**Wednesday, February 6**

**President’s Comments**

Hello Quilters! Happy New Year!!

Thanks to all of you who came out to sew last month. It was a very fun and productive night.

The Handi Quilter was won by Emily Watts and the blue and black quilt was won by Brenda Gottfried. The other quilt and pillow had no bids, so was sent on to the fire victims with the rest of our donations!

I went to Road to California today – it was packed! People and quilts. I hope you got a chance to see it, too.

See you at the meeting, Kennalee.

 *Kennalee Mattson, President*

**Programs**

For our prgram in February we have Cindy Myers.  Her lecture topic is My Quilts Aren’t Quiet! 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.

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. The cost of the half-day workshop is $45.

In March, Helen Young Frost joins us to present The Quilters Magic Show – Lots of Tricks for Better Quilts! We’re offering a half-day workshop that follows in line with her lecture – Back to School:  Precision Piecing Techniques.  Helen will provide kits ($10 additional fee) for the workshop.  That way all you need to do is bring your sewing machine and sewing tools.

We’re hoping to focus on technique workshops this year and we believe these fit in with that goal. If you would like to sign up for a workshop, please contact Aileen Cooke.

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

**Membership**

Happy New Year.

 It is time to get the membership list updated and distributed. Please contact Sally or Maureen if there are any changes in your information since you renewed your membership.

 Our thanks to all continuing members for your support. Remember, if your membership has lapsed, you will no longer receive the newsletter and will have to pay the guest rate to attend meetings and workshops.

Your membership team will be organizing the annual “Welcome New Member, Tea” in April, of course “old”

Members are also invited to spend an afternoon in “Gardner’s Garden”.

 *Maureen Gardner and Sally Madigan*

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**Hospitality**

Those with last names beginning with L

thru S it's your turn to bring a sweet treat or savory snack to the February meeting.

Thanks!

Sheila

*Your Hospitality Team – Betsy Barker, Sheila Cummins*

**Ways & Means**

Ways and Means will be open for business at our February with fabric, books and magazines!

*Perla Rothenberg, Ron and Keiko Tapp*

**Vice President**

Thank you to all who participated in the Philanthropy Sew-In last month.  We did a bang-up job knocking out 12 receiving blankets and approximately the same number of quilts either completed or in progress.  As my friend Pam Overton says, “Many hands make light work!”  And you did it.  The completed quilts were turned over to our Philanthropy Committee for distribution. If you have any outstanding quilts to turn in to Philanthropy (Luann Jaffe), please bring them to the next guild meeting.

*Vice President – Olivia Carnahan*

**Scrap Bag**

**Quilts that make a difference**

A message to the Guild from local quilter Patti Post:

“Sue Barrett asked me to forward this message to you.  I helped Sewing Arts work on quilts for fire victims one day last year and asked Julie where the quilts would go.  She answered that the quilts were destined for people burned out by the Camp fire in Paradise.  I explained that some local State Park employees who live on State Park property had lost their homes and their belongings and asked Julie if I could take five quilts for those families.  Julie graciously gave them to me.

I delivered the quilts to a park ranger who would get them to the affected employees.  Since they lived on park land, had lost their homes and were not working, delivering the quilts was not so simple.

I was touched by this email from one of the recipients.  It is wonderful to know that our work and donations make such a difference to people we never meet.  Sue thought it was worth sharing.  I removed the employee's name so as not to violate his privacy.”

Patti Post

**Sent: Thu, Jan 3, 2019 1:03 pm
Subject: Quilt...**

All,

My wife said, "This is the most endearing thing!"

 At work I received this quilt. It hit me at once. Nobody made eye contact as I was crying. The quilt is warm and reminds me that people care.

 My wife commented on the fine craftsmanship in the stitching.

 I Love this Quilt!

 Thank you so very much. Every time I look at the quilt it warms me mentally. We sleep under this beautiful quilt every night.

  I cannot thank you enough!

