

TORRANCE CRAFTSMEN'S GUILD

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SEPTEMBER 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members,

This month's message is me reaching out in hopes that one of you will want to step up and help serve the membership by becoming the Refreshment Chairperson, the Hospitality Chairperson, or maybe both? Taking on both, or either, of these jobs would fulfill all of your required service hours and bump you up faire booth priority list, above regular members in good standing.

We also have 8 more jobs to fill for the faire. We really need help in the snack bar on Saturday, not one spot has been filled. Harlow is ready to step-up and take on the day with Nora but is it really fair that our youngest member is the only person willing to help at the snack bar on Saturday? The See's Candy Table needs Saturday from 2-3 coverage and Sunday 10-11 & 11-12 coverage.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Heidi Bartlett

Torrance Craftsmen's Guild President & Faire Co-Chair

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TCG MEETINGS

General Meeting:

The next meeting will be September 4, 2025,
in the Ken Miller Recreation Center,
Torrance Cultural Arts Center.
Social time at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm.



Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting is
September 18, 2025, at 7:00 pm.
Contact Heidi for the location if you would
like to attend.

Craftsmen's Guild Future Faire Dates

*Mark
YOUR
Calendar!*

Spring Faires:

3/21/26



Fall Faires: *

11/15 & 11/16/25
11/7 & 11/8/26

**Friday set-up,
Sat & Sun Faire*

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PROGRAMS 2025

By Diane Pineschi, Programs Chair
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- Sept. – **Jackie Wiley**, California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, will speak about scams that target businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Oct. – **Nominations for the Board**
 - **Halloween Art Challenge**, in the medium of your choice make something to do with “Witches.”
 - **Melissa Turner** will talk about designing your fair booth.
- Nov. – **Election for the 2026 Membership year**
 - **Booth assignments and fair rules overview** – We’ll go over the fair rules, talk about table coverings and hand out booth assignments
- Dec. – **Holiday Dinner & Party and Board Installation**

Diane joined the Guild in 2022 & was quickly recruited to be the Programs Chair. She loves to learn and teach & is willing to help whenever possible. She is a Registered Dental Hygienist by profession but an artist at heart.



Meeting Assignments & Hospitality



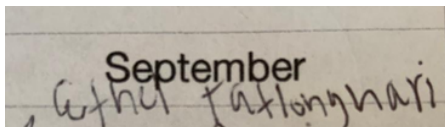
By Brenda Loomis and Susie Yarian
(562) 884-3598 (text Brenda)



Greeter and Raffle Ticket Sales: Must arrive by 6:15 pm

Corenne Dixon
?? Tatlonghari

(sorry, I can't read the name- pls see photo)



Meeting Set-up & Clean-up*:

Min Kim
Laurie Pelekau

**Clean-up and Set-up will now be done by the same volunteers instead of splitting the two jobs. You will get one hour for doing both instead of 1/2 hour for each. Talk to me if you need clarification.*

Refreshment volunteers: (refreshments should arrive by 6:30pm)

(No service points given for this).

Jenny Choi – Cheese & crackers
Catherine Ostrom – fruit tray
Carol Shriki-Kaneshio – cookies

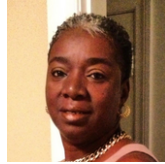
Other dessert item – English Trifle (Sorry, there is no name listed for this)

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Jackie Wiley

Education and Outreach Coordinator

Department of Financial Protection & Innovation



Protect Your Business from Fraud!

Stay Ahead of the Scammers: Learn to Spot, Avoid, & Report Business Scams.

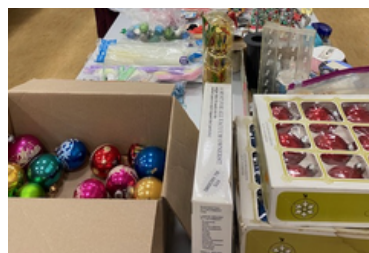
Jackie Wiley from the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) will focus on recognizing and preventing financial fraud and scams that target small businesses. She will share insights, tools, and strategies to help entrepreneurs identify red flags, avoid scams, and safeguard the financial well-being of their small business.

