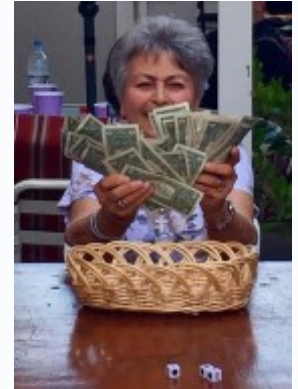
Mary O'Driscoll had to be hospitalized. We hope she has a quick recovery.

Our sympathies go to these ladies and their families at this time.





Bea Vieira



What can you say about Bea. She was an extraordinary person full of life and personality. I've known Bea for many, many, years. She was always loyal, true, and a good friend to many. Bea was in my friendship group along with others in our Quilt Guild. We always enjoyed being together with everyone and sharing our love of quilting. She was always making something and keeping herself occupied.

As we well know, Bea was devoted to our Guild. Over the years she served in many capacities: i.e., President, 2nd VP (workshops), Philanthropy, and Sunshine and Shadows. (Hopefully, I didn't forget anything!!)

When she was in and out of the hospital, I would call her every single day. Some days she wouldn't answer her phone as she was just too tired to talk. I respected that and if she didn't answer, I left her a voice mail message. As time passed, she was not doing well and I am sorry that my friend is no longer with us, but her quality of life wasn't the way she would have wanted it. We all know she was full of energy and kept on pushing all of the time.

When she passed, Laurie and Jeff were with her.

She will be sorely missed. We will all miss our dear friend.

Barbara Purks





& SEW and SHARE

OGQG Members as we move into 2021 we are learning to “Socialize” in different ways. As your new Social Media Board Member I have introduced another avenue for you to view, discuss and keep in touch via the Instagram application for your smart phone or tablet.

Instagram is a social media application that allows members to share photos and videos from their lives, add captions, edit filters, tweak settings, engage with others, explore and so, so much more — so hop on over and take a look at our Guild account [Orange_Grove_Quilters_Guild](#) to see what other members are designing, working on and completing. Additionally members can use a hashtag ([#OGQGShare](#)) to create great visibility for the guild, and help you reach other members or potential future members with your wonderful quilt creations. Use the hashtag to connect with other members and other members can connect with each other.

Lastly, starting in March 2021, the Webinar will have a segment to be dedicated to a Show and Tell. At the meeting examples will be presented with instructions on how your Show and Tell can be highlighted at the next meeting - so be sure to tune in to the Webinar to see this exciting new format of Show and Tell.

Martha Sterbens

Social Media

Our Guild Facebook Page



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Welcome to 2021! It has to be better than 2020.

Our Facebook page continues to garner lots of pictures of quilts! Just what we want!

If you have been following along and participating in the mystery quilts, isn't that a lot of fun? I know Marie Blash has a few more tricks up her sleeve for 2021, so stay tuned.

If you have quilts or other "crafty" things you are doing, we'd love to see them. If you are unsure if it's something we would want to see, message me through Facebook Messenger, email, or even call me. Just be sure to say your name when my phone asks you . . . if I'm home, (HA HA, isn't everyone home now!) and I hear your name, I will pick up. If I don't, then leave a message.

Just a reminder, you (or anyone you recommend our site to) **MUST** be a member of the Orange Grove Quilters Guild. If you send someone to our site and they ask to get access to our site, and they are not a member, I will send them a short message through Messenger, that explains the rules for our site, and include a membership form they can download. If they don't respond within a week, I will delete their request.

With our meetings and workshops on Zoom, anyone, from anywhere can become a member! It's a great bargain at \$25 for a YEAR to see everything we are doing, and the speakers and workshops!

Happy New Year!

Bonnie Lippincott



GUILD MYSTERY

The final clue of the current mystery has been posted to our Guild Facebook page. I hope everyone who participated had fun making it. It was a fun one to work on. Be sure to post photos of your mystery quilts on our Facebook page to share with the rest of the members.

The next mystery will begin sometime in late June with the final mystery of the year coming in September/October. Our own Robin Gallagher is designing the final mystery and it is sure to be a real beauty.

For those of you who just can't wait till the end of June for the new mystery to begin, there are a couple of options. Edyta Sitar will be offering a new free 15 day mystery sew along in mid-May. . Go to her website/blog which is www.laundrybasketquilts.com to get started.

Also, remember that we have some great workshops being offered in our guild. Check them out! Doing a Zoom workshop is fun and the best part is you don't have to pack up all your supplies and leave the house. You can actually sit and sew in your pajamas if you want. On the Zoom workshops we do get to see each other as well as the teacher and can visit with everyone. Of course, nothing beats a live, in person, workshop but this is the next best thing.

Happy stitching!

