



# Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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**Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on December 2.**

## President's Corner

Happy Holidays to everyone! I know it's hard to find "happy" this year, but if you are healthy, sewing and have someone to talk to, you're doing well!

Our former President, Margaret Christiansen, is still doing the Pat of Love – giving quilts to the cancer patients at St. John's Hospital. She needs some help to assemble more than 30 donated tops into quilts. If you can do some simple quilting and binding, please let me know and we can arrange to get you a top and backing to complete.

The Guild received another large donation of fabric and kits! So, I'm planning another socially distanced sale. At the moment, I'm thinking Super Bowl Sunday, whenever that is!! I'll be letting you all know exact date and time when I know.

Keep calm and quilt on! Kennalee

*President – Kennalee Mattson*

## Program

Hope you enjoyed last month's lecture with Karen Combs. Who knew half-square triangles could be so versatile?

In December, our speaker is Krista Moser. I first discovered Krista's work at Road to California 2020. She was one of the teachers and had a teacher's exhibit in the ballroom. What caught my eye? The Bumblebee quilt of course! Visit her website and you'll see why!

Krista Moser is the creative force and inspiration behind The Quilted Life. A quilting and fiber arts enthusiast, she started sewing at 8 years old sneaking off to the sewing machine during her Mom's nap time. Since she couldn't read patterns, everything was made from her imagination propelling the creativity and the innovative design she is known for today. She began her professional sewing and machine quilting career at the spunky age of fourteen adding the texture and dimension machine quilting brings to every project.

She has been teaching sewing and quilting lessons for more than twenty years. Her work has been featured in quilting magazines, published by Martingale Press, and hung in prominent quilt shops around the country. It's probably genetic ;-)) and the Grandma's would be proud. What a life, this Quilted Life is, and what a joy to share the journey!

To learn more about Krista Moser and view her quilts, visit her website. <https://www.kristamoser.com/gallery>

We're booking speakers for 2021 as I write this. Trudy Cleveland, Pat Belyea from Okan Arts, Penni Domikis, Michelle Banton, Sujata Shah and more. We hope to have all of the dates set and contracts in place soon. Google them to learn more about their work!

While in-person meetings are probably many months off, when we do return to in-person meetings, we are planning to conduct those as a hybrid of virtual and in-person. How are we going to do that? We have some thoughts and will figure it out! We don't want to lose our long-distance members. If you have ideas on how to do that, send them our way!

Remember . . . Guests are welcome to join our virtual meetings from here, there, or anywhere! We now have a link on our website for them to request the link and pay their guest fee just as they would for an "in-person" meeting.

*Program Chairs – Aileen Cooke and Pam Overton*

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## Vice President

To quote a recent TV commercial, "This year's been a lot. So let's make the holidays sparkle!" Or something like that. Log into our December guild meeting with your sparkle on. Who knows? There may be some merriment after the speaker has worked her magic. Happy Holidays everyone. May it be peaceful and productive. Keep stitching!

*Vice President – Olivia Carnahan*

## Website

Please email photos of your finished quilts and works-in-progress to Emily ([wattsejw@gmail.com](mailto: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.

[www.santamonicaquiltguild.org](http://www.santamonicaquiltguild.org) *Webmistress – Emily Watts*

## Membership

December is always a time to look back over the past year. This abnormal year has brought many changes to our Quilt Guild.

This Year our guild has zoomed into the virtual world, big time. Board meetings, Guild meetings and the Sew Wednesday mini group, now meet via Zoom. Our Program Chairs, Pam & Aileen, now have a country wide, even world-wide, choice of speakers. The result has been a series of great meetings and a, much appreciated, chance to visit with local and far away guild members. We are so fortunate to have leadership with the knowledge and determination to move with the times and keep the SMQG alive and thriving during these trying times.

Membership dues are still coming in. The membership application is attached to the newsletter or is available on the website. If you have any questions re your membership please contact Maureen [mogardner@dslexreme.com](mailto:mogardner@dslexreme.com) or Sally [salmaidigan@hotmail.com](mailto:salmaidigan@hotmail.com)

Reminder Members who have not paid their dues by the December 20th will be dropped from the roster and will no longer be invited to our virtual meetings or receive the newsletter.

Happy Quilting, may your stash be everlasting, or at least through COVID

*Sally Madigan & Maureen Gardner - Membership Co-Chairs*

## Birthdays – December

Veronica Gray	12/6	Diane Fulkerson	12/9
Ann Chach	12/7	Vicki Bonhoff	12/16

## SMQG General Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2020

November 4, 2020

SMQG Quilt guild members gathered on ZOOM for its November 2020 general meeting. The business meeting was called to order by President Kennalee Mattson at 7:00 pm.

Kennalee welcomed members with a special welcome to members who live out of state or out of the area and 2 guests, Vivian Ruddy and Kay Salm.