Her presentation will cover:

- Common types of financial fraud and emerging scams
- Tips for spotting fraudulent behavior
- Resources for reporting and recovering from financial fraud

AUGUST PROGRAM

FLEA MARKET



Membership Update

by Linda Jensen, Membership Chair
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We gained another member, Cathy Novak, in August bringing our membership total to 128.

Welcome Cathy Novak, who does natural stone art.

Computer Tip of the Month:

Here's a website that let's you borrow books to read online for free, or do research on any topic, or find information about any topic. It is like an online library card. I checked out Charlotte's Web, and did some research in the "Wayback Machine" on machine knitting, where I found my own blog listed as a source of information. How to access the online library:

Search "openlibrary.org". Create a free account (your email and password). They send you a verification email and then you can log into your account in the Library. Search for any book you want to check out for free and add it to your list to read. You can read a few pages and then exit. When you log in again, it remembers where you left off. Or say you want to learn how to do weaving, or jewelry, or any topic. Go to "Search" function and enter what you want to find. You are then given many books to look through. This is a great resource for finding anything you are interested in, so check out a book and enjoy.

Linda Jensen
Membership Chair

Linda joined TCG in 2000 and has served as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer plus various Chairs such as Programs. Currently, she holds the office of Membership Chair. She loves anything fiber related and provides her customers with something new for each craft show which keeps them coming back year after year.



COMFORT BEARS

By Sandra Trujillo
babyhalos143@yahoo.com

We donated **53** comfort bears to the Torrance Police Department. Thank you Nora Wainwright for delivering them.

At this time I don't need STUFFING but I need cute kids **FABRIC!!**

Don't forget - bears need to be well-made and durable, stuff well; they should not be floppy!

Thanks again for going above and beyond. 😊

Jury Committee Report

By Patricia Burns
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◆ To new members and existing members who have never had their handcrafted items juried:
◆ In order to participate in our TCG Faire, you must have your handcrafted items juried by the Jury Committee.

◆ Please contact tcgjury@gmail.com to schedule an appointment. Next available appointments before the November Faire will be the September 4th & October 2nd General Body Meetings.

◆ You must download and complete the required forms prior to your appointment. Forms and additional information can be found on our TCG website under the Membership Tab
◆ <https://torrancecraftsmensguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Jury-Checklist-and-Member-Questionnaire-2023.pdf>

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

Robyn Wellman - Co-chair robynz4joy@gmail.com

Geri Flores - Co-chair graffe1268@aol.com



Each year TCG donates ornaments to adorn a Christmas tree at the Harbor UCLA Medical Center where hospitalized children and their siblings each select one. The tree is displayed beginning in mid-November and many ornaments are needed to decorate the tree.

Ornaments must be safety proof for young children. **No googly eyes or other small pieces that are choking hazards.**

One hour of service is earned for six ornaments. This is the maximum earned and more donated ornaments are considered "above and beyond" and do not earn hours.

At every meeting the co-chairs have a table to accept your donations or give helpful guidelines.



Monthly Meeting Raffle

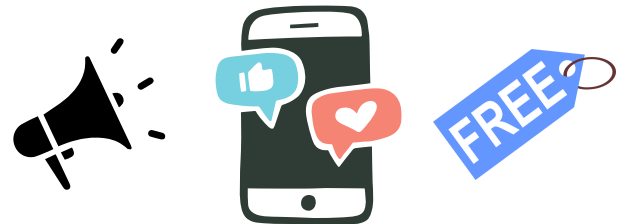
By Renee Saulney
Jazzycrafts@att.net

At the monthly general meeting the Guild holds a raffle of items donated by members to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Items for the monthly opportunity table must be new and at least a \$15 value. I would like to sign up seven (7) people each month. That's 6 opportunities and one extra just in case. That's an easy way to earn a hour.

This can only be done twice within our calendar year to give others the chance to participate.

