FEATURED MEMBER RITA PEREZ

How long have you been quilting? Six years.

Who taught you how to quilt? Frances Martinez, from California

What are your favorite quilting techniques? Paper piecing.

What are your favorite colors to work with? Earth tones.

What are your favorite fabrics to work with? 100% cotton, especially those that depict Southwestern motifs.

What is your favorite quilt shop? If it's a quilt shop, then it's my favorite!

If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use? Husqvarna Viking.

What inspires you to make a particular quilt? The pattern and the challenge.

What is your favorite quilting book or pattern? Quick and Easy Quilting – a book on foundation piecing.

On average, how many quilts do you make in a year? 8 to 12.

Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out? I quilt my own. Then I give them away to family members—and do I have family!

What quilt-related item(s) are you working on right now? A sampler quilt.

What other hobbies do you have? Painting, scrapbooking, crocheting, and ceramics.

Tell about one way that quilting has changed your life. It has given me an opportunity to express my inner feelings.

Are you on any committees with the CRQG? I'm on the Ways and Means Committee.

Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family. I was born and raised in the state of California. I have 3 children and 8 grandchildren—6 in California and 2 in Georgia. My family is my heart, and the time I spend with my family is priceless.