Business Meeting:

Luann Jaffe moved to approve the October general meeting minutes with a second to the motion by Jennie Kraft. Perla Rothenberg moved to approve the October Treasurer's report with a second by Pam Overton. Both motions were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Maureen Gardener and Sally Madigan encouraged members to renew their memberships. A new roster will be ready in a few months.

Vice President: No Report.

Newsletter: Laurie thanked members for their newsletter articles. She encouraged members to share a holiday recipe for the December newsletter.

Philanthropy. Luann continues to accept philanthropy quilts at her home. November has been the month guild members donate nonperishable food items to the Westside Food Bank at First Methodist Church. One member stated that the church does have a drop off food barrel outside the church. Members also can donate monetarily on line on the Westside Food Bank website.

Ways and Means and Hospitality: No report.

Website: Emily continues to update website and facebook.

Program and Workshops: The evening speaker was Karen Combs of Nashville, TN. She gave an excellent presentation titled, "Quilts of Illusion." Her presentation was filled with quilts, tips and demonstrations of how the quilts were designed. She also gave the guild a discount code of 25% for products purchased on her website. The discount was in effect 24 hours.

The December speaker will be Krista Moser. Pam encouraged members to come on zoom wearing their holiday finery, ready to celebrate together.

Show and Tell: Pam organized a slide show of quilts submitted by members. Members who submitted quilts were Betsy Barker, Aileen Cooke, Veronica Gray, Kennalee Mattson, and Pam Overton.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Veronica Gray

## 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

We have a new philanthropy project that should be quick and easy and a good way to use some of

your material that you didn't know what to do with! The fire victims are still in need of quilts and Pillow Cases. The Board got together and talked about making PILLOW CASES for the victims. You can use whatever fabrics you have - adult, children or just fun fabrics. If you need instructions you can go to websites such as Shabby Fabrics or Missouri Star Company or just look up pillow case tutorials on You Tube. We will work out a way to collect them and send them to the ones in need.

Since November has always been our food donation to The Westside Food Bank you might want to consider a monetary donation to them this year which can either be sent to 1710 22nd St., Santa Monica, CA 90404 or by going to [www.wsfg.org](http://www.wsfg.org)

We hope you had a Happy Healthy Thanksgiving and look forward to the Christmas Holidays done safely.

*Luann Jaffe and Bobbie Blake, Philanthropy Co-Chairs*

## Hospitality

Dear Guild members,

We have more holiday potluck recipes to share with you this month. They all look awesome! Enjoy!

*Betsy ([bquiltz@aol.com](mailto:bquiltz@aol.com)) and Sheila ([cummins1306@gmail.com](mailto:cummins1306@gmail.com)) - Hospitality co-chairs*

### Flourless Peanut Butter Cookies (Luann Jaffe)

1 C creamy peanut butter  
1 C firmly packed brown sugar  
1 large egg  
1 tsp baking soda  
3/4 Cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350. Combine all ingredients except chocolate chips til well blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Best to use a non-stick cookie sheet. Using a teaspoon drop dough 2 inches apart (do not flatten) and bake 9 minutes or until cookies are puffed and golden. They will be very soft. Let cookie sheets rest on wire rack for 5 minutes and then remove to let cool completely. Makes approximately 4 1/2 dozen cookies.

### Double Gingersnaps (Pam Overton)

Ingredients:

4 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 teaspoons ground cloves
4 teaspoons ground ginger
Sugar for rolling

#### Directions:

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and molasses and blend well. Sift dry ingredients together.

Add half of dry mixture to creamed mixture and blend with mixer. Add remaining half and blend by hand. Chill dough for several hours (I use it right away).

At this point you may bake whatever portion of the dough you desire, and refrigerate or freeze the remainder. (Keeps at least 1 week in refrigerator if covered well. Wrap in foil or plastic for freezer storage.)

To bake, pull off pieces (you will scoop out pieces if dough is not chilled) and make balls the size of a walnut (if you want smaller cookies and more of them, make balls smaller). Roll the balls in sugar and place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 F for 15-18 minutes (less if balls are smaller).

Balls will flatten out and tops will be crackled. Makes 5 to 6 dozen. (Recipe may be halved or doubled.)

**One Bowl Apple Cake (Perla Rothenberg, from justapinch.com)**

## Ingredients:

2 eggs  
 1 3/4 c sugar  
 2 tsp cinnamon  
 1/2 c oil  
 6 medium gala or fuji or honey crisp apples  
 2 c flour  
 2 tsp baking soda

## Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, mix the eggs, sugar, cinnamon and oil. Peel and slice the apples and add to mixture in bowl (coating as you go to keep apples from turning brown.)

Mix together the baking soda and flour and add to the ingredients in the bowl. Mix well (best with a fork) until all of the flour is absorbed by the wet ingredients.

