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We at The Creation Station Fabric & Quilt Shop are excited to announce a Guild Apron Challenge in conjunction with next year's Shop Hop theme, "Celebrations that Tie us Together." As we will be celebrating our 25th Central Coast Quilt Shop Tour, we are extending an invitation to your Guild to participate and submit an entry. I've tried to answer most of the questions you may have in this letter, but please don't hesitate to call the shop.

The Aprons submitted will be on display at our shop, The Creation Station, in Buellton, during the 25th Central Coast Quilt Shop Tour May 29-31, 2026.

For those not familiar with this event, it is a weekend to visit all the participating Quilt Shop Association shops from Paso Robles to Ventura, gathering goodies along the way and making great memories with quilt buddies.

The Creation Station is well known for going ALL OUT! And our plans are already well underway. We love aprons, especially their nod to the past and the memories they evoke.

To clarify, this Apron Challenge is just being offered at our shop. This is not an activity created by the Quilt Shop Association.

I've tried to anticipate any questions you may have and answer them here by giving you as much information as possible to make an informed decision. If your Guild's Board is in favor, the second step will be for your guild's liaison to present the challenge to the general membership during a meeting.

Regardless of your decision to participate in our shop's Guild Challenge I hope you will encourage your members to join in the 2026 Central Coast Quilt Shop Tour and support those shops that support your guilds all year long.

I've included some ideas you may want to explore on how your Guild may be able to capitalize/benefit from the Apron Theme for the next Shop Tour.

The following Guilds, based on the footprint of the Tour, have been invited to participate in this Challenge:

Almond Country Quilt Guild—Templeton

Gold Coast Quilters—Morro Bay/Cayucos

Bear Valley Quilt Guild—Los Osos

Central Coast Quilters—Arroyo Grande

Old Towne Quilters of Nipomo—Nipomo

All America City Quilt Guild—Santa Maria

Santa Maria Valley Quilt Guild—Santa Maria

Quilters Etc.—Lompoc

Coastal Quilters of Santa Barbara—Santa Barbara

Ventura Modern Quilt Guild—Ventura

Camarillo Quilters Association—Camarillo/Ventura

I wish to thank you for your time and consideration. I am hopeful your Guild will participate and I look forward to seeing your entry!

Best Stitches,

Dawn Farrier, Owner

The Creation Station Fabric & Quilt Shop

Questions and Answers you may have

How will the Apron entries be displayed?

Each guild will need to provide their own dress form to showcase their Apron. We intend to display the entries with a 360° view. Entries will also be displayed with an exhibit card made with the information provided on the entry form. Guild and Makers names will NOT BE displayed with the entry.

What you need to bring with your Apron entry?

In addition to your dress form, you will need to dress her/him with the Apron entry so it is ready to be displayed for voting. You will also need to provide a completed entry form plus fliers or postcards with your guilds info.

Does the Apron entry need to be made from scratch?

Yes, these aprons are to be Adult Size and made from scratch by a member of your guild.

Commercial patterns, free internet patterns or original patterns Can be used to construct your guilds Apron entry.

You may Not purchase a pre-made apron, ie. Michaels, and decorate it. You may Not purchase a handmade apron from etsy, or other sources and submit it as “your own.”

How will the winner be chosen?

The winner will be chosen by Viewers’ Choice. Each participant of the Shop Tour will receive ONE ballot/vote to cast for their favorite entry. These ballots will be color-coded so as not to be confused with any other challenge.

What will the Winning Guild receive?

Not only will there be a Beautiful Viewers Choice Ribbon...but the winning guild will receive a 3-Day Private Brown Bag Retreat in our Retreat Center located in our shop in Buellton. This “Prize” must be redeemed within 1 year of the Tour and max attendees may not exceed 20 quilters. Should your Guild win viewers’ choice additional details about our Retreat Prize will be available at that time.

When will the Winner be announced?

Votes will be counted upon conclusion of the Quilt Shop Tour Sunday May 31st. The Winning Guild Contact will be notified at that time via telephone.



Will there be any other Apron Challenges or Aprons on Display?

Yes, there will be at least 1 other “Apron” Challenges unrelated to the Guild entries.

The “Tie One On” Dish Soap Bottle Apron Challenge will be open to anyone that wants to participate.

Miniature aprons displayed on a variety of Dawn, Palmolive, Ajax etc. liquid soap bottles, you get the picture.

Separate fliers and information for this challenge will be distributed separately.

My gears are always turning so it is possible that another challenge may be added. However additional Challenges will only be competing against their groups entries and not against the Guild entries.

