**Wednesday, December 5**

# **President’s Comments**

Hello Quilters!

December is our annual Potluck Dinner Get-together. Besides eating all of your yummy dishes, we will have an exchange of fat quarters. Bring as many as you like. Look for members wearing a badge signifying they also have fabric to exchange.

Pam is arranging a way for you to buy See’s Candy and the Guild receives 10% of the sale. She also will have See’s Gift Certificates for you to purchase

Unfortunately, we will need many more quilts to donate to fire victims, both in Southern and Northern California. As more time passes, we will let you know about collections and donations. Keep sewing!

 Don’t forget to bid on the two lovely quilts that we are auctioning off. We also have the Handi-Quilter and are accepting bids on that, too. See elsewhere in newsletter for more information.

*Kennalee Mattson, President*

# **Program**

We’re taking a break from speakers and workshops in December (Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner) and January (Philanthropy Sewing Night), but we’ll be back in February with Cindy Myers. Cindy is a Judi Neimeyer certified teacher. Have you often admired those complex paper pieced quilts with perfect points? We’ll see some of Judi’s quilts and learn a little more about how easy it is to master the technique! Yes, really.

Where possible in the coming year, we’re going to focus on half-day, technique workshops. For February we’ve selected Cindy’s workshop, Stepping Stones, and plan to offer it as a half-day workshop on the day of our guild meeting. You have a chance to create at least one full block and perhaps more. You’ll get a feel for the technique and . . . if you find it addictive, and we think you will . . . . you can create as many blocks as you like! It’s a great project for a bali pop or other jelly roll. We hope you’ll join us!

*Aileen Cooke and Pam Overton, Co-Program Chairs*

# **Membership**

We have received 33 renewals for SMQG membership for the upcoming year. This is a good beginning, so let’s keep it up. If you have not yet renewed your SMQG membership, join your friends and fellow quilters. Fill out the membership form found in your October newsletter. There will be extra forms at the Membership Table if you need one. We look forward to seeing you.

*Maureen Gardner and Sally Madigan*

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**Hospitality**

It’s December and that means a Potluck Dinner Meeting for SMQG! Please bring an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert (about 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!  We will eat around 7PM, but please come earlier to socialize!

*Your Hospitality Team – Betsy Barker, Sheila Cummins*

# **Ways & Means**

Happy Holidays everyone! Ways and Means will be taking a break for December and January. December is free “take away” night and January is philanthropy sewing night.

We will be back in February with fabric, books and magazines. See you at the potluck!

*Perla Rothenberg, Ron and Keiko Tapp*

**Vice President**

The December meeting will be the last Take-away Table for the year.  Last chance to go through your sewing room to bring surplus supplies including books, magazines, fabrics, sewing notions, and patterns.  If you have a large item, please plan on taking it back if no one decides to take it.

January meeting will be our Community Service quilt making for charity event.  If you have any orphan blocks, kid panels, or quilt tops you would like to donate to the cause please bring them in at the December meeting so that I can sort them and get them ready.  If you have threads, panels or fabric that is kid friendly, and you want to donate them, please turn them in as well.  We would like to pair them up with the blocks and panels already turned in.  Remember, it’s for charity and your contributions are critical to this event. More details about this event will be in the January newsletter.  Stay tuned!

The SCCQG meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 12 at the Irvine Presbyterian Church to be hosted by the Flying Geese Quilt Guild.  The topic is Nuts & Bolts.  See the council website for more information.   ([www.sccqg.org](http://www.sccqg.org/))

*Vice President – Olivia Carnahan*

**Scrap Bag**

**FOR SALE:** A portable /table top **Handi-Quilter** long-arm quilter. This 3-roller long arm quilter sits on your table and uses your own sewing machine to do the quilting. The Handi-Quilter was donated to the Santa Monica Quilt Guild by Sewing Arts Center. It is a new machine in the original box. We will be taking bids for the purchase of the machine starting now and closing at the February Guild meeting. Submit your bid to our president Kennalee Mattson, either in writing at our meeting, or via email, [kennaleem@aol.com](mailto:kennaleem@aol.com).

**SMQG 2019 QUILTING RETREAT**

Our 2019 Retreat is scheduled for March 8-10, 2019 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 2019 costs includes 5 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 $11, lunch $16, dinner $23 (note that you are not required to pay for

               meals, but outside catering cannot be brought in - brown bag lunches are OK)

We can check-in to the Lounge sewing room as early as 9:00am on Friday and will have to depart by 2:00pm on Sunday this year because the Retreat Center's St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled that night.

Bedroom check-in is at 4pm on Friday.  Bedroom checkout 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.  There is a refrigerator available for our use.  I will bring bottled water.  **3 days of sewing, sewing, sewing...COME JOIN US!!!**

I will be collecting deposits.  Let me know if you are interested by contacting Lani Hee (lanihee@yahoo.com or 310-452-0839, leave message) AND sending (or bringing) 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.