Pour mixture into a greased one 9x13 or two 9" round pans. Bake for approximately 55 minutes. Serves 5-6.

**Chocolate Chip Grand Marnier Cookies (Kennalee)**

## Ingredients:

2 1/2 cups flour  
 2 tablespoons baking powder  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1 cup butter  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 1/4 cup brown sugar firmly packed  
 2 eggs well beaten  
 1 1/2 tablespoons Grand Marnier  
 1 tablespoon orange peel grated  
 12 ounces 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips  
 1 cup walnuts chopped  
 6 ounces semisweet baking chocolate  
 1 tablespoon Grand Marnier  
 1/2 cup walnuts finely chopped

## Directions:

Sift flour before measuring, then resift with baking powder and salt; set aside.

Cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Add eggs and blend well. Add sifted ingredients to creamed mixture together with Grand Marnier and orange peel. Mix thoroughly. Fold in chocolate chips and nuts.

Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 325 F for about 12 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely.

For glaze, melt chocolate in a double boiler over hot, but not boiling, water. Remove from heat and beat in Grand Marnier. Coat undersides of cool cookies with chocolate glaze and then dip in chopped nuts.

Refrigerate a few minutes until firm. Glaze may also be poured in strips over top of cookies, omitting nuts.

**Cranberry Streusel Shortbread Bars (Allison, from danderecipes.com)**

## Ingredients: FOR THE CRUST &amp; STREUSEL:

10 1/2 oz. (1 cup plus 5 Tbs.) unsalted butter melted and cooled to just warm  
 1 cup granulated sugar  
 3/4 tsp. table salt  
 2 large egg yolks  
 14 1/4 oz. (3 cups plus 3 Tbs.) unbleached all-purpose flour

## FOR THE CRANBERRY TOPPING:

One 12-oz. bag fresh or frozen cranberries, picked over, rinsed, and drained

1 cup granulated sugar

Directions: Make the crust: Line a straight-sided 13x9-inch metal baking pan with foil, letting the ends create an overhanging edge for easy removal. In a medium bowl, stir the butter, 3/4 cup of the sugar, and the salt. Whisk in the egg yolks. Stir in the flour to make a stiff dough. Transfer about 2 cups of the dough to the prepared pan, and press the mixture evenly into the bottom. Prick the dough all over with a fork. Refrigerate the pan for 30 minutes (or freeze for 5 to 7 minutes) until the dough is firm.

Position racks in the center and near the top of the oven. Heat the oven to 325°F. Bake the dough on the center rack until the crust begins to set but does not brown at all on the edges (the center will not be firm yet), about 20 minutes. While the crust bakes, prepare the streusel and the cranberry topping.

Make the streusel: With your fingers, combine the remaining 1/4 cup sugar with the reserved dough until crumbly. The mixture should hold together when pressed, but readily break into smaller pieces. Make the cranberry topping: In a medium saucepan, bring the cranberries, sugar, and 1/4 cup water to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to medium high and continue to boil until the liquid is reduced to a thick syrup, 5 to 8 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and let the mixture cool for 5 to 10 minutes-the syrup will continue to thicken as the mixture cools.

Spread the cranberry mixture evenly over the hot crust. Scatter the streusel over the cranberries (don't crumble the streusel too much or the texture will be sandy). Increase the oven temperature to 350°F and bake the bars near the top of the oven until the streusel is golden and set about 25 minutes. (Baking the bars at the top of the oven helps the streusel brown faster without over-browning the crust.) Set the pan on a metal rack to cool until the crust is completely firm, at least 1 hour. (For faster cooling, put the bars in the fridge once the pan is no longer piping hot, or even outside in winter.) When the bottom of the pan is cool, carefully lift the bars from the pan using the foil sides and transfer them to a cutting board. Separate the foil from the bars by sliding a spatula between them. Cut the bars into 1 3/4 inch squares. They will keep at room temperature for one week.

## Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

South Bay Quilters Guild is hosting the following speakers in 2021.

January 19 – Nina Clotfelter	February 16 – Ann Shaw	March 16 – Quilt Show Wrap Up
April 20 – Latifah Safir	May 18 – Lyric Kinard	

To join as a guest, contact [membership@southbayquiltersguild.org](mailto:membership@southbayquiltersguild.org) and they will provide a link to the meeting.

## SMQG Schedule of Events

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](http://www.sccqg.org) and check out the teachers and their website. See anything that interests you? Any suggestions?? Email us!

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
December	Krista Moser	Trunk Show	<a href="http://www.kristamoser.com">www.kristamoser.com</a>
January			
February			
March	Pat Belyea	The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts	<a href="http://www.okanarts.com">www.okanarts.com</a>
April	Penni Domikis	All Scrapped Out	<a href="http://www.cabinquilters.com">www.cabinquilters.com</a>
May			
June			
July	Pot Luck		

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