



Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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Meeting - Wednesday, December 6 (Fireside Room)

President's Comments

Thanksgiving begins the "Holiday Season". Traditionally, this is the time when we give thanks for the many blessings of our lives. This could also be called the "Season of Gratitude".

Our gratitude is expressed through gift giving, donating to charity, spending time with family and friends and thanking those whose work makes our lives better. Here is a quote from Thornton Wilder, speaking of gratitude "We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasure" or as the old hymn says "Count your blessings"

As a guild members, our blessings include the friendship and fellowship of quilters, learning new skills and gifting our quilts to those who need the warmth and comfort they provide. Gratitude to the guild is shown when we participate in activities and workshops.

As Guild President I am blessed to work with a great group of board members. Their hard work and dedication to the Santa Monica Quilt Guild is much appreciated.

Lastly; I am grateful for all the Quilting related information available on line. Who would have thought back in the 1980's we would have the world at our fingertips. Then it was only, the late, Nancy Zieman, God bless her. She was an inspiration, this calm, soft spoken, woman who made sewing and quilting, easy and fun. I was one of the millions she inspired. Thank you Nancy.

Let us extend our "season of gratitude" for all the days of the year, for every year of our days.

Happy Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy New Year,
Maureen Gardner

PS. See you at the Party Pot-Luck on December 6th.

PSS. Just a gentle reminder that our opportunity quilt is the major fund raiser for the guild this year. If you haven't sold your tickets yet, please do so soon and seen the \$\$ and stubs to Kennalee. Have you already sold yours? Perhaps you can sell more? Kennalee will have additional tickets at the guild meeting. The drawing is only two months away. Let's see if we can boost our ticket sales!

Maureen Gardner

Hospitality

It's December and that means a Potluck Dinner Meeting for SMQG! Please bring an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert (~8 servings) to the meeting. Please bring whatever serving utensils are needed for your dish and remember to label your serving dishes and utensils so that we can be sure they are returned to you.

SMQG will provide the basics: plates, napkins, cups, forks, tables and chairs. Water and some soft drinks and/or juices will be available, but if you prefer something in particular, please bring it with you. Let's start the December holiday season with friends and good food! Also, please bring a copy of the recipe for your dish. See you at 7:00 P.M. for dinner.

Your Hospitality Team

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Vice President

Coming in January! SMQG 2018 UFO Challenge

For those of us who have unfinished projects piling up, let's make a resolution to get some of them done. Between now and January we will make a list of 12 UFOs from our stack. (See the form attached to this newsletter.) From January through May we will draw and designate a UFO from the list to be completed in the upcoming month. At the end of the month we will fill in your progress, show completed project at Show 'N Tell and post pictures for everyone to see. By June of 2018 you should have at least five UFOs completed. If this sounds like something you might like to try, start thinking about and organizing your projects for January. See me at the meeting, or email me, if you have any questions about how this will work. You can do it! Let's do it together!

Vice President – Olivia Carnahan

SMQG 2018 Quilting Retreat

Our Retreat for 2018 is scheduled for March 23-25 at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Palos Verdes. It's close to home and allows us the opportunity to opt for an overnight package or a day commuter package. The grounds are lovely, lush and green with lots of walking paths to wander. We can park near the Lounge meeting room, and moving our sewing machines and supplies will be easy.

The 2018 costs approved by the Retreat Center Board include 6 meals for overnight guests, starting with Friday dinner:

Overnight guests (Friday & Saturday nights)
double occupancy - \$315 each person
single - \$395

Day sewers - \$30 per day plus any meals taken in the dining room: continental breakfast \$6, breakfast \$10, lunch \$16, dinner \$22 (note that you are not required to pay for meals, but outside catering cannot be brought in - brown bag lunches are OK). Let Lani Hee know on the Final Payment/release of claims form, which will be handed out at the February Guild meeting.

We can check-in to the sewing room as early as 9:00am on Friday and depart as late as 4:00pm on Sunday. Bedroom check-in is 4pm on Friday. Bedroom check-out is at 10am on Sunday.

