

Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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Tia Curtis . . . Welsh Quilting

Welcome to our new guild year! Laurie has lined up some great speakers for the coming months.

This month, we welcome Tia Curtis. Tia's personal discovery of the mysteries of Welsh Style quilting continues to inspire her quilting today. As each quilting creation is unique, Tia explores a variety of approaches to artistically incorporate these exceptionally unique yet iconic designs into her quilts.



This trunk show features select quilts that Tia created in the Welsh style. Tia covers some interesting Welsh history while providing a slide show comparing Welsh, Durham and Amish quilts. Expect the sharing of Welsh quilting history to inspire many to consider Welsh style quilting during

their next quilting project.

To learn more about Tia Curtis, visit her website - www.tiacurtisquilts.com.

As I begin to look for future speakers, I'm going to rely on your input for suggestions. Do you have a favorite quilt artist or style of quilting that you would like to see us explore. Now's the time to share your ideas with me. We also hope to offer occasional workshops as well. I plan to involve a core group of members to help identify and select our upcoming speakers. Would you like to join the team? Let me know. It will probably involve occasional zoom meetings where we can explore some quilters websites and work. Join us? Pam Overton, Programs

President

Laurie Reyen

Welcome to the New Year, Santa Monica Quilt Guild style! (For those of you who are new here, our Guild year, for purposes of officers and budget, starts in October.) I want to start by thanking all of our outgoing Board members and all of our incoming Board members for all they have done and will be doing to keep our Guild the active and thriving group that it is. A special thanks to our outgoing President, Pam Overton for her outstanding leadership.

I look forward to the year ahead. In addition to a great slate of speakers coming up, we are actively pursuing opportunities for Guild members to gather and sew outside of our scheduled meetings.

We are looking for input from our members as to what kind of activities you would like to see the Guild focus on in the coming year. Please reach out to me or any of the Board members with your ideas.

See you at the October meeting



Vice President

Allison Leong

Hi all, your new Vice President reporting. I have received the handoff of prize items and raffle tickets for the UFO Challenge. Any UFO as of July 2025 is eligible for the challenge. Members who show their finished top or quilts will be eligible for a drawing at the December meeting for two different prizes. Please submit photos of your finished UFO's to Pam Overton for Show and Tell via Zoom at the October meeting. Please let me know if your quilt or top qualifies for the Challenge and I will write your name on a raffle ticket.

If you visit any quilt stores and find a good prize that you would like to donate or if you find something great in your stash that you might not use, please pass along to me for the December prize package.

Even if your quilt or item does not qualify for the UFO Challenge, please submit a photo for Show and Tell so we can share what we have been doing. I just finished an embroidery Project that I received as a gift 2 years ago. YAY. If you have any ideas for a guild wide project that you might want to participate in, let me know.

Hospitality

Prima Casetta

We are meeting via zoom in October, so please enjoy your own snack at home this month. Thank you to everyone who brought something to share at our September meeting.

Membership

Donna Heiderman

Welcome to new member, Katrina Fam, who comes to us by way of Susanne Cole. I look forward to getting acquainted and learning what quilts she likes.

Thanks for the memories. Time to fade into the sunset as Membership Chair. But it's still time to renew membership and Pay Dues. Fill out the form and mail to the Boone address of our Treasurer, Kennalee Mattson. Soon there will be a Membership roster. Renew or lose those zoom links to the meeting and other events. Aileen Cooke



To:

Amy Bisson 10/4

Nancy Kawahara 10/6

Mary Lloyd 10/21

Sonja Daniel 10/23



Renew your membership today



Application Attached Below

Ways and Means

Perla Rothenberg and Blair Seibert

We'll be Zooming for the next two months which is a perfect opportunity to search out those quilting notions, fabrics, yarns and/or books/magazines to donate to Ways & Means.

We'll see you in person at the December potluck.

Past President

Pam Overton

It's been a pleasure serving as the President for the past two years. I appreciate the support of not only the board but also the members. You've made the job easy! I think we've accomplished a lot and will continue to do so as the guild continues to grow!

I have enjoyed the "Thank You Postcards" from so many of you! What a fun idea! I do appreciate your kind words. It's been a pleasure serving as the President for the past two years. I appreciate the support of not only the board but also the members. You've made the job easy! I think we've accomplished a lot and will continue to do so as the guild continues to grow!

