



Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on November 1

President's Corner

Fall has arrived! We're finally moving into cooler weather. Can't believe the holidays are almost upon us.

Hope you enjoyed our October meeting at Sewing Arts with Giucy Guice. I loved his trunk show and learning about his journey as a fabric designer. I "almost" want to try his tiny paper piecing. Heaven knows I have my share of fat quarter stacks that I just can't cut into!

Thank you again to Julie and Rachel Marquez for allowing us to hold our meeting in their classroom. And to Emily Watts for handling the technical issues related to a hybrid meeting. As we move forward with more in-person meetings we're going to need more helpers to make it all happen. We want to continue to make it possible for our out-of-town members to join us for the meetings. Want to give it a try? Just let us know and we'll be happy to coach you on what's involved.

As we move into November it's hard not to think of Thanksgiving and the things we should be grateful for – family, friends, health, happiness and more. While we're one of the smaller quilt guilds, the good news is that it allows us to get to know each other. Some have been members for many years; some are founding or charter members; some are newer members. Many, many friendships have been forged over the years. As we meet in person and on zoom in the coming year we'll try to plan some activities that will help foster getting to know one another. Our July in-person meeting where members shared their early and current quilts was a great start. Ideas for "team building" activities are encouraged.

Sadly, it is with a heavy heart that I'm sharing some sad news regarding Veronica Gray, a long-time member and friend to so many in the guild. Veronica has had some health challenges but, when possible, she has always been an active, contributing member of the guild. She was hospitalized in early September but seemed to be on the road to recovery. Sadly, we have learned that she has taken a turn for the worse and has been placed on hospice care. As a devout Catholic she is at peace with this path but asks that we respect her privacy with no texts, calls or communication. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers.

Pam Overton, President

Program

Our speaker this month is Linda Schmidt who will be talking to us about "Short Attention Span Quilting." Linda made her first quilt when she was 8 years old and has made hundreds of quilts since then. She has won over 300 ribbons from local, national and international quilting exhibits and teaches nationally and internationally.

To learn more about Linda and her work, visit her website : www.shortattentionspanquilting.com

We had a good turnout in person and online for our October meeting, featuring Guicy Guice. He was a creative inspiration. Thanks to Julie and Rachel for sharing the Sew Arts classroom for our meeting!

Our schedule for 2024 is starting to fill up. As always please let us know if you have speakers to recommend.



Laurie Reyen, Program Chair

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Vice President

Saturday, October 14th, I represented SMQG at the Southern California Council of Quilt Guild's (SCCQG) quarterly meeting. The topics discussed were Philanthropy and Volunteering. Some guilds focus their philanthropic efforts on one or two charities, others on a variety. Among the groups receiving donations are human trafficking charities, Ronald McDonald House, and local and county charities. While most guilds donate quilts of various sizes, some make non-quilt items such as: wheel chair bags, teddy bears or pillowcases. Other times, guilds donate food, toiletries and money.

Volunteers are encouraged to assist through opportunities to work together at philanthropy sewing events, or when philanthropy quilts are shown at a guild meeting. In fact, showing the quilts gives new volunteers ideas for creating their own philanthropy quilt, while giving a "pat on the back" to the member who made the quilt that is shown. Those who specialize in a particular skill such as quilting or binding, may be encouraged to offer their skills for the philanthropy quilts. SMQG **does** have a philanthropy sewing afternoon/night, so watch for the 2024 date. In the meantime, hone your skills at SMQG's Quilter's College at the January 2024 meeting.

Also, mark April 13, 2024 on your calendar for SCCQG's Meet The Teachers forum. It's more successful on Zoom than in person! There'll be attendance information available closer to April.

And, from now to December 18: The African American Quilters of Los Angeles is exhibiting their work at the UC Santa Barbara Multi-Cultural Center. Check the UCSB Multi Cultural Center website for directions and times they are open.

SCCQG will meet again on January 13, 2024, and I will be there.

Sally Madigan, Veronica Gray – Co-Vice Presidents

New Fund-Raising Ideas!

Mystery Raffle Box – Cindi and Perla are quickly formulating the plan for our Mystery Box Raffle. It was introduced at the October guild meeting. It will be a unique, new fund-raising opportunity for the guild. The concept is simple. The box has already started filling up with items donated by shops and some of our advertisers. Cindi and Perla will solicit donations from shops far and wide. They can also use your help in soliciting items for the box. Are you traveling somewhere soon? Perhaps there are shops where you're going? We'll have an introductory letter that you can take with you to solicit donations. As items are added to the box, we'll advertise the ever-increasing value of the box. The items in the box will remain a mystery but who doesn't love a surprise? To help

promote it, we'll be adding shop logos to the box as we collect items. We already have a Giucy Guice autograph!

