**Wednesday, March 13**

**President’s Comments**

Hello Quilters!

I hope you all are getting plenty of quilting done during all the nice rain! It’s also a good time to clean out sewing rooms. Our Ways and Means Committee is always in need of nice things to sell.

I’m sorting out some projects to take to the Retreat on March 8-10. I sure hope you will come join us, even for just a day of sewing.

Next month we will be having a big sale of donated fabric at the SCCQG meeting in Carson. Be sure to put April 13 n your calendar. Come help and buy some great fabric for $2 per yard!!!

Don’t forget – the March meeting is the SECOND Wednesday, March 13!

See you at the meeting, Kennalee

 *Kennalee Mattson, President*

**Programs**

In March we welcome Helen Young Frost.  Her lecture topic is 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 for the workshop.  The kit fee is included in your workshop fee of $45. That way all you need to do is bring your sewing machine and sewing tools.  She does have some specific requests in terms of “tools” so you’ll need to check the supply list.  If you’re interested in taking the workshop but haven’t signed up yet, contact Aileen Cooke.  The workshop will be the day of our meeting in the carpeted area of the Fellowship Hall at the church and will begin at 1:00.

In April, Mike McNamara will join us with a trunk show of his wonderfully eclectic quilts and other textile pieces. To learn more about  Mike aka Mac visit his website.  http://www.macquilts.com/.  We haven’t planned a workshop this month.

In May Leora Raikin joins us again to bring us up to date on what she’s been doing with African Embroidery.  She’s branched out into some new textile avenues so I’m sure you’ll want to see what she’s doing.

We’ll collect brochures for new teachers/speakers at the SCCQG Meet the Teachers meeting in April so I’m sure we’ll have lots of ideas for speakers to fill out the guild year.  But, if you have someone you would like us to consider, please let us know.  We’re open to any and all ideas.  We want to plan programs that fit your needs!

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

**Membership**

Good news! Our membership roster for the current Guild Year has been finalized. You will receive the roster via an attachment with this month’s mailing of the newsletter.  distributed. Please contact Sally or Maureen if there are any changes in your information since you renewed your membership.

 *Maureen Gardner and Sally Madigan*

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**Hospitality**

Those with last names beginning with T thru B, it’s your turn to bring a sweet treat or savory snack to the meeting on March 13.

Thanks!

Sheila and Betsy

*Your Hospitality Team – Betsy Barker, Sheila Cummins*

**Ways & Means**

 Ways and Means will be open for business at our March meeting!

*Perla Rothenberg, Ron and Keiko Tapp*

**Vice President**

This is a reminder that if you have any outstanding quilts to turn in to Philanthropy (Luann Jaffe) left over from the January meeting to please bring them to the next guild meeting.  There are still local charities, fire, and now flood victims to support.

This month I propose that we try our hand at making a Spinning Rail Fence Block.  See directions attached.

We are hosting the July Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds meeting.  You will hear more about that in the upcoming months.  In the meantime, there is a Meet the Teachers meeting on April 13 and it’s all hands on deck to help with our fabric sale.  (See President’s message and stay tuned to the April Newsletter for more details.)

Don’t forget to bring your UFOs to the guild meeting for Show & Tell.  We still want to hear about them and see what you have accomplished.

**SPINNING RAIL FENCE BLOCK**

Instructions for making a Spinning Rail Fence Block taken from the YouTube video by Shabby Fabrics (Search on YouTube for “How to make a Spinning Rail Fence Block” for visual instructions.)

1. Select three pleasant Jelly Roll strips (light, medium & medium to dark in value). The strips would normally measure 2½ inches by 42 inches.  It is okay to cut your own strips.

