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Meeting - Wednesday, March 7

President's Comments

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." ~Charles Dickens (1812–1870), *Great Expectations*.

There is an old saying about the month of March, "In like a Lamb; out like a lion" and there is also an old saying about the month of March, "In like a lion; out like a lamb". The only similarity between these statements is that March weather is changeable.

Having spent a day at QuiltCon last week I reflected on the changeable nature of Quilting. Over the last few years many changes have occurred in style, design, construction methods, and craftsmanship. The "modern quilts" with their negative space and crisp colors make an instant impact, the construction methods are ingenious, some of the craftsmanship is excellent, but, in many cases "message" seems more important than piecing and quilting skills. It was great to see so many, enthusiastic, young, "modern" quilters. It was also great to see many quilting friends.

At the March 7th, Guild meeting we will hold our annual "Quilters College". The Guild has many talented members who are always ready to share their skills. It's always fun to learn new tricks and techniques. The format provides a chance for members to socialize, meet new members and catch up with friends.

See you on March 7th

President - Maureen Gardner

Program

At our March 7th meeting, our program will be Quilters College. If you haven't participated in quilters college before, it can be lots of fun. We will have four "stations", at which four different techniques, projects, etc. will be demonstrated, and you float from station to station. At one station we will have a demo of adding a flange to our binding, and other binding techniques. At another station, we will have a demonstration of the new quilting rulers on the market for domestic machines, and a demo of an electronic cutting machine (as opposed to the dye-cut Accucut machine at last college). Our 4th station is a demonstration of an easy to sew, "Euro Bag". There will be template/patterns to copy, if you wish, as the instructions are all written step by step. PLEASE NOTE: If you want to make a copy of the pattern for this bag, and it comes in different sizes, please bring your own copy paper, tracing paper, newspaper, Golden Threads paper, or whatever, to trace the patterns. I would suggest about a yard or so.

Our April 4th meeting will be with the folks from Retro-Clean, showing us how to care for our past and future antique quilts.

Program Chair - Sue Barrett

Vice President

I have had some members tell me that they have so many UFOs they just feel like our little challenge wouldn't make a dent. So why bother? I will tell you why to bother. Because you can't move forward without taking one step (UFO) at a time. Maybe you DO have too many or an abundance of UFOs. I guarantee they won't get done sitting in a box on a shelf in a closet or under your bed. But if you take it out and give it some attention you might make progress on it or maybe even finish it. You'll wonder why you pushed it aside in the first place. You picked that particular pattern/project for a reason. Whatever the reason was back then, it hasn't really changed. As long as there are crafters, there will be UnFinished prOjects. I was encouraged by the five courageous people who presented their finished projects. And now I am encouraged to finish one too despite the fact that I won't be there in person to share it. Congratulations on moving forward SMQG UFO challenge participants. You are one step ahead. This month we were working on the last item on our list. Next month work on No. 5. If you don't have a number 5, then work one of your oldest UFOs. Let's see what turns up!

Vice President - Olivia Camahan

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Philanthropy

We just received a very appreciative letter from AVIVA for the 22 quilts we delivered. They still always need updated slightly used clothing wearable for new job interviews so if you are cleaning out your closet and come across something you are no longer wearing we have a home for it. This may help some of the people go on job interviews trying to get their lives back in order. We also delivered approximately 20 quilts and lots of toiletries to the Ronald McDonald House and once again received a very warm welcome. Both AVIVA and Ronald McDonald are very appreciative for whatever they received and the recipients are grateful as well.

Keep quilting

Luann Jaffe and Sandy Ray

Membership

SMQG membership cards are now available! Pick yours up at the membership table. Remember to show your card at shops and shows—it could save you a little money!

We still have a few copies of the roster available as well, for those who prefer having a hard copy.

Allison Leong and Sheila Cummins

Hospitality

Those with last names beginning with **S thru B**, 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 bring check or cash to the March 7 meeting.

Please be aware that your deposit/payment is nonrefundable. If you do find that you must cancel, we will refund your deposit if you can find a replacement.

Also, please note that we must have your payment no later than the March meeting. After that date we will need to revise our head count to the facility and release rooms.

Ways and Means

We will have Ways & Means table even though Quilter's College is being held. As usual, door prizes are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Magazines, 25 cents and books are a dollar.

Thank you for your support!

Perla Rothenberg, Keiko &, Ron Tapp

Website

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 – Kennalee Mattson

Birthdays - March

Perla	Rothenberg	3-Mar
Sally	Madison	9-Mar
Barbara	Spielberg	23-Mar

Meeting Minutes

SMQG Meeting Minutes February 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by the President, Maureen Gardner

Visitors were welcomed: Miriam Jonas, Linda Hirsh.

Two new members were welcomed: Nadine Rosales and Hassan Heer

Announcements

Everyone was reminded to purchase opportunity quilt tickets, as the drawing would be held tonight.