I do want to extend a special thank you to all who served on the board over the past year. You'll receive a little "package" in the mail this coming week. Do me a favor and resist the urge to open it! Save the surprise for our Zoom guild meeting in October. No peeking!

As I embark on my new role as Program Chair, I hope you will continue to support the guild and all that we do!



Newsletter

Kennalee Mattson

Please review the 2025-26 Budget attached below. You will be voting to approve it at the October meeting.

A new-old way to help our Guild is by using iGive.com when shopping online. When you shop online, just enter store through the iGive portal and SMQG will receive a percentage of what you spend! With more than 1,500 stores you should find your favorite retailers. Each retailer determines how much of your purchase is set aside for your cause, ranging from .5% to over 20%.

<https://www.iGive.com/3pOAKCG>

Philanthropy

Cindi Garacochea

Recently we had a group discussion about how to finish philanthropy quilts quickly and affordably. Most of us have numerous quilt tops, I have at least 6 on stand by. I don't enjoy quilting them myself or paying a long armer to finish for me. As the saying goes you either quilt yourself or quilt by check. There's got to be a better way...

We decided that hand tying quilts would be best, it takes much less time and almost no cost to finish. All we need is a few tables to lay out the quilt tops and many helpful hands, we can work as a group. Laurie Reyen will teach us the basics of tying, she said it's very easy and fast. We can also pin quilts if any members want to machine quilt.

The Tie-In Pin-In will be Saturday October 25th 10:00-1:00 at Santa Monica High School. Catherine Baxter has secured space & tables for us to use, no charge. Thank you Catherine!

To start we will be working on Keiko's quilts. I had the honor and pleasure to review the collection, we have at least 15 tops. Keiko was very productive, I hope we can get them all finished soon. We also have a few Perkiomen tops to hand tie too.

In the meantime we are accepting finished quilts for distribution. We don't meet in person until December but I can always pick up quilts from you if they're ready before then.

Social Media

Susanne Cole

I'm going to be doing social media. Members can send me pictures from mini groups and quilts they are working on. They would be posted on Instagram and Facebook.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Valley of the Mist Quilters Show** October 4-5, 10- 4 at Temecula Community Theater Courtyard, Old Town Temecula, CA.
- ❖ **Long Beach Modern Quilt Guild, Perspectives 2025 A Fiberart Exhibition** October 8 to Nov 23, Alpert Jewish Community Center, 3801 E Willow St. Long Beach, CA
- ❖ **Kings River Quilt Festival** October 11-12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Reedley College, 995 N. Reed Ave, Reedley, CA
- ❖ **Flying Geese Quilters Guild Show, Quilts for all Seasons**, October 11 10-4 at Norman P. Murray Community Center, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA
- ❖ **Road to California** January 21 to 24, 2026 at Ontario Convention Center, On

SMQG General Meeting Minutes 3 September 2025

Hybrid meeting called to order by President Pam Overton at 6:04

Announcements: South Bay Quilt Guild is here showing their opportunity quilt and raffle tickets are for sale.

Sonia Daniels moved to approve the August Minutes and Treasurer's Report as presented in the September newsletter. Sheila Cummins seconded the motion which was approved by all.

The Board has recommended a change to the Standing Rules that increases the cost of the "mailed paper newsletter" from \$10/year to \$15/year. Pam Overton moved to approve the motion. Aileen Cooke seconded the motion which was approved by all.

Aileen will have amended membership forms available tonight for those who are ready to renew their membership.

Laurie Reyen introduced tonight's speaker Paula Slater a local quilter. She presented a Trunk Show.

Committee Reports:

Philanthropy: Mariana Davanzo – The Board discussed the possibility of some sewing afternoons unrelated to the regular meetings. A room could be rented and we could layer and tie quilts in order to get more tops made into finished quilts. Meanwhile continue with stitching quilts for philanthropy.

Membership: Aileen Cooke – Membership renewal starts tonight, please renew or take a form and return (with check) to Kennalee Mattson at the Boone address. Membership is \$45.00 per year, and paper newsletter is an additional \$15.00. We have a new member who comes to us via Susanne Cole, Katrina Fam.

Vice President Committee: Laurie Reyen – So far 7 UFO's have been shown. Qualifying Projects are any that had been started before the July meeting. The challenge will End at the December meeting. Finish a UFO to be entered in the prize drawing. VP will keep track of the UFO's. The not so secret president's block gift for Pam – if anyone needs some blue fabric, Laurie has some with her tonight.

