**Wednesday, April 3**

# **President’s Comments**

 Hello Quilters!

I hope you all enjoyed our speaker last month, Helen Young Frost. I sure did! She had so many good ideas for making our quilting faster and easier.

I also enjoyed the Retreat we had at the Mary and Joseph Center in Palos Verdes. If we can do it again next year, I hope you’ll come! There is plenty of sewing space with tables for layering too.

This month is the big sale of donated fabric at the SCCQG meeting in Carson.  Be sure to put April 13 on your calendar. Come help and buy some great fabric for $2 per yard!!!

See you at the meeting, Kennalee

*Kennalee Mattson, President*

# **Programs**

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 have not planned a workshop this month.

Here’s a little bit about Mike from his website. I love working on puzzles: crosswords, acrostics, cryptograms, and other teasers that challenge the mind.  This sense of solving problems also extends to family, community, and the world at large.  In my community, I help to make sure that those in need of quilts get them: flood victims, veterans, children, women's shelters, etc.  I also donate quilts for fund-raising groups: my guilds, schools, San Francisco's Gay Men's Chorus, to name a few.   
  
Quilt-making gives me that outlet to make poetic statements.  Sometimes it's simply a way to provoke a question, such as: "Why is that pig in that quilt?" and the response is: "I date my quilts by the year of the Asian animal - made in the Year of the Pig."  I may include other literary elements: puns, metaphors, riddles, personal history, rebuses, and plain ole jokes - do you know the joke about the three-legged pig?  Ask me.  
  
I also make rugs using the twining method.  And I make tin people out of recycled cans, lids, wire: any tinware!  On weekends I run a tasting room at a winery in Capitola, CA.  
  
Back to quilt-making - sometimes I like using the block design.  Sometime I layer fabric, and just cut out the block and mix the layers to recreate the blocks - no measuring.  I also like to reinterpret a common block, such as Double Wedding Ring, Lone Star, Sunbonnet Sue, Pickle Dish, Broken Dishes, etc.  People often ask me where do I get my fabric?  My response: "It comes to me."  And finally, I feel as though I've made a successful quilt if it makes people laugh, or if it makes people say, "Hey, that looks like kids made that quilt."  I love kid art.

In June Leora Raikin joins us again to bring us up to date on what she’s been doing with African Embroidery.

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

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# **Membership**

This month we welcomed new member Gwenn Oki; Guild membership now stands at 55. The Santa Monica Quilt Guild, traditionally held a” New Member Tea” every spring. This year the event will become an “All

Members Tea”, so on May 11th all members’ are invited to a “Garden Party Tea”. Your invitation will be attached to the newsletter.

The sun will shine, the flowers will bloom and the company be delightful; so mark your calendars and select your favorite quilt to share with friends. Happy Spring!

*Maureen Gardner and Sally Madigan*

**Hospitality**

Those with last names beginning with C through O, it’s your turn to bring a sweet treat or savory snack to the meeting on April 3.

Thanks!

Sheila and Betsy

*Your Hospitality Team – Betsy Barker, Sheila Cummins*

# **Ways & Means**

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

*Perla Rothenberg, Ron and Keiko Tapp*

**Vice President**

Instead of a new block let’s keep going with last month’s block: the 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.) Here is a photo of some of the blocks turned in last month.  Won’t you give it a try?



Council News: Don’t forget about the “Meet the Teacher’s” meeting on Saturday, April 13, at the Carson Community Center, 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, CA. Our Guild is hosting a fabric sale. See Kennalee if you can help. For more news about the So. Cal area guilds go [www.SCCQG.org](http://www.SCCQG.org)

Don’t forget to bring your UFOs to the guild meeting for Show & Tell!!!!!

*Vice President – Olivia Carnahan*

**Philanthropy**

Another day of being well received.  We were able to make a delivery of quilts and toiletries to the Ronald McDonald House and quilts and clothing to AVIVA.  It’s been quite a while since we were able to make these donations as we all were busy working to make quilts to donate to the fire victims.  All of your donations are greatly appreciated.  We will continue to collect any and all quilts and toiletries you so generously donate and hope to be able to add CASA back to our cause.

Keep quilting and looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting in April.

*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**

Jo Hearn April 1

Bobbie Blake April 15

Ron Tapp April 22

Sylvia Henry April 27

# **Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of meeting March 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Kennalee Mattson at 7:05p.m.

A quorum was present.

New members and visitors welcomed.

After being moved by Barbara Spielberg, and seconded by Barbara Marom-Pollack, the minutes of the last meeting, as published in the newsletter, were accepted by unanimous vote.

After being moved by Barbara Marom-Pollack, and seconded by Barbara Spielberg , the treasurer's

report, as published in the newsletter was approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

• Membership- 57 new and renewed membership

• Vice-president- New block of the month sample available, the Spinning Rail, as published in

last month's newsletter

• Programs and Workshops- see calendar in newsletter

• Philanthropy – might be starting donations to CASA again in the near future

New business- Judith Hartman made a presentation of about 20 quilts donated to a community liaison

representative for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, for the Malibu fire victims. There is

still ongoing need, if more people wish to donate quilts in the future.

No further new business at this time.

Show and Tell:

• Maureen Gardner – decorator fabric blocks quilt. Maureen also displayed an antique Dresden

Plate Quilt, for sale, as donated to the Discovery Shop in Santa Monica, where she works.

• Kennalee Mattson – Rag quilt, other charity quilt donations, and her finished top from the

Niemeyer workshop last month.

• Olivia Carnahan – finished donation quilts

• Alison Leong - scrap triangles quilt

• Virginia Marshall – Hexagons quilt

• Aileen Cook and Veronica Gray – finished table mats, also from last month's workshop

• Barbara Weigold – two music-themed quilts, which will be donated to raise money for the

SaMo High orchestra.

• The participants from the workshop today, given by our speaker Helen Young Frost, also

displayed finished blocks.

As noted above, our speaker to the evening was Helen Young Frost, who gave a very entertaining talk

on the “Magic” of quilting, as well as a lovely trunk show.

Meeting was adjourned at 9p.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 House  365 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 Show  http://orangecountyquiltersguild.com/pages/calendar/annual-events.php |
| May 18-19 | Antelope Valley Quilt Association's Quilt Show & Auction Antelope Valley Fair Grounds  www.avqa.org |

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