Marie

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: marieblash@att.net

WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS 2021



From Pat Barton, Workshop Chairman

Elizabeth Eastmond – Merrion Square

May 12, 13 & 20, 2021

OPquilt.com

**Abecedy of Quilts – Webinar May 12, 10 am
Free to All Guild Members**



Beginning at A and ending at Z, Elizabeth Eastmond takes us on a lifetime journey of quilting in her lecture Abecedy of Quilts. This is not merely an "I-can-sew-squares-and-triangles" lecture, but a rich compilation of stories, quilts, and how quilting is woven in the highs and lows of our lives.. Watch for the Webinar link on Facebook and your email inbox on Monday, May 10.

**Merrion Square Workshop
May 13, 9 am-3:30 pm Workshop
\$40 Enrollment Fee**

Elizabeth will be teaching her Merrion Square quilt.

Named for a famous square in Dublin, this small quilt has tall doors on the heart-shaped row houses. While this can be made in one designer's line of fabric, it's also a Quilt that will lend itself to a scrappy look. You can take a walk around a Dublin block or make it all yours with Elizabeth's well written pattern with many illustrations. The pattern includes instructions for two different mini quilts and one larger quilt. The \$12 downloadable pattern is required for the workshop, and you will need to order it on PayHip.com/OPquilt. There is a link on Elizabeth's website.

May 20, 10am-11am

Workshop members will meet again to show and tell their quilts. What fun to see what everyone's done! It will be a good time to share your experience creating your quilt and ask any questions you might have.

To sign up for the workshop, first email me, pat.barton@verizon.net. Then you can mail me a check made out to OGQG for \$40 or give me a call with your credit card information. There will be a \$2 convenience fee added to credit card transactions.

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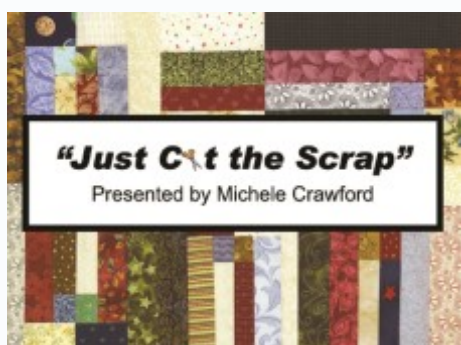
From Pat Barton, Workshop Chairman

Michele Crawford – Spontaneous Log Cabin

June 9 & 10, 2021

Flowerboxquilts.com

Just Cut The Scrap – Webinar June 9, 10 am
Free For All Guild Members



What DO you do with all your scraps? Become a frugal and “green” quilter by using your scraps and making quilts! Learn Michele’s “formula” – the more the merrier (fabric that is), to create quilts using Color Value to offer contrast, depth and movement in your quilts! Michele will present an informational and inspirational power point presentation of various types of scrap quilts along with a trunk show of her own original scrap quilts. Her mantra is “No scrap left behind”!

Watch for the Webinar link on Facebook and in your email inbox on Monday, June 7

Spontaneous Log Cabin Workshop

June 10, 9 am-Noon

\$25 Enrollment Fee

Use your stash with this stress- free technique to create **FABULOUS** scrappy log cabin 12” or 15” square blocks! Unleash your creativity – no two blocks will be the same. Also, learn how to cut the finished blocks to create several other blocks!

Let’s have FUN with your stash! This is a stress-free way to create a FABULOUS log cabin block (12” x 12” square or 15” x 15” square finished) in a creative non-traditional way. Make your squares from the same color family OR in light/medium/dark fabrics. Michele will discuss how to make 7 different quilt sizes with this block adapting the quilt size to fit *your* bed! There will be several variations of this block shown to create other quilts!

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ORANGE GROVE QUILTERS GUILD
Member Workshop Sign-Up Sheet for 2021

Member Name and Phone Number _____

E-Mail address _____

*You are only enrolled in a workshop once you have paid. **Workshop fees will not be refunded.***

_____	May 13 9am-2:30 May 20, 10-11	Elizabeth Eastmond Merrion Square <i>Opquilt.com</i>	\$40	_____
_____	June 10 9am-noon	Michele Crawford SpontaneousLogCabin <i>Flowerboxquilts.com</i>	\$25	_____
_____	August 12	Susan Wade Fin, Fabric Collage <i>Facebook.com/Susan Wade Fabric Collage</i>	\$40	_____
_____	September 9	Colleen Granger <i>Fantabulous</i> <i>Sewlittletimequilting.com</i>	\$40	_____
_____	October 14	Sandy Carreon Free Motion Quilting <i>Sandycarreonquilting.com</i>	\$40	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____			

If one of your chosen workshops is full you may be put on the waiting list. If you are on the waiting list, you will be notified if a space becomes available to you. You will then refund the person whose space you're filling.

Questions? Contact Pat Barton: pat.barton@verizon.net.