Programs: Laurie Reyen – October meeting Zoom – Tia Curtis on Welsh Quilting.

November meeting Zoom – Cathy Perlmutter – Scrap Cities

December meeting in person – Holiday potluck and final time to show UFO's.

January and February TBD

Nominating Committee: Allison Leong – We have a slate of officers for the 2025/2026 Board.

President – Laurie Reyen

Ways and Means – Perla Rothenberg and

Vice President – Allison Leong

Blair Seibert

Treasurer – Kennalee Mattson

Philanthropy – Cindi Garacochea

Secretary – Sheila Cummins

Hospitality – Prima Casetta

Membership – Donna Heiderman

Website – Aileen Cooke

Programs and Workshops – Pam Overton

Social media – Susanne Cole

Newsletter – Kennalee Mattson

The new Board was approved by all.

Opportunity Quilt – will be shown at the October South Bay Quilt Guild meeting by Laurie Reyen and Aileen Cooke. Jean Impey will be speaking.

Show and Tell – Perla Rothenberg, Mariana Davanzo, Blair Seibert (jumper dress), Allison Leong

Door Prizes – Catherine Baxter, Gwen Oki, Susanne Cole, Katrina Fam

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 by President Pam Overton

Respectfully submitted, Allison Leong

2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Laurie Reyen
Vice President	Allison Leong
Recording Secretary	Sheila Cummins
Treasurer	Kennalee Mattson
Newsletter Editor	Kennalee Mattson
Membership	Donna Heiderman
Philanthropy	Cindi Garacochea
Program/Workshop	Pam Overton
Webmistress	Aileen Cooke
Ways and Means	Perla Rothenberg and Blair Seibert

Appointed Officers

Hospitality	Prima Casetta
Parliamentarian	open
Corresponding Sec.	open
Publicity/Social Media	Susanne Cole
Historian	open

S.M.Q.G. Board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Any member is invited to attend. Next: October 15, 2025

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS AT THE BOARD MEETING



The Traveling Quilters

P.O. Box 3214, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
A Tour Service for Quilters!

2025

- Mystery Trip – October 25, 2025 – Sorry, no details on this one. You'll have to trust us! One clue . . . Yes, there will be shopping!

2026

- Temecula Quilt-Away Retreat – February 27-March 1

Check out our website at www.travelingquilters.com. To join our mailing list, just send us an e-mail: pam@travelingquilters.com



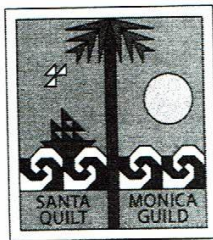
October is "Breast Cancer Month"
Get your mammogram!



This just in: The WLA Ronald McDonald House is OPEN and they would love donation quilts. They have 11 rooms open now with a total of 33 to be open soon.



SPACE AVAILABLE FOR ADVERTISERS



Membership Application Oct. 1, 2025 to Sept. 30, 2026

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City State ZIP _____

Day Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Evening Phone _____ Email _____

Birth date (month/day) _____

NEW ___ RENEWAL ___ Member since _____ or Charter Member _____

Regular Dues \$45 (Including Seniors) ___ Newsletter only \$15 ___ Youth (-18) \$15 ___

Donation to the guild as a 501.C3 are fully tax deductible \$ _____

Guild Monthly Newsletter is sent by Email OK ___ Additional \$15 to cover US Mail _____

Most of our monthly meetings are via Zoom. We will have occasional meetings in person for a hybrid (on zoom and in person) meeting or an in person only (for a workshop) when necessary. Please check here if you are unable to log into our Zoom meetings and would like assistance. ___ Could we find another quilter for you to visit and join the meeting? Is wifi unavailable to you? _____ Please tell us.

Name of Friendship Group to which I belong _____

I would like to join a group - Day or Evening? _____

The guild needs your help. To enjoy all the benefits a membership provides please serve as much as possible. Can you help one of these committees?

As a general volunteer* _____ Hospitality² _____ Philanthropy _____ Programs _____

Ways and Mean² _____ Tech Team/Zoom Help _____² At an in person meeting we can always use help with setup or assistance to the speaker. Help with selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt _____?

Please bring this form to a Guild meeting or mail with a check.

PLEASE: MAIL TO KENNALEE MATTSON 2329 Boone Ave. Venice CA 90291

For Membership Committee Only

Date _____ Amt Rec'd _____ Check No. _____ Cash _____

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