**We do not have storage for extra donations.
Please contact Renee to coordinate your donation.**



SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

By Laura Helm
Social Media Chairperson |
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FREE ADVERTISING!!

Email me the names of shows you are doing.

Please include your business name and any digital fliers you received from the organizers.

I will advertise for you on the Guild Facebook and Instagram apps.

That's 520 people you can reach with little effort and at no cost!

Just a reminder, to respond to items in this newsletter or email blasts, please ***DO NOT*** hit reply or reply all. Reply by sending a separate email to the author of the newspaper item or email blast item.

Thinking of You



MEMBER UPDATE

By Brenda Loomis and Susie Yarian
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Michelle Spunt-Kona recently had knee surgery and has had to deal with complications. Let's hope she is doing better by now. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

If you hear of know of someone who is dealing with some health (or other issues) please let us know so we can send a card.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Vicki Amantea
Cherie Collazo
Stephanie Foley
Suzan Hubert
Jacquelyn Jackson
Debra Katz
Cindy Kawata
Brandi LaPointe
Jennifer Lee-Scott

George McAdams
Lisa Miwa
Michiko Miyazaki
Grace Newman-Lapinski
Maryann O'Connor
Judy Powelson
Jalene Ressegue
Sandra Trujillo
Nora Wainwright



Those attending the general meeting during their birthday month will receive a ticket for the drawing.

Upcoming Fairs & Markets

Seal Beach Lions 47th Annual Craft Fair

Sept 6 and 7, 2025

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/8zfvd53>

Burbank 14th Annual Craft Faire

October 4, 2025

E-Mail: kbossley@yahoo.com

Phone: (818) 515-6658

32nd Annual Lollipop Lane Craft Boutique

October 18, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mayfair Park Lakewood

<https://www.lakewoodca.gov/Things-to-Do/Community-Events/Lollipop-Lane-Boutique>

Lakewood Farmers Market

www.lakewoodcity.org or call 562-866-9771

Patchwork Shows

Various dates and locations

<https://www.patchworkshow.com/application-vendor-info/>

Farm Habit

(Artisans needed for Farmers' Markets)

Various dates and locations

<https://www.farmhabit.com/becomeavendor>

Timeless Treasures Boutiques

Huntington Beach/Variou dates

<https://www.timelesstreasuresboutiques.com/>

Sugar Plum Festivals

Westminster Mall/Variou dates

<https://www.sugarplumfestivals.com/>

Weekend Night Market

Various dates and locations

<https://www.weekendnightmarket.com/weekendvendors>

2025 Costa Mesa Holiday Makers Market

<https://www.thecampsite.com/new-events>

Modern Makers Mart

Various dates and locations

<https://www.modernmakersmart.com/vendor-info>

Renegade Los Angeles

November 8 & 9, 2025

<https://www.renegadecraft.com/apply/>

For Sale

Canopy Weights

Keep your canopy securely in place even when the winds kick up.

Never used. NIB Regularly \$44. Selling for \$35.

Contact Silvia - joeeg@earthlink.net 310 977-2938

I can bring to the September meeting.



Set of Four: Includes 4 weight plates.

Heavy-Duty Material: Constructed with heavy cement and coated with smooth black polyester for durability.

Tool-Free Setup: No tools required for installation, simplifying the setup process.

Weight Per Plate: Each plate weighs 5 pounds, ensuring your canopy stays securely anchored.

Canopy/Pop Up Tent Replacement Bag for 10x10 Pop Up - \$25 (Bag only)
Used/Good Condition

Trunk Storage/Organizer for Car/SUV/Truck (set of 2) - \$20 (new)



Contact Pat Burns at:
Prburns@att.net



FREE

Free Cork

TCG member Colette Hucker is giving away corks.

If you would like free corks, please contact her and she will bring them to the meeting.

Colette Hucker
huckerd@cs.com
714-527-7238

FREE

Free Sawdust

TCG member Richard Query is a woodworker and is giving away sawdust.

If you use sawdust in your craft items, please contact him.

Richard Query
crquery@cox.net
949-433-1801 text

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