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Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on August 5.

President's Comments

Hello Quilters!

Again, our August meeting at the church must be cancelled . . . HOWEVER! We are having another VIRTUAL meeting! This time with a speaker! Be sure to check Pam Overton's message for all the details. I hope you all will attend. It's quite amazing that we can be sitting at home and still be together. It is looking like we will be doing it this way for a few more months at least.

We are continuing the election process. See Olivia's article for more information. I finished my second Mystery Quilt #3. Now I have new wall-hangings for the 4th of July and Halloween. Stay tuned for information on the next quarantine quilting adventure we are planning,

Keep calm and quilt on! Kennalee

President – Kennalee Mattson

Program

For our August Meeting, Mel Beach will join us virtually to share some of her talent and expertise. Her lecture topic is Challenge Yourself. From Mel's website . . . Discover the world of Quilt Challenges and the many opportunities awaiting you (and your quilts!) Join me as I recount my adventures (including a few misadventures) while participating in Quilt Challenges at both the local and national/international level. I hope to inspire you by sharing my own quilts and their stories; along with tips/tricks, that I hope will inspire and encourage you to enter your own quilts, regardless of style or level of experience/skill! Mel's presentation includes a slide show followed by trunk show including 25+ of her challenge quilts.

For those who would like to see a snippet of her lectures and workshops, visit <https://melbeachquilts.com/teaching>.

But that's not all. Once again, we offer you an opportunity to send a picture of your latest projects for Show and Tell. Please send your photos via email to pam@travelingquilters.com no later than August 1. It takes time to crop them and put them into a slide show.

We have reached out to Dora Cary, Sue Rasmussen, and Leah Zeber (all were booked earlier this year and postponed) to see if they are doing virtual lectures and, if so, when we can book them again. In addition, several of us attended the Northern California Quilt Council Meet the Teachers a few weeks ago. There were some great short teaser presentations and we flagged a number of No. Cal teachers that we have contacted. And then there's the Quilt Connection – an international meet the teachers earlier in the day on August 5th. At the meeting, we should be able to present a list of virtual teachers that will soon be joining us for an SMQG meeting!

If you didn't join us in July for our Virtual Meeting, we hope you'll join us in August. Not sure how to do that? We're happy to offer a drop in session a few days before the meeting. Just contact Kennalee (kennaleem@aol.com) or Pam Overton (pam@travelingquilters.com) and we'll set up a "training zoom" a few days before the meeting.

That reminds me . . . if you have been zooming and have some experience with some of the basic tools, perhaps you'll think about joining our SMQG Virtual Team. Meetings run smoothly if there are several helpers in the background to manage things like questions through chat, questions through raised hands, admitting from the Waiting Room, etc. We're all learning as we go. Join us on this journey!

Virtual Meetings

New norm, new guidelines for guests. Guild members, to ensure that our virtual meeting is secure; we ask that you NOT send a link to the meeting to friends. If we see someone come into the meeting that is not a member, for security reasons, we'll need to remove them from the meeting. Instead, please forward their name and email address to the meeting host, Pam Overton (pam@travelingquilters.com), and they will be added to the meeting



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notice. We haven't worked out how to charge a guest fee as we do at in-person meetings, or whether we even want to do that, so we will simply ask for a donation when we invite your guest. If you would like to pay that fee, please let us know when you forward their name and email address.

Your Program Chairs – Aileen Cooke and Pam Overton

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Vice President

VP Activities:

We continue to make Happy Hearts for the community service night. Hopefully we will meet physically for this event. But if we are not able— we will have a plan. So keep making those blocks. You can hang onto them or you may mail them to me at 1054 Palos Verdes Blvd., Redondo Beach CA 90277 See last month's newsletter or the guild website for instructions.

Looking ahead! A fun "Safe at Home" "Stash busting," "Challenge" to suit both traditional and contemporary enthusiasts is on the horizon. Stay tuned for the introduction in September. It promises to please and peak your interest.

SWCCQG News:

A Virtual Council Meeting was held on Saturday, July 18. The Topic was on the ins and outs of guild Zoom meetings and was hosted by our own Pam Overton. We are doing well as a guild in this area. It was announced that Meet the Teachers 2020 was definitely cancelled but will resume in 2021. Like the rest of the world, SCCQG is working to make decisions about future meetings via Zoom. In the meantime there is a call for quilts out for their ROAD exhibit. They are looking for quilts made in Southern California during the Covid-19 quarantine. See the council website sccqg.org for details.

President's Comments

Nominating Committee

The Nominations committee is as follows:

Olivia Carnahan (Board Member-Chair), Pam Overton, Suzanne Cole and Cindy Nirenberg (Alternate)

As of Newsletter time we have a slate of volunteers largely made up of the current Board members. All are willing to serve. However, should any of you members at large feel you might want to step in; the Board welcomes your interest. On the other hand, if you have someone you would like to nominate, please feel free to do so now by emailing me at liv4quilts@aol.com the nominating committee will verify and/or confirm that the nominee is willing to serve and a final ballot will be printed in the September newsletter.

Feel free to contact anyone on the Nominating Committee if you have any questions.

Our bylaws state “ the elected officers of the Guild shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Webmistress and the Chairpersons for these standing committees: Membership, Programs, Ways and Means and Philanthropy”.

Please let me know if you are interested in running for office. It is a rewarding and fun experience.

Vice President – Olivia Carnahan

Website

Please email photos of your finished quilts and works-in-progress to Emily (wattsejw@gmail.com) and she will 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.