**Philanthropy**

Thank you to those of you who contributed to our Westside Food Bank collection at the November meeting.  This month we have collected approximately 45 quilts to be donated to the Carr fire victims.  Thank you again for your support.  Unfortunately, we are asking again for your support, this time for the Paradise fire victims.  Our SOS mini group has already completed 6 quilts to donate and hopefully you will all be working on yours too.  Sewing Arts is having a promotion for quilt donations to the fire victims too.  Please check it out as it is a good deal for all of us for the people who have lost their homes and their belongings.

If you have any completed quilts please feel free to bring them to the Holiday Pot Luck dinner in December.

*Luann Jaffe and Bobbie Blake*

**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](http://www.santamonicaquiltguild.org)

*Webmistress – Kennalee Mattson*

# **Birthdays – December**

Ann Chach December 7

Diane Fulkerson December 9

Vicki Bohnhoff December 16

# **Meeting Minutes**

Guild Meeting Minutes November 7, 2018

The meeting was opened at 7 pm by President Kennalee Mattson. Visitors welcomed.

After being moved and seconded, the minutes of the last meeting, and the treasurer's

report, were accepted by unanimous vote.

Committee reports:

• Membership-reminder that some members still need to renew.

• VP – bring any and all orphan blocks to the sewing night in January. There will

be another “free table” at the December meeting. Bring any sewing donations for

the table, take something home.

• Newsletter – send any news items to Laurie Reyen

• Hospitality – thanks for snacks, reminder of Potluck dinner next month.

• Philanthropy – many donations of quilts, will be going north to fire victims

• Programs – as published in the newsletter calendar.

• Ways and Means – no sales table in December.

Old Business:

The silent auction bidding is still on-going for the two donated quilts. We are also

accepting bids, in writing or email, for the table-top Handi-Quilter, to our President.

New Business:

The South Bay Quilt Guild is here selling tickets for their 2019 opportunity quilt.

No further new business presented at this meeting.

Show and Tell:

• Bobbie Blake – embroidered placemats, Sunbonnet Sue pillow and doll quilt

• Allison Leong – scrap lattice quilt by the SOS group

• Kennalee M – 3 charity quilts

• Lani Hee – one flannel charity quilt

• Aileen Cooke – SOS quilt top

• Virginia – Flying geese

• Phyllis – Daniel's T-shirts

• Barbara Marom-Pollack – Wonky Log cabin, other quilt

• Mariana Davanzo-Chelsea's Cabin quilt (moose in center block), and 3 versions of

Attic Windows

• Luann Jaffe – Spiderweb pillow

Our speaker for the evening was Robin Gallagher, who gave us trunk show, and a talk on

her methods of creating her quilts, as well as some free hand-outs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Barrett, recording secretary.

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| Selected Upcoming Events | |
| December 1 | Pine Needles Quilt Guild presents the Silver Anniversary (25th annual) Wrightwood Holiday Home Tour and Boutique, December 1, 2018, 11:00 am. To 4:00 pm. $15 advance ticket (available after November 1). $18 day of tour (at homes or boutique). For more information, contact Joy Agnew (760) 954-8177, j.agnew@verizon.net. |
| January 12 | SCCQG Quarterly Meeting – Meeting Nuts and Bolts. Hosted by Flying Geese Quilters Guild / Irvine New Rep orientation: 9:30 Meeting Begins: 10:00 - 12:00 Location: Irvine Presbyterian Church at 4445 Alton Parkway, Irvine, 92604 |
| January 24-27 | Road to California 2019 Quilt Show http://www.road2ca.com/ |
| February 8 -9 | Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show 10:00 – 4:00 901 W. Esplanade St. San Jacinto 92582 |
| February 16-17 | South Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show “Delectable Quilting Deeds” 10:00 – 4:00 Torrance Cultural Arts Center. 3330 Civic Center Dr. Torrance. ( Madrona Ave and Torrance Blvd. |

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| **Guild Calendar** | | |
| **Date** | **Speaker** | **Lecture** |
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| December 5 | Holiday Pot Luck |  |
| January 8 | Philanthropy Sewing Night |  |
| February xx | Cindy Myers | http://wearablart.blogspot.com/p/blog-page\_5.html |
| March 8 | Helen Young Frost | http://helenyoungfrost.com/ |
| April | Mike McNamara | http://www.macquilts.com/ |
| May | Leora Raikin | http://aflembroidery.com/ |
| June | TBD |  |
| July | Potluck dinner |  |
| August | TBD |  |
| September | Lujean Seagal | https://lujeanquilt.com/ |

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