2021 School Supplies

Our guild will be collecting school supplies for the Marines at Camp Pendleton again for the upcoming school year. I will be at the philanthropy drive on May, June, July and August. If you're unable to come to the Elks lodge, I'm available for porch drop offs, or you can have gift cards or online orders sent to my home.

If you have any questions or need my address I'm listed in the guild yearbook.

Thanks in advance for supporting not only the children of our enlisted, but also our men and women as they continue their education!

BRITTA Laski, 1st VP

PHILANTHROPY

April was another successful drive through even if we did have to move to the parking lot because of construction that was going on at the entrance of the Elks Lodge. Thanks to everyone for finding us and not giving up, hopefully that won't happen again.



ANNOUNCEMENT

The date for the Marine Corps. Gator Bash at Camp Pendleton will be Friday, August 13, 2021. Anyone interested in participating is more than welcome. Please notify either Jane Oglesby or Sherry Lincoln, we need to get some information to notify the base who will be attending. They need this information sometime in June. Everyone will meet at the Fountain Valley Senior Center at Talbert & Bushard at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 13, and return around 4:00 p.m. We will plan to car pool from there. The event will be held at Camp Pendleton at a baseball field about a block from the beach. We will have a double booth and will distribute the quilts to the Marine families from there. The theme this year is All American Gator Bash and they provide lunch and water. It is a really fun day so let one of us know if you would like to attend.

PHILANTHROPY QUILT CHALLENGE

There was a question at the Webinar about the Challenge so here are the instructions. These instructions are also included in the fabric kit.

Bag contains a variety of coordinated fabric. Use as much or as little of it as you like to create a quilt top. The minimum size for the quilt top is 40" x 50" for kids and 50" x 60" for adults. If there is enough fabric, please make back and cut binding strips. Feel free to add additional fabric from your stash if you wish. You can either finish the quilt or turn in the top and we will have it quilted. We have a few patterns if interested and batting is available.

Turn your quilt tops or completed quilt in by the October, 2021 drive through. When you turn in your quilt be sure to let us know, we will enter your name into the drawing for 1 of 3 prizes for participation. Winners will be notified and prizes distributed by the November, 2021 drive through.

Most of all have fun!!!

Hope to see all of you on May 5, the first Wednesday in May. We are set up at the front entrance of the Elks Lodge, 11551 Trask Ave., Garden Grove (corner of Trask and Newhope) from 10-12.

We will have pillowcase kits, quilt kits, quilts for binding and quilting, and the Philanthropy Quilt Challenge. Birthday Fat Quarters will be there for you to pick up. See you May 5.

Sherry Lincoln/Fran Bodle





Save My Bleeding Quilt!

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For those of you that have not sewn with me, I LOVE RED! I sew with it quite a bit. The problem with RED is that the color runs. For quite a few years the manufacturers were quite good at sending us reds that didn't "bleed." But lately I've had several of my red fabric purchases bleed quite a bit. This last one I used for the "Flag" Quilt we made in a workshop, BLED so badly! I washed it with Retayne 6 times! It was still a bit "bleedy" but I used it because the quilt was a wall hanging.

With that said I went looking for a way that might help with the bleeding. I ran across this article. It's quite involved, but if you have a quilt that needs rescuing this is a way to do it. I have a finished Red and White Quilt that I'm going to try it out on.

Bonnie Lippincott

SAVE MY BLEEDING QUILT!

How to Properly Remove Excess Dye From A Quilt

(and prewash fabric to prevent the problem)

by Vicki Welsh, vickiwelsh.com

There's nothing worse for a quilter than washing our quilt for the first time, pulling it out of the washing machine and finding out that one of the fabrics has run and ruined your quilt. It happens with both hand dyed and commercial fabrics. Dyeing processes vary so much and different colors of dyes react differently on different fabrics so it's really impossible for a fabric manufacturer to make all fabric perfectly colorfast . . . just think about how much our clothes run in the wash.

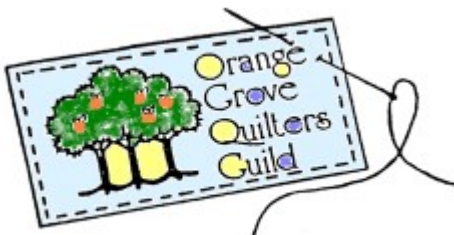
As a fabric dyer I have spent many hours testing washing processes to make my fabrics as colorfast as possible. My quilts use both hand dyed and commercial fabrics. As a result I have developed the following guidelines for getting excess dye out of your quilt and for pre-washing fabric.

Even if your quilt has already been washed and dried, you can still do this process to remove excess dye but it's best if this is the process that you use for the first wash. I can't totally guarantee it will work 100% but this will give you the best chance for success.

It's important to have a large volume of water for the quilt to soak in. I use my bathtub. There isn't enough water or room for the quilt in the washing machine. The quilt needs to be loose in the water. The water holds the excess dye so the more water the better.