The Retreat Center will provide coffee and tea service and snacks, but you can bring your favorite snacks and wine if you so desire. I will bring bottled water. Just think...three full days of sewing, sewing, sewing!

Let us know if you are interested by contacting Lani Hee (lanihee@yahoo.com or 310-452-0839, leave message) AND sending in your deposit of \$100 (overnight guest) or \$30 (day commuter). Please be aware that your deposit is nonrefundable. If you do find that you must cancel, we will refund your deposit if you can find a replacement.

Scrap Bag

I will have See's Candy 1-pound gift certificates for sale at the guild meeting. \$16.00. A pound currently goes for \$19.90 and the price will go up in January to \$20.50. The See's Gift Certificates are always good for 1 pound of candy regardless of the price. They make great gifts for your hair dresser, the gardener, the mailman, teacher, etc.

Pam Overton

Ways and Means

No Ways and Means this month. We'll be back in January.

Perla Rothenberg, Keiko &, Ron Tapp

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

Only 2 months until the drawing of our beautiful Razzle Dazzle quilt.

Have you sold/bought your tickets? Can you sell some more??

We are nowhere near my goal of \$2000. This IS our major fundraiser for the year.

PLEASE help support the guild. See me at the meeting for tickets or give me a call or email.

Thank you, Kennalee

Kennalee Mattson

Philanthropy

We delivered 36 Christmas stockings, quilts and blankets to AVIVA. They are thrilled to be associated with our Guild. They have many programs to bring young people back into families and jobs. One of their goals is to have a facility filled with slightly worn clothing which is job interview appropriate. So if you are cleaning out your closet and find some slightly used clothing you are no longer wearing please consider donating them to AVIVA along with quilts. We are also still taking donations for the Ronald McDonald House as usual. We're looking to put together many more quilts at our Sewing meeting in January.

Luann Jaffe and Sandy Ray

Website

I continue to update the website for your viewing pleasure and information. Any suggestions or photos are welcome!!

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Webmistress – Kennalee Mattson

Membership

We now have 53 members (new and renewals)! We are still accepting renewals but if you haven't done so already you won't be receiving the newsletter. A roster will be coming out soon. Thank you to all who have renewed so far! Think about a possible friend to invite to the meetings and maybe join us!

Thank you

Allison Leong and Sheila Cummins

Birthdays - December

Ann	Chach	7-Dec
Diane	Fulkerson	9-Dec
Vicki	Bohnhoff	16-Dec

Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Maureen congratulated Perla and Keiko on their new grand babies (both girls and future quilters!)

The visitor was Andrea from Germany, who is visiting her grand children (who live next to Maureen).

Betsy Barker made a motion to approve the minutes, and Sue Barrett seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Bobbie Blake made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Luann Jaffee seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

Kennalee said she was collecting the activities survey for Olivia.

Membership reminded everyone to renew.

Keiko said she had strawberry jam and little cloth bags to go along with the fabric for the raffle.

Philanthropy thanked everyone for their food donations for the food bank.

Kennalee asked if anyone had something to put on the website.

Hospitality was thanked for providing snacks.

New business: Maureen said that she wants to do a quilt show in 2018 featuring the work of Katharine Small. She let everyone know that Katharine had joined us at the meeting. Maureen said that there would be a boutique and light refreshments at the show.

Old business: The retreat is scheduled for March. The Opportunity quilt drawing will take place in February 2018.

Kennalee asked for volunteers to sell tickets to the Opportunity Quilt at Road to California. Our quilt will be displayed on Sunday. She needs about 10 volunteers, to be white glove hostesses. No training is required. The 2 hour shifts can be done any day of the show. Kennalee needs the names of the volunteers ASAP as she has to send the list to the show management. There will be a free entry bracelet for those who work 2-hour shifts.

Show and tell:

Betsy Barker: Debby Maddy batik quilt, cozy Quilt star pattern for table runner and charity quilt from quilt cruise with Stitchin' Heaven in April

Prima Cassetta and Sharon Cummins were inspired by a 1927 Gunter? Stossel? Watercolor of a textile in the Getty collections, and received permission to remake the pattern for their annual raffle quilt.

