



Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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Meeting - Wednesday, January 3

President's Comments

As the year 2018 dawns I can't help pondering on the speed of time. Do you remember when school summer vacations seemed everlasting, and year 2000 was eons away? Now the years spin around so fast, Thanksgiving, Hanukah, Christmas ; are "done and dusted", here comes New Year, before we know it we will be celebrating Independence day.

Our guild will be starting the New Year with our annual Philanthropy Sew-in. Come early; stay late. Doors open at 3:30 and stay open until 9pm. Bring your sewing supplies, machines; "Brown Bag" your dinner, and come and quilt the night away.

Many of us will be attending the "Road to California" quilt show . Thanks to SMQG members, who volunteered to "white glove" at Road, our Opportunity Quilt will also be going to the show, on Sunday January 21st

Our Guild has signed up to participate in the Road to California "Guild Attendance Challenge". The show is offering \$500 to the guild with the highest % of members attending the show. The instructions are as follows;

When your members come to the show they will need to provide their name, email address and what guild they are a member of. This is done via an iPad. Individuals that belong to multiple guilds can sign in once per guild. We will be auditing the timestamps on the entries to ensure fairness and to ensure the actual individual is the one signing up for the attendance challenge."

When arriving at Road ask for directions to the sign in location. If transportation is a problem the "Sew-in" would be a great time to arrange car pools to the show.

Let's get 2018 off to a good start by donating our time and talents sew'n for others. Happy New Year,

Maureen Gardner

Vice President

Time is up! Time to complete your SMQG UFO CHALLENGE LIST. Bring your completed form to the January meeting. (I will have extra forms at the meeting and will help you complete it.) I will record your list. Half-way through the meeting I will draw a number (1-12). If you have something listed on that number, you will be working on that project to complete for the next meeting. You will bring your completed project to the next meeting for Show and Tell. Your name will be put in a drawing for a prize at the end of the event in June. Every time you complete project, your name will be entered in the drawing. Get a good start to the new year. Make a resolution to complete some unfinished projects with your fellow SMQG Members. Let's do this!

Vice President – Olivia Carnahan

Philanthropy

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting, January 3, 2018 and be ready to sew, pin, iron or keep us busy bees company. Activity starts early – 3:30 – 9:00. We'll have plenty of material etc., to work with and look forward to everyone helping put quilts together. You can bring your machine or not, there will be things to do. We may introduce a new quilt square at this meeting too. And, of course, if you have any completed quilts to donate please bring them too. Happy New Year.

Luann Jaffe and Sandy Ray

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Help the Thomas Fire Victims

The Ventura Modern Quilt Guild has launched an effort in support of the Thomas Fire Victims. Scott Griffin, VP of Ventura Modern Quilt Guild has designed a beautiful [Perkiomen Valley Block](#) to make as relief for Thomas Fires victims. Instructions for the block are at the back of the newsletter. Choose any solids or prints you wish to use, lights and darks as indicated. All blocks go to superbuzzy (address is included on the block information file). There is no deadline on block submission, but we would like to get quilts assembled out to the needy folks in January and February as they begin to rebuild. The guild will assemble them into quilts for those in need after this devastating fire. VMQG will be arranging sewing and quilt finishing soon. If your guild is interested in participating in this project, please contact them at communications@venturamodernquiltguild.com.

If you want to make some Perkiomen Valley Blocks (above), bring them to the meeting and we can forward them to the VMQG or perhaps even assemble quilt tops at the Philanthropy Sew-In.

The **Superbuzzy Quilt Shop in Ventura** has launched a project to help the Thomas Fire victims. Visit their website for details on how you can help. <http://www.superbuzzy.com/help-the-thomas-fire-victims.htm>

Sunshine and Shadows

This month I have personal SUNSHINE to share. Mike and I are finally Great Grandparents! William P Caswell arrived the day after Thanksgiving! Joy in a small bundle.

We received a lovely reply back from Janet Gordon, thanking us for our notes at the time Fern's death in October.

Jennie Kraft

Membership

We have 54 members now. We will send out the roster for this year soon via email. We will have some printed rosters, too, for folks who would rather have it that way.

Allison Leong and Sheila Cummins

Hospitality

Those with last names beginning with **E thru K**, please remember to bring a sweet treat or savory snack for refreshments.

Your Hospitality Team – Aileen Cooke, Stephanie Wexler

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.

Ways and Means

Due to our sew-in scheduled for January 3, 2018, Ways & Means will be taking a break so that we, too, can enjoy the sew-in. This means no Ways & Means table nor door prizes. We will resume in February.

Happy New Year everyone and thank you for your support!

Perla Rothenberg, Keiko &, Ron Tapp

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

Only 1 month 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

Website

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

www.santamonicaquiltguild.org

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 Commins

Birthdays - January

Keiko	Tapp	2-Jan
Sue	Barrett	14-Jan
Aileen	Cooke	21-Jan
Jennie	Kraft	27-Jan
LuAnn	Jaffe	31-Jan

Meeting Minutes

Minutes - December 6, 2017

Since this meeting was the Holiday potluck, the first order of business was to enjoy the delicious dishes brought by the members. There was no show and tell due to the potluck. Members enjoyed the feast beginning at 7:00pm.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:50pm.

A motion was made by Kennalee to approve the minutes as presented in the newsletter. Bobbie Blake seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by Luann Jaffee to approve the

Treasurer's report as presented in the newsletter. Barbara Weigold seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote.

Olivia spoke about the UFO challenge, which is the Vice President's plan to help us finish our UFO (unfinished quilt projects). She is asking us to make a list of 12 projects. Then she will choose a number from 1-12 and that's the project members will work on for that month. If there are less than 12 items on the list, then that is a month off, (or to work on a UFO from a previous month). This project will run from January to June. Members can bring their finished items to show and tell.

Deposits for the retreat in March were accepted at the meeting. Please contact Lani Hee as soon as possible as the retreat will fill early. Let Lani know if you plan to stay overnight or just attend for the day. The Mary and Joseph Retreat center is in Palos Verdes, so it's close enough to join just for the day.

Membership reported that we currently have 53 paid members.

The January meeting will be sewing for philanthropy. The room will be open beginning at 3pm, and stay open until 9pm. Please bring your machine, iron, and ironing board. Also bring any extra batting or spray baste that you can donate. You are welcome to bring your own dinner, or the group may order pizza delivery (depending on what the attendees decide at the meeting).

The Opportunity Quilt will be displayed at the Road to California show at the Ontario Convention Center in January. This show allows us to sell tickets for the Opportunity quilt. Several members have signed up to be white glove hostesses, as this is required to allow us to sell tickets. Kennalee asked everyone to buy more tickets, as the sales are still less than \$1,000.

Also at Road to California, there will be a guild attendance challenge. If you go to the show, make sure you sign in as a member of the guild. The guild with the highest number of attendees will get a \$500 donation. Since the winning is based on a percentage, we still have a chance despite other guilds that have bus trips to the show.

Katherine Small attended the meeting with her daughter. She will be 100 years old in January, and she's still quilting!

The rest of the meeting was a raffle where everyone attending received a prize. Thank you to those that donated prizes.

Sewing Arts staff donated a tape measure to everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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 – Those with last names beginning with E thru K, please bring a sweet treat or savory snack.**

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

Guild Calendar - 2018

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

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Topic
January 3	Philanthropy Sew-In	
February 7		
March 7		
March 23-25	Quilt Retreat at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes	

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Happy New Year and a heartfelt thank you to everyone for coming out and supporting me.

The new year is going to bring some new, and fun changes that we cannot wait to share. Oops . . . looks like the cat is out of the bag.

<http://yarnovertruck.com/calendar/venues/sewing-art-center/>

Bernina Academy “fear no fabric” two-day workshop on Jan 20-21.

And keep Super Bowl Sunday open for not only our Super Bolts Sale, but a special pop up, joint venture you won't want to miss!

Sewing is an art! Be an artist!!

---keeping you in stitches---

Julie Maquez



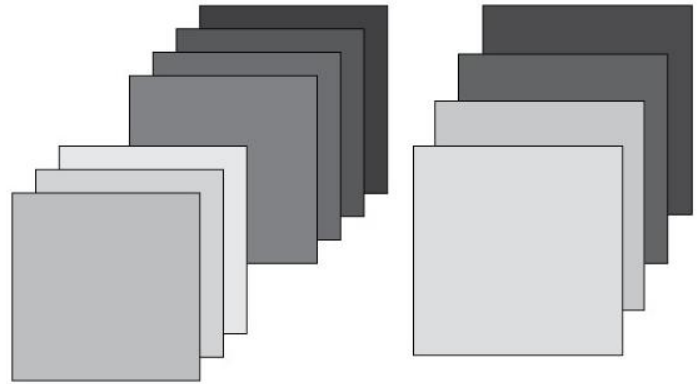
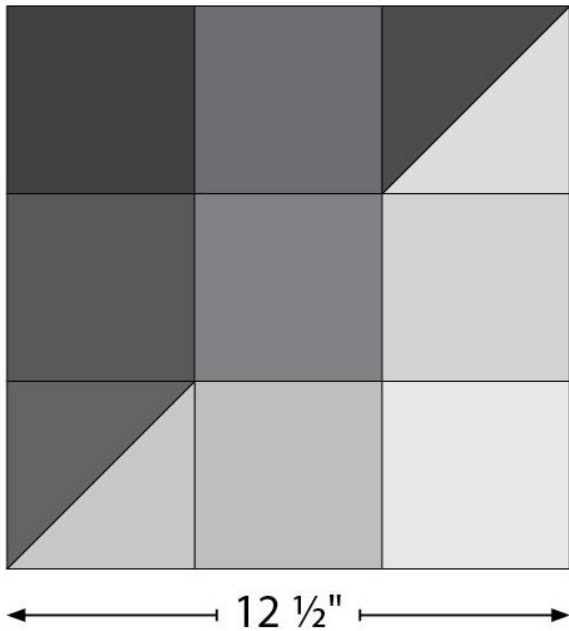
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If you were here, you'd be sewing!

Perkiomen Valley Block

Thomas Fire Relief Quilts

Thank you for joining us to give comfort to those who have endured the Thomas Fire.



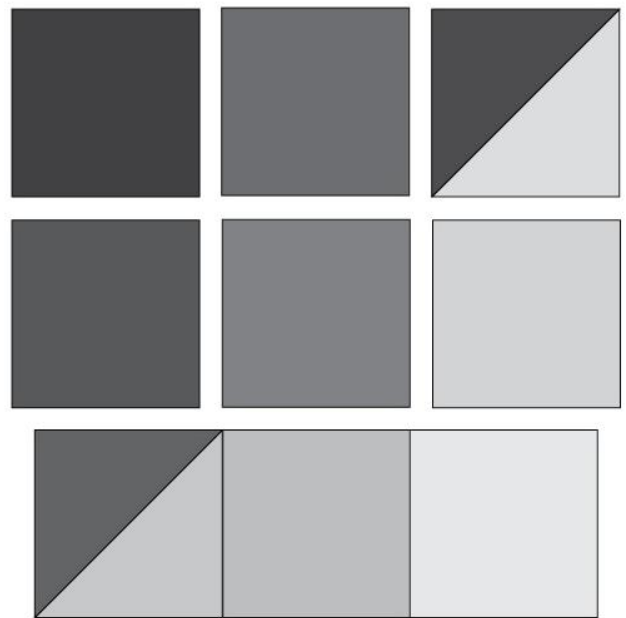
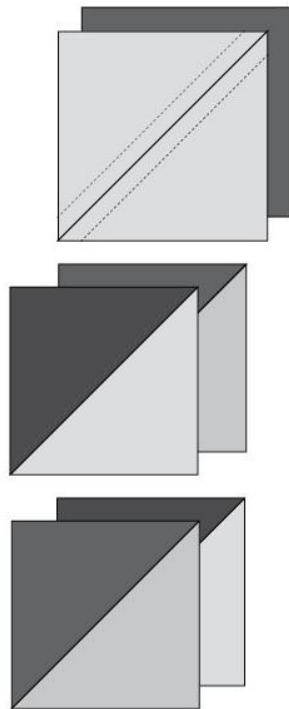
7 – 4 ½"
Squares
4 Dark
3 Light

4 – 5"
Squares
2 Dark
2 Light

Draw a diagonal line on the back of both of the 5" light squares.

Place 1 of the light square on a 5" dark square, right sides together, and sew a scant ¼" seam on both sides of the drawn line.

Cut on drawn line for to create 2 half-square triangles, measuring 4 ½". Repeat with other set. You will end up with 4 half-square triangles (you only need 2, so you will have enough to make another block.)



Sew pieces together as illustrated using ¼" seam allowance.

Go to www.venturamodernquiltguild.com for more information.

Please send completed blocks to:

superbuzzy
attn: Ventura Modern Quilt Guild
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