**Mini-Group News**

The Sew Wednesday mini-group has been working on some group project quilts to donate to

fire victims in Malibu. As you know, most of our guild's philanthropy donations lately have

been going to the northern California fire victims, a very worthy cause. Through personal

contact with victims, and teachers, in Malibu, we were able to donate to people burned out of

their homes ( and jobs ) in the state park, and to give each child of a special-ed class a quilt just

before Christmas. We were greatly aided in this project by Julie Marquez of Sewing Arts

Center, who sent a carload of quilts. All this info has been shared with our Philanthropy

committee, and we urge everyone to keep on giving, the need is still great, in all areas.

**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.

**I will need to ask you for the remainder of your Retreat fees to be sent to me by March 1st because our regular March Guild Meeting will be after the Retreat (March 13th).**

Thank you.

Lani

**KATE’S QUILTS**

A message from Michelle Small-Em (daughter of Kathryn Small):

Hello quilt lovers,

Many of you expressed an interest in owning a copy of the *Kate’s Quilts* book prototype we showed at her show in June.

The finished book is now available on Blurb. You can order it from this link:

 <http://www.blurb.com/b/8804562-kate-s-quilts>

Kate turns 101 this coming January 27!

Love,

Michele Small-Em

**Philanthropy**

Thank you to all of you who have been so generously donating quilts and please keep doing it.  We’ve had a year of several crisis for so many families due to the disastrous fire and many of our quilts have recently been donated to them.  We’re getting back on track with Ronald McDonald and AVIVA so we will continue to need quilts, toiletries and clothing in good condition.  Any size from baby to bed size quilts are welcome and will be distributed where needed.  We had a great work night at our January meeting completing many quilts.  Looking forward to seeing you all in February.

*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*

**Sunshine and Shadows**

Guild member Lani Hee’s husband Dennis died on December 28, 2018. Lani and Dennis had been married since 1962. We have very fond memories of all Dennis’s hard work on behalf of the Guild as part of many Quilt Show set up and take down crews over the years. Sending wishes of comfort from us all to Lani and her family.

 *Laurie Reyen, Newsletter Editor*

**Birthdays – February**

Hatsumi Kurokawa February 19

Monica CA 90405 .  Please do not worry about putting a stop payment on the check.  If it does eventually clear, you will be reimbursed.

Thank you very much, Allison Leong, Treasurer

*Allison Leong, Treasurer*

**Meeting Minutes**

 Meeting minutes January 2, 2019

Meeting opened at 7:15 pm by President Kennalee Mattson. After being moved by Laurie R. and

seconded by Betsy B, the minutes of the December meeting, as published in the newsletter, were

approved by vote. The treasurer's report, also in the newsletter, was approved by vote, after being

moved by Betsy B. and seconded by Aileen C.

Committee reports:

• Membership: 47 members, so far, have renewed.

• VP: council meeting on January12th.

• Newsletter: keep reports coming.

• Programs/Workshop: reminder of workshops in Feb and March. Sign-up list going around at

meeting. Contact Aileen Cooke for further info, sign-up.

• Hospitality: Thanks for the snacks, set-up for Sewing Night.

• Ways and Means: resume usual tables at February meeting

• Website: submit any news, anytime.

• Retreat: need to make your deposits to Lani, as soon as possible.

Old business:

The silent auctions are closed on the quilts and the Handi-Quilter. Brenda Gottfried won one quilt

with her generous bid, and the other quilt will be donated to our philanthropy. The Hand- Quilter was

won by Emily Watts. Congrats to both.

New Business: none

Show and Tell:

• Kennalee M – Batik Scraps

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

 Susan Barrett, Recording Secretary.

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| Selected Upcoming Events |
| April 25-27 | Orange County Quilters Guild Quilt Showhttp://orangecountyquiltersguild.com/pages/calendar/annual-events.php |
| 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. |
| March 30 | Friendship Square Quilt Guild: Quilt Auction and Silent Auction 12pm-2 pm. La Habra Community Center 110 La Habra Blvd. LA Habra, CA 90631 |
| April 13 | SCCQG Quarterly Meeting - Meet the Teachers 9 AM – 2 PM. Carson Community Center. 801 E. Carson Blvd. Carson. |
| April 25-27 | Orange County Quilters Guild Quilt Showhttp://orangecountyquiltersguild.com/pages/calendar/annual-events.php |

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| **Guild Calendar** |
| **Date** | **Speaker** | **Lecture** |
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| February  | 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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