2. Sew the strips together with a ¼ inch seam allowance. They should end up 6½ inches wide. Press the seams out.

3. Cut the strip into 6½ inch squares. You could get 6 blocks out of your Jelly Roll strip.

4. At this point you can either make more squares to vary the Rail Fences or you can just use what you have.

5.  After you have arranged the four Rail Fences together turning them so they are going in opposite directions, and not butting up against the same fabric, then you can sew them together: right to left, then top to bottom. They will form a 12½ inch block.   (See the YouTube video for visual instructions.)

6. It would be helpful if you had a 9 inch square ruler to set on point over the Rail Fence block to help you cut the final square.  If you do not have a ruler, then you can either: 1.  Stop there and bring the rail fence block to guild (and we will cut it for you); OR 2. You can make a 9 inch plastic template and cut the block yourself.   Here is an image of the Shabby Fabrics Quilt made from these blocks.

Please give this a try.  It makes for a fun block.  Good luck!

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*Vice President – Olivia Carnahan*

**Philanthropy**

Thank you to all of you that have so generously donated quilts, clothes, and toiletries.  We will be visiting Aviva and Ronald McDonald the first week of March to donate your wonderful quilts, clothes, and toiletries.

Keep them coming!

*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 – March**

Perla Rothenberg March 3

Sally Madigan March 9

Emily Watts March 11

Barbara Spielberg March 23

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of meeting Feb 6, 2019

Meeting opened at 7p.m. By president Kennalee Mattson. Visitors welcomed.

After being moved by Betsy Barker and seconded by Pam Overton, the minutes of the January meeting

were approved by unanimous vote.

The treasurer's report was approved by vote after being moved by Betsy, and seconded by Jennie Kraft.

Committee reports:

• Membership – 52 members as of this date.

• VP – thanks for all help at January sewing night.

• Programs/Workshops - ½ day workshop on Wednesday March13th before the evening meeting.

The workshop will focus on precision piecing, with sample pack provided by speaker-instructor.

• Philanthropy – donations given this evening, quilts and toiletries. Resuming donations to

“regular” philanthropy groups.

• Retreat – still room for day sewers, if you want to come.

Old Business: none

New Business: We have received another donation of fabrics, will need volunteers to roll and label, in

preparation for our fabric sale at the SCCQG meet-the-teachers meeting in April. Sign-up sheet in the

back.

Show and Tell:

• Virginia Marshall- Hexagon Shuffle, and Gustav Klimpf design fabric, in Diamonds.

• Anne Wallace- “Blame it on Rosemary” a group effort from a Herrshner's quilt kit.

• Barbara Marom-Pollack – triangles on black background

Pam Overton – Green blocks, and Orphan block quilts.

• Kennalee Mattson – completed Whale Quilt, from all our block-of-the month donations this

past year.

Our speaker for the evening, Cindy Meyers, gave a talk and trunk show on making and teaching the

Judy Neimyer method of paper foundation piecing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m. Respectfully submitted, Susan Barrett, Recording Secretary.

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| Selected Upcoming Events |
| 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 5 - 7 | Best of the Valley Quilt Show- McDermont Field House365 N. Sweet Brier \* Lindsay, CA 93247 \* (559) 562-3326[www.mcdermontfieldhouse.com](http://www.mcdermontfieldhouse.com/) |
| April 11-13 | Desert Quilters of Nevada Las Vegas Quilt Show Henderson Convention Center 200 Water St Henderson NV 89015 https://www.dqnv.org/ |
| April 13 | SCCQG Meet the Teachers 9AM – 2 PM Carson Community Center 801 E Carson Blvd, Carson CA |
| April 13 -14 | Quilters by the Sea Quilt Show Expo Arts Center 4321 Atlantic Ave. Long Beach CA 4/13: 9AM-5PM, 4/14: 9AM - 4PM |
| April 25-27 | Orange County Quilters Guild Quilt Showhttp://orangecountyquiltersguild.com/pages/calendar/annual-events.php |
| May 18-19 | Antelope Valley Quilt Association's Quilt Show & Auction Antelope Valley Fair Groundswww.avqa.org |

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