We're keeping it simple and will be selling raffle tickets. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We're coming up with some creative ways to sell tickets from our website and we hope to visit other guild meetings to sell tickets.

To help sell tickets we've come up with a companion project.

2024 SMQG Opportunity Quilt – Several years ago I purchased a Robert Kaufman, Kona Block of the Month kit from the short-lived modern shop on Manchester, Sew Together. The blocks were designed by different quilt designers and it's definitely modern. Are there twelve members out there that would like to each complete a block? If we could complete the blocks in the next month or so, the quilt will go together easily and we could have it quilted.

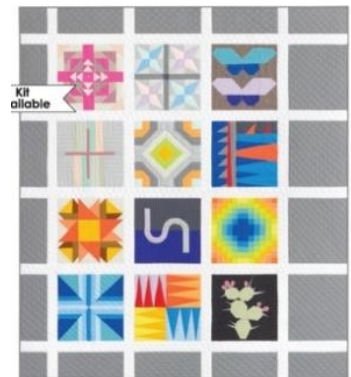
We can partner the opportunity quilt with the Mystery Raffle Box. One ticket buys a chance for one or the other. Maybe quilt first and second ticket drawn wins the Raffle Box? Or, let the first ticket drawn choose their prize!

If you're willing to sew one (or more) of the blocks, please let me know and I'll get it to you! Seven of the blocks are paper pieced. First come, first serve to pick the block you work on!

Once we have the quilt done we can take both the Mystery Raffle Box and the quilt to other guild meetings/shows and sell tickets. Pretty sure I can get us a spot to sell tickets at the South Bay Quilt Show in February!

Ready to jump in and help? Or better yet, perhaps someone wants to take on this project? Give me a call or send me an email.

Pam Overton



Membership

Our in person/zoom meeting with Giuseppe Ribaldo at Sewing Arts brought 13 guests (zoom) and 32 members (17 in person and 15 via zoom). Things went well with our tech team--Emily, Olivia, and Pam working very hard with camera microphones, and laptops. Thank you very much.

We've had 22 renewals so far. Please reply to the question for zoom help. You don't want to miss a meeting and renewing this month will ensure you keep the newsletter and zoom link coming in email.

Renewal is easy with the "fillable" PDF form--fill it in on screen then print it and mail or use the paperless credit card payment directly to the website.

Aileen Cooke, Membership Chair

Show and Tell

If you have items to share for Show and Tell, please send your show and tell photos no later than Sunday October 29 to pam@travelingquilters.com. We will meet on Zoom only this month so let's make it a great show and tell. We know you're all working on holiday gifts, so please share! Perhaps you have some new or favorite "Fall" quilts to share?

Zoom meeting links

We have set up the guild meeting zoom link as a recurring meeting. We will also use the same link for any Sew-Ins and Happy Hours. The link will be included in the email with this newsletter. We'll also send a reminder on Monday night.

Website

Please email photos of your finished quilts and works-in-progress to Emily (wattsejw@gmail.com) to post them on our website and social media accounts, Facebook and Instagram, for "at-home show & tell."

I continue to update the website for your viewing pleasure. Let me know if there is anything specific, you would like to see on it. www.santamonicaquiltguild.org

Webmistress – Emily Watts

SMQG General Meeting Minutes - October 5, 2022

SMQG members met in a hybrid meeting at Sewing Arts Center for its October 2023 meeting.

The business meeting was called to order at 6:03 by President Pam Overton.

Pam welcomed members and 13 guests and she thanked Julie and Rachel for hosting us tonight. South Bay Quilt Guild is selling raffle tickets for their opportunity quilt here tonight.

Laurie Reyen moved to approve the September general meeting minutes and the treasurer's report with Sonia Daniels seconding the motion. Approved by all.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Aileen Cooke: Time to submit membership renewals

Philanthropy Aileen Cooke will be accepting quilts today in Mariana's absence. Ronald McDonald House has reached out to us. They currently see 25 new families each month and need quilts to give to

them. We can direct some of our philanthropy quilts there.

Treasurer: Kennalee Mattson presented the proposed budget for 2023/2024 as in the newsletter. Lani Hee moved to approve and Sheila Cummins seconded the motion. It was approved by vote.

Ways and Means: Cindy Garacochea and Perla Rothenberg presented a new raffle tonight. There will be a "mystery box" that will grow in value during the year with donations hopefully gathered from quilt stores and possible other sources. Raffle tickets will be sold and drawing is planned for the end of our fiscal year. Plans are fluid at this time.

Vice Presidents: Sally Madigan and Veronica Gray. No report

Newsletter: Jo Hearn. Any quilty articles or events are accepted by Jo. The deadline for the next newsletter is October 15.

Programs: Laurie Reyen and Megan McGrath. Many good speakers are in the upcoming schedule. Laurie introduced Guiseppe Ribaldo "Guicy Guice" for our talk tonight. He spoke about his professional Journey, showing us quilts and his fabric lines.

Show and Tell: Quilts and tops were shown by SylviaHenry, Pam Overton, Allison Leong, Aileen Cooke

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33.

Alison Leong

Birthdays - November

Jeannine	Mendoza	1-Nov
Barbara	Marom-Pollack	2-Nov
Prima	Casetta	4-Nov
Lani	Hee	10-Nov
Sandra	Ray	12-Nov

Scrap Bag

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Betsy Barker

Philanthropy

Ronald McDonald house has reached out for more quilts. They are in need of lap or throw size quilts to include in the comfort packages that they give to new families checking into the house, which is about 25 a month. In the second week of November I will be

making a delivery of the philanthropy quilts we have so far. That gives a little bit of time for you to finish up any donation quilts you might have in progress. If you have any completed quilts you would like me to pick up, you can email me at mdavanzo123@yahoo.com or call me at 310 828-0268.

Ronald McDonald house is not accepting any toiletry donations now, however, the Venice Family Clinic is. Let me know if you have any you would like me to pick up from you. When I have a box full I will make a delivery.

Mariana Davanzo

SMQG Schedule of Events

Your Program chair is busy working to fill out our calendar for the coming year with interesting speakers. As always, your input/feedback/suggestions are welcome. Please contact Laurie Reyen to let her know your thoughts.

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
November	Linda Schmidt	Short Attention Span Quilting	ShortAttentionSpanQuilting.com
December	Scarlett Rose	Celtic Quilts From Around the World	Scarlettrose.com
2024			
January	Quilters College		
February	TBD		
March	Kena Tangi Dorsey: The Big, Bold and Beautiful: Using African Prints in Quilts (kenaquiltstudio.com)		

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

November 3-4	Fallbrook Quilt Guild Quilt Show , 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Son Rise Christian Fellowship, 465 S. Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA. Auction daily at 12:30 pm, Country Store, food and beverages, opportunity quilt, demonstration. Handicap accessible. Admission: Adults - \$10; Children 3-2,
November 4	Olde Towne Quilters of Nipomo Boutique , 10 AM to 1:00 pm, Nipomo Presbyterian Church, 1235 N. Thompson Avenue, Nipomo, CA
November 4	Almond Country Quilt Guild 33rd Annual Holiday auction , 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 Creston Road, Paso Robles, CA. This year we will feature a Holiday Boutique.
Through December 15, 2023	African American Quilters of Los Angeles is exhibiting quilts at UC Santa Barbara. The quilts are on exhibit in the Multi-Cultural Lounge. Monday – Friday, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.
December 2	Pine Needles Quilt Guild Annual Holiday Home Tour . For more information visit their website: www.pnqg.org

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Most of our monthly meetings are via Zoom. We will have occasional meetings in person for a hybrid (on zoom and in person) meeting or an only in person (for a workshop) when necessary. Please check here if you unable to log into our Zoom meetings and would like assistance. _____

Could we find another quilter for you to visit and join the meeting? Is wifi unavailable to you? _____ Please tell us.

Name of Friendship Group to which I belong _____

I am interested in joining or forming a group and prefer day? ----- Or evening? _____

The guild needs your help. To enjoy all the benefits a membership provides please serve as much as possible. Can you help one of these committees?

As a general volunteer* _____ Programs _____ Philanthropy _____

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*I can help measure fabric or help on the day of the Fabric Sale. At an in person meeting we can always use help with setup or assistance to the speaker.

** These committees are needed for in person meetings.

Mail this form and check to SMQG Membership, Kennalee Mattson, 2329 Boone Ave., Venice, CA 90291

For Membership committee only

Date _____ Rec'd \$ _____ Check No. _____ Cash _____

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