Marianne Davanzo showed a music quilt that was long because it was for a tall man.

Bobbie Blake showed a quilt based on Eleanor Burns' Egg Money Quilts book. Bobbie used her new longarm to do the quilting.

Virginia Marshall showed Early morning glory from the Westside Quilters class with Grace Errea. Virginia also showed window dots, where the kit had pieces with holes cut out that she fused onto a solid background (Cherrywood fabrics)

Andrea from Germany said that when she went through her mother's things after she passed away, and found some linoleum blocks that her mother had cut years ago. She used the blocks to print onto old linens she had, and then sewed the prints into an improvisational quilt.

Maureen showed several Christmas hexies. She also had made several purses inspired by the Westside Quilter's class with Rami Kim.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Barker, Recording Secretary

Remember to:

- **Wear your badge or pay a fine! Don't let your "no badge" fines eat into your fabric budget!**
- **Philanthropy – Bring your philanthropy donation items**
- **Hospitality – Bring a dish (appetizer, salad, main course, or dessert) for our Pot Luck**

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

**December 8 –
March 18**

Art Quilts Exhibit opens at Santa Monica's California Heritage Museum

An exhibit of 64 contemporary art quilts opens with a free artist reception on Friday, December 8. The reception is open to the public from 6 to 9:30 pm. The juried exhibition includes the work of 49 California and Nevada artists who are members of SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates), an international organization of artists working in fabric. The exhibition will continue through March 18, 2018, and will be open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 am to 4 pm. The California Heritage Museum is located at 2612 Main Street, in Santa Monica.

SAQA was founded in 1989, as a non-profit organization with the mission of promoting art quilts and fabric art through education, exhibitions, and publications. Most of the quilts on display will be offered for sale, and an exhibition catalog will be available in the museum gift shop.

For more information, see the Museum's website, www.californiaheritagemuseum.org, contact Sue Siefkin, ssiefkin@gmail.com, (209) 526-5602. Patricia Porter (415)457-1972

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Happy Holidays!

All holiday fabrics, patterns and books are discounted 50% through the end of the year, as well as select machines on sale.

The weekend of January 21-22nd we will host Bernina Academy with the one and only Betsy Carlson. This is the perfect time to learn to "Fear No Fabric".

Cost is \$249 per person, for the two days, including lunch. Academy is a very limited enrollment

At Bernina Academy

Learn how to successfully sew challenging fabrics such as leather, fur, chiffon, cork, knit and more during this BERNINA Academy Event. Learn seam and hem finishes to "sew like a pro" on various fabrics. Discover ways to make sewing easier by using proper feet, stitches and features of BERNINA machines for precise sewing. We will let the Creative Consultant built in the BERNINA

machine, be the guide and lead students through the course. Students will be inspired and encouraged to sew as they learn how to successfully work with all the new textiles available using traditional techniques.

This two-day event will give you the opportunity for a hands on experience with BERNINA's newest top of the line machines - the B880 Plus and B790 Plus while exposing you to a wide variety of fabrics. At the end of the academy, participants will have made a Technique Book to use as a reference guide every time they walk into their sewing studio and turn on their BERNINA to sew their next project.

There are no course requirements! Whether you are a seasoned pro, or you've never touched a sewing machine, you can attend this event. Everyone will walk away with tips and techniques to improve their sewing skills or inspire them to learn and sew more! Each attendee will leave with a completed Technique Book, a collectible BERNINA USB stick containing project inspiration and instructions, and valuable sewing knowledge.

Even better - all machines used at the event will be offered at a great price along with discounts on all accessories shown during the event! Great time to test drive your next machine!

Skill Level:

All

Materials Included:

Technique book, lunch, usb stick

Requirements:

None

Julie Maquez

If you were here, you'd be sewing!

---keeping you in stitches---



Guild Calendar - 2017/2018

To sign up for a Workshop, please contact Susan Barrett.

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Topic
December	Holiday Potluck	
January 3	Sewing Night	
February 7		
March 7		
March 23-25	Quilt Retreat at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes	