



# El Camino Quilters

## Orientation

*...to educate, inspire and encourage the art of quilting*

### **WELCOME to El Camino Quilters!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

- Annual Dues**            \$60 annual dues includes access to one meeting per month, 25 Opportunity Quilt tickets (\$20 value), one Guest Pass (\$10 value). Membership year begins every January. No memberships will be discounted/offered after September of each calendar year.
- Board Meetings**        Members of the Board of Directors are elected for two-year terms. The Board meets every month, the Friday before Guild meetings. Any member may attend.
- Bus Trips**                Bus trips are arranged for about 50 members to attend Road to California and other area quilt shows. The fee is usually about \$45.
- Door Prizes**             Members are expected to provide a door prize at the meeting of their birthday month. Prizes should be a NEW quilt or sewing-related item, either wrapped or in a gift bag. Please do not include your name. If you forget or are not able to attend on your birthday month, please bring the gift to the next meeting. If your birthday is in December, you may choose another month to bring your gift. Check in at the Membership table, then take your gift to the corner of the stage.
- e-Newsletter**            *Quilt Scraps* is the monthly e-newsletter. Submissions should be emailed to the editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. All submissions are subject to review by the President.
- Fabric Exchange**        The opportunity to share and exchange fabrics is offered at every meeting. The details are posted in *Quilt Scraps* and are announced at every Guild meeting. The types of fabrics may vary from year to year. Fabrics are to be submitted in a plastic bag, including the selvages from the fabrics. The next month, those who provided fabrics will be given a bag of fabrics from those shared the month before. (i.e. 10" blocks= 12, 10" blocks, with the selvages and your name included. PLEASE measure accurately)
- Facebook**                Please check Facebook for news and photos..."friend" us and share !

- Friendship Block** A drawing is held three times per year; January, May and September, for the Friendship Block recipients. The winner(s) determine a block pattern and provides instructions and fabrics desired. Members volunteer to construct and donate the blocks. Those eligible to submit a request for blocks must have belonged to the Guild for at least six months and must have completed at least two Friendship Blocks for two other members. The first recipient each year is the longest participating member who has never won.
- Friendship Groups** These groups are a great way to make new friends, learn new skills or improve skills. Contact the Friendship Group Chairman. There are more than 30 groups offering a wide variety of interests....and there's always room for a new group! Friendship groups are also asked to participate at some level in Guild fund-raising activities.
- Guild Challenge** The Guild may choose to hold a creative quilt challenge, based on a selected theme.
- Library** Members may check out books from the Library. Items are added and deleted in an effort to keep the selection current. Please return the items in a timely fashion.
- Lucky Block** Each month the pattern is published in *Quilt Scraps* and is available at each meeting. Members are encouraged to make a block (or several) to turn in at the next meeting. Members receive one "chance" for each block turned in. One set of blocks may be won, per participant per drawing.
- Sharing** Members bring completed projects to share at each meeting. It is inspiring and great fun to see the talents of other members. Sharing forms are available at the sharing table (usually located at the far side of the stage). Each quilt will be folded and the form included. During sharing, your photo may be taken. Please let the Guild photographer know if you prefer no photo.
- Name Tags** Name tags should be worn at all Guild activities. Use your creativity to make something fabulous! All members wearing name tags will receive a ticket at the Welcome Table that enters them in the door prize drawing.
- New Member Coffee** Periodically a get-together is scheduled for new members. This is a great opportunity to meet the Board and other new members. Check the website for details. Dates will be announced at meetings and posted in *Quilt Scraps*.
- New Member Sit & Sew** Periodically new members will be invited to a Sit & Sew at Quilt in a Day. Board Members are encouraged to attend, as well as regular members. This is intended to give new members the chance to get to know others in the guild in an informal setting. Dates TBD.

- Opportunity Quilt** This is a major fundraiser every year. Each member is given 25 tickets with their membership packet. Members may keep the tickets, or sell them to friends. Tickets are sold monthly at Guild meetings and the quilt “travels” to quilt shows and meetings of other area guilds. Tickets are \$1 ea, 6 for \$5, 25 for \$20. Please contact the committee Chairman if you are interested in taking the quilt to another guild. The quilt is constructed and quilted by Guild members.
- Prize Table Drawing** (“Opportunity” Table) This table is an additional source of income for the Guild. Members are able to purchase tickets for a drawing at the end of each meeting. Prize items may be fabric, books, or notions.
- Cuddle Quilts** This group is the most tireless collection of quilters in the Guild. They coordinate the collection and storage of fabric, construction and distribution of items to local charities. Some of these organizations include San Pasqual Academy students, Tri-City Oncology, local NICUs, Polinski Children’s Center, local seniors’ centers, residential facilities for developmentally disabled adults, Marine moms and babies, Veterans’ charities and more. Projects are ALWAYS available for completion at Guild meetings; tops to be pieced, quilted, bound. In addition, the group meets monthly at several locations. Details are available on *Quilt Scraps*.
- Philanthropy** Additional projects are taken on by this committee as requested by local charities.
- Quiltlets** Each members is encouraged to make a Quiltlet. The pattern is on the website and in *Quit Scraps*. These are little quilts of your own design. Be creative! The Quiltlets are displayed at every meeting and at the Guild Quilt Show.
- Quilt Frames** The guild owns large basting/quilting frames, available for member’s use. Contact a member of the Board for further information.
- Retreat** Every February, the Guild hosts a retreat in Temecula at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center. It is a wonderful opportunity for friends, fun and lots of quilting!
- SCCQG** El Camino Quilters is a member of the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds.
- Silent Auction** The Silent Auction is another major source of income for the Guild. It is held semi-annually. Guild members are asked to donate items in specific categories. Those in attendance bid on the item. Everyone is a winner!

- Stash Buster Sale** This sale is held as a fund-raiser for the Guild and for members! Members may rent a table, then sell anything they choose that is related to quilting. It may include supplies, fabric, machines or completed items.
- UFO Challenge** Members may sign up for the UFO Challenge. The cost is \$10 per year. Those who participate commit to the completion of 4 projects; one every two months. Completion of projects is noted by the committee as completed. At the December Holiday Party, those who complete projects are part of a drawing for prizes. Those who complete all 4 projects are part of a special drawing for great prizes!
- Website** [elcaminoquilters.com](http://elcaminoquilters.com) contains information about the Guild, including but not limited to Board activities, workshop information, speakers, bylaws, standing rules and more
- Welcome Team** Those on the Welcome Team are committed to making certain that all new folks feel a part of the group. They are happy to show you around!
- Workshops** Workshops are generally held the Friday following Guild meetings and are usually presented by that month's speaker. No workshops are scheduled the month of the Silent Auction, the Quilt Show or the Guild Retreat. Workshops are held at Quilt in a Day in San Marcos. See Workshop Schedule for details. Fees are \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. Members sign up and pay fees at Guild Meetings, there may be a Waiting List, so sign up early.

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