Two upcoming shows were announced: The South Bay Quilt show will be held February 17 - 18 at the Torrance Cultural Center. QuiltCon (held by the Modern Quilt Guild) will be February 22 -25 at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Pam Overton reported that the South Bay Quilt Show will have 180 quilts, and many quilt challenges and lots of vendors. There will be quilt on consignment as well as many quilts on sale. Quilters Express will be managing the show, and it is now possible to pre-order lunch online.

Barbara Spielberg made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Jennie Kraft seconded the motion. Approved by voice vote.

Sue Barrett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, and Luann Jaffe seconded the motion. Approved by voice vote.

Board reports:

Kennalee reported that the winning ticket for the Opportunity quilt will be drawn by tonight's speaker, Lloyd Askew. The drawing will be at the end of the meeting. She also asked members to let her know if they had anything to publish on the website.

Alison Leong (Membership) reported that we now have 57 members. The phone roster was sent out by email, and there are a few paper copies available.

Luann Jaffe (Philanthropy) reported that a delivery of charity quilts is planned for next week.

Hospitality was thanked for the delicious food.

The Vice President (Olivia Carnahan) asked everyone who is participating in the UFO challenge to bring their projects up for show and tell. She selected #12 (or the last item on your list) to be worked on for next month. UFO quilts displayed by members included: New York Beauty - Sue Barrett, Jennie Kraft - Dog appliqué, Kennalee Matson - pink stars, Lani Hee - My Musical New York Beauty

Sue Barrett (Programs) said that the March meeting will be Quilter's College. Members can go to each teacher and see a short demonstration of a new skill. She has three members who will be teaching new skills, and she is still looking for another teacher. The current teachers are Pam Overton (flanges and binding), Sonja Daniel and Patti Post (simple bag pattern), Maureen Gardner (using rulers to free-motion quilt on a home sewing machine). The April meeting will be Retro-Clean, talking about cleaning antique quilts and preserving new quilts.

Retreat: Lani Hee reported that there are still spaces open for the retreat.

Kathryn Small arrived, and everyone sang Happy Birthday to her. She is now 100 years old and still quilting!!!

For Show and Tell, Vicki Bonhoff showed the catalog for the quilt exhibit that has her quilt on the cover. The show runs through March 18 at the California Heritage Museum, located in Santa Monica at the corner of Ocean Park Blvd. and Main Street. Several SMQG members have quilts in the show.

Members of the Sew Wednesday mini-group showed the bags that they made as a group challenge. This bag pattern will be taught at next month's Quilter's College. Those members displaying bags included:

Sue Barrett, Maureen Gardner, Jennie Kraft, Virginia Marshall, Patti Post, Barbara Weigold and Mary Lloyd.

Perla Rothenberg - 2 Circle quilts, 1 SOS quilt

Mariana Davanzo - beaded poinsettias, Valentine's wall hanging,

Sandy Ray - purple blocks, Japanese remnants and a quilt from Kathy Yamazaki's fabric

Alison Leong - Autumn Stripes, Red string quilt from Vice President's blocks, batik scrappy UFO challenge

Luann Jaffe - pink angels from Kathy Yamazaki's fabric, dinosaur quilt for charity

Bobbie Blake - strip quilts, Modern Reflections wall hanging

Keiko Tapp - purple bag

Virginia Marshall - Windows in the Cabin

Maureen Gardner - snail pillow front "What's for Dinner", Formal Garden, Radiant

Following the break our speaker, Lloyd Askew was introduced by Sue Barrett

Lloyd Askew spoke about Singer Featherweights and other antique sewing machines. He displayed part of his extensive collection. A question and answer session followed the presentation .

After the program, Lloyd drew the winning ticket for the Opportunity quilt.

Our own Pam Overton was the winner!

Meeting ended 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 – Those with last names beginning with S thru B, please bring a sweet treat or savory snack.**

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

December 8 – March 18	<p>Art Quilts Exhibit opens at Santa Monica's California Heritage Museum</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
March 2-3	Desert Guilds Quilt Show , Palm Springs Pavilion, 10 am to 4 pm.
March 10-11	Friendship Square Quilt Guild Quilt Show - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm – La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA – Over 100 quilts on display, merchant mall, silent auction, breast cancer fundraiser quilts, boutique of various hand-crafted items, quilts for sale, and opportunity quilt with the raffle held Sunday at 3 pm. Admission: \$8
March 29, 30, 31	Desert Quilters of Nevada – Quilt Las Vegas 2018 – What Was Old is New Again. Thursday, 5:30 – 8:00 pm \$5; Friday and Saturday – 9 am to 5 pm - \$8; Henderson Convention Center, 200 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV – For additional information call (614)209-9490

Guild Calendar - 2018

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

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Topic
March 7	Quilt College	
March 23-25	Quilt Retreat at the Mary & Joseph	Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes
April 4	Retro-Clean	How to Clean and Care For Your Quilts
May 2	Frances Moore	Trunk Show
June 6	Featured Member: Maureen Gardner	Trunk Show
July 4	No meeting – Happy 4 th of July	
August 1	TBD	
September 5	TBD	
October 3	TBD	
November 7	TBD	
December 5	Holiday Pot Luck	

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