Deadlines?

Acceptance to participate deadline is Dec 1, 2025. Confirmation of participation will be made by Guild Liaison.

Apron entries MUST be delivered to the shop between Wednesday May 12 and Sunday May 17.

These dates are FIRM unless prior arrangements are made with Dawn. Entries must also be delivered during regular shop hours.

Ideas for your Guild that incorporate the Apron Theme

Apron Fundraiser of your own

If your guild has mini/friendship groups ask each one to make an apron. Put these aprons on display at each meeting and sell tickets for them like your monthly door prizes. Draw for these aprons at your April or May meeting so the winners can wear them on the Shop Tour.

Apron Challenge

Instead of a quilt/mini quilt challenge, this year have a member Apron Challenge. Perhaps have two categories: "Purchased and Embellished Aprons", and "Made from Scratch Aprons." This would encourage some outside the box quilting/sewing ideas and techniques. The winners of these challenges could be presented with a ribbon they could wear during the Tour while wearing their award-winning Apron. It would also get your members excited about the Quilt Shop Tour and fire them up to participate in the Tour.

Meeting topic

Some guilds have monthly meetings that are hard to fill with speakers or meetings that are mostly guild business. Turn one of your meetings into an Apron Show and Tell, or a Hostess Party where everyone wears an apron and brings cookies and recipes to share. Change it up a bit.

Perhaps a meeting could be a fashion show with both new and vintage aprons. Share stories of who wore them or their favorite memories.

Workshop opportunity.

Ask members to hold a Round Robin style workshop. Different stations with tips and techniques to make an apron. Some quilters have never sewn a garment. Have demonstrators for gathering, tube turning, hemming options and embellishments. Perhaps even how to layout a commercial pattern with grainline etc. Share ideas for using vintage linens or other fabric options beyond quilting cottons.

We are very excited about the Apron Theme!

You may be surprised by how enthusiastic your guild members are to participate and show off their aprons.

Thanks again for your time...See you at the Tour!



Opportunity Available: Guild Liaison to The Creation Station Fabric & Quilt Shop, Buellton

We are looking for a representative from your guild to act as a direct contact between our shop, The Creation Station, and your guild/board members.

The purpose of this voluntary position is to establish a flow of information between myself, Dawn Farrier, Owner The Creation Station, and local guilds pertaining to the 2026 Central Coast Quilt Shop Tour.

This will include information on our shop's Guild Challenge, Tour updates and reminders, as well as shop happenings leading up to the Central Coast Quilt Shop Tour.



Position Requirements:

Liaison should be excited about this position, excited about the Central Coast Quilt Shop Tour, and be familiar with our shop.

Liaison should be comfortable and outspoken enough to give announcements to their guild during general membership meetings.

Liaison position will run from September 2025—June 2026. This position is regardless of your guilds calendar year/changing of officers/board positions.

Liaison needs to be able to communicate information, seek approval and/or attend their guilds board meetings when necessary.

Should your guild need to withdraw from the challenge once your guild has committed but before the Quilt Shop Tour itself, Liaison will need to contact The Creation Station and speak with Dawn.

Should there be a dissolution of your guild once your guild has committed but before the Quilt Shop Tour itself, Liaison will need to contact The Creation Station and speak with Dawn.

As Liaison, if you are unable to fulfill any of the responsibilities listed above for any reason, illness, moving, personal conflicts, etc, Liaison will need to find a replacement within their guild to carry on in their place. Liaison will also assist with the transition of duties to the new liaison. Liaison will also need to contact The Creation Station and speak to Dawn providing contact information for the new Liaison.

Guild Liaison Form

Guild Name: _____.

Guild City Representation: _____.

Liaison Name: _____.

Cell () - Do you receive texts? _____.

Alternate Phone: () - _____.

email: _____.

Mailing Address: _____.

City: _____ **Zip** _____.

Guild Meetings held: _____.

Months your Guild is dormant? _____.

Anything special you wish us to know about you? _____.

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Shop Portion

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The Creation Station Apron Challenge



Guild Apron Entry Form

Guild Name: _____.

Guild City Representation: _____.

Liaison Name: _____.

Apron Entry Title: _____.

Apron Maker/s: _____.

Maker Cell : _____.

Was the base apron an original design? Yes NO .

If a commercial pattern or free internet pattern was used please list info:

Pattern Title: _____.

Pattern Designer: _____.

Web info: _____.

Briefly describe the inspiration, techniques etc. for the information card:

NOTE: Guild Name nor Maker/s information will NOT be displayed with apron.

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