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Webmistress – Emily Watts

Membership

Time marches, slowly on. During the last 6 months, we have been forced to look inward for entertainment and challenges. Our quilting life provides both entertainment and challenge.

Six months ago, who would have thought we could participate in SMQG Meetings and hear speakers without leaving our sewing rooms?

Six Months ago, who would have thought Guild Members in distant parts of the country could attend guild meetings.

Thanks to our creative program chairs, we will have many more opportunities to Zoom to meetings, hear speakers and maybe even participate in workshops. Isn't this, virtual, quilting life grand!

Keep on busting your stash, happy quilting.

Sally & Maureen, Membership Chairs

*Sally Madigan & Maureen Gardner
Membership Co-Chairs*

Birthdays – August

Cindi	Garacohea	2-Aug
Annette	Levey	15-Aug
Brenda	Gottfried	18-Aug
Eric	Oda	23-Aug
Stephanie	Wexler	25-Aug

Meeting Minutes

SMQG General Meeting Minutes: July 1, 2020

SMQG Quilt guild members gathered on ZOOM for its first general meeting since March 2020 due to COVID-19. The business meeting was called to order by President Kennalee Mattson at 7:05 pm.

Kennalee welcomed members to its first virtual general meeting with a special welcome to members who live out of state or out of the area, including Susan Barrett, Gerry McGuire, Diane Fulkerson and Marilyn Vredevoe. A special thanks to Pam Overton for organizing the ZOOM meeting and coordinating the virtual logistics.

Pam Overton moved to approve the March general meeting minutes with a second to the motion by Bobbie Blake. Pam Overton also moved to approve the March Treasurer's report with a second by Betsy Barker. Both motions were approved unanimously with on-line voting.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Allison reported that income for June was \$60 and expenses were \$112 (mystery quilt fees). Balance was \$13,094.32.

Membership: Maureen Gardener reported the membership remains stable. Introduced the idea of a stash buster challenge. Other challenge ideas surfaced as well. Board will take under advisement.

Vice President: Olivia Carnahan was not able to attend meeting, so Kennalee filled in for her. Olivia is encouraging members to make heart blocks for a future philanthropy sewing night. Kennalee showed those gathered blocks she had made. The 9-inch (finished) size is most desirable and instructions have been included with the last newsletter.

Newsletter Laurie Reyen thanked members for their contributions and encouraged them to keep sending them to her.

Hospitality: No report as this was an on-line meeting.

Philanthropy: Luann has been trying to contact agencies to deliver quilts, but due to the COVID-19 she has received no return calls. She encouraged member to save their philanthropy quilts, but she is willing to accept members' quilts if they want to deliver them to her.

Ways and Means: Perla said that if members are rearranging their sewing rooms and come across items to donate to Ways and Means to please hold on to them until the guild is able to meet in-person once again.

Programs and Workshops: Pam organized the evening's virtual Show and Tell format of the evening. She has some ideas for next month if the meeting is again a virtual/online experience. It is very unlikely that the guild will be able to meet in-person next month for a potluck. Kennalee keeps in touch on a regular basis with First United Methodist Church regarding its reopening to groups such as ours.

New Business: It is that time of year to begin the process for nomination of officers (election is in September). Olivia is the board representative on the Nominating Committee this year. Pam has also volunteered to be on the committee. Two more members are needed for the committee. Suzanne Cole volunteered to be on the committee and Cindy Nirenberg volunteered to be the alternate.

Pam asked if there are any current officers who would serve another term. Veronica offered to remain secretary for the general meetings and Allison offered to serve again as treasurer if another candidate is not found.

Show and Tell: Pam organized a slide show of quilts submitted by members. Members who submitted quilts were: Betsy Barker, Susan Barrett, Vicki Bohnhoff, Bobbie Blake, Olivia Carnahan, Prima Casetta, Suzanne Cole, Maureen Gardener, Jo Hearn, Lani Hee, Luann Jaffe, Allison Leon, Barbara Macron-Pollack, Kennalee Mattson, Cindy Nirenberg, Pam Overton, Sandy Ray, Perla Rothenberg, Barbara Spielberg Marilyn Vredevoe and Stephanie Wexler.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Veronica G

Ways and Means

Save up all your donations – we'll have the best Ways and Means sale ever when we gather in person!

Perla Rothenberg, Ron and Keiko Tapp

Philanthropy

Ronald McDonald House is receiving donations as of last week and hopefully will continue. If you have any or many completed quilts you are planning to donate I will be happy to keep them here until we get enough to make a donation. But, in the meantime, I hope you are all continuing to stay well. I've been enjoying some of this time finishing projects and then hoping to clean up my sewing room.

Luann and Bobbie
Philanthropy

*Luann Jaffe and Bobbie Blake
Philanthropy Co-Chairs*

Sunshine and Shadows

Sunshine news for member Anne Wallace. Anne's son, James Wallace, was ordained a priest on June 19th. He was ordained in the diocese of Juneau, Alaska.

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

Many near-term quilt shows and events have been cancelled or postponed. As we learn about them, we will pass the information on to you.

Guild Calendar - 2020

To sign up for a workshop, please contact Aileen Cooke or Pam Overton

While we're all staying at home for the time being, your Program chairs are busy working to fill out our calendar for this year and next with interesting speakers.

If you find yourself poking around on the computer, go to www.sccqg.org and check out the teachers and their website. See anything that interests you? Any suggestions?? Email us!

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	Workshop
August 5	Mel Beach	"Challenge Yourself"	
September			
October			
November			

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