Start filling the tub with hot water. It doesn't have to be boiling but the hotter the better. I have the hot water heater in my house set to 140F so it's quite hot coming out of the tap. If your water isn't very hot you can add some pots of boiling water. The truth is that time is more important than heat but the heat does help the process along.

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Add soap and the quilt. For a large quilt I will use as much as a half cup of soap. The soap is what keeps the dye particles from re-adhering to your quilt so don't be stingy. My preference is Dawn Dish detergent. Any of the Dawn brands will work but I've only tested Dawn Pure Essentials. I have used a Free & Clear type laundry detergent with success. Avoid using any detergent with fragrances or additives. The additives can have chemical structures that cause particles to adhere to your quilt or additives that may fade fabric. I have only tested unscented products. **Do not use Dharma Textile Detergent or Retayne especially if you have any commercial fabrics in your quilt.** My testing has proven that these detergents do not behave well with some commercial fabrics and it's impossible to tell which fabrics will have problems. Dharma Textile Detergent can cause backstaining on some fabrics. Retayne is for a completely different use. Do not ever use it unless you are very familiar with the product. Once the tub is about half full with water you can add the quilt. *(Note: she uses plastic bin lids and containers of water to weigh the quilt down so it stays under water.)*

You need gloves but not dye catching sheets. For this quilt I did use some dye catching sheets but subsequent testing proved that they are totally unnecessary.

You can use one1 just to see how much dye is being released but otherwise they are not needed. You will need some heavy duty gloves to protect your hands from the heat. I have 2 sets of these gloves, one inside of the other, to insulate my hands from the hot water.

While the tub is filling agitate and move the quilt in the water. The quilt should have plenty of room to move around in the water and it needs to be agitated for a while. I'll agitate it while it's filling and for another 5 or 10 minutes after the tub is full. If the water gets VERY dark right away let it soak (agitating every 10 minutes or so) for an hour and then drain the water and start over.

Make sure the entire quilt is under water and let the quilt soak for 12 hours.

I use plastic bin lids and containers of water to weight the quilt and make sure it stays under water. If any part of the quilt sticks above the water dye will stick to the quilt at the water line. You can see the dye catching sheet in the water but it's really not necessary. The important thing is time. I've found that there is a point in the soak where the fabric seems to "burp" and release the rest of the dye. That can happen between 3 and 12 hours. Blue is the most difficult dye to get out (especially turquoise blues) and red is the most likely to stain the quilt. The soap is what keeps the dye particles suspended in the water.

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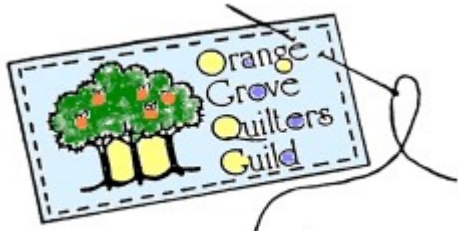
Repeat until the water is clear. If there is color in the water after 12 hours repeat the entire process until the water remains clear for at least 6 hours. I do not add a lot of soap to each subsequent soak. I make a judgement call on each soak to determine how much I need. In this wash I knew that most of the dye was gone so I did not add more soap. There was soap still in the quilt and that was plenty.

Carefully drain and remove the quilt. You can rinse it either in the tub with cold water or in the washing machine.

I can't promise that this will work 100% of the time because different fabrics react differently but this has worked for me consistently with commercial and hand dyed cotton fabrics. Test on swatches of fabric if you are unsure or are using different fiber content fabrics. The quilt in the photos is one that I knew would run and that's why I chose it for testing the process. If you have different results and want to discuss them please contact me at vickiwelsh.com.

For new fabric I do this process in the washing machine. I tested it by running a new batch of fabric through a wash cycle with a dye catching sheet. After a normal wash cycle in hot water the dye sheet was clean. Next I soaked the same fabric for 12 hours using the process above. After 12 hours the dye catching sheet was very dark! At some point in the soak the fabric released the excess dye. That dye would have eventually released onto my quilt. Maybe not in the first wash, but eventually. Better safe than sorry.

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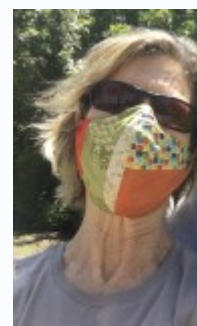
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MEMBERSHIP is currently open. Annual Dues are \$25.00 per year beginning in January and ending in December. Guest donation is \$5.00 per meeting.

MEETINGS: The regular meeting is at 9:30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. (Doors open at 8:30a.m.) December's meeting is on the 1st Wednesday. No meeting is held in July. Meetings are held at Garden Grove Elks Lodge located at 11551 Trask Avenue, Garden Grove, California.